

January 15, 2017 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Now I have  
seen and  
testified that  
he is the*

**Son of God.**

John 1:34

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

# Parish Information

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## ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH INFORMATION

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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:** **Feb 15**—Brigid & Marc Janiak 847-826-5493;  
**Mar 2**—Lisa & Steve Korney 630-945-7753

**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](mailto:suzie@stov.org)

### **Our Websites**

- ◆ Parish: [www.stov.org](http://www.stov.org)
- ◆ Religious Education: [www.stvrec.org](http://www.stvrec.org)
- ◆ School: [www.stvschool.org](http://www.stvschool.org)
- ◆ GIFT: [www.stvgift.weebly.com](http://www.stvgift.weebly.com)
- ◆ Youth Group: [www.stvoices.org](http://www.stvoices.org)



## Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Peace and God's continued Blessings to you in this New Year. A New Year means not only do we begin a calendar year, but we begin a new you also! It can be a great time to look at ourselves and see how we can become an even better gift to ourselves, our families, our friends and, yes, even to God. Resolutions or no resolutions, you still need to live your life for the Lord. Remember the simple saying - you are God's gift to the world but what you make of yourself is your gift back to God!! I encourage you to spend more time in prayer asking God's help and grace to be the best gift you can be. I would like to share this prayer -

### **NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin a new with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time in this new year.*

Today, we begin the Church's Liturgical Cycle of Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, you heard John the Baptist saying—"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God." Simple. yet powerful and faith-filled words of revelation. But, like life, there is nothing ordinary about it, because Christ continues to come to us in His Gospel Word and in the Eucharist. And each day, each moment, we are challenged to live out those words. I would also like to share these words of wisdom from our own Sister Kris Vorenkamp, a Sister of the Living Word: *"As followers of Christ, we, too, can bring the WORD of God to life, the WORD that calls forth joy and hope in the lives of others. Our voice, our hearts can reach out to those in darkness and are yearning in hope for someone who will listen, who will bring a light to them. If we drink deeply of the Scriptures, prayer, worship and community life, we can be this voice of love, the hand that reaches out. We are called to do it together, in union with Christ who shows us the way."*

Thank you also to all who have contributed to our Christmas collection. Your donation of your Christmas Gift is once again a true symbol of your belief in the new baby Jesus as Our Lord and Savior who always blesses us. Next week, we will share our final number for the Christmas collection.

I am asking you to pray for our eighth graders on Monday. They will be on a retreat all day in preparation for their upcoming reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in February. Thanks to Jeff Walczynski, our retreat master and his team of VOICES team leaders, who will guide our young people on Monday.

Your Pastor,

*Father Tom*

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

*P.S. As promised, My Slogan Sermon - " Don't let God be unseen in Twenty Seventeen."*

# Parish Events

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 15

|         |                                |     |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 9:40am  | Children's Liturgy of the Word | MRD |
| 10:00am | RCIA Class                     | MRA |
| 10:45am | TLC Ministry                   | MRC |
| 3:30pm  | STV School Sports              | RAC |
| 7:00pm  | Polish Adult Volleyball        | RAC |

### Monday, January 16

#### Martin Luther King Day

|        |  |     |
|--------|--|-----|
| 9:30pm | 8th Grade Confirmation                   | RAC |
|        | Retreat                                  |     |
| 4:00pm | STV School Athletics                     | RAC |
| 7:00pm | STV Family School Assoc. Monthly Meeting | MRA |
| 7:00pm | STV Scripture Study                      | MRB |

### Tuesday, January 17

|        |                                   |     |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1:00pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry             | MRB |
| 5:00pm | STV School Athletics              | RAC |
|        | - Pack the Gym Night              |     |
| 6:30pm | St. Pat/St. Joe Committee Meeting | MRC |
| 6:45pm | STV Scripture Study               | MRD |
| 9:00am | Men's Basketball                  | RAC |

### Wednesday, January 18

|        |   |        |
|--------|---|--------|
| 4:00pm | VOICES Drop-In                          | TR/RAC |
| 6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration                   | Church |
| 7:00pm | RCIA Core Team Meeting                  | MRB    |
| 7:00pm | Women's Club Steering Committee Meeting | MRC    |
| 8:00pm | A.A. (Closed Meeting)                   | MR4    |

### Thursday, January 19

|        |                      |        |
|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 2:45pm | STV School Athletics | RAC    |
| 7:00pm | Adult Choir Practice | Church |
| 7:00pm | Women's Club Guild 1 | GA     |

### Friday, January 20

|        |                     |        |
|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 8:45am | STV Scripture Study | MRA—D  |
| 7:30pm | Chicago Cursillo    | MRA /B |

### Saturday, January 21

|        |                         |     |
|--------|-------------------------|-----|
| 8:40am | STV Scripture Study     | MRB |
| 8:40am | Morning Bible Study     | MRC |
| 6:00pm | Couples Bags Tournament | RAC |

### Sunday, January 22

|         |                                |                  |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 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              |

# TODAY

- **PADS SIGN-UP**—After all Masses (Page 6)
- **TLC (The Linked Cots) MINISTRY MEETING** 10:45am in MRC
- **MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO** 2pm—4— starting at Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams Street, Chicago. Join in the March to celebrate LIFE!

# UPCOMING

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
  - Lou Malnati's Pizza Fundraiser—Tuesday, January 17 (Page 9)
  - Open House—Monday, January 23 (Page 9)
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Most 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Attend one or all sessions of the *Divorce Care* Program. Location: St James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, A.H.— O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance). For more info: Deacon Jim Bannon 224-345-7200 jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net
- **CHICAGO CURSILLO DIALOGUE** Friday, January 20 (Page 5)
- **BAGS TOURNAMENT** Saturday, January 21 (Page 5)
- **MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN** Saturday, January 21 (Page 7)
- **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER** January 21/22 (Page 7)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, January 25 at 1pm. Group luncheon at Countyline Tavern, 800 W Lake Cook Rd, Buffalo Grove. Call Lydia 847-496-7544.
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm. TOPIC: Hugh Brady & Ken Doruff present update on Supportive Housing. Contact Ken Doruff for more information: 847-358-3852
- **STV SCHOOL "LION KING" MUSICAL**

All shows will be in the RAC. Ticket prices are: \$5 before January 20. NO pre-sales will be taken after January 20. BUT... you can buy tickets at the door for only \$6. Call the School Office 847-358-2110 for more information. Show dates and times are:

  - Thursday, January 26 at 7:30pm
  - Friday, January 27 at 7:30pm
  - Saturday, January 28 at 2pm
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** January 29—February 4
  - **STV SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**
    - ⇒ Sunday, January 29, 11:00am—1:00pm
    - ⇒ Thursday, February 2, 6:00pm—7:30pm & includes Science Fair
  - **STV SCHOOL BAKE SALE**
    - ⇒ Sunday, January 29 after all Masses in the Gathering Area



**8th ANNUAL STOV BAGS TOURNAMENT**

**ALL COUPLES—Married, engaged or dating—ARE INVITED TO SUMMERTIME IN JANUARY!**



**RSVP NOW!**

**NEXT 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

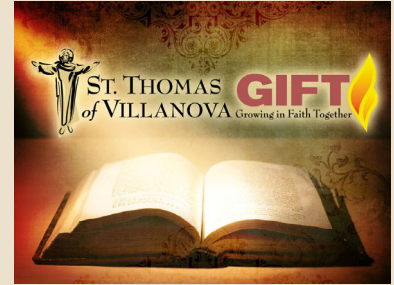
**PLEASE RSVP (by January 18) TO: John or Donna Breit (847) 359-2870**

**CALLING ALL CURSILLO MEMEBERS:**

If you have attended a Catholic Cursillo, then we want to hear from you. Please attend our upcoming round-table dialogue, and bring your ideas that will help support our Cursillo Movement and enrich parish life during 2017.

**When: Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM  
Where: STV Rowley Center Meeting Room A-B**

As it is said within the Cursillo Movement ... *“Christ is counting on you.”*



GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Ministry is looking for individuals with developmental disabilities to join our Wednesday group. You are a very important part of our Parish Community and we welcome you with open arms.

Our ministry encourages and helps persons with disabilities to become active participants in the Catholic Church. All Catholics are equal in dignity in the sight of God. Every human being is created in the likeness and image of God. Our mission is to grow in Faith together with those who have disabilities. The GIFT ministry at St. Thomas of Villanova serves adults 18 and older.

GIFT is a program of religious education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities. GIFT invites volunteers to prepare a special place where they can welcome persons with developmental disabilities. Through the experience in one-to-one relationships, our friends with special needs discover a place where they belong and can enjoy meaningful relationships which help them realize their own giftedness and dignity. Through participation in our GIFT community of faith, our friends are better able to celebrate sacraments and enter into worshipping experiences of the whole Church.

We'd love to have you, so if you or someone you love can benefit from participation in our Ministry check out our website, [www.stvgift.weebly.com](http://www.stvgift.weebly.com) or contact Jim Darow at [stvgift@gmail.com](mailto:stvgift@gmail.com)



### **PADS SIGN-UP TODAY!**

***PADS sign-up for February, March & April is after all Masses TODAY***

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.*

## **2016 Community Partnership Award**

**St. Thomas of Villanova  
Women's Club Guild #1**

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[www.alexianbrothershealth.org/acmh/](http://www.alexianbrothershealth.org/acmh/)

*"The Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health's Community Partnership Award for 2016 was awarded to the St. Thomas of Villanova Women's Club Guild #1 at our holiday luncheon which was held on December 9, 2016 at the Metropolis Ballroom in Arlington Heights. The Guild is a group of 20 women who are church members of various ages and talents who help each other and those in need. They raise money from bake sales and auctions to help others. They partnered with the Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health in 2006 because they wanted to help donate needed items for the clients of the Center that the Center couldn't afford to purchase.*

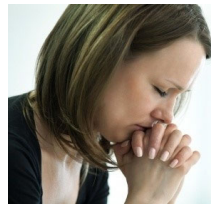
*In the past ten years, they have donated craft items for our arts and crafts groups, stuffed bears and handmade flannel pillowcases for children who are receiving therapy, 326 zipper pulls for our Women's Program, canned goods, hygiene products, soaps, food products and sheets and pillowcases for clients in our residential treatment programs. They created lighthouse keychains which are given to our Partial Hospitalization Program clients when they complete the program and graduate. To date, they have delivered 980 keychains. They also supply this program with welcome bags when a client first comes into the program.*

*Since 2009, the Guild has provided holiday bags for clients in our residential programs. To date they have delivered 267 bags which consist of homemade blankets and scarves, pillow cases, pencils, pens, toothbrushes and toothpastes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, Kleenex, candy, paper, cookies, granola bars and hand sanitizer. In many cases, this may be the only present they receive for the holidays.*

*We appreciate all their efforts and partnership. We are proud to present the Community Partnership Award for 2016 to St. Thomas of Villanova, Women's Club Guild #1. Thank you, ladies!!!*



## Remembering the Victims of Abortion 44 years after Roe v. Wade



The St. Theresa/St. Thomas Respect Life Team, in coordination with the Knights of Columbus and other Ministries, are sponsoring **FOUR ways for you to both mourn the loss of Life and take action that others may live.**

*"A sad anniversary is upon us. From then to now, unique, living, human, and vulnerable life became expendable, unprotected by civil law. Vulnerable lives need our voices, our passion, and our truth-saying as spoken by the prophet Isaiah: You are precious in my eyes and I love you. (Is 43.4) We cannot tire of presenting the fact that human life begins at conception." - Cardinal Francis George*

### 1. Friday, Jan. 20: All-Night Eucharistic Adoration

- Begins Friday, Jan. 20, 8:30 am through the entire day and night until 8:00 am, Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Theresa Parish.
- Come spend time with Jesus in remembrance of the children, women, men, and family members harmed by abortion  
**For hope and healing from your own abortion experience: You are loved.**  
[www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org). 1-888-456-HOPE.

### 2. Saturday, Jan. 21: Memorial Mass & Candlelight Prayer Service

- Come to 5:00 Mass at St. Theresa and be part of the special candle procession immediately following.
- Volunteers are needed to bear 105 candles in memory of the 105 babies who die from abortion every day in Illinois. *Contact Maria to be a candle bearer for a child:* [marigold1272@yahoo.com](mailto:marigold1272@yahoo.com)

### 3. Jan. 21/22 Weekend: Baby Shower for Spiritually Adopted Babies

- To celebrate the births of Max and Gianna, bring an unwrapped baby gift to donate to Martha & Mary Maternity Home for women in a crisis pregnancy. **Collection in the Gathering Area and Narthex after Mass**
- **Most needed items:** Newborn and size 1 diapers, diaper wipes, formula, baby food, clothes especially onesies (newborn - 6 months), warm pajamas, car seat covers, buntings.

### 4. Sunday, Jan. 22: Rosary for Life

- Meet in the St. Theresa Day Chapel after the 11:30 Mass to pray a Rosary for an end to abortion and healing for all those hurt by abortion.

### **Resources from the USCCB: Join "9 Days for Life"**

*The Bishops invite you to unite with Catholics across the country in prayer and penance from Jan. 21- 29. Sign up for daily emails or texts with intercessions, reflections, and ideas for personal activities. There is even an app!*  
[www.9DaysforLife.com](http://www.9DaysforLife.com)



### **TLC (The Linked Cots)**

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

**STARTS TODAY—JANUARY 15!**

**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](mailto: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.



**Come Join our Catholic School Family!  
Tour the school and find out what we have to offer!**



**Sunday, January 29, 2017  
11AM to 1PM**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017\*  
6PM to 7PM**

\*check out the science fair too

 *From the Desk of the Principal*

**Happy New Year!** We welcomed back all our students last Wednesday with an all school Mass. Thanks, Fr. Marcin, for the interactive homily. Some of those New Year's Resolutions were great.

- We have many exciting events in January to which we are looking forward. Catholic School's Week is coming up the last week of January. I am already quite busy giving tours to prospective families. Our **OPEN HOUSES will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday evening, February 2.** **Private tours of the building may be requested by calling the front office.** Our Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Open House.
- Our school children are busy practicing for *The Lion King Jr.* play directed by Mrs. Liquin.
  - ~ Show Dates: Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7:30pm, Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30pm & Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1:30pm
  - ~ \$5 before 1/20 and \$6 at the door. Contact the School Office for more information: 847-358-2110
- Thank you to Mrs. Pellettiere for her beautiful January bulletin board in the front office. You promote our Catholic Identity in your inspiring and adorable bulletin board messages.
- Let's keep the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our prayers as they attend their Confirmation Retreat tomorrow, Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our school is looking for an energetic, tech savvy individual with fantastic people skills to join our front office staff daily from 11am until 3pm. Call me at 847-358-2110 or Fr. Tom at 847-358-6999 for more information or to set up an interview.

Please know that my door is always open to all parents, students and parishioners. Open communication is encouraged, and vital to the growth and well-being of the school and community. I welcome all interactions!

God bless,  
Mrs. Brinkman

## 2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| YTD Budget          | \$ 663,600.00        |
| YTD Actual          | \$ 643,185.65        |
| <b>Over / Under</b> | <b>-\$ 20,414.35</b> |

| Date   | Weekend Collection | On-Line Giving | Weekly Total | Over / Under Budget: \$23,700 |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Jan 1  | \$ 20,083.85       | \$ 1,921.00    | \$ 22,004.85 | -\$ 1,695.15                  |
| Jan 8  | \$ 24,589.48       | \$ 3,138,000   | \$ 27,727.48 | \$ 4,027.48                   |
| Jan 15 |                    |                |              |                               |
| Jan 22 |                    |                |              |                               |
| Jan 29 |                    |                |              |                               |

**THANK YOU!**

### 2016 TAX DONATION LETTERS

2016 donation statements will be available starting January 31, 2017. Just stop by the Parish Office and pick it up! If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office, 847-358-6999 or email your request to: stvliturgysched@yahoo.com.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN HOUSE

*This is Your Invitation!*

**When: Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**Where: St. Theresa's Lower Dolan Center**

**Who: All Catholic Gentlemen over 18 years of age and Family**

The Holy Ghost Council #4977 cordially invites you and your family 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.

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Holy Ghost Council #4977**

*St. Thomas of Villanova*

*St. Theresa Parishes—Palatine, IL*



**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**  
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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*



## 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 DOING MORE THAN A LITTLE

Give or take a verse or two, scripture scholars point to four chapters in Isaiah as the Servant Songs. According to an on-line explanation by the American Bible Society, the passages are called this because “they focus on the call and work of ‘the Lord's servant’ (or ‘God's servant’),” describing this servant as the one chosen by God to “bring justice to the nations” and to lead back to God the people of Israel. Per the website, “As the early followers of Jesus read the Servant Songs, they clearly connected “the servant” with Jesus the Messiah (Christ). For example, Matthew states that the predictions of Isaiah 42:1-4 were fulfilled in the life and work of Jesus...Similarly, the early church leader Philip explained to an Ethiopian official that the words of Isaiah 53:7,8 referred to Jesus (Acts 8:26-35). Jesus identifies himself as the servant who will “give his life to rescue many people” (Mark 10:45) and offers his work as a model of servanthood for his followers to imitate.”

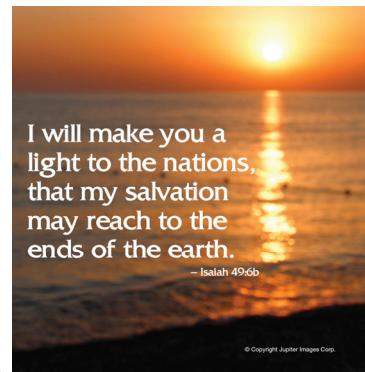
Understood. But Christ was centuries away when Isaiah was around. Some scripture scholars name the Servant as Israel itself, and today's first reading--taken from the second of the four Servant entries--points in this direction (“The Lord said to me: ‘You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory’”). Others say the Servant is an historical figure living back then, and still others say the Servant is Isaiah himself. This is supported also by today's passage (“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb”). The personal calling is similar, after all, to the one Jeremiah writes of (“The word of the Lord came

to me thus: ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you...’”).

Assuming that Isaiah *is* the Servant, I'm especially taken by four words God speaks to him near the end of today's passage, mostly because they apply to us as well...

“It is too little,’ the Lord says, ‘for you to be my servant,

to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel...” God has a much grander plan for Isaiah than to encourage the battered and seemingly abandoned people of Israel. This is *part* of Isaiah's mission, certainly, but he is called also by God to be a “light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” While it's not on Isaiah to do the actual work of salvation, it *is* on him to get the word out, to take the message to the streets. In like fashion, this falls to us. It's funny in a profound sort of way that we're church to one another--and to the world--primarily when we're not in church at all. I told a friend on New Year's Day that if we go to Mass on Sunday, but then cut off people in the parking lot as we make a fast exit for breakfast, we're kind of missing the point. Remember what the deacon says at the end of Mass: “Go, **forth...**” Get it? “It is too little” for us to be church, in church. Like Isaiah, we are called to get the word out far, far, far beyond our parish walls.





# Our Weekly Prayers

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 16

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Corinne Lundell;  
 † Andrew Niepsuj

### Tuesday, January 17

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am Intention for Ken & Bernadette  
 Dempsey

### Wednesday, January 18

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am Intention for E.J. Zbikowski;  
 † Lorraine Pichler

### Thursday, January 19

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Rose Casarez

### Friday, January 20

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am All Military Personnel  
 7:30pm Adoration & Mass—POLISH

### Saturday, January 21

8:00am All Who are Sick  
 5:00pm † Sharon Lasiewicz;  
 † Madaline Tomaszek;  
 † Helen Janicki

### Sunday, January 22

7:30am † Rosemary Vlk;  
 † William Mitchell  
 9:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 † Irene Newton;  
 † Jeff Jozwiak  
 11:15am For the Sanctity of All Human Life;  
 † Marie Kay; † Helene Grajdura  
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

## DAILY READINGS

Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tue: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9,  
 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4;  
 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thu: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;  
 Mk 3:7-12  
 Fri: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14;  
 Mk 3:13-19  
 Sat: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;  
 Mk 3:20-21  
 Sun: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Alexander Kieltyka*  
*Amelia Piekarczyk*

*Maeve Elizabeth Pierce*

## FOR OUR SICK

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

## 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 Jeffrey 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

- MSGT 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

- 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

### U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

### U.S. Marine Corps

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



## ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Wife  
 ROSE CASAREZ

## FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Robert E. Bertz, Sr.  
 ~ Brother of Conrad Bertz

† Joseph J. Godfryt  
 ~ Husband of Nancy Godfryt

† Joseph Paul Enna  
 ~ Father of Renee Coha

### II NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Prawdziwy posłaniec

Jan Chrzciciel może być dla nas przykładem prawdziwego posłańca, który nie zapomina o swojej misji i nie czyni z samego siebie celu głoszenia i nauczania. Cieszy się on z nadejścia Tego, którego zapowiadał, choć dla niego samego oznacza to zakończenie misji. Uznanie prawdy o sobie, swoim miejscu i roli, jaką ma się do odegrania, nie zawsze jest proste. Wielokrotnie sami pragniemy być w centrum zainteresowania i dążymy do tego na różne sposoby. Jednak kiedy we własnym życiu duchowym koncentrujemy się egoistycznie na sobie, to paradoksalnie tracimy wrażliwość nie tylko na samych siebie oraz na innych, ale także na samego Boga. To On jest tym, który głosi i który ma być głoszony. Nasza rola może być różna, ale nigdy nie może polegać na tym, że my sami zajmujemy Jego miejsce...



#### Co to dla mnie oznacza, że jestem ochrzczony?

W obrzędzie chrztu Jezusa uczestniczy cała Trójca Święta: Bóg Ojciec, Syn Boży, Duch Święty. Bóg Ojciec jest głosem, wypowiada Słowo: 'Ten jest mój Syn umiłowany, w którym mam upodobanie...' Syn Boży objawia pokorę Boga, wchodzi we wspólnotę z grzesznikami, przyjmuje na siebie nasze

grzechy. Duch Święty, który jest miłością, 'unosi się między Ojcem i Synem' w postaci gołębic. Jakby 'łączy' ich; czyni Jednym.

Trójca Święta towarzyszy również początkowi naszego życia duchowego. Jest z nami w czasie sakramentu chrztu. Bóg Ojciec wypowiada te same słowa, które wypowiedział nad Jezusem. Jezus zaprasza nas do relacji przyjaźni. A Duch Święty napełnia Bożą miłością.

W chrzcie Jezusa uczestniczy również Jan Chrzciciel. Bóg chciał aby w tym ważnym wydarzeniu inicjacyjnym miał udział człowiek. Jan nie rozumie Jezusa, ale jest człowiekiem pokornym. Ma świadomość, że Jezus powinien go ochrzcić, a nie odwrotnie. Jednak, gdy widzi, że Bóg chce inaczej, 'poddaje się' Jego woli. Rozumie, że ważniejsze jest posłuszeństwo Bogu, niż własna wizja oddawania Mu czci i służby.

Chrzest Jezusa przypomina nasz własny chrzest. To najważniejsze wydarzenie życia na ogół przeżywamy nieświadomie, jako niemowlęta. Liczy się wtedy intencja rodziców, chrzestnych i kapłana. Ale czy w późniejszym dojrzałym życiu towarzyszy nam świadomość chrztu? Słowo 'chrześcijanin' jest bardzo blisko związane ze słowem 'chrzest'. Być ochrzczonym, to być chrześcijaninem. Co to dla nas oznacza?

Chrzest czyni nas dziećmi Boga Ojca, przyjaciółmi Jezusa, i daje miłość Ducha Świętego. Daje więc udział w boskim życiu. Jednak nie jest tylko przywilejem, ale również zobowiązaniem. 'Christos' w języku greckim oznacza 'namaszczoney'. W chwili chrztu Jezus zostaje 'namaszczoney' przez Boga Ojca Duchem Świętym. Chrześcijanin jest uczniem Jezusa, a więc również ma udział w Jego namaszczeniu. Zostaliśmy namaszczeni, by jak Jezus służyć i pomagać innym do zbawienia. Zwłaszcza ubogim, cierpiącym, chorym duchowo, dalekim od Boga, zagubionym. Jesteśmy powołani do dawania świadectwa w naszych środowiskach: w małżeństwach, rodzinach, środowiskach pracy, w gronie znajomych, przyjaciół.

Jaka jest moja świadomość chrztu świętego? Jak wygląda na co dzień moje chrześcijańskie świadectwo?

#### 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  
Piątek: 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Sobota: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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