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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

Hospital or Home Bound
Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

Baptism
Baptisms are usually celebrated 2–3 Sundays each month at a 12:30 p.m. service. On selected dates, Baptisms are celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend an awareness and renewal evening prior to the Baptism. Call the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Matrimony
A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner for at least three months prior to calling to set a date.

Religious Education
Call the 630.305.6318 to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

Counseling Service
Call Samaritan Interfaith 630.357.2456 or Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 630.355.8980 x 124.

Sunday Nursery
Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. For more information call the church office.

Liturgy Schedule

Daily
(Monday — Friday)
Communion Service — 6:30 a.m.
Rosary — 8:10 a.m.
Mass — 8:30 a.m.
(Saturday)
Mass — 8:30 a.m.
Weekend
Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.
Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every First Friday, 9:00 — 5:00 p.m.
Sounds familiar to you parents doesn’t it? When your son or daughter says one thing, but does the complete opposite. This is what happens in today’s Gospel. A man tells both of his sons to go and work in the vineyard. One responds “yes sir”, but never goes. The other says “I will not”, but has a change of mind and goes to work in the vineyard. The question of Jesus is which of these two sons actually did the will of the father?

The chief priests and elders easily agree, like we probably all would, that the son who changed his mind and went is the one who did his father’s will. And here is the crux of the whole parable – change! Jesus chastises the chief priests and elders saying that when John (the Baptist) came to them in the way of righteousness, they did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes, those who were hopelessly lost according to the chief priests and elders, did. And yet even when they saw that, they did not later change their minds and believe him.

A modern day version of the story is told by a man who worked as a counselor for a childcare agency. The kids were orphans and/or wards of the state. One boy, seemed to be a good kid – friendly, helpful, even cheerful. Yet below the surface, there seemed to be a slow-burning anger in him. It erupted one day unexpectedly. After a losing effort on the baseball field, the boy had an emotional meltdown. The counselor took him aside to give him time and some privacy to cool off and compose himself. It turned out that after he went down swinging for the last out, one of the guys on his team complained loudly, “I should have known. It never changes. He always makes the last out.” While these kids were pretty thick skinned when it came to teasing each other, that statement touched a raw never in that boy. The boy finally shared with the counselor... “The last thing my father said before he sent me here was, “You’ll never change.” And yet he had. He had become friendly, helpful. The point of this parable is that change is always possible. Our “no” to God can become a “yes”. It may take time, but with God’s grace and patience, change is possible in others, but more importantly in ourselves – never write anyone off!

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We’re so glad you’re here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. We believe the church is the sacrament of God’s saving presence in the world, join us!

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Join us on Sunday, October 19 in the gym, with donuts anytime between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Worship Commission—Liturgy & Music

Pet Blessing
St. Thomas’ annual pet blessing will take place Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the south yard by the labyrinth. Bring your furry, finned, or flying friend for a prayer service and blessing in honor of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. All pets are welcome!

Second Collections
On Sundays that St. Thomas has a second collection, it will be taken immediately following the first collection. The regular beige baskets will be used for the first collection, and new blue baskets will be passed around immediately after the second. This is an effort to save time, as well as to help St. Thomas’ liturgies flow better and allow for more personal prayer time after communion.

A Prayer for Our Parish
Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. More than that, you adopted the role of slave, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely.

As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise.

Amen.

~ John van de Laar

Sound System Updates
Over the course of the next six weeks, St. Thomas will be having sound system updates done, converting from an analog soundboard to a digital soundboard. This update includes moving the soundboard to the back of the church, which allows for soundboard operators to give a better mix of the microphone levels in the church. This new system will also allow the soundboard to be run by an Ipad. All of this is being done to help give clarity and better sound to the spoken word and music, as well as to make it less distracting when adjustments need to be made during mass. While the updates are being made, a portable system will be used. Please be patient with any unattractive speakers or chords as well as a reduced sound quality during the transition, but it is all being done to make the spoken word and musical elements as clear and beautiful as possible.

Save the Date ...
for St. Thomas Music Makers’ annual Cabaret on October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. This year’s theme is “Songs from TV & Movies.” Tickets are $25, and will go on sale beginning next weekend after all masses. This is a huge fundraiser for music ministry – and is guaranteed to be a night of great music and fun. There will be raffle drawings, hors d’oeuvres, dessert, drinks, and so much more! Mark your calendars now, and make plans to attend this 21+ event.

Presider’s Schedule October 4/5
4:30 pm – Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Mike Barrett
8:00 am – Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Larry Kearney
9:30 am – Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Jim Breen
11:15 am – Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Pat Lennon
6:00 pm – Fr. Bill Etheredge

Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website www.stapostle.org
Pray for Our Parish:
The sick...
John Angotti, husband of Tracy
Beth Dunlop, friend of Gerry Jankowski
Elverda Dorsch, niece of Jennie Sirois
Joel Albans, husband of Barbara
Card Killey, mother of Susan & Perry Grove
Victoria Borizor, friend of Jess Allured

The deceased...
James Berta, father of Jeff & Chris
Sunil Nair, husband of Tessy

Please Pray for our Men and Women Serving in the Military
Our parish community would like to recognize and remember the following individuals in prayer:

U.S. Air Force
Staff Sgt. Brooke Sica
AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces
Cpt Joseph Bennington (Reserve)

Air Force National Guard
Senior Airman Jacob Brancalion
Major Eric H. Dolan

U.S. Army
Cpt. Alanna Casey
Staff Sgt. Aaron Simms
PFC Sean Wesley
Army Ranger Medic Jeremy See
Cpt. Matthew Haselhorst

U.S. Marine Corps
Capt. Brad Rothman
Lt. Colin Miller-Ratliffes
LCpl Brandyn Taglaviia
LCpl Oliver Buckley
LCpl Tommy Baldacci
Col. James Arthur Hogberg

U.S. Navy
Ens. Jason Coons
A lex Metzer
Airman A lex Dworak

Naval Reserve
CDR Lance Klosterman, M.D.

U.S. Coast Guard

Call the parish office 630.355.8980 to include someone you love in the Military prayer list.

Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions
(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Monday, September 29, 2014
(Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Layla Rose Miller, by Mary Kay & The Hubbard Family

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
(Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Irene Sochacki, by Family
† Ruth Russell, by Shirley Shepard

Wednesday, October 1, 2014
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Vivian Paul, by Cousin Judy
† Ruth Russell, by Tim & John Shepard

Thursday, October 2, 2014
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Patricia Dedinsky, by Dawn Oliver

Friday, October 3, 2014
(Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Alejandro Esponella, Jr.,
by Buddy & Mely Mallorca

Saturday, October 4, 2014
(Saint Francis of Assisi)
8:30am For all Parishioners’ Pets
4:30pm Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Patricia Dedinsky, by Dawn Oliver

Sunday, October 5, 2014
(Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:00am † Stella Wiejaczka,
by Ken & Maxine Wiejaczka
† Ronald Noriesey, by Joan Noriesey
9:30 am For the People of St. Thomas
11:15am † Jerome Marconi, by Family
† Lucy Colaresi, by Andy & Nancy Cirmo
6:00pm For Priests attending Joliet Diocesan Retreat this week
Seek. Ask. Find.
The GOSPEL for the 1st and 21st Centuries
To prepare for next Sunday’s homily, read the Gospel several times during this week, and let your mind and spirit begin to nurture the seeds of God’s word.

Oct 5 — Matthew 21:33-43
We are all co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord. We do not own it but are responsible to the owner, God. We do not own St. Thomas but we, as tenants, are responsible for the fruit it produces. The work we do is not ours but God’s founded in Jesus Christ, its Cornerstone.

C.A.R.E. CORNER
The Bible opens with the Book of Genesis. And the Book of Genesis opens with a creation story. We can read about the earth as a formless wasteland, covered in darkness. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (Genesis 1:3). Scientists call this the Big Bang. But for people of faith, it was God who was the first cause, initiating that “bang” and setting it all in motion. This was the first sign of God’s Presence breaking into the chaos and creating an ordered universe. Our ancestors in faith also gave God the credit for creating the variety of living things that we enjoy on this earth.

God’s Presence also broke into human history. We can see that in the stories of any of the characters in the Bible. It was God who called Abraham to father a holy nation. It was God who chose Noah and Moses for very specific missions of deliverance. It was God who chose David to lead and called the prophets to speak His Truth. It was God who sent Jesus to save us. It was God who turned the heart of Paul from a persecutor to an evangelist, changing the course of his life and the lives of many others. God always does the initiating – inviting us to a task that aligns with His will. Next time you approach a biblical story, think about how it was God who took the first step. Then take a look at your own faith journey to see where God has extended open invitations to you.

Ministry Sign Up
Did you sign up for a ministry? Or still want to?
If you have not been contacted at this time about serving in a ministry, we might have missed you. Please contact the main office, at 630.355.8980, and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff person.
Outdoor Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery
“Light of My Life”

Bring the family and enjoy the 20th annual “Light of My Life” outdoor Mass will be held in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, corner of Columbia and North Ave., Naperville, October 12, at 6:15 p.m. (This mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.) The intention of this evening is to dedicate a luminaria as a silent tribute to any person(s) who may have touched your life in a special way, deceased or living, past or present. Bring your own chairs or a blanket to sit on.

Volunteers Needed: Help from home by printing bags, or on Sunday October 12, 9:30 a.m. for setup, 5:00 p.m. to light the bags, assist with parking, and on October 13 at 9:00 a.m. for clean up.

Also Needed: 4 pick-up trucks, SUV’s or vans, for a couple of hours for set up on Sunday morning, and on Monday for cleanup.

For More Information: Contact Rita 630-355-2740 or Cheryl at 630-505-0276.

Parking: If possible, use street parking to reserve cemetery space for elderly and handicapped.

Forms are available on the St. Thomas website: www.stapostle.org

Gratitude from Fr. Bob,

A belated but none-the-less sincere thank you to so many of you for your prayers, Masses, Mass enrollments, cards, e-mails and personal expressions of sympathy as God called my Mom, Lucy A. Colaresi, home. Mom is at peace after so many years of struggle as God erased her memory and identity. Now she knows how loved she is as God’s beloved daughter, in union with Quinto, her husband, our Dad. The prayers, concern and love of so many people like yourselves gave me and my family great strength at a time of confused feelings of loss and celebration. While the celebration of her life was more “relief” than “grief,” I do feel the grief of losing someone who loved me into life and nurtured so much in me – and take comfort that she is now in the Communion of Saints, where she smiles forever.

Your supportive friendship is deeply appreciated. Blessings and gratitude.

Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm.

Fall Men’s Night

The St. Thomas Annual Fall Men’s Night will be held on Friday evening, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. The evening’s speaker is Jerry Hayes, who will be presenting a motivational talk on Journeying to a Healthier New Life. Jerry, with his wife Estella, are St. Thomas parishioners, and were the winners of season seven of NBC’s reality TV show, Biggest Loser.

Dinner (sandwiches and all the "trimmings") and refreshments will be served. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased after masses this weekend in the Gathering Area.

Soul Searchers Meet October 11

St. Thomas Soul Searchers meets once a month to explore and discover truths in Teresa of Avila’s The Book of My Life. Saint Teresa lived in Spain at the time of the Inquisition, an accomplished woman in a 16th century world dominated by men. She was a Carmelite nun, reformer of monasteries and the first woman Doctor of the Church. Teresa wrote books about her mystic visions and contemplative prayer. “Let nothing trouble you. All things are passing; God never changes. He who possesses God lacks nothing.” The Sept. reading: Chapters 6-10.

The next Soul Searchers meeting will be October 11 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Rectory Basement. The group will read The Book of My Life by Teresa of Avila, New Seeds, 2008 edition translated by Mirabai Starr. Come whenever your schedule allows and enjoy a thought provoking experience. All are welcome to attend this monthly discussion group.

Divorce and Beyond

Fall Sessions at St. Elizabeth Seton

Are you divorcing or divorced? Divorce and Beyond groups provide a safe, non-judgmental setting where members can process the experience of loss and the roller-coaster feelings that accompany the end of a marriage. Using the Divorce and Beyond curriculum, these groups meet once a week for 10 weeks. Pre-registration is necessary.

This is held at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Naperville, and started September 25 at 7:00 p.m. but it’s not too late to join. Contact Connie Steinhoff 630.995.3828 or connie.steinhoff@comcast.net.

For information on other divorce support groups and resources, please contact Desiree Marciani at familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815.838.5334.
Faith and Formation Commission—Youth

First Communion Preparation
First Communion Preparation begins in the First Grade to receive the sacrament in Second Grade. Registration for Religious Education is still going on, so please contact the Faith Formation / Religious Education Office (630.305.6318) for more details and to register your First Grader now.

Teens with Character Kickoff:
October 19
St. Thomas Teens with Character will kick off the year with a meeting on Sunday, October 19, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the St. Thomas gym. Dinner (pizza) will be served, so bring your appetite! Teens with Character allows middle school students the chance to gather together, explore Catholic Social Teaching in a fun way, learn about upcoming service projects, grow in faith, and have a whole lot of fun. All middle school students and friends are welcome! So that we are sure to have enough food, email Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org if you plan on attending.

Be a Part of Harvest Sunday
October 26: Flyer distribution
November 2: Food collection and packing

What is Harvest Sunday?
Harvest Sunday is a city-wide food drive sponsored by the Catholic parishes of Naperville. On October 26, help is needed to deliver 15,000 flyers to neighborhoods surrounding St. Thomas. On November 2, help is needed collecting food from neighborhoods, and receiving sorting, and boxing the food. Please help!!! Teens, young children, adults, families are all needed. Volunteer signup will take place after masses on the weekends of October 11-12 and October 18-19.

Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings.

Question of the Week...
Do your words and actions follow Jesus?

We made a Mistake!
Our apologies to Tanya Galer, whose name was left out on the list of catechists last week for Catechetical Sunday.

Thank you for your service, Tanya!

Celebrating Young People
As a way to celebrate the 30th anniversary of St. Thomas, we would like to highlight amazing young people who have graced our parish. Do you know an amazing young person (age 30 or younger, past or present parishioner)… someone who is living out their faith in ways that their life is an example to others? We would like to hear about them. Forms are available in the Narthex, Gathering Area, or outside Peggy Goralski’s office. For questions or more information, contact Peggy at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, Ext. 123.

YOU ARE MORE THAN AMAZING — YOU ARE AWESOME!
RAINBOWS is a group sharing sessions for the children dealing with the loss of a parent due to divorce, separation, or death. Since it is necessary for emotional healing to take place after a significant loss, the support group provides the grieving with an opportunity to share their feelings in an accepting and confidential environment led by trained, caring, and compassionate adults.

All sessions will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday mornings. We enroll children from K to 8th grade. RAINBOWS will begin on Saturday, September 27.

A dult volunteers who have undergone RAINBOWS training through our Diocese of Joliet, as well as participated in Protecting God’s Children, will moderate the small groups of 3-5 children. Each session focuses on a specific topic related to the grieving process. Readings, journaling, and arts and crafts help the children share their experiences in a less “intimidating” format. There is no fee involved.

If you have children or know of children who would benefit from this wonderful program, or are interested in volunteering, please call Patti Dougherty, 355-8980 ext 109 or email pdougherty@stapostle.org.

Grandparents Day at St. Pat’s

Middle school students... spread some sunshine by volunteering at Grandparents Day at St. Patrick’s Residence on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers should meet at St. Thomas at 9:00 a.m. and then walk over to St. Pat’s together. At St. Pat’s, volunteers help the residents get to and from mass, serve coffee and cookies, and visit. Middle school students and friends are welcome.

Catholic High School Information for Prospective Students

Are you interested in finding out more about the opportunities for a Catholic high school education? Come to Doughnut Sunday on October 19. Representatives from Benet Academy, Joliet Catholic High School, Marmion Academy, Montini High School, and Rosary High School will be on hand with information and to answer your questions. Grab a doughnut, visit with the high school representatives, and get your questions answered.

High School Youth Ministry News...

HS Confirmation Classes Starting—Confirmation classes for high school teens (sophomore year or older in their second year of preparation) start this weekend! Those enrolled in Sunday classes meet from 4:30-5:30pm at St. Thomas. Those enrolled in Monday classes meet from 7:15-8:15pm at All Saints.

Freshmen Small Group Leader Information Posted—Small group leader names and general meeting times and locations are now posted on the youth ministry website (www.discoveryouthministry.com). For all those who have high school freshmen in the confirmation program, please review these groups and note which ones work best for your teen and your family. There will be an online sign-up process to determine which teens get placed in which groups. Details about the online sign-up process will be communicated by e-mail.

Freshmen Retreat, October 4—Freshmen in the confirmation program are required to participate in a day-long retreat held on Saturday, October 4 at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL. Teens will meet at St. Thomas in the morning, and then travel by bus to Camp Manitoqua. The group will return to St. Thomas at some point in the late-afternoon or early evening. Exact times will be communicated next week, or by e-mail. If any teens are unable to attend, contact Brett Adams to figure out an alternative plan to make up the date.
Who can Help? Anyone and Everyone!
Sign up October 11-12 and 18-19

“Harvest Sunday is our parish’s response to the call of Christ to “feed the hungry”. This food drive supplies St. Thomas and two other food pantries with food in this time of great need. Who can help? That’s the best part! Anyone... It’s a family friendly event.”
— Peggy Goralski, Harvest Sunday Organizer

Mark Your Calendars— Volunteers are needed to deliver fliers, collect bags of food from neighborhoods and stores, and sort the food.

Sun, Oct 26: Distribute neighborhood fliers and collect food from local stores.

Sun, Nov 2: Collect food from neighborhoods and receive, sort, and box food at St. Thomas. Lunch provided later in the afternoon on Sunday, November 2.

“Our St. Thomas Care Pantry provided food to 9,088 individuals in the last 12 months. No one that comes and asks for food is ever turned away. Harvest Sunday helps us through the winter months.”
— Michelle Hunt, Care Pantry Facilitator

St. Vincent de Paul Fall Clothing Drive
Next Weekend—Oct 4 & 5

Vincentians will hand out bags this weekend. Take a couple home and return full next weekend.

The collection truck will be in the St. Thomas parking lot after all masses next weekend and volunteers will load your donations. Clothing and home goods of all kinds are accepted – even non-working electronics (Computers, Monitors, Printers, Faxes, Phones, TV’s--FLAT SCREEN ONLY, Radios, Stereo Equipment, Any Electrical Item) which are recycled for parts. Torn and stained clothing is sent to a secondary market where they are taken apart and given new life. Even old bicycles are accepted, repaired and provided, free of charge, to the homeless.

The majority of donations will be sold in the Joliet, Aurora and West Chicago stores at little or no cost. Items are priced low to allow people to shop with dignity. Last year, over $200,000 in free clothing, housewares and furniture was provided to area families. Some of the money earned at the stores is returned to the St. Vincent de Paul ministries in Naperville so they can help St. Thomas parishioners and neighbors with rent and utilities. Donating items you no longer need, you can Care for God’s Creation, provide Options for the Poor and Vulnerable, and support Human Dignity!

St. Thomas provides volunteers for DuPage PADS at Community United Methodist Church on the first Sunday evening/early M onday morning of the month from October through May. There is a special need for men to staff the 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift.

Responsibilities: Monitoring the guests, making sandwiches, and getting to know the other volunteer who will be there with you!

Time Commitment: Four hours a month or less (assuming enough men volunteer)

In you can help, contact Tim or Gail Micheau, at tgmicheau@yahoo.com or 630. 983.7894.

Sleep Out Saturday-November 1
Families, youth groups and individuals are invited to collect pledges, make donations and sleep out in boxes, tents and cars on the lawns and lots of St. Thomas. Green flyers and sign-up tables will be in the Gathering Area the weekends of October 18-19 and October 25-26. Visit www.sleepoutsaturday.org for information.

October Food Collection
Next Weekend Oct 4 & 5

As part of your offering, please bring your gift of food to the altar when the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

If you can’t bring food to Mass next weekend, bring it when convenient… just leave it outside the Outreach Office or in the Gathering Area.

Caring is thinking with your heart!

MAY KIDSKARE
Help with meal preparation during the week to earn a jar of jelly to the altar when you come to church Saturday or Sunday.

Thank You!
It is a well known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This, dear friends is truly scandalous. A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth... to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human life. — Pope Francis, June 20, 2013

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? (1 John 3:17-18)

At the summit of creation stands the creation of man and woman, made in God’s image. (Gn 1:26-27)

As such, every human being possesses an inalienable dignity that stamps human existence prior to any division into races or nations, and prior to human labor and human achievement.

Every perspective on economic life that is human, moral, and Christian must be shaped by three questions:
- What does the economy do for people?
- What does it do to people?
- How do people participate in it?

The basis for all that the Church believes about the moral dimension of economic life is its vision of the transcendent worth - the sacredness - of human beings. The dignity of the human person, realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured.

"Create a Ripple" is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Justice and Peace Ministry of the Office for Human Dignity and the Social Justice Coalition (JDSJC), made up of parishes and religious institutions in the diocese. Standing firmly on the ground of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, led by the Spirit, allies for social justice, we are centered in prayer and united in right relationships as we raise awareness, educate, and take action to create a just world locally, nationally, and internationally. Please join us. Email us at: peace@dioceseofjoliet.org.

**LIFE CHAIN**

Sunday, Oct 5 — 2:00 TO 3:00 pm
NE Corner of Washington & Ogden Naperville
For details, visit www.stapostle.org under “News.”

**A Christian Call to Confront Economic Injustice**

Nearly 30 years ago, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote Economic Justice for All: A Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy. It is an invitation to Catholics to shape a society that better protects the dignity and basic rights of our sisters and brothers, both in this land and around the world.

The Bishops explain:

In our letter, we write as pastors, not public officials. We speak as moral teachers, not economic technicians. We seek not to make political or ideological point but to lift up the human and ethical dimensions of economic life, aspects too often neglected in public discussion. We bring to this task a dual heritage of Catholic social teaching and traditional American values.

With increased attention on the growing income inequality in the United States, this letter will be used as a starting point to discuss how to best address this situation. Several activities are planned for a year-long examination of Economic Justice for All. To learn more about how to get involved and for more information, visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/humandignity/

**RESOURCES & ACTIONS**

Economic Justice Touches Everyone and Everything

Join us for a free conference

Saturday, October 4, 2014
9:30 am-2:30 pm

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road * Crest Hill, IL

Tom Mulloy, policy advisor for the USCCB on economic, labor, housing, and social welfare policy will be the featured speaker.

Call 815-221-6251 by September 29 to make a reservation.

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Learn more about how you can improve the lives of poor and vulnerable people worldwide through the USCCB and Catholic Relief Services’ Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative. For more information about how you can help, go to: www.confrontglobalpoverty.org

*These are edited excerpts from Economic Justice for All: A Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 1986.*
Office for Human Dignity
Respect Life Ministry
White Mass Celebrated

All health care professionals are cordially invited to celebrate the White Mass and receive a special blessing from Bishop Joseph Siegel on Sunday, October 19 at the 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond 604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet, Illinois.

All Are Welcome for the
St. Thomas Blood Pressure Screenings

Health Ministry Nurses are available after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses next weekend, October 5, for Blood Pressure Screening and Education. Nurses provide blood pressure information and answer questions and concerns. All health conscious and curious individuals are welcome to visit the nurses. No appointment or doctor’s order needed. Call your Parish Nurses at 630.355.8980 x 104 or 140 with questions, concerns or to schedule another time.

Pastoral Care Community Events

Keeping Kids Safe: Monday, Oct. 6, 7:00-8:30 pm at Naperville Central High School DARE2KNOW a parent’s toolbox for Drug Abuse Recognition and Prevention presented by Det. Rich Wistocki & Officer Shaun Ferguson, NPD

Healthy Lifestyle Expo: Thursday, Sept. 25, 10:00am-1:00 pm at Monarch Landing Retirement Community FREE. RSVP by calling Tony Galvan, Community Outreach Coordinator at 630.300.1246

Benign Breast Disease: Oct. 15, 12:00—1:00 p.m. Edward Heart Hospital Conference Room—FREE—Dr. Elizabeth Harvey, M.D. general surgeon with Edward Medical Group will speak about common breast conditions, when to get evaluated and treatment options available. Call 630.527.6363 to register or online www.edward.org/classes

Breast Cancer Support Group: The support group meets the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at Rush-Copley Heart Institute Conference Room (2nd floor) For more information, please call: Peggy at 630.499.1302 or Mira at 630.898.363.

Resources

If you want a St. Thomas Minister of Care to visit you at home or while in the hospital, please call the Pastoral Care Office 630.355.8980 x 124.

Counseling Service
Call Samaritan Interfaith, 630.357.2456 or Jan Olah, Pastoral Care, 630.355.8980 x 124.

NAMI offers support for family members of individuals with mental illness. Family Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month at Linden Oaks Outpatient Center, Room 207 1335 North Mill Street, Naperville 7:00—8:00 p.m.

A.E.D. LOCATIONS
Automatic External Defibrillator

1. Gathering Area
2. Church
3. Lighthouse Entrance Wall
4. Rectory Basement
Stewardship Commission

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory
September 21, 2014

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*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date: $410,460
Weekly Average 7/1 to date: $34,205
Offertory Goal Year to Date: $432,088
Over/short of goal to date: ($21,628)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30: $1,872,383
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal: $1,461,923

Diocesan Appeal 2014
Parish Appeal Goal: $139,729
Pledges Received: $147,007
% of Goal pledged to date: 105.21%
Unpaid pledges: $28,148
Paid to Date: $118,859
Percent of goal paid to date: 85.06%
Number of Appeal Donors: 716

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than October 5 to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Today's Readings

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).
Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).
Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).


Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Tues: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thurs: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sun: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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The Week Ahead...

Monday, Sept. 29
4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:00—8:00 p.m. Safe Touch Parent Session, All Saints Academy
7:15—8:30 p.m. Middle School at All Saints Academy
7:15—8:15 p.m. Fall Confirmation Class at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, Sept. 30
4:30—5:45 p.m. 4th Grade R.E. Care Pantry Visit
4:30—5:45 p.m. R. E. at Brookdale School
7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Lounge
7:00—9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym
7:00—9:00 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, Oct. 1
6:30—9:00 p.m. High School Leadership Night, Youth Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. Lakota, Judea
7:30—9:30 p.m. Elias Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, Oct. 2
9:15—11:15 a.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
4:15—5:15 p.m. Jammers, Church
6:30—8:30 p.m. Life Retreat Meeting, Youth Center
7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
7:30—9:30 p.m. Jubilate Rehearsal, Church

Friday, Oct. 3
9:00—11:00 a.m. Friday Bible Study, Senior Center
4:30—6:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon’s Office

Saturday, Oct. 4
7:30am—3:00 pm. Freshmen Retreat—Off Site
8:30—11:45 a.m. Elementary R.E. at All Saints Academy
8:30—11:45 a.m. Middle School R.E. at All Saints Academy
8:30—11:45 a.m. 4th Grade R.E. Care Pantry Visit
8:45am—5:00 p.m. Wedding Retreat Day, Lighthouse
9:00—10:30 a.m. Men’s Saturday Sharing, Resource Center
9:00am—1:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Training, Lighthouse
9:00am—12:00 p.m. Art Class, Senior Center
9:45—10:30 a.m. Youth Choir at All Saints Academy Cafeteria
9:45—10:30 a.m. Jammers at All Saints Music Room
10:15—11:15 a.m. Rainbows, Ministry Center
4:30—6:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon’s Office

Sunday, Oct. 5
8:00am—12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon’s Office
9:00am—12:00 p.m. RCIA, Senior Center
9:30am—12:30 p.m. Sunday Nursery
9:30am—12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
4:30—5:30 p.m. Fall Confirmation Class, Emmaus & Galilee

There is such a great joy and sense of family in the All Saints school community. This happiness comes from the success of everyone who works so very hard to make it happen. The administration, faculty and staff, working together with the School Board, School Home Parish Partnership (SHPP) organization, the athletic programs, and most importantly, our school and parish families, all contribute in forming the lives of the children. Our collective goal is to help our children to come to know Jesus and to love Him with such a passion, that they choose to follow Him throughout the joys and sorrows of their lives. We are building a community of saints; and love is very present throughout the school every day.

See all the ways in which all are welcome to join the All Saints family and/or support us.

ASCA Fall Fun Fair: This weekend, Sunday, September 28 from Noon to 3 pm on the campus grounds, located at 1155 Aurora Avenue, Naperville. This year’s fun fair will include carnival games and prizes, a cake walk, a bouncy house, food, cool hairdos by Booze B’s and MORE! Don’t miss the fun.

All Saints Athletics Association Trivia Night: So, do you think that you are smart? Come to Trivia Night on Saturday, October 18 from 6 to 11 pm, where there will be rounds of trivia with prizes awarded for the highest scores and best decorated tables. For more information, please contact Jim Juhas @ jjuhas65@gmail.com or Keith Glab @ keithglab@westtownplating.com.

Market Day—Help to support All Saints by placing a Market Day order at www.marketday.com. All Saints Catholic Academy’s school code is 27119.

Fall Book Fair: To be held at the school from October 14 through the 17. More information will be available at the school website, www.ascacademy.org.
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Brian or Sally, coordinators 
860.399.1785

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