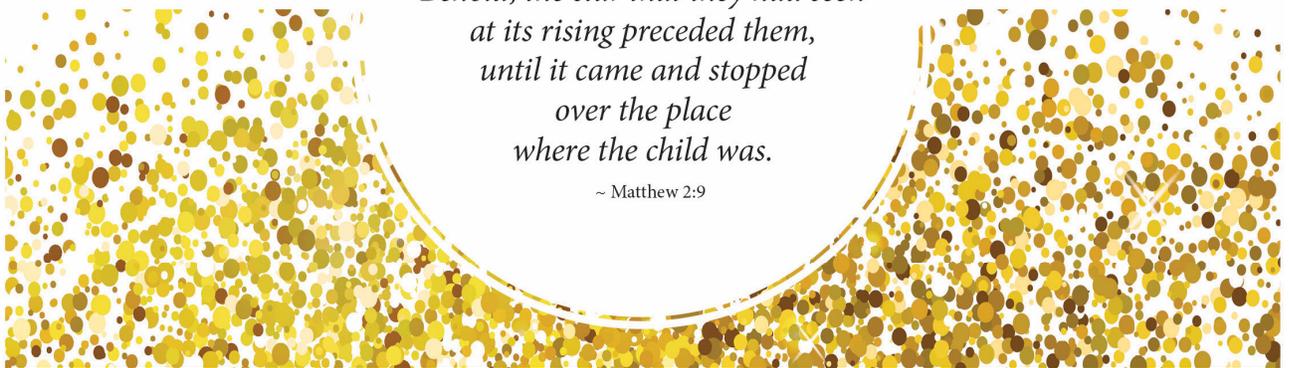


JANUARY 8, 2017 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9



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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY-PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

HERE TO SERVE YOU 847-358-6999

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Rev. Tom Rzepiela, Pastor
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Seminary Deacon

Deacon Jon Thorsen

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Ministry of Care Director—Deacon

Thomas Dunne

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Financial & Technology Manager—

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)
Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am—8pm
Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 9am—1pm

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: **Jan 12**—Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870 ;
Feb 15—Brigid & Marc Janiak 847-826-5493

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to register and learn more about our Parish.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. *Contact Tom at 847-971-4419 / tom.note@icloud.com. Brochures are in the Gathering Area.*

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

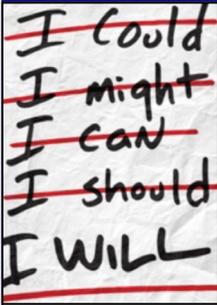
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to our sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law), only the ailing person or, in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for their medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you know someone serving in the military, please contact the Parish Office so our faith community may pray for them.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles for the bulletin are due by Friday—9 days before publication date and can be emailed to: suzie@stov.org

Our Websites

- ◆ Parish: www.stov.org
- ◆ Religious Education: www.stvrec.org
- ◆ School: www.stvschool.org
- ◆ GIFT: www.stvgift.weebly.com
- ◆ Youth Group: www.stvoices.org



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Today is the feast of the Epiphany.. The three kings followed the star of light to Bethlehem. That star and those gifts and that dream makes clear that God has revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for all nations in all times and in all places!! And that includes you and me!

Continue to grow and be the gift that God has made you to be. Like the journey of the Magi, our own life journeys are filled with many " epiphanies"- those are the moments of awareness and understanding and the realization of the love of God in our lives.

As you may know, we have had early deadlines for the recent holiday bulletins. But now, I can thank you – the entire St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family – for another wonderful Christmas and Christmas season celebration. We have so much to be grateful for as a Parish Family. Special thanks to all who came and prayed with us on Christmas at the Eucharist and at the crib and also on New Year's Day. The true gift of Christmas was seen as we prayed at the manger with our Families and Friends. The presents of Christmas were alive in the presence of our families and guests. Thank you to all who came and then all who left seeing and believing in the Christ Child's simple birth in Bethlehem.

It all happened because of the commitment of many, many people, parishioners and volunteers.

Thank you to our Art and Environment crew – led by Vera Muir – who created their Christmas magic by decorating our church so beautifully. Thank you to all of our Liturgical Ministers – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Choirs, Cantors and Musicians. Our songs of praise and wonder during the season were capably and expertly handled and directed by Paul Wood and Carol Lesh.

Our Pastoral Staff worked long but wonderful hours to see that we all were ready for the birth of Christ. A special thank you to our priests and deacons who led us in devout prayers and the Eucharist as they made sure we were focused on the spirituality of the season of the Lord's birth. Thank you to all of our parish employees who are so dedicated to all of you and who helped to make Christmas happen not only on Christmas Day but will do so for each day of this New Year.

"Sweet thanks" to one of our parish families who wishes to remain anonymous for helping Santa with the provisions of candy canes for all of our children. And special thanks to another parish family who also wishes to remain anonymous, for purchasing 1000 Matthew Kelly books – " Resisting Happiness" -so that all of our families can continue growing in loving the Lord.

It is truly an honor to be your Pastor! Thank you for that blessing! And, remember, I love you!

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. In case you missed it, look right here next week for my New Year's Day Slogan Sermon.

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School, MRB & TR
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
3:30pm	STV School Sports	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, January 9

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	Faith Formation Team	MRC
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, January 10

12:30pm	Church Decorating	Church
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
9:00am	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, January 11

1:00pm	Golden Villanovans	MRA /B
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	GIFT I Meeting	MRB/D
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, January 12

9:30am	ProduceMobile—GCFD Food Distribution	Church Parking Lot
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	GIFT II Meeting	MRB/D

Friday, January 13

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA—D
12:30pm	Church Decorating	Church

Saturday, January 14

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
7:00pm	Singles Game Night Out	MRA/B

Sunday, January 15

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
3:30pm	STV School Sports	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

TODAY

- **DAILY HERALD AD PROJECT** After Mass—Gathering Area & Narthex (Page 5)

UPCOMING

- **STV SCRIPTURE STUDY**—Last Chance to sign up! (Page 5)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, January 11 at 1pm. Pizza Party in Meeting Rooms A & B. \$3 per person. Old & new members welcome! Call Maureen for more info: 847-358-2586
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
 - Monthly Business Meeting—Monday, January 9 at 7:30pm. St. Theresa, Lower Dolan Center. For info: Jim Arns grandknight4977@gmail.com
 - Lou Malnati's Pizza Fundraiser—Tuesday, January 17 (Page 9)
 - Open House—Monday, January 23 (Page 5)
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- **MARCH FOR LIFE** Sunday, January 15 (Page 7)
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- **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER** January 21/22 (Page 7)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY— NORTHWEST WINTER WINE SERIES

Calling all Young Adults! Come join us!

Dr. Kate DeVries—A Kingdom Built Upon Mercy & Grace

- Wednesday – January 25, 2017; 7pm-9pm
- St. Paul Chong - 675 Dursey Ln, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Dr. Mary Deeley—Reading, Praying, and Studying Scripture for all it's Worth

- Wednesday – February 1, 2017; 7pm-9pm
- St. John the Evangelist - 502 S. Park Blvd, Streamwood, IL 60107

Bryan Fong—Dating and the Friendzone: Making a Catholic Connection

- Wednesday – February 8, 2017; 7pm-9pm
- St. Edna - 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero—Spiritual Zumba: Preparing for a Healthy Lent

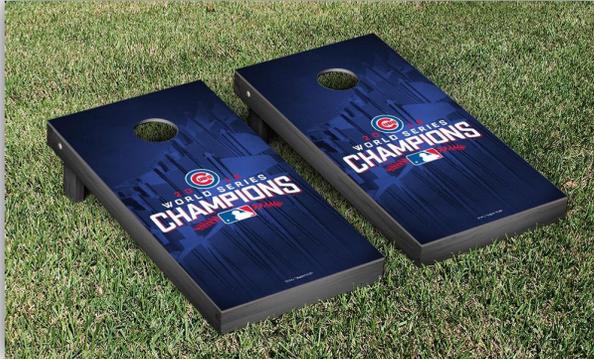
- Wednesday – February 15, 2017; 7pm-9pm
- Holy Family - 2515 Palatine Rd, Inverness, IL 60067



Young Adult Ministry-Northwest (YAM-NW) ministers to young adults in their 20s and 30s. Wine will be available to those 21 and older.

8th ANNUAL STOV BAGS TOURNAMENT

ALL COUPLES (Married, engaged or dating) ARE INVITED
SUMMERTIME IN JANUARY!



Saturday January 21, 2017

6:30 p.m. until ??? In the Rowley Activity Center

\$20.00 admission per couple Includes:

Pizza , Non-Alcoholic Liquid Refreshments, BYOB (wine or beer)
& Prize Pool included in admission

PLEASE RSVP (by January 18) TO: John or Donna Breit (847) 359-2870

STV SCRIPTURE STUDIES Winter Offerings

- **Exodus: Called to Freedom** A 10-Week Study on Saturday mornings (Began Jan. 7) from 8:45-10:15am; \$24 per person
- **The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy** A 10-Week Study on Monday evenings beginning January 9 from 7-8:30pm; \$24 per person



Contact Nancy at nhulsebosch@gmail.com or 847-705-9314 to register.

2017 TRIP TO FRANCE WITH
FR. JAMES PRESTA

Looking to travel in 2017? Fr. Jim Presta (Pastor of St. Emily Parish in Mt. Prospect) is offering a trip to explore the splendors of France from September 26 to October 7, 2017. Tour cost (from Chicago) is \$3589.00 per person, using 3 and 4 Star Hotels, comfortable motor coach and professional tour manager while in France. The highlight of the pilgrimage will be a visit to the Shrine of Lourdes with opportunities to bathe in the waters and walk in the candlelight procession. There will also be a visit to Lisieux, the tomb and shrine of St. Therese, the Little Flower. The pilgrimage will come to a close in Paris. If you would like a France brochure, please contact Sue Hogan (shogan@stemily.org or 847-824-5049) at St. Emily's Parish Office.



OPEN HOUSE

This is Your Invitation!

Holy Ghost Council #4977

St. Thomas of Villanova
& St. Theresa Parishes—Palatine, IL

The Holy Ghost Council #4977 cordially invites you and your family to join us for a short, informative evening to reflect on the idea of joining the Knights of Columbus. Guests will be introduced to (among other topics) the benefits of joining the largest Catholic Family Fraternal organization in the world; highlights of our Council's charitable work; answers to the question ... "Why Should I Become a Knight?" Light food, refreshment and friendship immediately follow the approx. 45 minute formal presentation and Q&A session.

When:

Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM

Where:

St. Theresa's Lower Dolan Center
(below the gym)

Who:

All Catholic Gentlemen over 18
years of age and Family

Please attend our Open House to discover why joining the Knights of Columbus is truly an
"Experience of a Lifetime!"

Respect Life Events



PADS SIGN-UP

PADS sign-up for February, March & April will be after all Masses NEXT weekend—January 14/15.

Please consider volunteering to help us staff our PADS site at Christ Lutheran Church every Sunday evening from 7pm to 7am on Monday morning. The PADS season lasts until the last Sunday in April.

We especially need volunteers for the overnight shifts: 11pm-3am and 3am-7am. Volunteers are not asked to work every week. Even one night between February and April would help.

Because we also serve dinner on Sunday evening and breakfast in the morning, plus make sandwiches for the guests to take with them, we also need volunteers for food services. Signup for food will also be available.

So far this year we have been averaging around 45-50 guests each Sunday. We only have room for 50. Homelessness is with us in the Northwest suburbs!!

Thank you for any help you may offer to maintain our mission to the homeless.

For questions, call Peg: 847-358-5150 or Brian: 847-358-3282.

44th ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE DAILY HERALD AD PROJECT

On January 22, 2017 we will mourn the 44th year since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalized abortion **through all nine months of pregnancy**. Since that fateful day, over 58 million unborn children have lost their lives to abortion. At least as many women and men are living with a lifetime of regret. (See help-line below.)



- Catholic Parishes in Vicariate I are again sponsoring ads in the Daily Herald to acknowledge the dignity and humanity of each of these lives.
- Please consider contributing \$5.00 (minimum) toward the cost of the ad. Sponsors have the option of listing their names in the ad or remaining anonymous. **The ad will run on Sunday, January 15 and 22** in the first section of the Daily Herald.

Members of the Respect Life Team will be available to accept your donations after Mass TODAY—in the Gathering Area & Narthex!

TLC (The Linked Cots)

Happy New Year! Please join our TLC group as we begin our ministry again for 2017.



We will be meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month in Meeting Room C from 10:45am—12:30pm.

We make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags. It's a fun, easy project that anyone can participate in. We have already completed almost 40 sleeping mats to date. The mats are distributed to Journeys-The Road Home and also directly to the homeless on lower Wacker Drive. If you know how to crochet, that is a bonus, but not necessary. It's great for service hours for kids/teens, and you can also drop in after Mass as time allows. Even a half hour of cutting plastic bags would be greatly appreciated. It is in doing small things for the less fortunate that we are actually serving Jesus.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dawn Pennacchia at 847-401-7190 or dawnpennacchia1313@gmail.com.

In addition, please DO NOT bring plastic bags to the church to donate. I really appreciate them, but we have plenty for now. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO



Sunday, January 15th

HOP ABOARD THE BUS FROM ST. THERESA CHURCH!

Reserve your seat for easy travel to and from the March for Life Chicago.

- **10:00 am Mass at St. Theresa**
- **11:00 am** Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship in the St. Theresa Pauline Center
- **12:00 pm** Board the bus from east parking lot for March for Life Chicago at Federal Plaza
- **5:00 pm** Arrive back at St. Theresa



To reserve your seat, print a form at www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com.
Registration & payment due January 11 to the Parish Office - **HURRY!**

Make checks payable to - St. Theresa Respect Life

Questions? Mary Ann at 847-991-9732

Sponsored by: St. Theresa /St. Thomas Respect Life Team and NorthWest Families for Life

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Saturday, January 21—5:00pm at St. Theresa Church

A special Pro-Life Mass, immediately followed by a brief Candle Light Prayer Service in the church.

- To honor the memory of over 58 million children who have been killed in the US since abortion was legalized 44 years ago this month, *especially the 105 babies who die every day in Illinois alone.*
- To offer hope and help to those suffering from the emotional effects of abortion, either their own or someone close to them.
- To inspire each one of us to be a voice for the voiceless for the biggest Civil Rights issue of today.

All are invited to be part of this unique first-time event

Sponsored by St. Theresa/St. Thomas Respect Life Team



Update on “Spiritual Adoption” Babies

**It's almost time for a
Happy Birthday
for Max and Gianna!**

Your prayers have lifted them up for almost 9 months now. These two precious infants are getting bigger every day and ready to meet their families.

BABY SHOWER! To celebrate their births, the Respect Life Team will be collecting baby goods the weekend of January 21/22 in the Narthex & Gathering Area to be donated to a crisis pregnancy center .

Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift for these children and others like them whose mothers chose LIFE!

Items such as:

Formula (Enfamil with iron preferred), diapers (size 3, 4, 5), diaper wipes, baby food, clothing. No equipment, please.

www.SpiritualAdoption.org

Facing an unintended pregnancy?

You are not alone.

Call 1-800-712-HELP

www.OptionLine.org

Hurting from abortion?

You are loved.

Call 1-888-456-HOPE

www.AbortionRecovery.org



SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2021 ENTRANCE EXAM JANUARY 14, 2017 AT 8 AM

Please bring two #2 pencils and a \$25 check (made payable to Saint Viator) or cash and a completed information form from www.saintviator.com. No calculators allowed. Any questions, call Mr. Jason Kuffel 847-392-4050 x256

SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SEMINAR

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
7pm in Jeuck Auditorium

Discussion will focus on the application process regarding tuition assistance for Saint Viator through the Scholarship and Grant Program and the Summer Work Study and Internship Program

SHADOW DAYS!

7th and 8th grade students are invited to spend a day with a Saint Viator student and get a "sneak preview" of high school. Shadow registration is available online at www.saintviator.com



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Saint Viator High School
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Arlington Heights, IL 60004
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STV School Door Decorating Contest Winners



1st Place

6th Grade / Science

72 Like



2nd Place

Kindergarten

55 Like



3rd Place

Preschool 4

47 Like

Please be our friend on FACEBOOK! Just search for "St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic School Family." Then, click on the "LIKE" button and the "FOLLOW" button. This way, you can stay up to date on all the fantastic happenings at STV School through pictures, videos, alumni posts and more. New posts almost every day... why? Because we are always learning and growing at STV School. Don't miss out! *(Thanks to our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Pratt for being our Facebook administrator and posting the latest news!)*

STV SCHOOL SECRETARY WANTED

Our school is looking for an energetic, tech savvy individual with fantastic people skills to join our front office. Do you like a fast paced environment? We have the friendliest and nicest faculty, staff and students you can find! We are looking for someone daily from 11:00am until 3:00pm. We can promise, you will never be bored! Please call the School Office to set up an interview. If you have any questions, please call Principal, Mary Brinkman at 847-358-2110 or Fr. Tom at 847-358-6999.



2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget \$ 639,900.00

YTD Actual \$ 615,458.17

Over / Under **-\$ 24,441.83**

THANK YOU!

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Stock Donation	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Dec 4	\$ 28,197.53	\$ 1,728.00		\$ 29,925.53	\$ 6,225.53
Dec 11	\$ 18,739.52	\$ 3,143.00		\$ 21,882.52	-\$ 1,817.48
Dec 18	\$ 21,470.45	\$ 1,024.00		\$ 22,494.45	-\$ 1,205.55
Dec 25	\$ 15,435.92	\$ 2,123.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 20,658.92	-\$ 3,041.08
Jan 1	\$ 20,083.85	\$ 1,921.00		\$ 22,004.85	-\$ 1,695.15

PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT

Thank you to all who have already given your special **SACRIFICIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT** to our Parish Family. If you have yet to donate, there is still time to give! We will gratefully accept your Christmas Gift until Monday, January 9, 2017. Christmas checks dated December 31, 2016 can still be included in your 2016 charitable donations. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For the benefit of
Feed My Starving Children



TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales from every order received from dine-in, carryout or delivery (excludes online ordering) to Knights of Columbus to benefit Feed My Starving Children.

Note: 20% based on pre-tax purchase excluding alcohol

FUNDRAISER MUST BE MENTIONED AT TIME OF ORDER. THIS AD MUST BE PRESENTED AT DINE-IN, CARRYOUT or DELIVERY.

Lou Malnati's— Barrington
4pm—10pm
357 Sout Barrington Road
847-524-1900

Lou Malnati's— Palatine
4pm—10pm
287 N. Northwest Highway
847-963-0800

Lou Malnati's—Schaumburg
11am—11pm
1 S. Roselle Road
847-985-1525

For questions, contact:
Tom Van Havermaet 708-203-7957
or thevans1988@sbcglobal.net



St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Fundraiser
March 4, 2017

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE help by spending only 15 minutes of your time after your favorite Mass to help sell raffle tickets for the Cubs/Sox Tickets, \$500 in gift cards and the Grand Raffle. Please contact Howard Pettinger at 312-590-8727 or by e-mail at hapsoxfan@att.net.

NEW TIME

This year's event will begin at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar as **Mass on this date will be at 4:00 p.m.**

Only \$50 per person





Adult Confirmation

If you are a baptized Catholic, 19 years or older and out of High School, who has received First Communion but was unable to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to participate in catechetical sessions which will culminate in celebrating Confirmation.

Two separate Confirmation dates are being offered in our area with different preparation sessions:

CONFIRMATION DATE:

May 16, 2017 at 7pm at

St. Francis de Sales, Lake Zurich

Prep sessions at:

- ◆ *St. Francis de Sales on Sundays 7pm—8:30pm starting Jan. 15*
- ◆ *St. Mary Vernon on Tuesdays, 7pm—9pm starting March 7*
- ◆ *Santa Maria Del Popolo (Classes in Spanish) on Wednesdays, 7pm—9pm starting Feb. 8*

CONFIRMATION DATE

May 22 at 7:30pm at

Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove Vill.

Prep sessions at:

- ◆ *St. Edna on Mondays, 7pm—9pm starting March 6*

Please stop by or call the Parish Office (847-358-6999) for more information, including contacts for each of the preparation sites.

HURRY UP!

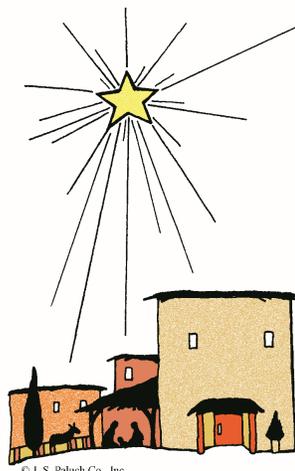
Some preparation sessions begin as early as next week!

ON STARS IN THE DISTANT SKY SHINING, AND EPIPHANIES

The Father said, "Son, there is work to be done/ and I think you're the right man to do it/ It's no meager task, so I sure hate to ask/ but I need you and won't you get to it?/" Well, Dad," said the boy, "If there's truth to employ/ then you know I'd respond by refusing/ Still I know that the way that obedience

plays/ so your path is the path of my choosing." The boy was unclear, be it minutes or years/ he was caught up in brand new surroundings/ At first all was dark and he moved like a shark/ hearing only his own heart a-pounding/ But later, it seemed, he was living the dream/ He saw stars in the distant sky shining/ and one in the night was the brightest of bright/ So began the divine redefining. The star climbed up high in the westerly sky/ and these royals out east saw it rising/ And they understood that the child was good/ though an ill plan a man was devising/ The monarchs had bling for the new infant-King/ The man asked them the child's location/ But they returned home by a different road/ per a dream angel's manifestation...

I wrote this song, "Stars in the Distant Sky Shining," last year, and I share the first few stanzas with you because they point to the feast we now celebrate. And specifically, it hits me that the gist of this day as I see it is perhaps different than the gist of this day as many others see it, perhaps even the Evangelist Matthew when he first put ink to vellum millenniums ago. Given that the first people to



adore Jesus are Gentiles--not Jews--I think the enlightened truth Matthew was chasing down is the universality of the Good News...the notion that God's promise of salvation is for all, not some. The enlightened truth I come away with, though, is held in the last sentence of today's Gospel concerning the magi's reverse trip: "And

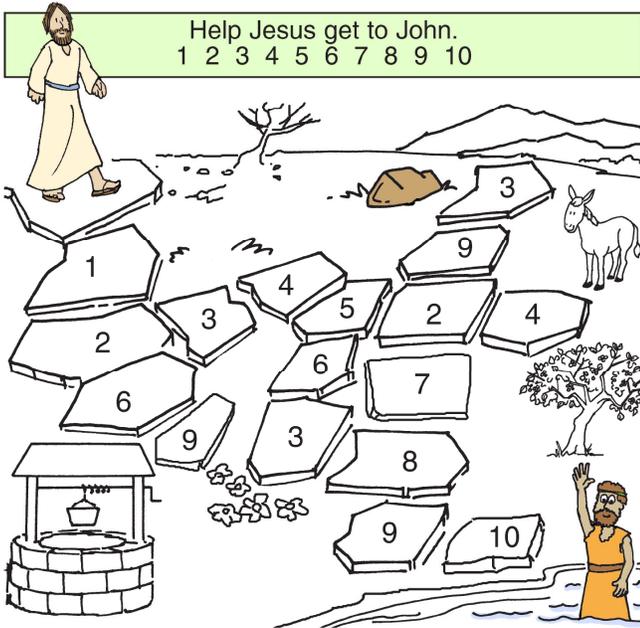
having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way" (...they returned home by a different road/ Per a dream angel's manifestation).

I'm talking about the idea of change. I'm talking about the idea that once we encounter the Christ, we can't go back the same way we came. Because if we *do* go back the same way we came--back to our everyday lives, back to all of our shortcomings that are so ingrained in us that they don't even seem like shortcomings anymore --then really, what's the point? We just celebrated Jesus's birthday two weeks ago, but surely we celebrate our own birthdays in a sense the moment we give the Child our very selves--our best selves, and our worst selves--knowing that we are loved because of who we are (children of God), and what we are called to do (emulate the Christ as best we can). We *can't* go home the same way. Per the recently late Leonard Cohen, "If I knew where the good songs came from, I'd go there more often." Yeah. Me, too. But if "Stars in the Distant Sky Shining" brings you to the same epiphany moment it brings me to, then it's already good enough.

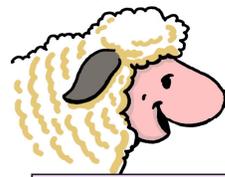
Just For Kids

The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came to John near a river.



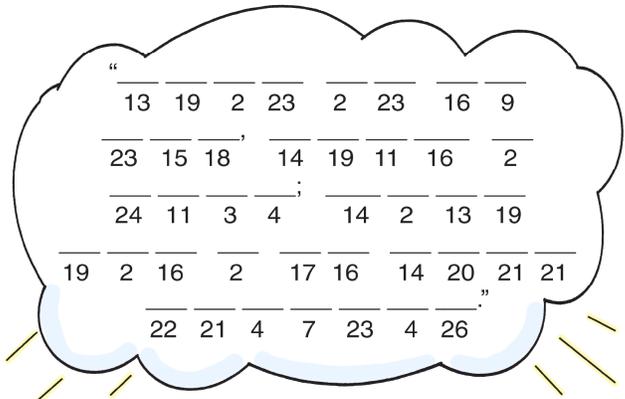
Help Jesus get to John.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



A voice came from heaven!
What did it say?

Write a word to fit each meaning, then transfer the letters to the blanks.

- A flowing body of water _ _ _ _ _
- An infant 1 2 3 4 5
- A watercraft _ _ _ _ _
- A lady 10 11 12 13
- Assist _ _ _ _ _
- A snow toy 14 15 16 17 18
- 19 20 21 22
- 23 24 25 26



LITURGY SCHEDULE for JANUARY 14 / 15

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
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GREETERS	M G N J & R Redmond Sylvia Schaffer Maureen Penkava	Boni & Mila Quiaoit Bob & Margo Stanek Dona Andersen	Mary Anita Campbell M & D Yurcheshen George & Cherie Bott	R & S Zapata John & Jan Harahan Lynn Haas	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am For Peace in 2017

Tuesday, January 10

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Pope Francis

Wednesday, January 11

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Intention for E.J. Zbikowski

Thursday, January 12

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Gary Bunnetto; Intention for Mary Bunnetto

Friday, January 13

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am All Military Personnel

Saturday, January 14

8:00am † David Sladky; † Rose Casarez
5:00pm † Andrew Wilson; † Bill Pope;
† Sharon Lasiewicz;
† Madaline Tomaszek

Sunday, January 15

7:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30am For the Sanctity of All Human Life;
† Irene Newton;
† Richard Teutsch
11:15am † Donald O. Reed, Sr.;
† Marie Kay; † George Cooper;
† John Sweeney
1:30pm Mass—POLISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:21-28
Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39
Thu: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Anderson Kathy Bell Cherie Bott Andy Bouchonville Baby Billy Callahan Baby Ray Callahan Anna Marie Candorla Tom Cook John Cooney Abbey Corbett Baby Seamus Cullen Brenda Darling Jason Dean	Emily Dempsey Beth Dix William Dvorak Jeanne Formanski Kirk Forseth Faith Forseth Parker Forseth Mel Gass RJ Hubka Adeline Kaczmarek Mary Anne Kiesel Wesley Knutson Mary Alice Kobler	Susan Kordell Lauren Lambert Gene Lazich Harold Lewis Bob Maruska Elayne Maruska Candida Morales Carolyn J. Moran Paul Moser Mary Obey Ken Oeschger Rita Olles Boni Quiaoit	Patty Reynolds Jack Riedy Elaine Romanchek Ken Romanchek Shawn Smith John Socha Anne Swaw Robert Szott Kathy Tomusiak Marcy Weckler Barr Jeri Sue Welty Connie Wilberding Martha Zara
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IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Army

- SPC William Banville
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffry Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis

U.S. Air Force

- TSGT Dan Fialek
- A1C Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelick
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- A1C Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- MSGT Jason Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski

- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- LCPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- PO2 David Holley
- SN Gregory Minott



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of THOMAS F. KEENAN
A Great Brother-in-law



‘Objawienie Pańskie – Trzech Króli...’

Tyle już dni minęło od Bożego Narodzenia, a w liturgii dopiero dzisiaj... do Betlejem i dzieciątka Jezus docierają Mędrcy ze Wschodu... Dlaczego tak późno...? Przecież tacy byli mądrzy, czytani, znali Pisma, bywali w świecie i na dworach? Dlaczego wyprzedzili ich nieuczni, niewykształceni pasterze pasący swe stada owiec na pastwiskach okolicznych wzgórz? Dlaczego...? Chyba dlatego..., że mieli krótszą drogę, bo ich serca były nieskomplikowane, a umysły ufne... Pasterze niczego nie kalkulowali, nie próbowali racjonalizować, rozważać logocność wszystkich za i przeciw... To pozwoliło im dotrzeć szybciej do Dziecięcia...

A jak to jest z Toba...? Jak Ty idziesz do Chrystusa...?

‘Z Nowym Rokiem wcielaj chrześcijaństwo w życie...’

2017 rok wystartował. Wielu z nas pewnie daje się skusić słodkiej iluzji, że ‘w tym roku będzie inaczej’, ‘zmienię to i tamto’, ‘tym razem na pewno się uda...’

Choć przecież zmian możemy dokonywać w każdym momencie roku niezależnie od daty, faktem jest, że perspektywa nowości i świeżości, jaka roztacza się przed nami wraz z odchodzącym rokiem 2016, w którym pewnie zdążyliśmy nieźle namieszać i nabałagani, a nadchodzącym 2017, w którym mamy jeszcze czystą kartę, jest niezwykle kusząca i łatwo się jej poddać.

Nie ma zresztą nic złego w tym, że ponownie pragniemy podjąć wysiłek, postarać się, zmieniać to, co nam się nie podoba, realizować marzenia. Ten naturalny ludzki odruch dążący do zmiany i rozwoju to coś, co zaszczylił w nas Bóg – z pewnością nie chciał On, byśmy zalegli na ciepłych kanapach otoczeni doskonale bezpieczną i zarazem bardzo nudną strefą komfortu.

Jakie zatem zmiany powinniśmy wprowadzić, żeby ten nowy rok 2017 faktycznie był nowy i inny od poprzednich...?

Tak po prostu, wcielaj prawdziwie chrześcijaństwo w życie...’

1. Przyznaj się do swoich słabości i ograniczoności. Jesteś stworzeniem. Nie jesteś Bogiem. Tylko Bóg jest ‘esse ipsum subsistens’ tzn. istotą samowystarczalną. Podobnie jak wszystkie stworzenia jesteś zależny i współzależny. Twoje życie jest darem, a Ty masz swoje granice. Właściwe życie zaczyna się od stwierdzenia: ‘Nie jestem Bogiem...’
2. Niech Twoje codzienne życie wypełnia modlitwa. W modlitwie ofiarowuj Bogu cały świat. Wznos ku Bogu cierpienia i radości. Módl się dziękując, nie tylko za konkretne sprawy, ale także za życie, za światło, za Ziemię i za tych, którzy Ciebie kochają.
3. Przyjmij i zaakceptuj chwilę obecną. Niech nic nie okrada ciebie z przeżywania obecnej chwili. Tylko to, co jest teraz, jest realne. Tylko w tym co jest teraz, odnajdziesz radość i miłość.
4. Zaakceptuj to, że nie jesteś doskonały. Nie bądź zbyt twardym dla siebie. Nie ustrzeżesz się przed upadkami, ale Bóg będzie ratował ciebie w upadkach.
5. Bądź zarówno kochającym jak i krytycznym. Jeśli krytykujesz bez miłości, jesteś destrukcyjny. Jeśli kochasz bez bycia krytycznym, jesteś naiwnym. Miłuj i bądź krytycznym. Ze swojego skarbca wyciągaj zarówno to co jest nowe, jak i to co jest stare.
6. Nie bądź zbyt skomplikowanym i nie bądź zbyt prostym. Spoglądaj z szerszej perspektywy. Nie daj się zaszufladkować.
7. Zachwycaj się tym co piękne i dobre, i błogosław to. Czyń tak nawet wtedy, gdy doświadczasz krzyża. Błogosław piękno świata. Nigdy nie niszczy piękna i dobra, gdyż Bóg jest ich twórcą.
8. Uznaj że to, wszystko co Bóg stworzył jest dobre i może być drogą do Ojca. To co ziemskie i ludzkie może więc być Boże. Miej przyjaciół, ciesz się życiem i tym, co jest na ziemi.
9. Zaakceptuj to, że się starzejesz. Polegaj więc bardziej na tajemnicy paschalnej, niż na kosmetykach. Pascha mówi, iż to co umiera przynosi jednocześnie nowe, bogatsze życie.
10. Służ prawdziwemu Bogu. On o sobie powiedział, że ‘jest Miłością’. Kiedyś św. Julianna z Norwich, angielska mistyczka, zapewniała, że Bóg jest uśmiechnięty, całkowicie zre-laksowany i bogaty w szczęście i pokój, którymi chce dzielić się ze swoim przyjaciółmi.

INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA

Intencje mszalne można zamówić po Mszy św. niedzielnej w pokoju marszałków. Prosimy o zamawianie Mszy św. z przynajmniej tygodniowym wyprzedzeniem. Formy rejestracyjne dostępne są również w pokoju marszałków.

MSZE ŚW.

Parafia Świętego Tomasza z Villanova zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.

Msze św. w jęz. polskim—niedziela: 1:30pm; Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30 do 7:15pm, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.

Sakrament Chrztu Św. w jęz. polskim jest udzielany w pierwszą i trzecią niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. w języku polskim—prosimy o wcześniejsze potwierdzenie daty z biurem parafialnym! Rodzice zobowiązani są do uczestniczenia w przygotowaniu do Sakramentu Chrztu Św.

SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Pary proszone są o kontakt z biurem parafialnym przynajmniej 6 miesięcy przed planowanym ślubem w celu ustalenia daty ślubu i spotkania się z księdzem.

SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Niedziela 12:45pm- 1:15pm.

SAKRAMENT NAMASZCZENIA CHORYCH

Duszpasterstwo dla osób starszych i chorych. Wizyta w domu chorego z Komunią Św. oraz wspólna modlitwa. Prosimy o kontakt z ks. Marcinem.

RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA

Spotkania w drugą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w każdą niedzielę przed Mszą św. o godz. 1:00 pm.

KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ

Poniedziałek—Czwartek: 9:00 am—8:00pm
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