

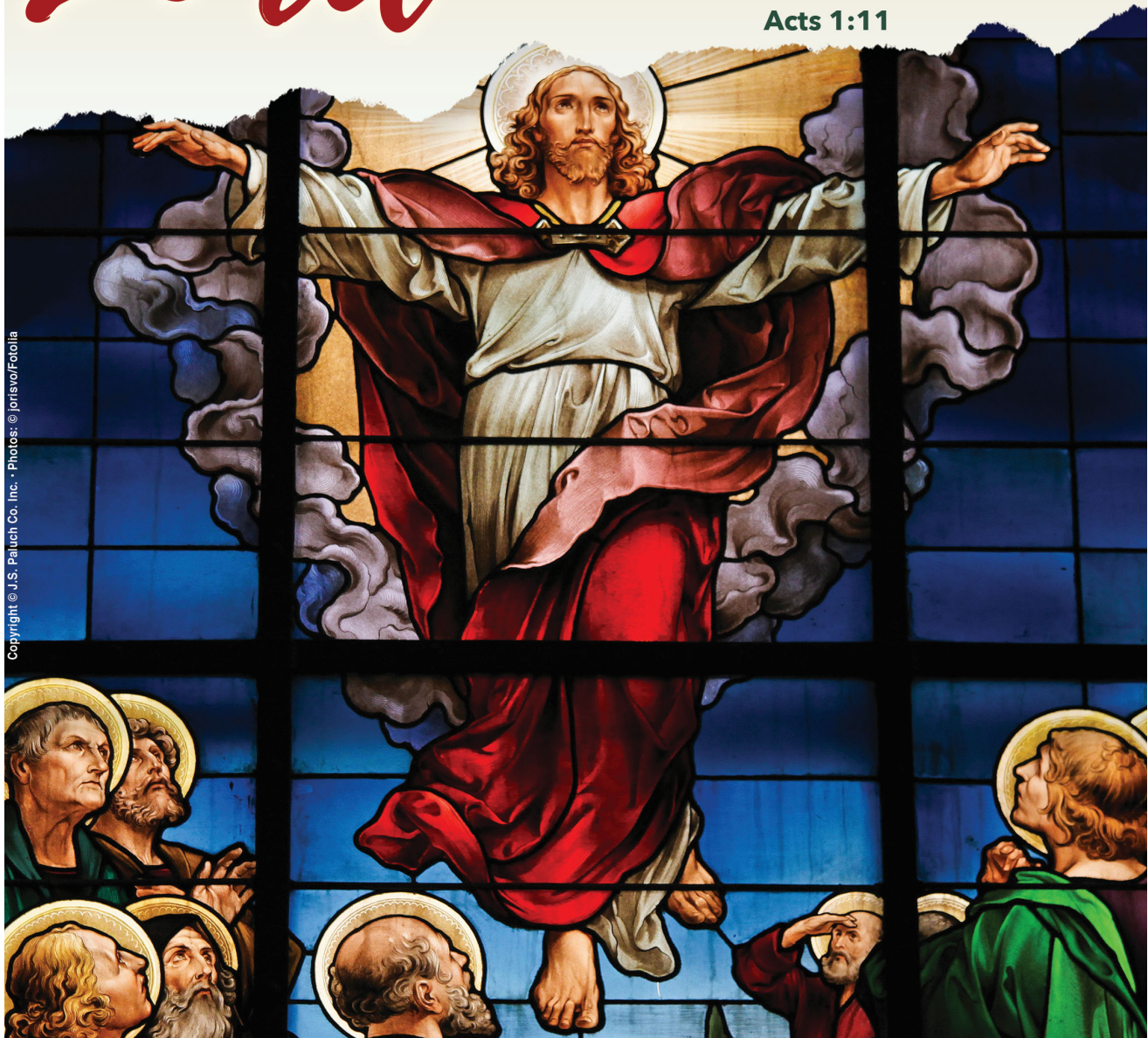
May 28
2017

ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY ARE YOU
STANDING THERE STARING AT THE SKY?
THIS JESUS WHO HAS BEEN
TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN
WILL RETURN IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU
HAVE SEEN HIM GOING INTO HEAVEN.

Acts 1:11



Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc. - Photos: © Jorisvo/Fotolia

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

Parish Information

HERE TO SERVE YOU 847-358-6999

Priests

Rev. Tom Rzepiela, Pastor
Rev. Marcin Zasada, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mirek Kulesa, Associate Pastor
Rev. Martin Luboyera, Weekend Assoc.
Rev. Ray Yadron, Pastor Emeritus

Senior Deacons

Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Rich Willer

Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Breit
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano

Bereavement Director—Connie West

Ministry of Care Director—

Deacon Thomas Dunne

Music Minister— Marcy Weckler Barr

Parish Manager—Ron Schaefer

Financial & Technology Manager—

Deacon John Breit

Parish Office Staff

Joseph Spano, Admin. Assistant
Meaghan Spano, Admin. Assistant
Suzie Walczynski, Bulletin Editor

Youth Minister—Jeff Walczynski

Pastoral Council

Norbert Krogstad, Chairman

Ann Johnson *Rev. Thomas Rzepiela*
Steve Lundell *Ron Schaefer*
Jane Murguia *Rev. Marcin Zasada*

School Information: 847-358-2110

Mary Brinkman, Principal
Stephanie Hardy, Assistant Principal
Darcy Moder, Admin. Asst.
1141 E Anderson Dr. Palatine, IL 60074
FAX 847-776-1435
email: stvoffice@stvschool.org

Religious Education: 847-358-2386

Mary Strybel, Coordinator
Lisa Lechowicz, Admin. Assistant
Meaghan Spano, Admin. Assistant
1141 E Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL 60074
email: stvrec@yahoo.com

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH INFORMATION

1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074
Phone: 847-358-6999 Fax: 847-934-4919

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: June 13: Rachel & Brodie Bertrand 224-232-9532

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 Family

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

I hope that you can join us on Monday for 9:30am Mass. It will be Memorial Day and we need to remember and pray. Originally, called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is our prayerful day of remembrance for all those who have died in the service of these great United States of America. You have the “freedoms” you have because of all those who lost their lives in the Armed Forces. We pray:

*Lord, help us to remember and pray
for all of the brave men and women who have
given their lives through the history
of our country to protect us from danger
and harm. We salute all those
who have served in the military for us.
And, Lord, help us to always pray for
and seek peace throughout our world. Amen.*

Our Parish’s Knights of Columbus is a very active and alive organization and Ministry which does wonders for our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family. As its Chaplain, I know how committed our Knights are to the Lord’s command to serve others. I congratulate our Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council #4977 on its recent award from the Illinois State Council of Knights of Columbus. Our Knights were awarded the State Deputy Achievement Award. You can view the plaque on the wall near the Parish Office in the Gathering Area. The plaque reads – “With gratitude for achieving the highest standard of excellence during Fraternal Year 2016-2017!” Congratulations to the Parish’s Knights of Columbus! This is the second year in a row that we have won this prestigious award- a distinguished feat!

I just want to thank our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family for celebrating last weekend the forty fifth anniversary of my Priesthood Ordination. I am grateful to all who came and prayed and partied. Thank you to Bruce Wood and all of our Music Ministers who enhanced our prayer that day! Thank you to my brother Knights of Columbus—Holy Ghost Council—for their special “Fourth Degree” Honor Guard and the award from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Mr. Carl Anderson. A special thank you to our Hospitality Committee headed by our Party Girls Jeanie Landeweer and Kelly Garby and their fantastic crew. And thank you—our Parish Family—for your thoughts, wishes, gifts and prayers for me. Thank you to all of you who make St. Thomas of Villanova a vibrant community of Ministry and love. We are a faith-filled community who are alive with the love of the Lord. Our Parish Family continues to bless so many people with God’s love and care—an “Impossible Dream” made possible! Thank you.

Remember, I love you.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. See you in church!

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*
 6:00pm VOICES Youth Group *RAC*
 Movie & Dessert Night

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY

9:30am Mass

(Parish Office closed)

Tuesday, May 30

9:00pm Men's Basketball *RAC*

Wednesday, May 31

4:00pm VOICES Drop-In *TR/RAC*
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration *Church*
 8:00pm A.A. (Closed Meeting) *MR4*

Thursday, June 1

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal *Church*
 7:00pm Women's Club Guild #5 *MRA*

Friday, June 2

12:30pm Church Decorating *Church*

Saturday, June 3

8:40am Morning Bible Study *MRC*

Sunday, June 4

8:00am Car Wash *School Parking Lot*
 9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*



**PARISH OFFICE
 SUMMER HOURS
 START**

May 30—August 4

Monday-Friday, 9am—5pm

Saturday, 9am—1pm

*RAC Closed starting June 19—Aug 4
 except for Wednesday Drop-In & VBS*

TODAY

- **HOSPITALITY sponsored by WOMEN'S CLUB** After 9:30am Mass in the Gathering Area
- **K of C BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, May 28 from 7:45am to 1pm. St. Theresa, Lower Level Dolan Center. Registration / Appointment: 877-543-3768 use code: A216

UPCOMING

- **PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** Begin Monday, May 30 (See below)
- **LOU MALNATI'S FUNDRAISER** for Prison Ministry Tuesday, May 31 (Page 7)
- **CHURCH DECORATING FOR PENTECOST** On Friday, June 2 at 12:30pm, we need help taking down our Month of Mary decorations and then, decorating for Pentecost, Trinity and more. Just come to church and we'll get you to work.
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** Saturday, June 3 at Noon. Reading "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. Call 847-525-3376 for more information.
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Wednesday, May 31—8:00am Mass will be celebrated for all Living & Deceased Members of the Golden Villanovans. All are invited to attend.
 - Monday, June 5 at 1pm—Ladies Luncheon at Beelow's Steakhouse Patio, 760 Rand Rd in Lake Zurich. RSVP to Kathy Rees 847-358-7122
- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Next weekend
- **CAR WASH FUNDRAISER** Sunday, June 4 (Page 8)
- **K of C MONTHLY OFFICER MEETING** Monday, June 5 at 7pm. St. Theresa Lower Dolan Center. For more info: Jim M. Arns grandknight4977@gmail.com
 - **Vacation Bible School—June 26 through June 30**
 - **2017 Golf Outing—Friday, July 21, 2017**



For a list of Catholic cemeteries holding a Memorial Day Mass, contact:
 708-449-6100 or www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org

PHD BABY SHOWER THANK YOU

The vision of PHD is to be a compassionate community where dignity is preserved, hope is restored, and lives are empowered and protected — one woman, one child, one family at a time.

Thanks to your support, the Shower sponsored by the St. Thomas Women's Club and hosted by the St. Gerard Guild was a huge success. St. Collette,



St. Therese, and St. Thomas women showed their generosity and support; you demonstrated that every human life is sacred and deserves dignity. The St. Gerard Guild wants to thank not only those who participated in the shower, but the many parish members who contributed to the PackNPlays in their parishes. As one member said, "their contributions to the cause were remarkable...almost overwhelming. It gives me a euphoric feeling...that there are truly loving, generous people who care. We must take care of each other." We came together not as individual parishes but as a group of Christian Woman with common goals and philosophies.

We wish to reach out and give a special thanks to several people who played an integral part in this success: Maria Goldstein and Liz Englebrecht from St. Theresa's; Chris Faflick, Marge Loesch, and Father Michael Lewon of St. Colette's; Father Tom Rzepiela, Deacon John Breit, Mary Ann Kenesey and Alice Witt of St. Thomas.

Last night was a blessing for PHD. But also, the new bond was created among our Sister Parishes which we hope to grow in years to come.

HEALTH FAIR

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, June 10 at Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe—Pastoral Center: 1170 N River Rd, Des Plaines. Registration at 8am and Health Fair from 9am—12pm. **Sanctuary Zone—No ID Requirements.**



- Physical Exams for Children (*back-to-school*) and Adults
- Children's Immunizations (**Bring your shot records for EACH child**)
- Glaucoma Exams
- UIC CHECK Dental Van Examinations
- Pregnancy Testing
- Hepatitis C Screenings
- Bone Density Scans
- Vouchers for FREE Mammograms
- Adult Screenings: Blood Pressure, **Glucose Testing (MUST fast after midnight until tested)**
- Confidential HIV Rapid Testing and Info
- Private conversation with domestic violence counselor available

For more information call Itzel at 847-294-1806

PICK-UP YOUR LEFTOVERS ... KITCHEN CLEANING

Summer cleaning of the Parish kitchen begins. Come claim your dishes, serving trays, spatulas, forks, etc. that you may have left in our Parish Center kitchen. The Kitchen Ministry will be donating all unclaimed items on JUNE 5! Hurry now ... and tell your friends, too.



Northwest Suburban Catholic Senior Network 18th Annual Senior Day

"Freedom from Guilt, Fear & Shame... BE JOYFUL"

Guilt, Fear and Shame are the 3 most difficult blocks to our Spiritual Life, to our Inner Peace, to our general happiness.

Father will show us how we can overcome these obstacles and achieve a real balance in our spiritual life.



*Presented by
Father Fred
Licciardi*

**Thursday, June 15, 2017
Rowley Activity Center**

Doors open at 9:30 am.

Light hospitality at 9:30am.

Presentation at 10am—11:15am.

Box lunch to follow.

\$10.00, non-refundable

Checks payable to:

St. Thomas of Villanova

Deadline: June 5 (unless seats sell out)

Send check and form below to:
Helen Leadley / Senior Day, 1419 W Concord Dr, Arlington Hts, IL 60004
Questions? Call Helen at
847-398-1777

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Vacation Bible School—2017



2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 26th—30th from 9am—Noon

1141 E Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074 · 847-358-2386



Adult Volunteer

In order to run VBS, we need many ADULT volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time! We are looking for helpers to assist our committee chairs. Please check which committee you're interested in helping with.

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | Adult's Name: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre (Bible Expeditions) | Contact Phone: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema (Kid Video) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cafe / Snack Crew | E-mail: _____ |

If you will be a 7th and 8th Grader in the fall, you can volunteer to help: Please go to www.stvrec.org/vbsvolunteer.

Register your children—\$35 per child

Cash or Check made payable to: St. Thomas of Villanova

Children ages 4 years old to 5th grade are welcome to join VBS. Children must be 4yrs. old before 6/26/17 to join.

Family Last Name: _____

Family E-Mail: _____

Child's Name <i>(First and Last)</i>	Gender	Birthday	Grade in Sept 2017	Allergies/Special Needs
1.				
2.				
3.				

NOTE: FLIP FLOP SHOES are NOT ALLOWED due to safety issues. Thank you.

Parents' Names: _____

Family Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

GENERAL PERMISSION AND RELEASE: The children listed above have my permission to participate in the June 26-30, 2017 St. Thomas of Villanova VBS Program. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to secure medical treatment. I also hereby consent that any videotapes or photos in which my child may appear may be used (bulletin, internet, etc.) for promotion of St. Thomas programs.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget \$ 1,113,900.00

YTD Actual \$ 1,066,392.72

Over / (Under) **(\$ 47,507.28)**

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
May 7	\$ 24,874.41	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 27,832.41	\$ 4,132.41
May 14	\$ 18,617.73	\$ 1,458.00	\$ 20,075.73	(\$ 3,624.27)
May 21	\$ 17,405.16	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 19,279.15	(\$ 4,420.85)
May 28	THANK YOU!			

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

1st Weekend of Every Month—June 3 / 4

Summer months are here! Kids are now home during the day, and many will not be receiving their free / reduced breakfasts and lunches. As well, our school will not be bringing their monthly Two-Can Tuesday contributions which help us tremendously to keep the pantry shelves stocked during the month.



So please, bring a few pantry items to Mass with you next weekend and place your donations at the front of church near the pulpit. *(No expired food, please.)* We currently need:

- ◆ FOOD—Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Kids’ Snacks (Granola bars, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, Goldfish crackers, etc.)
- ◆ NON-FOOD—Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

Save the Date! PastaPalooza 2017

Saturday, July 8th, 2017

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Rowley Activity Center



Sponsored by the KOC Holy Ghost Council # 4977
and the St. Theresa & St. Thomas
High School Youth Groups



For additional Information, Contact Maureen Ross at (847)276-0005 or at mapross22@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Youth Groups of St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Theresa. Both St. Thomas and St. Theresa parishes serve the spiritual and material needs of the greater Palatine and Arlington Heights communities.



KPMI KAIROS Prison Ministry Fundraiser



Wednesday, May 31

Lou Malnati's— Palatine

4pm—10pm

287 N. Northwest Highway

847-963-0800

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales from every order received from carryout or delivery (excludes online ordering) to KPMI Kairos Prison Ministry.

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.

Please check your receipt for the “fundraiser” item. If you do not see the “fundraiser” item listed on your receipt, please see or call the manager.

For questions, contact fialekpat@yahoo.com

From the Desk of the Principal

Congratulations to our Track and Field Team...who went downstate and performed excellently. However, I am going to single out one particular athlete. **Alli Gerdes** stopped in the middle of her 200M race to help an athlete from Holy Cross who had collapsed. We are so proud of Alli for this wonderful act of sportsmanship. You are a gold medal winner in our book, Alli. God bless you!

Congrats to our 8th graders who graduated last Friday. We miss you already! We are so proud of each of you, and hope you will use your God-given talents to embrace your future.

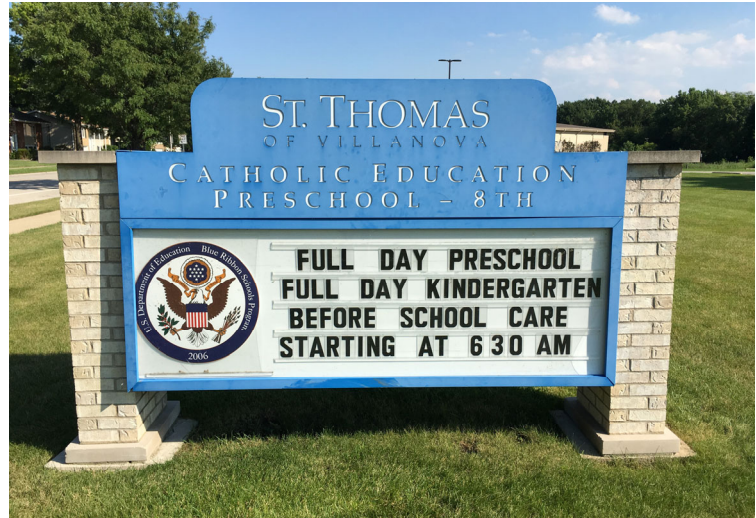
Schools out for summer! We have grown stronger as a family throughout this entire year. **FACTS** (Tuition Management System) has been an amazing tool for both the families and the school. Efficiency is at an all-time high! Our **new lunch program** is both delicious and healthy. **Caitlin Brady**, our Spanish teacher taught Preschool through 8th grade. **Lori Smithe**, our Social Worker, worked with every class throughout the year. Also, we have **exceeded our enrollment projection** by several students! **In fact, we will be opening another preschool room!** Isn't that exciting news?!!

*Have a safe, restful, and family centered summer.
God bless each of you,
and may He bring you safely back to school.*

See you at Mass!

God bless,
Mary Brinkman, Principal

GOD BLESS STV SCHOOL!



WE'RE EXPANDING!

Due to high enrollment, we are adding another preschool room!

Register NOW before it fills up!

*Just call the School Office 847-358-2110 for more information.
We can't wait for you to join our STV School Family!*

CAR WASH—Next Sunday

Please help the incoming STV 8th graders raise funds for their trip to Washington D.C. by bringing your car, truck, van, wagon, skateboard....to their **CAR WASH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH** after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 Masses. The 8th graders will all be ready **behind the school** with their sponges and hoses to brighten up your vehicle for the summer!



RUMMAGE SALE: AUGUST 4—6

Proceeds to help fund the STV School 8th Grade Washington DC Trip. So, start collecting your gently used items for donating to the sale. Donation drop off starts the week of July 10th—July 28th at the Mephram Building 530 E Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Drop off times: 10AM-4PM Monday thru Friday or bring your items to the RAC on August 3rd between 12PM-5PM. *(No early donations will be accepted at the RAC due to storage issues. Please do not just bring your items to the Parish.)*





Parish Family-

On Friday, May 12, I graduated from Saint Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University Chicago with my six brother seminarians and fellow Loyola graduates. I received two Bachelors Degrees, one in Philosophy and the other in Religious Studies. I also graduated with Cum Laude Honors, and First Honors in Theology. Thank you all for your prayers and support over these last four years. I am now 2/3 of the way done with my journey to the Altar, and will be attending Mundelein Seminary in August to pursue my Master's of Divinity degree.

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. In the Gospel, we hear the famous charge to 'go forth and proclaim the gospel to every creature.' This task is not solely for priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. This call is not for those who read the Bible every day. This invitation is presented to each baptized Catholic, to share their faith in the Risen Lord with all they encounter. There is a joy found in our faith, a joy that cannot be taken away, for we know and believe that Jesus is risen from the grave and sits at the right hand of God to intercede for us. This is our faith and we are called to profess it wherever we go. I will have a very unique opportunity to live out this call this summer.

For the next 8 weeks, I will be studying Spanish in Morelia, Mexico, in the state of Michoacán which is west of Mexico City. I will be there with three brother seminarians from Mundelein Seminary, to learn the language, immerse ourselves in the culture, and return better prepared to serve the Latino Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Though the population in Mexico is 90% Catholic, this summer will provide me with a different lens of how our universal faith is practiced and lived. I ask for your prayers for our summer immersion program, for our safety and for our health. I will return at the end of July, and then move into Mundelein Seminary for the final four years of my seminary formation to be ordained a priest.

Thank you all for your prayers and support for me, and know of my prayers for you. This summer, may we be united in the Eucharistic meal that is celebrated both here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, as well as in the Archdiocese of Morelia.

In Christ our Risen Lord,
Seminarian Andy Matijevic



Ordination Anniversaries

Since its founding by a parish priest in 1882, the Knights of Columbus have always stood in solidarity with our priests. The Knights of Holy Ghost Council #4977, offer our sincere appreciation and congratulations to the priests of St. Thomas of Villanova who are celebrating their priestly Anniversaries.

THANK YOU...

Pastor Fr. Tom Rzepli
 May 10, 1972 - 45 years

Assoc. Pastor Fr. Marcin Zasada
 May 12, 2012 - 5 years

Assoc. Pastor Fr. Mirek Kulesa
 June 10, 2000 - 17 years

Weekend Assoc. Fr. Martin Luboyera
 August 10, 2013—4 years

Pastor Emeritus Fr. Ray Yadron
 May 1, 1963 - 54 years

Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving for all current and past priests. And at the same time, pray for all current seminarians and postulants and for those contemplating a religious vocation.



2017 Golf Outing Fundraiser

Early Bird Registration

Reservations received by June 18th qualify for a raffle drawing for 4 Bears Pre-Season Tickets!



Friday
July 21, 2017

\$150 Golf Package includes

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch Buffet
- Use of driving range
- Cash bar and dinner at the Clubhouse
- Oral auction
- Raffles, prizes and more!

**Golf registration
deadline is
July 9, 2017**

**Thank-you!
We appreciate
your support.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I wish to be assigned to a foursome

I wish to be paired with the following players

Name _____ Email _____

Name _____ Email _____

Name _____ Email _____

Individual Golfer \$150 Qty _____ Total \$ _____

Golf Foursome \$600 Qty _____ Total \$ _____

Event Men's Shirt \$30 Qty _____ Total \$ _____

Size/Qty.

SM _____ MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Event Women's Shirt \$30 Qty _____ Total \$ _____

Size/Qty.

SM _____ MED _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

Charge my VISA MasterCard American Express

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date # ____ / ____ Sec. Code _____

Authorization Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to *St. Thomas of Villanova*.

Return this form with payment to:
St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Office
ATTN: Ron Schaefer, 14th Annual Golf Outing
1201 E. Anderson Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

Questions? Contact:
Jack Devron
irishfriar@aol.com
H. 847/359-1294
C. 847/525-2324

Parish Pastoral Council Recruitment

St Thomas of Villanova Parish Pastoral Council – Looking for a Few Good Members

By choice, you are a member of our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish family. You could be elsewhere, but you choose to be part of this parish. What keeps you coming back each week – the Sacraments, the Liturgy, the Ministries, and/or the Fellowship? When you think about parish life at St. Thomas, what makes it vibrant? What dimensions need to adapt to changing times and changing needs? These are some of the questions that you can address by becoming a member of our STV Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The STV PPC is an advisory body to the Pastor and the Parish Staff. The Council supports existing and new ministries that foster spiritual development, provide service to those in need and nurture parish life and fellowship. The Council plans parish missions for the spiritual benefit of all. The Council also addresses current and future

sustainability by affirming and supporting active stewardship.

Why Join the PPC at This Time?

During the next few years, the PPC and our Parish Family will be witnessing exciting times as we invest the proceeds of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* (TTWCI) capital campaign and as we participate in the *Renew My Church* initiative.

As TTWCI campaign donations come to St. Thomas, the PPC will monitor the launch of parish initiatives to enhance campus safety and security, replace our church heating, ventilation and cooling system, invest in technology upgrades and build a rectory. As our TTWCI donations also flow to the Archdiocese, the PPC will monitor how Archdiocese initiatives apply to our parish such as Catholic education scholarships and support for religious education programs.

In the year to come, the Archdiocese will provide guidance and facilitation for the local implementation of *Renew My Church*, the initiative which groups

parishes to “share common projects or events such as retreats, lectures or community service.” Our parish grouping is St. Thomas of Villanova, St. Theresa in Palatine, St. Colette in Rolling Meadows and Mission San Juan Diego in Arlington Heights. The PPC will facilitate and monitor the communication and collaboration among these parishes that will lead to the development of new initiatives and ministries.

How Often Does the PPC Meet?

At this time, the full PPC meets every other month. Some projects and initiatives may involve additional meetings between the full PPC meetings.

How Long Are the PPC Member Terms?

The terms are up to two years, subject to renewal when appropriate.

How Do I Apply or Learn More?

Contact:

- Norbert Krogstad - nkrogstad@wje.com,
- Jane Murguia - jmurguia1@Comcast.net
- Father Tom - fathertom@stov.org or
- speak with any current member listed in the bulletin.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for JUNE 4 / 5

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	TBA	TBA	TBA	Fr. Ray Yadron	TBA
DEACON	Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon John Breit	
HOMILY	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	Lee Fialek Theresa Mitchell	Bob Stanek Margo Stanek	Denise Giuntoli Phil Giuntoli	Conrad Bertz Carol Schaffnit	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Willer Louis Akins Mary Bragiel Helen Janicki Mike Kanis Peggy King Mick Lasiewicz Gene Lazich Jean Pope Sharon Reiber	Marilyn Marturano Peter Kain Jeanne Monson Mark Orr Carole Parsons Mila Quiaoit Sarah Rauen Gay Sladky Bob Slanicky Lori Smithe	Sueann Karstenson Sue Allen Kris Bartolameo Ken Doruff Dave Haen Jean Haen Barb Howell Stacy Mccluskey Debbie Yurcheshen Marty Yurcheshen	Donna Breit Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Donna Casey Tom Cavenagh Bob Haas Lynn Haas Barbara Hedrich Nancy Hulsebosch Laura Klotz	
SERVERS	Nate Carlson Chris Parlier Jose Aguilar-Rodriguez	David Dabrowski Grace Hedgepeth Aiden Hill	Connor Loftus Katie Burke Garrett Colbrook	Johnny Pelletiere Ben Pribilski Madeline Hake	
GREETERS	M G N Maureen Penkava B & N Bachmann Judy Gott	Karen Froelich T & M Greener Boni & Mila Quiaoit	Cheryl Sutton G & C Sokulski Stedronsky Family	Howard Pettinger B & C Romaniszak Earl & Carol Schaffnit	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

9:30am All Deceased Military Personnel

Tuesday, May 30

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ☩ Adam Hippleheuser;
Intention for Kathy O'Day;
58th Wedding Anniversary for
Sylvia & Barney Gronski

Wednesday, May 31

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ☩ Joseph & Edith Hoffmann;
☩ Argo & Rita DaValle; All Living
& Deceased Golden Villanovans

Thursday, June 1

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ☩ Claire Meilinger; ☩ Bob Sum

Friday, June 2

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ☩ Danielle Bradley

Saturday, June 3

8:00am All Who Are Sick

5:00pm ☩ Madaline Tomaszek;
☩ Ernie Tallian; ☩ Sue Rheume;
All Living & Deceased Parishioners

7:30pm Adoration & Mass—POLISH

Sunday, June 4

7:30am ☩ Bridget Cairo

9:30am ☩ Richard Teutsch; ☩ Carl
Whitcomb; ☩ Sue Rheume;
☩ Carmela Gabl; ☩ James S.
Hansen

11:15am ☩ Kathy Tomusiak; ☩ Marie Kay;
45th Wedding Anniversary for
Kaylyn & Deacon Tom Dunne;
Int. for Corky Smith

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

4:00pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd,
6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn
17:1-11a

Wed: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-
11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-
20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn
21:20-25

Sun: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Gianna Ann Infusino

Gabriel Jacob Wasilewski

Gavin Coyne Murphy

UPCOMING MARRIAGES

Joseph Piechowski & Rebecca Gustafson
Saturday, June 3, 2017 at St. Theresa Parish

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato
Lou Anderson
Jim Baur
Kathy Bell
Jeanette Blaszyński
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
Carmela Gabl
Mel Gass
Bill Gerl
Sylvia Gronski
Marino Guardalabene
Rose Guevara
RJ Hubka
Adeline Kaczmarek
Mary Anne Kiesel
Wesley Knutson
Mary Alice Kobler
Susan Kordell
George Kwiatkowski
John Kwiatkowski
Leia Kwiatkowski

Lotti Kwiatkowski
Mark Kwiatkowski
Robin Kwiatkowski
Stanley Kwiatkowski
Lauren Lambert
Gene Lazich
Harold Lewis
Peggy Lowe
Baby Alexa Mang
Helen Mariano
Bob Maruska
Elayne Maruska
Candida Morales
Mike Moran
Paul Moser
Mary Obey
Rita Olles
George Oslovich
Valentine Pawlak

Boni Quiaoit
Patty Reynolds
Elaine Romanchek
Ken Romanchek
Carlos Serna
Shawn Smith
John Socha
Russell Spano
Alice Stedronsky
Anne Swaw
Robert Szott
Sharon Tadsen
Marcy Weckler Barr
Jeri Sue Welty
Connie Wilberding
William Yadron
Martha Zara

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SrA Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- 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. Army

- SPC William Banville
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT 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
- CW2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

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
- AN James Steining



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of MARGARET R. PETTINGER
A Loving Mother

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

☩ *Edward "Fritz" Gunder*

☩ *Lester Knapik*

☩ *Cathy Reiber*

- Sister of Jim Reiber

UROCZYSTOŚĆ WNIEBOWSTĄPIENIA PAŃSKIEGO –

Uniwersalność zbawienia

Słowa kończące Ewangelię według św. Mateusza wskazują na uniwersalność Jego orędzia. Ten, którego wyczekiwał lud Izraela, a którego ostatecznie w zdecydowanej większości nie rozpoznał, został posłany ze swoją nauką nie tylko do synów Izraela. On przyszedł, by pojednać całą ludzkość z Bogiem, i pragnie dotrzeć ze swoim orędziem do każdego człowieka. Apostołowie zostają posłani z misją do całego świata, mają pozyskiwać uczniów, tj. czynić chrześcijanami ludzi we wszystkich narodach. Bóg pragnie z każdym człowiekiem wejść w zbawczą komunie, by pojednanie, które dokonało się na krzyżu, przybrało zasięg uniwersalny...

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

07	maja	\$ 1,820.00
14	maja	\$ 1,350.00
21	maja	\$ 1,835.00
28	maja	

W sumie: \$ 5,005.00
Dziękujemy!

WNIEBOWSTĄPIENIE PAŃSKIE –

Głowa w chmurach i stopy twardo na ziemi

Wstąpił do nieba – odszedł, zostawił nas samych? To właśnie dlatego tak ‘uporczywie wpatrywali się w Niego’ – by jeszcze na chwilę zatrzymać to wydarzenie...

Tak oto grożą nam dwie postawy wobec tej Tajemnicy: ‘Poszedł sobie...’ - tak więc pozostaje nam tylko ‘wpatrywa-nie się uporczywie w niebo’ i ‘stanie...’ Nic nie robić, nie angażo-wać się... Albo przeniesienie wzroku na ziemię, na czubki butów, czy na własny pępek jako ‘centrum świata...’ Ani jedno ani drugie nie jest dobre - bo tylko ‘wpatrywanie-się-w-niebo’ jest ucieczką od rzeczywistości, jest byciem ‘głową w chmurach...’ A tylko ‘wpatrywanie-się-w-ziemię’ jest zapomnieniem o najważniejszej relacji człowieka, tej z Bogiem...

Na ziemi i w niebie

Wniebowstąpienie Pańskie przypomina nam o równowadze... potrzeba nam tego głosu, który obudził apostołów: ‘Dlaczego stolicie i wpatrujecie się w niebo?’, czy też, aktualniejszego w naszych czasach: ‘Dlaczego nie zatrzymacie się na chwilę, by w niebo popatrzeć?... Zejdźcie na ziemię i wzniesienie się do nieba to dwie strony życia... Jak Pan Jezus - w nieustannej relacji z Ojcem i w twardym, realnym stąpaniu po ziemi. A owo ‘bycie-na-ziemi’ nie przeszkadzało Mu w relacji z Ojcem.

Cóż to oznacza dla nas? Nasze oczy, serce, ciało, praca, obowiązki, wypoczynek... to wszystko, co stanowi moje codzienne życie, moje ‘przebywanie-na-ziemi’, jeśli zostanie przeniknięte miłością Bożą, stanie się miejscem mojego ‘w-niebo-wstępowania’. Tak! Odkrywaniem nieba tu na ziemi i odkrywaniem drogi do nieba pośród codzienności. Wniebowstąpienie Jezusa jest wezwaniem do powrotu do naszej Jerozolimy, gdzie na stałe przebywamy, by błogosławić i wielbić Boga.

Będziecie świadkami tego

A to już będzie daniem świadectwa... rodzice wobec dzieci... dzieci wobec rodziców... wychowawcy i wychowankowie... starsi i młodsi... Daniem świadectwa, do którego zaprasza nas sam Jezus: ‘...będziecie moimi świadkami... aż po krańce ziemi...’,

świadkami Paschy, Śmierci i Zmartwychwstania Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa! Bo to świadectwo jest w nas wpisane – nie można nie głosić będąc wyznawcą Jezusa! Dawać świadectwo życiem i przez życie... Głosić Jezusa, a nie siebie samego. Moje, nasze ‘w-niebo-wstępowanie’ jest możliwe, jeśli jego wzorem, drogą stanie się Jezus Chrystus, którego Wniebowstąpienie dziś przeżywamy. Zakochać się, by wiedzieć, jak to uczynić rzeczywistością...

Prośmy o tę równowagę – o trzymanie głowy w chmurach (uporczywie wpatrywanie się w niebo, czyli zwracanie się, zaurzeczanie, rozkochanie się w Bogu tak bardzo, że nie mogą już o niczym innym myśleć) i o odważne stąpanie stopami po ziemi (życie codziennością jako drogą do Boga, żywe, realne realizowanie Królestwa Bożego między nami)...

Czerwiec miesiącem kultu Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa



1. Dam im łaski, potrzebne w ich stanie.
2. Ustale pokój w ich rodzinach.
3. Będę ich pocieszał w utrapieniach.
4. Będę ich pewną ucieczką w życiu, a szczególnie w godzinie śmierci.
5. Będę im błogosławił w ich przedsięwzięciach.
6. Grzesznicy znajdą w moim Sercu źródło i ocean miłosierdzia.
7. Dusze oziębłe staną się gorliwymi.
8. Dusze gorliwe prędko dojdą do doskonałości.
9. Będę błogosławił domom, w których wizerunek Serca mojego będzie czczony.
10. Osoby, które będą to nabożeństwo rozszerzały, będą miały imię swoje wypisane w Sercu moim.
11. Dam kapłanom dar wzruszania serc nawet najtwardzielszych.
12. W nadmiarze miłosierdzia Serca mojego przyrzekam tym wszystkim, którzy będą komunikować w pierwsze piątki miesiąca przez dziewięć miesięcy z rzędu w intencji wynagrodzenia, że miłość moja udzieli łaski pokuty, iż nie umrą w mojej niełasce, ani bez Sakramentów świętych, a Serce moje będzie im pewną ucieczką w ostatniej godzinie życia.