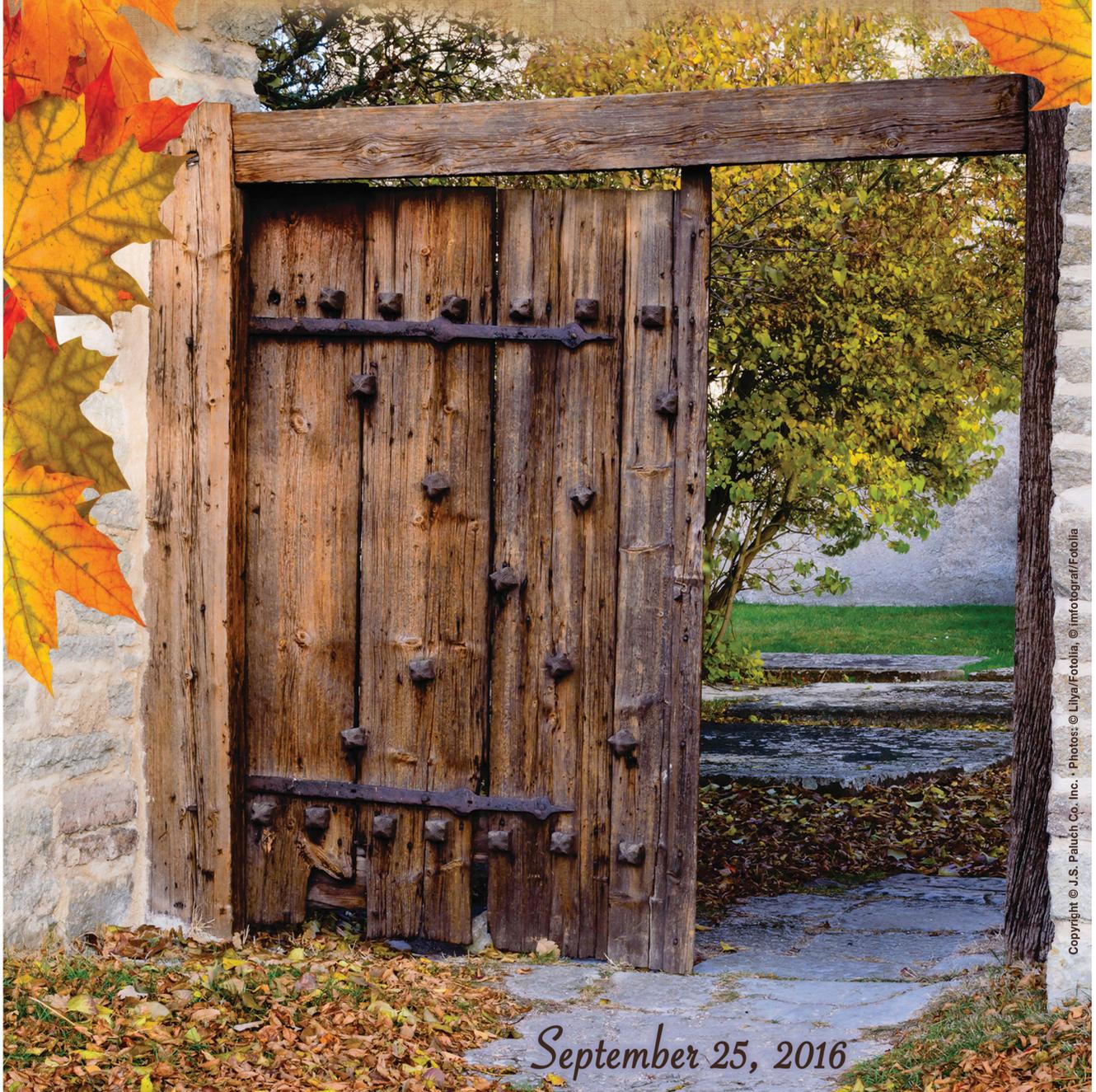


Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lying at the rich man's door
was a poor man named Lazarus.

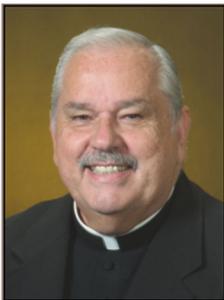
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September 25, 2016

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



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Congratulations to our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family! We have acquired a new Associate Priest to serve us. This weekend we welcome Father Miroslaw Kulesa to St. Thomas. You can call him Father Mirek (as in ME-WRECK) for short. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow in Poland who has been given permission by his Archbishop Stanislaus Dziwisz to come to the Archdiocese of Chicago with the permission of Archbishop Blase Cupich. And Archbishop Cupich has appointed him to St. Thomas of Villanova and has asked us to mentor him and to train him in the ways of the American Church and the American culture as well as to improve his proficiency in the English language. I agreed to the Archbishop's request because I know that you will be great teachers for him in the ways of Pastoral Ministry. It is an honor for a Parish to be asked to acclimate and acculturate a priest to the American way of Parish life.

You will have heard from Father Mirek as he is introducing himself at all of this weekend's Masses. We happily welcome Father Mirek to our Parish Family as we pray for God's blessings on him as he serves both our English speaking and Polish speaking Parish communities. Fr. Mirek just arrived from Poland last week. He is looking to purchase a good, used car in order to fully minister to all of our Parish Family. If you have one for sale, just give me a call.

As you know, there was a second collection at all of today's Masses on behalf of the Seminary System of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This collection benefits Mundelein Seminary, St. Joseph College Seminary, Casa Jesus which is a place of discernment for the Latino community and Bishop Abramowicz Seminary which is a program for the Polish community. You need to remember our own Father Marcin as well as his predecessor Father Wojciech are products of Bishop Abramowicz Seminary and Mundelein Seminary. So you know what I am talking about!

And we are grateful to have Deacon Jon Thorsen who is preaching at all of our Masses this weekend. He is currently in his fourth year at Mundelein Seminary and will be ordained in July. In his homily, he has shared his vocational story and his own call to priesthood. We are also glad that Deacon Jon is assigned here for his Deacon internship. He will learn a lot from all of you!

We are also a teaching parish for Mundelein Seminary with five seminarians joining us on various Sundays for Liturgy and Ministry in their "Parish Sundays Field Education Program." Needless to say, there is a lot of teaching and learning going on for seminarians and priests here at our Parish! And it's all thanks to you in the pews! So I guess you could say we have "contacts" and "connections" at Mundelein Seminary!

Next Sunday, Auxiliary Bishop Francis J. Kane of the Archdiocese of Chicago will call Derek Oliver to the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders (Order of Deacon) at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, 1:30 p.m. He is one of 16 men to be formally enrolled as deacon candidates.

In the rite, Derek rises and publicly and freely answers two questions from Bishop Kane: "In response to the Lord's call are you resolved to complete your preparation so that in due time you will be ready to be ordained for the ministry of the Church?" and "Are you resolved to prepare yourself in mind and spirit to give faithful service to Christ the Lord and His body, the Church?" In this way Derek is enrolled into the rank of

candidates for the diaconate. Candidacy is the first official recognition by the Church of the positive signs of his vocation to the diaconate, which must be confirmed in the next three years of formation—a period that includes academic courses, spiritual formation and direction, pastoral ministry experiences, human/personal development, field education, internships, and much more.

To get to this point in his formation, Derek has journeyed through a one-year period of discernment called the Aspirancy Path that included prayer and spiritual formation sessions, an intensive and comprehensive course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, days of reflection on the deacon's share in the bishop's ministries of Word, Liturgy and Charity, field experiences in ministering to a culturally diverse Church, a field education experience in Service to Charity, monthly spiritual direction, and a retreat during which he prayed and reflected, with his family, over his possible call to the ordained ministry of deacon.

His wife, Jola, also was required to participate in this year of Aspirancy. Her goals were to learn more about the diaconate, and to discern whether she can continue to support her husband through the coming years of formation, and possibly as an ordained deacon. Wives are required to write a letter of informed consent to Archbishop Cupich that notes their free, informed consent to their husbands' moving to the Candidate Path.

Therefore, diaconal ministry is a call to be configured to Christ the Servant—to stand in the midst of God's people and be a sacramental sign for all to emulate. A deacon's service includes a three-fold ministry: Service to the Word, Liturgy and Charity. This includes assisting at Mass and celebrating sacraments; evangelizing the Word by mouth and witness to the world; and caring for the poor, alienated, underrepresented, and neglected. Please keep Derek, his wife Jola, all those in formation and their families in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives.

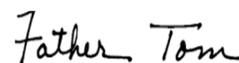
Just a reminder that we are interviewing for the positions of Parish Financial Secretary and Parish Maintenance Supervisor. Both positions are full-time! If you are interested or someone you know is interested, just direct them to Ron Schaefer, our Parish Manager, at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

You are invited to keep our Music Director, Marcy Weckler Barr in your prayers. She is safely home from the hospital and is continuing her health journey. You can drop off your get well cards full of prayers at the Parish Office, and we will see that Marcy receives them.

We are looking for some good boys and girls (4th—7th grade) to become altar servers or acolytes. Training of new servers will take place in October. If you are interested, call me at the Parish Office. The Lord needs your service at the altar and the priests need your help there also!

It was a very good week for our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family as generosity abounded in our "To Teach Who Christ Is" Campaign. Our Parish volunteer solicitors were busy visiting with Parish Families. We received \$102,100.00 in new pledges as we climb to our campaign goal. Thank you to all who pledged so far. I ask you to be receptive and responsive when one of our parish team members calls you about a pledge. Also, if you are interested in joining the team of solicitors, it would be great! We need you. We want you. Call me directly for the details and the training.

Your Pastor,



Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25

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

Monday, September 26

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV School Board Mtg	MR1
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, September 27

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

8:40am	Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC

Sunday, October 2

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

Our website is back up and
bulletins are back online!

Just visit...

www.stov.org

TODAY

- **WOMEN'S CLUB MUM SALE** After all Masses in the Gathering Area.

UPCOMING

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Tuesday, September 27—The Knights will be volunteering their time to assist in hand packing “meals specifically formulated for malnourished children” as part of the Feed My Starving Program. Our time slot is 6pm—7:30pm. Last year, we had 23 happy volunteers for this event. Please help us beat our output of last year. Register now! Contact Pierre Zermatten: 847-358-8648 pierrezermatten@yahoo.com
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, September 28 at 1pm. Lunch at Jameson's Charhouse, 1331 N Dundee Rd, Arlington Heights. RSVP to Ken & Barb Doruff 847-358-3852
- **CHURCH DECORATING** Friday, September 30 at 12:30pm come help the Art & Environment Ministry decorate for Fall / Ordinary Time. No experience needed. Just come to the church and you will be put to work.
- **PET BLESSING** Saturday, October 1 (Page 5)
- **PUMPKIN SALE** Next weekend after all Masses (Page 5)
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Annual Pizza Party Fundraiser—Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30pm at Lou Malnati's Pizza—85 S. Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove. \$25 per person includes pizza, salad and dessert. Contact Ken Doruff for more information 847-358-3852.
- **ANNULMENT WORKSHOP** Thursday, October 13—7:00pm in MRA & B. Please join Deacon John Breit as he presents an overview of the annulment process and reviews the new annulment rules recently announced by the Catholic Church.

NorthWest Families MARCH FOR LIFE

On **Saturday, October 15, 2016**, join families, churches and individuals as we give public witness to the sanctity of **all** human life.

Be part of the celebration of LIFE!

2:00 pm: Gather in St. Theresa Church (455 S. Benton, Palatine) for song, prayer, and inspirational speakers. **Process** down the sidewalk of Northwest Hwy. with beautiful Life-affirming signs to the plaza at Hicks (1/2 mile) to share the love of LIFE.

3:15 pm: Rally at the plaza with **Joe Scheidler**, *Pro-Life Action League*, for more songs, speakers, and prayer.

- **FREE refreshments back at St. Theresa following the march**
- **FREE buttons and bracelets to take with you to share the message**
- **Wear YELLOW to this celebration of Life!**
- **All Faiths Welcome!**

For more information contact: Mary Ann Kenesey 847-991-9732
www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com or call 847-651-4877



STV WOMEN'S CLUB MUM SALE

TODAY—After All Masses In the Gathering Area

MUMS THE WORD

8" Pots / \$10.00 each

Perennials for sale! No preorders! Come, select your favorites and take them home. Proceeds help support the Women's Club Service projects throughout the year. Thanks for your generosity!



ANNUAL PET BLESSING



Saturday October 1st—9:30am
On the front lawn by the Statue of
St. Thomas of Villanova

Deacon Tom will be blessing your animals again this year. The blessing will be held in front of the St. Thomas of Villanova statue by the circular drive of Church. *Pets must be on leashes, in bowls or in cages.*

LIVING ROSARY & BENEDICTION

On Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm, come, pray from a pew, or participate in a special way by signing up to **"be a bead"** and recite the Hail Mary as the rosary winds its way around the church. Families, singles, couples; all are welcome to **"be a bead"** at this Parish Family prayer service. We are especially hoping to praise Mary in as many languages as possible, so let us know if you also speak a language other than English. Call Gay Sladky to sign up to **"be a bead"** or for more information 847-359-4067.



STV PINOCHLE & POKER

It's time to sign up for your favorite card group. All groups are in need of players.

- *Women's Afternoon Pinochle:* Last Monday of the month from 1pm—5pm in each others homes
- *Couple's Evening Pinochle:* Second Saturday night of the month at 7:30pm in each others homes
- *Couple's Low Stake Poker:* Occasional Sundays at 5pm in each others homes.

Poker group plays pennies, nickels and dimes. Pinochle groups can play 3 hands with a blind 4 handed partner or 5 handed double deck. We are willing to teach. To sign up, call Carol Schaffnit 847-476-6464.



HUGS FOR HOMEBOUND

The children of STV are continuing to send monthly notes of prayer and encouragement to your relatives and friends who are homebound, in nursing homes or just need cheering up. The recipients do not need to be our parishioners. **To have a note sent or remove someone from the list:** Contact Deacon Tom Dunne 847-358-6999 *Sponsored by STV Respect Life Committee with the help of Ministry of Care, STV School Children and STV Religious Education Children*

VOICES
 High School Youth Group's

PUMPKIN
FUNDRAISER



Next Weekend
After All Masses
On the Front
Lawn of Church

Free will donation

All proceeds will help
to offset the rising cost
of our retreats.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Our inquiry sessions have just begun, but we are still waiting for YOU!

The inquiry period of our journey is a time for seekers to hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed.

If you are searching for a deeper relationship with God, a sense of belonging in a faith community, and a greater fulfillment of your mission in life, then we invite you to join us as we explore the Catholic faith. The best way to find out more about the RCIA process is simply to begin by attending RCIA inquiry sessions.

Please contact Tom at
847-971-4419 /
tom.note@icloud.com
for more information on upcoming sessions. Brochures are available in the information rack in the Gathering Area.

I would like to share with you an insightful article entitled— "What I Learned From Attending the Funeral of a Stranger."

- Connie West, Director of Bereavement

"Recently, I found myself at the funeral of a man I did not know. He had lived a long life and died in his mid-eighties. I gathered, from the kind words the priest spoke about him, that he was a good man with a family who loved him and would miss him.

We sat in the back. It wasn't a particularly sad funeral. In fact, it was rather joyful. While there, I realized how profound it is to attend a funeral Mass. Even when it is someone I don't know.

While we may know about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, how often do we really think about them? One of the spiritual works of mercy is to bury the dead (i.e., attend a funeral). Here is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says about attending a funeral:

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

Sitting in that church, following along and participating in the Mass, I was struck by the fact that although he was a stranger, I am tied to this man as a member of the Body of Christ. Therefore, it is my duty as a Christian to pray for him, just as I hope that someone else would pray for me.

I realized what a testimony a funeral is to our faith as Catholics. It is a "coming full circle." The funeral liturgy is an act of worship, and not merely an expression of grief. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that the pall that is placed over the casket, and holy water is sprinkled over it, to remind us of our baptism, when we began our life in Christ.

We attend a funeral to honor the deceased, and especially to pray for their souls. What a poignant and appropriate

thing to do for a fellow brother or sister in Christ.

There are a number of powerful prayers that are said at a Catholic funeral Mass. Here are just a few:

O God, the life of the living, the hope of the dying, the salvation of all that trust in you, mercifully grant that the souls of your servants and handmaids, delivered from the darkness of our mortality, may rejoice with your saints in perpetual light. Through Christ our Lord.

May his (her) soul (their souls) and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



I am a convert to Catholicism. As I left the pew and filed out of the church with the family and friends of the man who had died, I was profoundly grateful for my Catholic faith. Although a stranger, I felt that this man had touched me somehow. It was an odd feeling but a good feeling. I was happy to have participated in a Mass that honored him.

To pray for one who has died and to attend a funeral is not only a spiritual act of mercy, it is a privilege. I hope I won't hesitate again to attend someone's funeral simply because I don't know them."

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget	\$ 284,400.00
YTD Actual	\$ 268,922.09
Over / Under	(- \$ 15,477.91)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Sept 4	\$ 21,818.40	\$ 2,703.00	\$ 24,521.10	\$ 821.10
Sept 11	\$ 24,114.50	\$ 1,388.00	\$25,502.50	\$ 1,802.50
Sept 18	\$ 15,488.60	\$ 1,638.00	\$ 17,126.60	-(\$ 6,573.40)
Sept 25				

THANK YOU!

2nd COLLECTION—TODAY

Today's 2nd Collection will be for the Seminarian Education Fund. Make checks payable to: St. Thomas of Villanova. Write "Seminarians" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity. And we thank all who have already given their donation envelopes in support of our seminarians.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

1st Weekend of Every Month (Next weekend—Oct. 1/2)

Bring your 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 especially need:

- ◆ FOOD—Jelly, rice, hearty soups, kids' snacks
- ◆ NON-FOOD—Dish soap, hand soap, bar soap, laundry detergent

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.



PRISON MINISTRIES

WOMENS: Thank you to St. Thomas from the Prison Ministry Team for your prayers and support for our prison retreat. The Presence of the Holy Spirit was evident as 56 women heard about God's love and forgiveness, many of them for the first time. Our sisters on the Inside experienced this not only from the women on the team, but also from the visible love shown through the variety of cookies you donated. They were so grateful that people on the Outside remembered them and cared about them. We are grateful to all of you. Sincerely, *Mary Carlson, Joan Cook, Pat Devron, Jeanie Landeweer & Rae Pistone.*



MENS: The Men's Kairos Team will be going to Stateville Correctional Center for the 20th time the weekend of October 20-23. The team asks for your support through prayer and through the baking of cookies. Recipes for the specific kinds of approved cookies are in the marked **blue bins** in the Narthex and the Gathering Area. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to minister. Cookies due: Tuesday, October 18. Contact Lee Fialek for more information: 847-358-0227



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

STAT STORY

Goal	\$ 1,940,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 560,900.00
% of Goal	29%
Parish Share	\$ 336,540.00
# of Pledges	51
Average Gift	\$ 10,998.00
# of Volunteers	31

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Almighty and ever-loving God,
Your Son is the Way,
the Truth and the Life.
As his disciples, we follow his way,
Believe his truth, and live his life.
Heavenly Father,
raise up a new generation of disciples
with fervor and eagerness
to teach and proclaim Jesus Christ,
risen from the dead,
the One who tells who we are,
shows us how to love,
and assures our salvation.
Bless this Archdiocesan Campaign
"To Teach Who Christ Is."*

*Lord God,
may donors discover in themselves
your gift of a generous and
sacrificial spirit
that flows from a love for the Church
and supports her mission
to teach who Christ is.
May the pattern of holiness,
the Virgin Mary,
Christ's mother and ours,
open our hearts anew with the desire
for your will to be done,
through Jesus Christ, your Son
and Our Lord. Amen.*

Our School

From the Principal's Desk

Well, this was the week that many students (and parents) look forward to every year. **Spirit Week!** We tried to spice it up a bit with some new themes. It all culminated with our Track-A-Thon Fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported this school fundraiser. We promise to share results (and pictures) soon.

Mrs. Lyn Nemec, a new school employee, and Mrs. Mary Larson, a new volunteer, will be helping with our preschool part time. Both ladies are long time friends of the school, with children who are graduates. Mrs. Nemec also worked for us as a preschool and kindergarten aide in past years. Welcome back to STV School!

Have you seen the new bulletin board in our office? Ever wonder who creates these beautiful boards? Each seasonal board has a faith inspired message on them, along with amazing artwork. Mrs. Janice Pelletierre artistically designs these bulletin boards for us, then hangs them. They give the office another sign of our Catholic Identity while brightening up the room. This is one of my favorites so far! Stop in and see it before the next one goes up.

THANK YOU FOSTOVS and BCU for your generosity to our school.

BCU HELPS ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL

BCU, one of the nation's top 100 credit unions, on September 14, presented a \$10,000 check to FRIENDS of St. Thomas of Villanova School (FOSTOVS). FOSTOVS is a not-for-profit foundation that exists to raise needed funds for St. Thomas of Villanova School, a Blue Ribbon School, located in Palatine. The school offers a quality education in an atmosphere enriched by Catholic values and beliefs. It relies on donations like this, as it receives no public funding. The donated funds will ultimately be granted to the school for various uses including equipment, room upgrades, library books, many expenses and technology maintenance. The school today boasts a 1:1 ratio of technology devices to students due to the past generosity of BCU and many friends of the school.

BCU, headquartered in Vernon Hills, has over \$2.5 billion in assets and over 200,000 members, many in the local community.

After a welcome by the eighth graders, who presented BCU with a huge thank you card signed by all the students, Mary Brinkman, Principal, provided a tour of the facility. After the visit, Michael Valentine, President and CEO, remarked, "It was a great day, FOSTOVS is truly making a difference and BCU is so happy to be part of it. We encourage everyone who can to get involved." BCU's website states, "We believe in improving the world around us, starting with the members, companies and communities we serve. As we grow in membership and geographic reach, so, too, does our desire to give back."

BCU charitable giving supports non-profit causes in healthcare, community well-being, and financial education and empowerment."

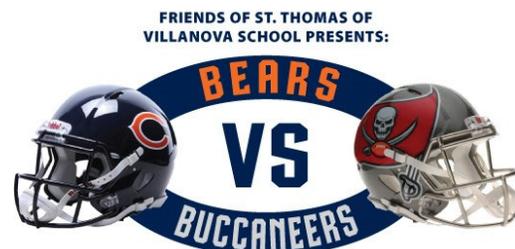


From left to right, BCU President and CEO, Michael Valentine, Principal Mary Brinkman, Lisa Baron, BCU SVP of Human Resources and Talent Management and Thomas Moore, EVP of BCU.

Thanks also to the many donors to FOSTOVS. We pray for you every day, and honor you by working hard for academic excellence in our faith-filled school.

Have a blessed week,
Mary Brinkman

ALREADY TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR... the FOSTOVS Bears vs. Buccaneers Football Party Fundraiser on November 13 with all proceeds to benefit kids of St. Thomas School. Reservations or questions: john.hake95@gmail.com / 847-934-3819



SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 13TH AT DURTY NELLIES



MEET REV. MIROSLAW (MIREK) KULESA

It is always a good custom and a valuable etiquette to introduce oneself at the very beginning. So, my name is Rev. Miroslaw (Mirek) Kulesa, and I am a Priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow, Poland. I was born 42 years ago in Krakow and spent my childhood there. I was educated as well in Krakow. Finally, I graduated from the same seminary as St. John Paul II. I was ordained at the Royal Cathedral Church at 'Wawel' Hill in June 2000 by Francis Cardinal Macharski. I then worked in four different parishes around the Archdiocese of Krakow. Additional to my daily priestly duties, I was involved in family ministry, pastoral care of children and youth ministry. I also taught in all types of schools from primary to high school and was the Chaplain for some professional sports' teams and firefighters. During this time, I was able to complete my second degree in Journalism. For some period of time,

I worked in Catholic media. I created the Catholic internet portal and published in the Catholic press called 'The Sunday Visitor.' I worked with some Catholic radio stations. I am also a member of the Association of Polish Journalists.

I am positive you would like to know the reason for my presence in the United States. There is always a desire to learn something new. That desire is one of the inspirations for bringing me here to the "New World." I would like to not only learn the English language but would also like to learn a new pastoral approaches toward the people of God. Although the Church in Poland and the Church in the United States are the same Catholic Church, there is a diversity within unity. And this diversity always has been a fascination for me. I am looking forward to learn about this diversity, and I would like to adopt these new perceptions so that they can be a new part of me. I would like to serve with all my best skills St. Thomas of Villanova Parish as my new family. I would also like to express my appreciation to Archbishop Cupich, Fr. Tom, the entire Pastoral Staff and toward you dear parishioners for your generous acceptance of my presence. May God bless you all.

Please extend your warmest St. Thomas of Villanova welcome to Fr. Mirek!

ON RICHNESS, POORNESS, AND NOBLE CONFESSIONS

The passage from the prophet Amos in today's first reading is as damning of rich lifestyle as it is poetic: "Thus says the Lord the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent of Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!" Amos may find the gluttony and languishing of Israel's leaders detestable, but particularly abhorrent to the prophet is their complacency concerning the destruction of their neighbors. Amos makes it clear that their time will come: "Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with." What goes around, comes around.

Which in some ways is precisely the theme of today's Gospel. By his lifestyle, anyway, the rich man in the story could be descended from

the condemned elite addressed by Amos: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Sound familiar? We also learn here of Lazarus, covered with sores, who lies at the rich man's door hoping to eat the scraps that fall from his table. The rich man, though--to paraphrase Amos--is not made ill by the collapse of Lazarus. In fact, he seems to not even notice the beggar's existence. When both men die, Lazarus is taken to heaven and the rich man finds himself in torment. And when the rich man wants Abraham to send Lazarus to comfort him, Abraham replies, "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad..." The rich man's richness in-and-of-itself didn't condemn him, though. His complacency did.

I could conclude by exploring further the spiritual perils of ignoring the marginalized to focus on one's self, but I'd rather explore something addressed twice in Paul's letter to Timothy: *the*

noble confession. I use the term "noble" frequently in assessing the work many do in the world, and of all the definitions of the word on dictionary.com, I subscribe mostly to this one: *of an exalted moral or mental character or excellence.* "Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses," Paul writes to Timothy. Per an old reference book I keep on my shelf, this probably refers to a statement of faith Timothy made at his Baptism. The Apostle Paul goes on: "I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Jesus Christ, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach..." Christ's testimony, of course, is his very death and Resurrection. And Christ's noble confession of the cross is--or should be--the noble confession *about* Christ that we as disciples express by the way we live our lives. Which, as Amos and even the rich man teach us, should be anything but complacent.

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 26

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Robert & Gloria Kish

Tuesday, September 27

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Brian Michael Bielinski

Wednesday, September 28

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Elizabeth Hulsebosch

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Marilyn Korney

Saturday, October 1

8:00am For All Who Are Sick
5:00pm † Mary Harrold; † Mike Rawa

Sunday, October 2

7:30am † Shirley Nohr
All Living & Deceased Parishioners
For the Sanctity of All Human Life
9:30am † Ron Chambers;
† Margaret Selin
11:15am † Don Mitchell; † Marie Kay
1:30pm Mass—POLISH

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7;
Lk 9:46-50
Tue: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thu: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3,
7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71,
75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sun: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Daily 6:30am Communion Service:**
Monday-Friday in Church
- **Daily 8:00am Mass:** *Mon-Sat in Church*
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** *Every Wednesday 6-7pm in Church*

If you or someone you know needs prayer, call our Prayer Chain— Elaine 847-358-2782.

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Frank Dziewit
Brooklyn Ann Griffin*

Dominic Bartholomew Santiago

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Anderson	Kaylyn Dunne	Sharon Laziewicz	Shawn Smith
Beth Basurto	William Dvorak	Gene Lazich	John Socha
Kathy Bell	Jeanne Formanski	Harold Lewis	Joyce Sukowicz
Cherie Bott	Kirk Forseth	Bob Maruska	Anne Swaw
Andy Bouchonville	Parker Forseth	Elayne Maruska	Robert Szott
Baby Billy Callahan	Mel Gass	Joan Mayer	Kathy Tomusiak
Baby Ray Callahan	Lena Grieco	Candida Morales	Marcy Weckler Barr
Anna Marie Candorla	Ronald Grieco	Paul Moser	Jeri Sue Welty
Leo Casarez	Adeline Kaczmarek	Mary Obey	Connie Wilberding
Tom Cook	Mary Anne Kiesel	Ken Oeschger	William Yadron
Baby Seamus Cullen	Wesley Knutson	Boni Quiaoit	Martha Zara
Brenda Darling	Mary Alice Kobler	Patty Reynolds	E J Zbikowski
Jason Dean	Susan Kordell	Jack Riedy	
Emily Dempsey	Lauren Lambert	Elaine Romanchek	
Beth Dix	Sue Langowski	Ken Romanchek	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

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

- TSGT Dan Fialek
- A1C 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
- LT Colonel Jeffrey D. Stockwell
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse

- MSGT Jason Dean
- SGT Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- LCPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- LCPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White
- LCPL James N. Wyant

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LT Kevin Brandwein
- LT Cdr. John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- PO2 David Holley
- SN Gregory Minott
- CAPT Louis Schager Jr.



ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of BRO. JUDE HEGGY F.S.C.
A special Friend

FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† *Edward Kane*

- Brother of Dan Kane

† *Joe Miller*

- Brother of Sister Carrie Miller of
the Sisters of the Living Word

† *Sandra Miller*

† *Shirley Nohr*

† *Jeanette Saubert*

† *Agostino Pusateri*

- Father of Lora Schallmoser &
Mary Gonzalez

The Rich Man and Lazarus

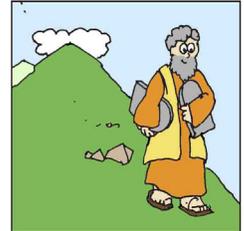
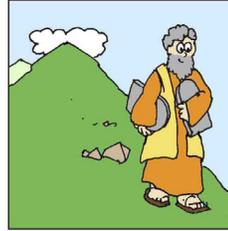
A rich man lived in luxury.
At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus,
who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table.

Find 12 differences in the bottom picture.



Abraham said, "We have Moses and the prophets. Listen to them."

Match the pictures.



LITURGY SCHEDULE for OCTOBER 1 / 2

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
DEACON	John Breit		Rich Willer	Len Marturano	
HOMILY	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	Theresa Mitchell Frank Maher	Rob Dix John Davis	Dorene Wackerfuss Mary Spila	Chanelle Savich Ray Savich	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Larry Coco Marian DeGroot Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Corinne Greico Helen Janicki Mick Lasiewicz Sharon Lasiewicz Sharon Reiber	Bob Stanek Margo Stanek Marilynn Stone Don Ullmer Bonnie Fennig Karen Flasch Jim Hajost Bob Hicks Mary Anne Horan	Paula Logsdon Steve Lundell Stacy Mccluskey Andrea Nalywajiko Jackie Nogle Kate O'Connell Kathy Schappert Randy Schappert Beth Stowick	Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Donna Casey Tom Cavenagh Sandy Peterson Jean Pope Earl Schaffnit Ted Tomusiak Maureen Treanor	
SERVERS	Nate Carlson Sam Hamilton Will Hamilton	Connor Loftus Marty Davis Michelle Weber	Olivia Walczynski Caroline Kawiecki Truman Sanchez	Kathy Palmowski Billy Shoults Joey Van Meter	
GREETERS	M G N Judy Gott Bob & Nancy Bachmann Pat & Maureen Driscoll	Dona Andersen Karen Froelich T & M Greener	Mary Anita Campbell Erika, Rob, Lily & PJ Dix Ken & Barb Doruff	Lynn Haas John & Jan Harahan T & N Hulsebosch	

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

Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Breit
Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Len Marturano
Deacon Rich Willer

Seminary Deacon

Deacon Jon Thorsen

Director of Bereavement

Connie West

Director of Ministry of Care

Deacon Thomas Dunne

Music Minister

Marcy Weckler Barr

Parish Manager

Ron Schaefer

Parish Office Staff

Joseph Spano, Admin. Assistant
Meaghan Spano, Admin. Assistant
Suzie Walczynski, Bulletin Editor
Carol Wilson, Financial Secretary

Youth Minister

Jeff Walczynski

Pastoral Council

Norbert Krogstad, Chairman
Ann Johnson *Rev. Thomas Rzepiela*
Steve Lundell *Ron Schaefer*
Jane Murguia *Rev. Marcin Zasada*

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Sheila O'Shea, Afternoon Admin. Asst.
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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: **Sep 28**—Brigid & Marc Janiak 847-826-5493;
Oct 11—Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870; **Oct 24**—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

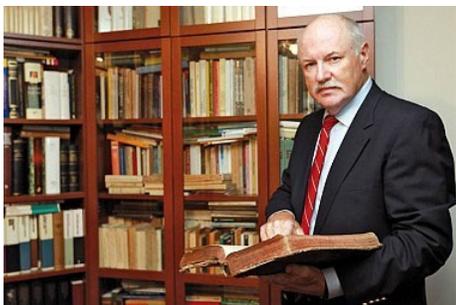
Our Websites

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

Informacje po polsku (Polish Information)

XXVI NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Bóg jest pomocą

Silny kontrast między bogactwem a nędzą oraz zabawą a cierpieniem zostaje zdominowany tą jedyną wartością posiadaną przez biedaka, której nie ma natomiast bogacz. Jest to imię Łazarz oznaczające 'Bóg jest pomocą'. Bogacz nie ma imienia ani w tym życiu, ani w wiecznym. Nawet wołając: 'Ojczy Abrahamie...' patriarcha odpowiada: 'Synu...'. Bogacz pozostaje bezimienny, a w konsekwencji idzie w zapomnienie. Nie ma nic, co stanowiłoby o jego indywidualnym i wyjątkowym 'ja'. Imię Łazarz natomiast wyraża bogactwo serca – wiarę, która nawet w upodleniu zapewniała, że Bóg jest pomocą. Ona sprawiła, iż nawet w najtrudniejszych doświadczeniach można było słuchać Mojżesza i Proroków. Dzięki niej Łazarz doświadczył rzeczywistości nieba w metaforycznym 'na łono Abrahama...'



Prof. dr hab. Piotr Jaroszyński – profesor nauk humanistycznych, wykładowca akademicki Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego, wybitny filozof i nauczyciel mądrości, publicysta i felietonista, prawdziwy erudyta zarażający pragnieniem mądrości innych, autorytet wielu urzeczywistniający w swoim życiu wartości humanistyczne i umiejętnie je przekazujący dalej, prawdziwy patriota

zakochany w polskiej kulturze, promujący niezłomie jej bogactwo, wartość i niezwykłość w Ojczyźnie i środowiskach polonijnych... **Pan prof. Piotr Jaroszyński – nasz dzisiejszy wyjątkowy gość.**



17–26 września 1944 r. pod kryptonimem 'Market Garden' przeprowadzono największą operację powietrzno-desantową II wojny światowej z udziałem m.in. **1. Polskiej Samodzielnej Brygady Spadochronowej** pod dowództwem **gen. bryg. Stanisława Sosabowskiego**. Została ona utworzona w 1941 r. z inicjatywy rządu RP Londynie i jej przyszłe zastosowanie w boju było ściśle związane z działaniami na terenie okupowanej Polski. **Niestety Anglicy to uniemożliwili...** 12 września 1944 roku rozkaz marszałka Bernarda Law Montgomery zobowiązywał 1 SBS wspólnie z brytyjską 1 Dywizją

Powietrznodesantową zająć i utrzymanie mostów w Arnhem. 18 września rozpoczął się desant...

W tej największej podczas II wojny światowej operacji powietrznodesantowej brygada gen. Stanisława Sosabowskiego odegrała dużo większą rolę niż zakładał plan, ratując przed zupełnym zniszczeniem brytyjską dywizję...



Po zakończeniu wojny proces rozwiązywania Brygady zakończył się formalnie 18. lipca 1947 roku. **Gen. Stanisław Sosabowski zmarł 25 września 1967 roku w Londynie.**

Dzisiaj obchodzimy obie rocznice: 72. rocznicę udziału 1. Polskiej Samodzielnej Brygady Spadochronowej w operacji 'Market Garden' oraz

49. rocznicę śmierci jednego z najwybitniejszych żołnierzy Najjaśniejszej Rzeczypospolitej - gen. Stanisława Sosabowskiego.



Dobry obyczaj nakazuje, by na początku znajomości się przedstawić, można wówczas lepiej poznać osobę, którą się spotkało.

Nazywam się Miroslaw Kulesa i jestem księdzem Archidiecezji Krakowskiej.

Urodziłem się 42 lata temu w Krakowie. Tam też spędziłem moje dzieciństwo i młodość, tam również chodziłem do szkoły średniej, tam wreszcie ukończyłem seminarium duchowne to samo w którym wiele lat wcześniej studiował Św. Jan Paweł II.

Święcenia kapłańskie przyjąłem w Królewskiej Katedrze na Wawelu z ręką kard. Franciszka Macharskiego w czerwcu 2000 roku.

Po święceniach pracowałem w czterech parafiach w Niedźwiedziu koło Mszany Dolnej, w Wiśniowej, w Krakowie oraz w Myślenicach.

We wszystkich parafiach oprócz zwykłych obowiązków kapłańskich prowadziłem duszpasterstwo rodzin oraz duszpasterstwo dzieci i młodzieży a także uczyłem we wszystkich rodzajach szkół od szkoły podstawowej do szkoły średniej. W ostatniej parafii prowadziłem duszpasterstwo środowisk sportowych oraz strażaków.

W czasie mojej pracy w Krakowie ukończyłem drugi kierunek studiów – dziennikarstwo. Przez pewien czas pracowałem w mediach. Tworzyłem katolicki portal internetowy, publikowałem w prasie katolickiej (Gość Niedzielny) oraz współpracowałem ze stacjami radiowymi. Jestem również członkiem Stowarzyszenia Dziennikarzy Polskich.

Co skłoniło mnie do przyjazdu do Stanów Zjednoczonych?

Myslę, że człowiek jest istotą, która niezależnie od wieku ciągle pragnie uczyć się czegoś nowego. Istotą, która pragnie się rozwijać. I właśnie chęć rozwoju, chęć poznawania nowych rzeczy była jednym z motywów mojego przyjazdu do Nowego Świata. Służąc Panu Bogu oraz ludziom chciałbym się jeszcze czegoś nauczyć. Nie tylko języka ale przede wszystkim nowych form duszpasterskich. Bo mimo że i w Polsce i w Stanach Zjednoczonych tworzymy jeden Kościół to jednak wiele rzeczy jest odmiennych. Ta odmienność w ramach jednego Kościoła jest rzeczą, która od zawsze mnie fascynowała.

Jednak głównym zadaniem księdza jest postęga sakramentalna i duszpasterska. Dlatego chciałbym służyć zdobytymi wcześniej umiejętnościami całej parafialnej społeczności.