

December 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY

of

Advent



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1

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

Parish Information

HERE TO SERVE YOU
847-358-6999

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Deacon Rich Willer

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Deacon John Breit
Deacon Bill Karstenson
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Seminary Deacon

Deacon Jon Thorsen

Bereavement Director—Connie West

Ministry of Care Director—Deacon Thomas Dunne

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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: **Dec 7**—Brigid & Marc Janiak 847-826-5493;
Jan 12—Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870

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

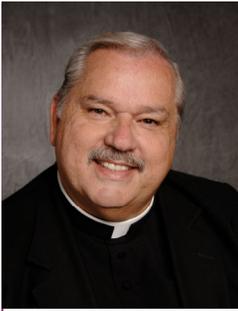
HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

12/25/16 Bulletin: Articles due Tuesday, Dec. 13

1/1/17 Bulletin: Articles due Monday, Dec. 19

Our Websites

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



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Today in Church we celebrated “Commitment Weekend” for our special campaign of “*To Teach Who Christ Is.*” This weekend’s in-pew commitment process is a major piece as we continue the “*To Teach Who Christ Is*” Capital Campaign. We invited an adult from every household to complete a pledge card stating their support. It was an opportunity for everyone—registered and non-registered— to step forward and share with us their intentions and their commitment. Every gift counts. What is important is your personal, prayerful sacrificial decision. We are seeking everyone’s involvement in order to reach our goal and help to provide for the future of our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family, as well as our Archdiocese of Chicago. It is the concrete affirmation instilled by our own faith which allows us to be sure that the loving message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus is preached and lived right here in our own Parish Family.

I am grateful to our entire “*To Teach Who Christ Is*” Campaign Committee for hours and hours of work to plan and solicit all of our parishioners. Special thanks to our Campaign Co-coordinators—Jane St. Pierre Murguia and Tom & Nancy Hulsebosch. Their competence and capabilities to lead us are remarkable. And I am also grateful for those in the “trenches” - our thirty four volunteers who did the hard work of soliciting and asking for your commitments.

- Conrad Bertz
- John & Donna Breit
- Christine Colbrook
- Lexine Cramm
- Mary & Bob Cudney
- Leo Herz
- Barb Howell
- Eric Hubert
- Nancy & Tom Hulsebosch
- Helen Janicki
- Ron Jozwiak
- Sue & Rick Kadowaki
- Mary Ann & Jack Kenesey
- Roswitha Kist
- Tom Kramer
- Norbert Krogstad
- Steve Lundell
- Jane Murguia
- Bob & Mary Jane Novak
- Howard Pettinger
- Dick & Jane Samojsla
- Teresa Sloniewicz
- Connie West
- Mary Lou & Tom Wilhelm
- Rich & Mary Willer

Special thanks to Christina Moore, our Campaign Director representing the Archdiocese of Chicago and CCS Fundraising. Her guidance and expertise has been a blessing. For the past several months, Christina has been here twice a week—once to meet with our entire Committee and a second time to meet with me to plan and co-ordinate. And she is here this Commitment Weekend to help orchestrate it all.

If you made your pledge today and would like to have it honoring your loved ones, please fill out the dedication form found in this bulletin. Please know of my gratitude and the gratitude of our Campaign Volunteers and the gratitude of Cardinal Cupich as we head closer to our Parish goal of \$1,940,000.00! It is during this holiday season that our generosity is requested by everyone. And it is also during this time that we remember God’s many blessings upon us. And it is in the giving that we continue to receive God’s blessings.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. We welcome back today a current parishioner but now also a “new” - “old” pastoral staff member. Deacon Bill Karstenson has been re-appointed by Cardinal Cupich to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. He re-introduced himself at all of today’s Masses. We welcome back Deacon Bill and Sueann Karstenson, and we pray that God will continue to bless him as he and his wife, Sueann, minister to us.

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School

Tuesday, December 6

8:45am	Smiling Thru the Tears	MRC
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, December 7

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Women's 2011 CRHP	MRC
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

12:00pm	Hour of Grace	Church
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC

Friday, December 9

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA—D
6:30pm	RCIA Service Night	MRA / B
6:00pm	Santa's Workshop	RAC

Saturday, December 10

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
9:00am	Gift of Love Drop-off	RAC
7:00pm	CFM Meeting	RAC
7:00pm	Singles Game Night	MRA & B

Sunday, December 11

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

TODAY

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank you!
- **OPLATKI SALES** In the Gathering Area and Narthex after all Masses

UPCOMING

- **CHILI'S DINE-N-SHARE** All December (Page 10)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, December 5 at 1pm. Ladies Luncheon at Briana's Restaurant & Pancake House—154 W Northwest Hwy, Palatine. Call Lydia 847-496-7544
 - Wednesday, December 14 at 1:30pm. Christmas Luncheon at Palm Court—1912 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights. Call Maureen at 847-358-2586 for reservations or cancellations. Make checks payable to "Golden Villanovans."
- **SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS** Tuesday, December 6 (See below)
- **HOUR OF GRACE** Thursday, December 8 (Page 5)
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
 - OFFICERS MEETING: Monday, December 5—7:30pm at St. Theresa, Festle Room. For more info contact: Jim Arns grandknight4977@gmail.com
 - BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, December 11 from 7:45am—1pm at St. Theresa Lower Level of the Dolan Center
- **TO BE JOYFUL AGAIN** a non-denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness. Come, get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Elaine at 847-705-9886 or Debbie at 847-991-7327 for more information.
- **BAKE SALE—8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER** Next weekend (Page 10)

SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS

The holidays are coming! And they present a unique challenge to those who have lost loved ones. The grieving process gets more real and intense during these days as we celebrate the joys of Christmas but remember the sorrows of life. Join our grief group "Smiling Through the Tears" this Tuesday morning, December 6 at 8:15am as together we pray and share our holiday memories and grieve in a healthy way.



Also if you forgot to retrieve the picture of your loved one from our Tabernacle Chapel, please pick it up at the Parish Office.

Connie West, Director of Bereavement

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Hour of Grace

Thursday, December 8 Noon to 1:00pm in Church

Come and Visit Our Mother on Her Special Day as she requested during the “Mystical Rose” Apparitions In **Montichiori, Italy 1947-1966**. Our Lady said: “It is my wish that every year, on the 8th of December, at noon, the Hour of Grace for the World be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion. Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His overflowing mercy if good people will pray continuously for their sinful brother... it is my wish that the Hour of Grace for the World be made known and spread throughout the world. If anyone is unable to visit his church, yet will pray at home, he will also receive graces through me... will find a secure heavenly ladder and receive protection and grace through my motherly heart.”



ADVENT SPIRITUAL ON-LINE RESOURCES

There are many on-line resources available to inspire you during this Advent season. Take a look below and feel free to sign up for all of them!

- Dynamic Catholic: www.BestAdventEver.com
- Sisters of the Living Word: www.slw.org
- Bishop Barron—Word on Fire: adventreflections.com/sign-up-advent
- St. Joseph’s Home: www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org/advent2016
- Loyola Press: www.loyolapress.com/advent
- Liturgical Publications: go.4lpi.com/2016AdventReflections-signup.html
- Daughters of St. Paul: Pauline.leadpages.com/adventword/
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org/advent
- U.S. Catholics: www.uscatholics.org



OPLATKI

As we prepare ourselves during this season of Advent, we remember the traditional custom of sharing the Christmas wafer or Oplatki. Beginning today, Oplatki will be available for you after all the Masses in the Gathering Area and Narthex. We ask for a donation of \$3 for each package of two wafers. It is a great family custom to break bread together, especially on Christmas morning.



EYEsee EYEGLASS COLLECTION DRIVE

Next weekend, December 10/11, stop by the Gathering Area after all Masses to donate your old prescription and reading eyeglasses. Members from the EYEsee St. Viator High School chapter will be waiting to take your donation which will benefit the health missions in Asia, Pacific Islands, the Caribbean, Central America and Africa. Recycled eyeglasses can help thousands experience correct vision. Give the “gift of sight” to the poor!



CAROL-O-GRAMS

Sung by VOICES

Our High School Youth Group

Friday, December 16, 6 - 9pm
Palatine/Arlington Hts area ONLY!

\$7.00 per order



Carol-O-Grams are just like singing telegrams! Our VOICES Youth Group will personally carol to your friends, families, loved ones or any special someone who needs some Holiday Cheer. Proceeds will go towards expenses incurred from our weekend retreats. We will make every effort to deliver your Carol-O-Gram that night, going back as many times as we can throughout the night. Questions? Please call Jeff 847-358-6999 or email jeff@stvoices.org

Forms due to the **Parish Office**
by Wed, December 14th.

Please make checks payable to St. Thomas of Villanova / VOICES.

CAROL-O-GRAM FORM
PLEASE PRINT

To: _____

Street Address: _____

- PALATINE
- ARLINGTON HTS

Recipient’s Phone Number: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Parish Events

KAIROS OUTSIDE Prison Ministry

Kairos Outside is part of Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI). It supports the families of those who are behind prison walls by giving the women (mothers, wives, sisters, etc.) a special faith-filled and hope-generating weekend of unconditional love and God's healing grace. The next weekend will be presented on December 16-18.

You can support Kairos Outside by providing a "meal ticket". Each meal ticket is placed at a guest's table and represents not just your financial support but also a visible reminder of the larger Christian community that is praying for her and the other guests. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Please complete the form below using **FIRST NAMES ONLY** and send your check made payable to "KPMI" to KPMI, c/o Carol Prunty, P.O. Box 235, Amboy, IL 61310. (KPMI is a 501 (c)(3) organization.)

Thank you and God bless you!
Pat Fialek & Vera Muir, Parishioners

ILL. Kairos Outside #2



This meal provided by:

NAME:

CITY:

*A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved
you, so must you love one another.
John 13:34*

Dear St. Thomas,

There's a saying that 'home is where your heart is.' At the Masses on June 18 & 19, 2011, Sueann and I announced to St. Thomas, that after much prayer and discussion we had come to the decision to transfer my Diaconate responsibilities to St. Anne's in Barrington. The decision was extraordinary and difficult because St. Thomas was the only spiritual home I had ever known. St. Thomas is where, in 1991, I found Christ, attended CRHP. It is where I journeyed through RCIA and I was confirmed at Easter 1993. I was invited by the St. Thomas Fourth Day community to attend Cursillo. In late 1994, I attended Cursillo at Stone Park, and as a result, my understanding of what it meant to be a vital and active Christian was broadened beyond my imagination. I soon became both a Lector and Minister of Communion. In the spring of 1995, Sueann and I attended Marriage Encounter. We learned how Christ was at work in our marriage, and we became active in that ministry after my ordination. It was around Christmas time of 1996 that Fr. Ray asked me to consider the Diaconate. I couldn't believe that Fr. Ray and the Parish would consider me for the privilege of serving St. Thomas as a Deacon. During this time of my discovery and involvement, Sueann was heavily involved in CRHP as a Spiritual Director, shepherding a number of weekends, and also served as a Minister of Communion. During my Diaconate training, Sueann and I began a ministry to the seniors of our parish, which had a dozen parishioners working on different projects involving our seniors and their families. After my ordination in 2001, we expanded our involvement to include Baptism Preparation and Marriage Encounter, and I became a Spiritual Director for Cursillo.

I share all this to try and explain just how difficult it was to answer God's call to move to St. Anne. But the more I resisted, the more I knew that God wanted me there and, in the end, I had no choice. Although we moved as a deacon couple, we never left as parishioners. Sometime around February of this year, we were here at Mass. As it has happened in the past, this "thought" or voice inside my head said, "This is where you need to be. You need to come home." Again, I resisted, as I was now involved at St. Anne. But as before, this was a call I could not ignore, nor refuse; it was time to come home. So in August I stopped by the Sacristy after Mass and asked Fr. Tom if I could return. I'm not sure what reply I was expecting, but the one he gave me floored me when he asked, "When would you like to come back? Do you have a date in mind?" I said somewhere around the end of November, to which he replied, "Why wait so long?" That reply was very much a graced moment for me and gave me the jolt I needed to begin the process. It was October 26, 2016 when I received the news from Fr. Tom that everything was completed by the Archdiocese and by Cardinal Cupich, and I was officially home once again. It is with great joy that Sueann and I once again have the privilege to serve this Parish together.

*In Christ,
Deacon Bill & Sueann Karstenson*



2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget	\$ 521,400.00
YTD Actual	\$ 498,491.90
Over / Under	<i>(- \$ 22,908.10)</i>

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Nov 6	\$ 23,169.11	\$ 3,028.00	\$ 26,197.11	\$ 2,497.11
Nov 13	\$ 21,127.00	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 22,375.00	<i>(- \$1,325.00)</i>
Nov 20	\$ 18,268.26	\$2,088.00	\$ 20,356.26	<i>(-\$3,343.74)</i>
Nov 27	\$ 19,397.35	\$ 1,023.00	\$ 20,420.35	<i>(-\$3,279.65)</i>

THANK YOU!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, many of us can recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God’s mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests— were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service, sacrifice and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

On December 10-11, your parish will be conducting its appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have always led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. As not only a matter of justice to care for their needs, but also in thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Checks payable to St. Thomas of Villanova.
Write **“Religious Retirement Fund”** on the memo line.



GiveCentral ONLINE GIVING is a convenient way for St. Thomas of Villanova to receive your SSG support, as well as your Parish Christmas Gift, especially if you will be away for Christmas. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

You can donate to these funds:

- **Sunday Giving**
- **Parish Christmas Gift**
- **Christmas Flowers**
- **Sharing / Ministry of Care**
- **“To Teach Who Christ Is”**

How to sign up:

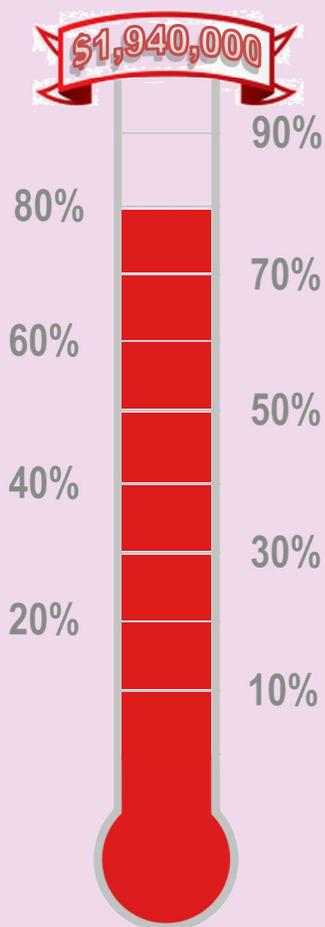
1. Go to www.givecentral.org
2. Click the **“START GIVING”** button.
3. Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture when it appears.
4. Choose a fund to which you would like to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click **“ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET.”**
5. You may click **“CHECKOUT”** at any time, or add more donations, if you wish.
6. When you are ready, click **“MY GIFT BASKET”** at the top of the page and verify your gifts.
7. Click **“CONTINUE,”** then **“COMPLETE PROFILE”** to register.
8. Complete the registration form, then click **“REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT.”**
9. **You’re registered!** You will receive a confirmation email from GiveCentral.

"To Teach Who Christ Is" Capital Campaign

"TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS"

UPDATE AS OF
12/4/16

Goal	\$ 1,940,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 1,543,865.00
% of Goal	80%
Parish Share	\$ 926,319.00
# of Pledges	296
Average Gift	\$ 5,215.76
# of Volunteers	34



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Pledges have been made to the "To Teach Who Christ Is" Campaign with the following dedications:

IN MEMORY OF

- ~ James Edward Adams
- ~ Terry Allen
- ~ Amelio & Cecilia Barbaro
- ~ Dominic Berta
- ~ Frank & Lois Bohling
- ~ Rosie Casarez
- ~ George Cooper
- ~ James G. Cramm
- ~ Nicholas M. Dahm
- ~ Ernest C. Day
- ~ Edward G. Dorn
- ~ Joe Farrell
- ~ Neal Farrell
- ~ Edward M. Filar
- ~ Robert J. Freel MD
- ~ The Hamlin Family
- ~ Betsy Hulsebosch
- ~ Dorothy & Leonard Kaminski
- ~ Erich V. Kist
- ~ George & Rosemary Kobler
- ~ Franciszek & Maria Kozera
- ~ Carmela Krogstad
- ~ Edward M. Leadley
- ~ Ann & James Lesh
- ~ Raymond Lynch
- ~ Lucy Madsen
- ~ Catherine Miosi
- ~ W. Thomas & Catherine Morris
- ~ John & Elizabeth Mulhern
- ~ Carlos R. Murguia
- ~ Joseph Murphy
- ~ Theresa O'Shea
- ~ Kimberley L. Pettinger
- ~ Deacon John Pistone
- ~ Dave Regan
- ~ Julia Rowinski
- ~ Father James J. Rowley
- ~ Patricia A. Running
- ~ Joseph & Helen Rzepiela
- ~ Ron Rzepiela
- ~ George & Shirley Serena Family
- ~ Witold Sloniewicz
- ~ Louise Sobczynski
- ~ Lorraine & Geroge Sokulski
- ~ Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Stricula
- ~ Peter & Victoria Stuscavage
- ~ STV Benefactors
- ~ STV Pastors
- ~ Joseph & Cecilia Sullivan
- ~ Ray & Elinore Ullmer
- ~ Father Francis Waldron
- ~ Father John Wall
- ~ The West Family
- ~ Ronald F. Wittmeyer Sr.
- ~ The Wonderly Family
- ~ Thomas & Mary Yadron
- ~ All the Priests & Nuns Who Were Influential in My Life

IN HONOR OF

- ~ Margaret Cooper
- ~ The Cooper Family
- ~ Kathleen M. Dahm
- ~ Lisa, Chris, Greg and Henry Entwistle
- ~ The Korbel & Gentile Families
- ~ The Richard Kunzweiler Family
- ~ The O'Shea Family
- ~ Father Thomas R. Rzepiela
- ~ George & Shirley Serena Family
- ~ STV Founding Families
- ~ Father Ray Yadron



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation



I wish to make my pledge....

In memory of:

In honor of:

Signature(s): _____ **Date:** _____

Pastor: _____ **Date:** _____

Our School

CHILI'S DINE-N-SHARE... All December!



BRING THIS VOUCHER WHEN YOU VISIT
(DINE IN OR TO GO) THE CHILI'S LOCATION
IDENTIFIED BELOW AND **15%** OF YOUR
PRE-TAX PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT:

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL

Group/Charity

12/1/16 - 12/31/16

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only.
Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

Arlington Heights & Kildeer Locations

Chili's Locations

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*From the
Principal's Desk*

Our *Gift of Love Chains* brought in over \$900.00 to contribute to the Parish's Gift of Love program. Although the 8th Graders win for most money raised in this contest, we all can feel like winners for helping those in need during Christmas.

Time for another contest! We will continue the tradition begun last year with decorating our classroom doors. Pictures of the doors will be posted on the STV Facebook page. Starting Wednesday, December 7, you can "like" your favorite door(s). The decorations receiving the most "likes" will win a prize!

We are genuinely sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Sue Sloma. Mrs. Sloma helped us in the pre-kindergarten class as an aide. While her heart is here where she spent so many years as an aide, she left for a full time position that offers her benefits. We will see Sue back here for different occasions, though. Best of luck, Sue!

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

Happy Advent,
Mary Brinkman

FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER WRAP-UP NEWS

Our 4th Annual Bear's Football Fund Raiser held on November 13, at Durty Nelly's was a huge success. We raised over \$12,000, all of which will be used to further help the kids of St. Thomas of Villanova School. Thank you to all who attended, donated auction and raffle items and helped with the event. We hope you had a good time.



BAKE SALE—Next Weekend

Our 8th Grade Class is hosting their last Bake Sale to help fundraise for the Washington DC Trip this upcoming school year. Please stop by and support the 8th graders next weekend—December 10 /11—at their Bake Sale in the Gathering Area after Mass! There will be plenty of holiday treats for all! **Free-will donation.**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please come, pray and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:00pm—Children's Liturgy

* Children's Choir & Brass Ensemble

5:00pm—English Mass

* Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble

10:00pm—English Mass

* Cantors & Brass Ensemble

Midnight—Polish Mass

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:30am—English Mass

* Cantors & Brass Ensemble

11:30am—English Mass

* Adult Choir & Brass Ensemble

1:30pm—Polish Mass

Singing and caroling will begin 15 minutes before English Masses.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 10 / 11

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Martin Luboyera	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Ray Yadron	Visiting Priest
DEACON	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon John Breit Deacon Jon Thorson	Deacon Tom Dunne	
HOMILY	Fr. Martin Luboyera	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Deacon Jon Thorson	Fr. Ray Yadron	Visiting Priest
LECTORS	Maureen Treanor Dennis Young	Bonnie Fennig Jim Hajost	Joseph Tran Randy Schappert	Ray Savich Chanelle Savich	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Marilyn Marturano Mary Bragiel Larry Coco Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Mick Lasiewicz Sharon Lasiewicz Jean Pope Sharon Reiber	Sueann Karstenson Mark Orr Carole Parsons Mila Quiaoit Sarah Rauon Gay Sladky Bob Slanicky Lori Smith Rita Snyder Bob Stanek	Donna Breit Leo Herz Cindy Kane Roswitha Kist Paula Logsdon Steve Lundell Stacy McCluskey Andrea Nalywajko Theresa Narantic Jackie Nogle	Jeanie Landeweer Jill Lott Joyce Miller Tom Nolan Carol O'Shea Brian O'Shea Sheila O'Shea Sandy Peterson Howard Pettinger	
SERVERS	Josh Hulsebosch Konrad Malik Mia Martino	Maura McGarvey John Mephram Sarah Mephram	Ian Cameron Tyler Murphy Michael Nix	Kelly O'Shea Kathy Palmowski	
GREETERS	M G N Bob & Nancy Bachmann Pat & Maureen Driscoll Judy Gott	Dona Andersen Karen Froelich T & M Greener	Marilyn Marturano B Murphy & B Dalton Theresa Narantic	Lynn Hass John & Jan Harahan T & N Hulsebosch	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Richard Acton;
 Intention for Seminarian
 Andy Matijevec

Tuesday, December 6

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Teodozja Orlowski;
 † Whitney Lawniczak

Wednesday, December 7

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Tom Digan;
 † Lorraine & George Sokulski;
 † Dorothy & Leonard Kaminski

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of Mary

6:30am Mass—ENGLISH
 8:00am † Susorney Family Members;
 † Lorraine & George Sokulski;
 † Dorothy & Leonard Kaminski

12:00pm Hour of Grace

6:00pm Mass—ENGLISH

7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Friday, December 9

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Patrick Dolphin;
 † Lois Lawson;
 † Beatrice Miller;
 † Harry Schaefer

7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, December 10

8:00am † David Sladky;
 † Edith Hoffmann
 5:00pm † Nicholas Dahm
 All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 11

7:30am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
 9:30am † Raymond Eme; † Terry Allen;
 † Ed & Bobann Johnson;
 † Michael Barrett;
 † Irene Newton
 11:15am † Lois Lawson; † Marie Kay;
 † Philip Tisdall;
 † George Cooper
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Leonardo Reign Guzman Colella
Cal James Paulson
Luke Steven Paulson

Karmen Piazza
Maeve Emery Reilly
Max Daniel Sutkowski

FOR OUR SICK

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

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
- 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
- LCPL James N. Wyant

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
- SGT Thomas Grygowski



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Husband
 THOMAS DIGAN On His Birthday

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Alice Cooney

~ Wife of John Cooney

† George Cooper

~ Father of Sheila O'Shea

† Dorothy Nanak

DAILY READINGS

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|---|---|
| • Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26 | • Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19 |
| • Tue: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14 | • Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |
| • Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30 | • Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11 |
| • Thu: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 | |

II Niedziela Adwentu – Prostujcie ścieżki

Dokładamy wysiłku, częstokroć wielkiego, by zdjąć brudne firany, dywany, obrusy. A czy znajdziemy czas, by zrobić rachunek sumienia, wzbudzić szczery żal za grzechy i pójść do spowiedzi? Prostota stylu życia Jana Chrzciciela przyciągała uwagę będąc atrakcyjna dla wielu ludzi, którzy przychodzili, by przyjąć u niego chrzest nawrócenia, zostawiając w wodzie brud swojego serca. Oni zrozumieli, że nadchodzi czas mesjańskiego pokoju. Ten czas nadchodzi także i dla nas...

Głos wołającego na pustyni



‘W owym czasie wystąpił Jan Chrzciciel i głosił na Pustyni Judzkiej te słowa: Nawróćcie się, bo bliskie jest królestwo niebieskie...’
Jan Chrzciciel utożsamiał się całkowicie z życiem i misją Jezusa. Ewangelista Mateusz odnosi do niego słowa Izajasza, nazywając go ‘głosem wołającego na pustyni’ (por. Iz 40, 3nn). Jest to głos inny, szczególny, niezwykły, bo wzywa do prostowania ścieżek Panu. I jest to głos skuteczny. Do Jana przychodziły tłumy ludzi, prosząc o chrzest i pytając: ‘cóż mamy czynić...’ (Łk 3, 10). Co zatem takiego szczególnego w Janie

przyciągało ludzi?

Jan prowadził surowy, ascetyczny, wręcz szorstki tryb życia. Żył poza cywilizacją i kulturą, jak Beduini, na pustyni, ‘nosił odzienie z sierści wielbłądziej i pas skórzany około bioder, a jego pokarmem była szarańcza i miód leśny’ (Mt 3,4). Jan nie dba o wygodę i lekkie życie. Jest przeciwieństwem Heroda żyjącego w pałacach.

Prostota i autentyczność życia znalazły wyraz w nauczaniu. Jan głosił słowo w sposób surowy. Nie liczy się z wrażliwością odbiorców. Wobec szanowanych w społeczeństwie faryzeuszów jest ostry, wręcz napastliwy. Jan nie zabiega o niczyją sympatię. Mówi to, co czuje. W swoich wystąpieniach nie czuje się od nikogo zależny. Jest wolny wewnątrz. Nie skupia uwagi na sobie, nie chce być podziwiany, nie wywołuje sensacji, nie interesuje go wielkość, nie dąży do sukcesu, prestiżu. Swoją misję rozumie jako ‘umniejszanie’. Wskazuje Jezusa i umniejsza się, by On ‘mógł wzrastać’. Nie przesłania Jezusa sobą, ale schodzi na bok, by zrobić miejsce Innemu. Stwierdza pokornie, że za Nim idzie ‘Mocniejszy’, któremu nie jest godny nosić sandałów. Pokora Jana jest jego wielkością. Jest on głęboko świadomy swojego miejsca i swojej misji w życiu.

Postawa i życie Jana mogą być bodźcem do refleksji nad naszym przeżywaniem Adwentu.

Jesteśmy nieustannie bombardowani przez ‘głosy świata’: reklamy, zysku, sukcesu, sprytu, kalkulacji, komfortu, przyjemności, politycznych haseł... By nie zagubić się w ich bełkotce, musimy jak Jan, ‘odsunąć się na pustynię’. A wyjść na pustynię, oznacza oderwać się od codziennej rzeczywistości, zabiegania, niepokoju, nabrać dystansu do codziennych zmartwień, lęków... By móc dawać dobro duchowe innym trzeba być samemu napełnionym Bogiem, a nie jest to możliwe bez ciszy, modlitwy, kontemplacji Boga w samotności.

‘Pustynia w Adwencie’ jest potrzebna, by uczyć się żyć i mówić ‘innym głosem’; głosem Ewangelii, miłosierdzia i miłości. Jest potrzebna, by ‘wydać owoce godne nawrócenia’; czyli ‘zmienić myślenie, mentalność’, przede wszystkim ‘nawrócić myśli’, czyli uwolnić je od rozproszenia, od nadmiernej troski o siebie i o własne interesy, a skierować ku Bogu.

‘Pustynia w Adwencie’ jest potrzeba również, by uczyć się pokory. Bez niej nie ma autentycznego i głębokiego życia duchowego. Jest raczej pycha, zrozumiałość, arogancja, poniżanie innych, dążenie do sukcesu po trupach, albo ‘fałszywa pokora’, kompleksy i niedzrowe poniżanie siebie.

Jakich ‘głosów’ słucham w codzienności? Jakim ‘głosem’ jestem ja? Jakie miejsce w tym Adwencie będzie moją ‘pustynią...?’ Co w moim myśleniu wymaga zmiany? Jaki jest owoc mojego nawrócenia? Czego jeszcze nie akceptuję w moim życiu? A czego nie doceniam?

Rekolekcje Adwentowe

Niedziela 11. Grudnia, godz. 1:30PM
Poniedziałek 12. Grudnia, godz. 7:00PM
Wtorek 13. Grudnia, godz. 7:00PM

Spowiedź rekolekcyjno – świąteczna

Niedziela 18. Grudnia, godz. 2:30PM – 5:00PM

INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA

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

MSZE ŚW.

Parafia Świętego Tomasza z Villanova zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.
Msze św. w jęz. polskim—niedziela: 1:30pm; Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30 do 7:15pm, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.

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

SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA

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

SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Niedziela 12:45pm- 1:15pm.

SAKRAMENT NAMASZCZENIA CHORYCH

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

RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA

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

KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ

Poniedziałek—Czwartek: 9:00 am—8:00pm
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Sobota: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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