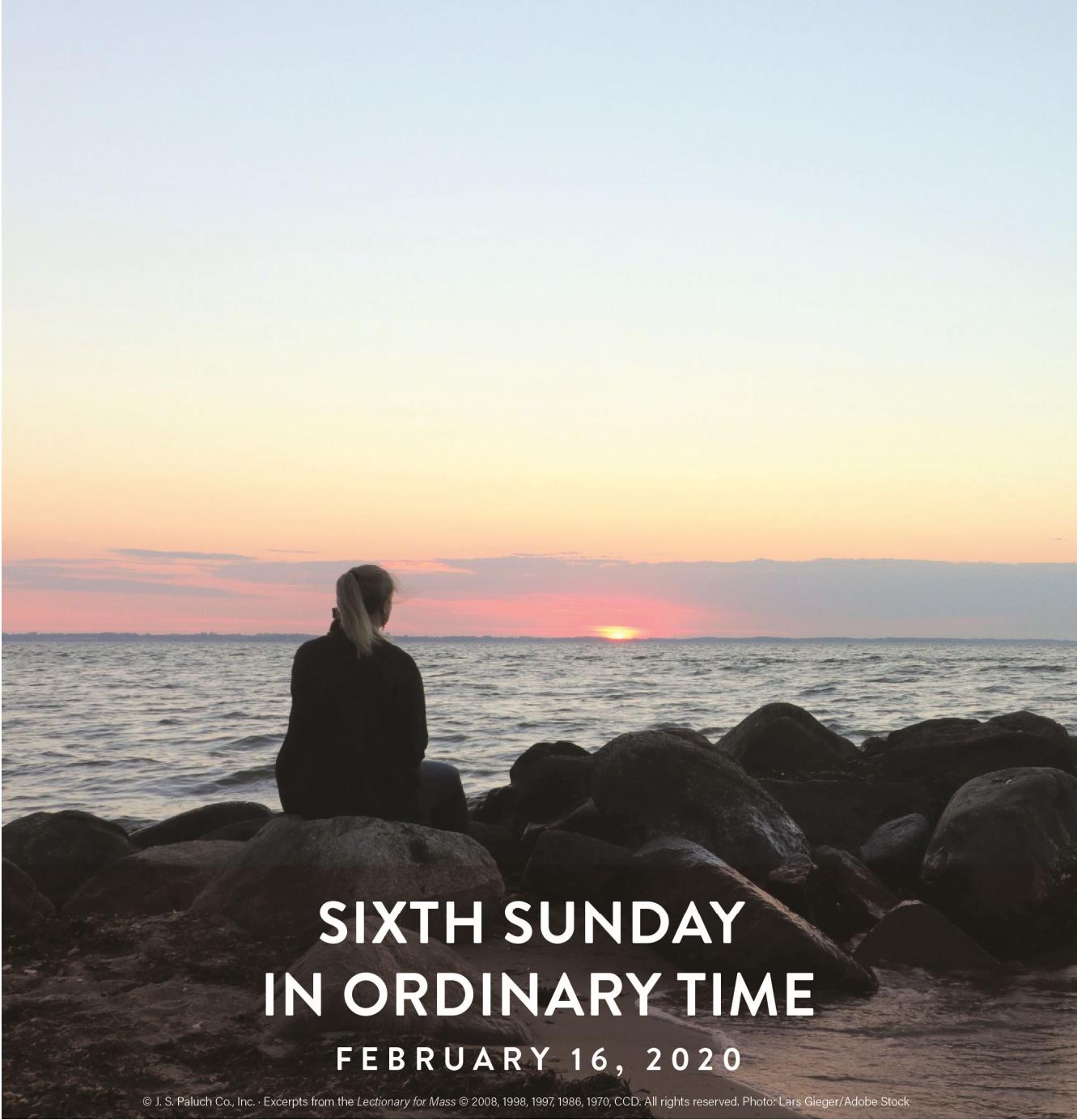


**AMEN I SAY TO YOU,
UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER
OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.**

MATTHEW 5:18



**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday **6:30am Communion Service**
on Tue, Thu, Fri. (Church open
at 6:30am on Mon & Wed.)
8:00am Mass (Including Sat.)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferably 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 Class: Feb 24, Mar 10 & Apr 8.*

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

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

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

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

PARISH OFFICE

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Rev. Ray Yadron, Pastor Emeritus

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Deacon Mark Duffey
Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano
Deacon Rich Willer

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Bulletin deadlines: Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.



If you need a hearing device, please ask an usher.



Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel is one which can cause a lot of confusion for many of us – if we read it literally. But it is not meant to be read in this fashion. Jesus takes three evil acts - adultery, murder and perjury - and restates them in a radical way. In fact, so radical that most of us would admit we have broken them. For sure, we would avoid adultery but who has not looked at another person with lust? Few have committed murder, but who has not despised some other person, calling him a fool? While not guilty of perjury who has never misled some other person? Jesus is certainly NOT telling us to tear out our eyes or to cut off our hands. What Jesus is calling for is a radical way of life. Yes, He's nearly asking the impossible! But there are some people who make choices which cause the rest of us to look on in wonder, even amazement and sometimes admiration. Many martyrs come to my mind right now. Not too long ago I had read the book "Silence", and since then I have also seen the movie version. It's about some Jesuit missionaries and aid workers in Japan who leave aside the comforts of life to walk with the poor. They are in the frontline. Theirs is a radical choice to put others first.

We are also called to this radical way of life. And we can respond! How?

St. Therese once said that all she wanted to do on earth was to do the ordinary things extraordinarily well. Can't you start there? But, in fact, many of us are already doing that – the single parent doing their best to raise their children; the unemployed woman or man who gets involved in some voluntary work to help others in need; the mother or father who washes, cleans and cooks every day so that the family members are looked after -- the list is endless. You're already doing it to some degree, so you're already responding to Jesus' invitation to build God's kingdom on earth. No matter what I do (or fail to do), there are consequences. What I must do each day is to make sure that anything I do or say does not have bad consequences. Sometimes it's as simple as keeping my mouth shut and not passing on that bit of gossip I've heard about a neighbor. What was it someone once said: 'if you can't say something good about someone, say nothing'?

But there is one particular admonition in the Gospel today which we might look at in a closer way, especially at this time in our history: "I say to you that the one who is angry with their brother or sister will be liable to judgment." Anger is the source of so much evil in our world. If it is not dealt with properly it can lead to hatred. How many times have we read in the newspapers of a trial where the accused expresses remorse for their actions because it was done in the heat of anger? There is a righteous anger. Jesus himself was sometimes angry about bad things He saw, but He was always in control of it. And He used that feeling, not to react and do bad, but to inspire Himself to try to make the situation better. And that might be a lesson to us in our present situation. We must not just remain angry but must look for ways to bind it for the better. It's not for me to tell you how to do it. Each of us must decide what we think is best. But I have no doubt that if we bind our anger in a positive way – and not just remain in the 'angry state' – we will be better able to deal with our individual difficulties and also help to improve things for all of us.

Let's pray that all of us will take up Jesus' invitation to a radical way of life and show forth to the world His power at work in us. Amen.

Fr. Kris



Image by Fr. Kris Janczak

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

7:45am	Blood Drive	RAC
9:40am	Children's Liturgy	MRD
7:00pm	Volleyball—POLISH	RAC
7:00pm	VOICES Coffeehouse	TR

Monday, February 17

2:30pm	School Musical Rehearsal	RAC
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, February 18

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRD
2:30pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 19

2:30pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-in	RAC/TR
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Evangelization Team	MRC
7:00pm	Women's Club Steering Committee Meeting	MRA
7:00pm	STV School Parent Mtg	VH
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, February 20

2:30pm	School Musical Rehearsal	RAC
6:00pm	Church Decorating	Church
6:00pm	Women's Club Guild 1	GA
7:00pm	English Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, February 21

9:00am	STV Scripture Study	MRA—D
4:00pm	Pre-Lenten Fish Fry	RAC

Saturday, February 22

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
9:00am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
10:30am	Confirmation	Church

Sunday, February 23

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy	MRD
10:30am	TLC—The Linked Cot	MRC
7:00pm	Volleyball—POLISH	RAC

TODAY

- **BLOOD DRIVE** 7:45am—1:15 in the Rowley Activity Center
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** In the Gathering Area & Narthex
- **STV SCHOOL LOTTERY TICKET SALES** In the Gathering Area
- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**—Commitment Weekend
- **VOICES COFFEEHOUSE** From 7pm—9pm in the Teen Room (Page 5)

UPCOMING

- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Wednesday, February 26 at 1pm. Group Lunch at Café 14—300 N Northwest Hwy, Palatine.
 - Monday, March 2 at 1pm. Ladies Lunch at Brandt's—807 Northwest Hwy, Palatine.
- **PRE-LENTEN FISH FRY** Friday, February 21 (Page 8)
- **TLC—THE LINKED COT** Sunday, February 23 (Page 5)
- **COME AS YOU ARE** Starting the week of February 23 (Page 5)
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Sunday, Feb. 23 at St. Theresa Parish (Page 9)
- **WOMEN'S PINOCHLE CLUB** Monday, February 24 from 1pm—4pm in MRD. Pinochle players invited or anyone willing to learn. Bring \$1.00 and your own beverage. Snacks and water available. For more information, call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999.
- **VOICES—SERVICE NIGHT AT FMSC** Monday, February 24 (Page 5)
- **LENTEN—STV SCRIPTURE STUDY** Starting in March (Page 5)
- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION** March 15, 16 & 17 (Page 5)

HELP WANTED—ENGLISH/POLISH SPEAKING ADMIN. ASSISTANT

The Parish Office is seeking a bilingual speaking (English / Polish) administrative assistant to work at the front desk on Fridays for the Parish Office.

Skills needed:

- Excellent communication in both the Polish and English language (verbal, written and phone)
- Microsoft Office 365
- General office operations

8 Hours per week: Friday from 9am—5pm

Submit your resume/CV to: Deacon John Breit: jbreit@stov.org or Father Kris: fatherkris@stov.org

Call the Parish Office for a full job description or visit www.stov.org.

TLC—THE LINKED COT

After a short break and an encounter with a woman who ministers to the homeless, I am refreshed and ready to begin this ministry again. I truly understand the importance of this on so many levels. TLC is going to begin again on **Sunday, February 23 from 10:30am—noon in MRC**. We lovingly crochet sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery bags. No experience needed. This is a great service project for students also. You don't have to crochet to join us. You can help us cut plastic grocery bags too. It's easy, great time for fellowship, and did I mention you are serving Jesus ultimately? Stay for a little while or the entire time. I planned it so you can attend Mass before TLC too! We will meet every 4th Sunday of the month. Can't wait to meet you! Bring a friend and some plastic grocery bags to get us going!

Questions? Call the Parish Office 847-358-6999.



STV SCRIPTURE STUDY

Are You Looking for a Lenten program to deepen your experience of Lent this year?



Join St. Thomas Scripture Study for: NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

A 5-Week Study by Dr. Edward Sri

\$28 per person

This study will be offered on three different days and times:

1. Friday mornings from 9:30am—11:15am beginning March 6
2. Saturday mornings from 8:45am—10:30am beginning March 7
3. Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm—8:45pm beginning March 10

To register: Contact Nancy Hulsebosch

nhulsebosch@gmail.com or 847-757-5630

VOICES EVENTS—For High Schoolers

- ◆ **Coffeehouse:** Tonight from 7pm—9pm in the Teen Room. Please join us for a night of discussing God, life and current topics while enjoying a drink you'd find in your favorite coffee shop!
- ◆ **Feed My Starving Children—Service Night:** Monday, February 24 meet in the Teen Room at 7pm, back by 10pm. This is a fun and rewarding way to help those who are hungry in countries around the world. Please RSVP so we can make proper arrangements for transportation. Email Jeff at jeff@stvoices.org.
- ◆ **Drop-In:** Every Wednesday from 4pm—9pm in the Teen Room / RAC. Come hang out, meet new people, play games in the gym, do homework, listen to music... you get the idea!

For more info: jeff@stvoices.org / www.stvoices.org



STV Youth Group



OLD PALMS FOR ASHES

Last year's palms will be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Next weekend, place your old palms in baskets that will be in the Narthex and Gathering Area. Palms will be burned on Monday, February 24 at 9am in front of our school. All are welcome!

COME AS YOU ARE

"Come As You Are" small, faith groups will start the week of **February 23** and will continue for all 6 weeks of Lent. There is even one group that meets year round! The "Come As You Are" groups read the upcoming Sunday's scriptures, discuss questions about the readings and ways to apply the readings to your life. Groups meet:

- Monday evenings
- Tuesday afternoons
- Wednesday evenings

If you were part of a group, your leader will call you. If interested in joining a group, contact the Parish Office at 847-358-6999.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?

- March 15, 16 & 17
- 7pm—8pm in the Church
- Presented by Rev. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A.

Respect Life Essays



STV School 7th and 8th grade students participated in an essay contest about Respect Life. The topic question was: How is every child born a gift and a blessing to humanity despite the challenges? Below are the winning essays and some excerpts from other essays. STV should be very proud of their commitment to a be a Pro-Life Parish!

Every child is a gift to this world. Whether the child is tall, short, athletic, musical, disabled, the list goes on, they should have the chance to live. If they are conceived on accident or planned, they were made for a purpose, and should have the chance to pursue their purpose in life. I wake up every day so very grateful that I get even one more chance to breathe, walk, smile, laugh, so we should let every child experience those feelings the Heavenly Father gifted them. God never makes anything on mistake so as Christians we should let his plan live!

Not every child has siblings, but those who do should be so awfully grateful for them. It may be hard at times to love them like you should, but you have someone who's got your back, looks out for you, and helps you. I have one brother and at times he can get on my nerves which is normal but I look up to him. I cherish our laughs, acts of kindness to each other, and so much more! That's a great example why you should let every child live because I honestly don't know what I would do without my brother.

Children are extremely important to society. Take for example your favorite sports player, musician, etc. If they never got the chance of life, they would never impact your life, then maybe you would never know your talent. Another example is professions, specifically doctors and scientists. Your child could be a doctor, or scientist to have the cure to many deadly diseases. If they never got the chance to live, many others would suffer. The point being one life can impact millions, and maybe that one life would be your child.

As stated before every single child is a gift. Children are so very precious and deserve the chance to live as God wants them to. It's nobody's job but Gods to take a life so we need to do our part in keeping it that way. "Let it grow, let it grow!" As Dr. Suess would say, but in this case "Let it live, let it live!"

— **1st PLACE:** Kara Rady, 7th Grade

Every child who is born into this world has the potential to be something great and do something life changing. It is a shame that people want to just basically throw away a life that could be something great in the future. In 2015 a total of 638,169 reported legal abortions happened and every year in the world there are 40-50 million abortions, meaning around 125,000 a day.

Life is very important in any family, without the people around you in your family, you probably wouldn't be the person who you are today. Like my little brother and my two older siblings, I probably wouldn't be who I am today. My older siblings teach me how to be a better person and how to be more successful in life in the future. Without my little brother, I would be bored most of the time because we are mostly by ourselves because our mom works at night.

Every child is very important to society. Without children in this world, the world would be very different. Without children in this world, a lot of adults would not have jobs because there are a lot of jobs out there that help children. Jobs, like teachers, have a lot to do with children like teaching them and preparing them for their future life. Children also can help adults learn about things like new technology.

In conclusion, children are a very special gift to this world. They could grow up to be someone special in the world. They could even change one person's life, or the whole world. They are the future for the world.

— **2nd PLACE:** Jose Rodriguez

Each boy or girl is born to accomplish something important in their lifetime that will help the community. We should respect and appreciate each little boy and girl in this world today, as we don't know what they are going to do to hep the world around us. — Amelia Dzieza, 7th Grade

God gave everyone a journey to follow, a journey that is right, challenging, and has meaning. God gave us the gift of life, the gift of free will to make our own decisions, but the question is will we make the right one? — Jack Castelli, 8th Grade

There is a quote from Mother Teresa that says, "It's the greatest poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." — Lauren Scianna, 7th Grade

If anyone thinks life starts when they are born, they are wrong. For anyone who doesn't believe me, think about it this way. A life starts and ends with a heartbeat. A baby is usually born 9 months after conception, but a heartbeat starts 6 1/2—7 weeks after conception. That means life starts in the womb. Each child is a gift and important. — Johnny Pellittiere, 8th Grade

Life is a sacred blessing that is given to all people. Every child is born a gift and a blessing to humanity despite the challenges such as homelessness, poverty, divorce, disabilities, depression and other challenges. — Brianna Holmes, 7th Grade

Life is a gift from God and He has a plan for all of us. If new life is abandoned, they will have a hard time fulfilling God's plan. Life is precious and should be cared and loved for always. — Hayden Sanchez, 7th Grade



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #4977



A Knight to Remember?

Dear Friends,

I am sure that most of you have heard of, or even have seen, the members of the Knights of Columbus. You would see them during special liturgical celebrations processing in their uniforms or regalia before the bishop or the priest. Yes, part of their mission is to assist during special Masses and events in our local churches, but this obviously is not the main call of a member of the Knights of Columbus. "The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place and supporting their Church through charitable work. With nearly two million members worldwide, it is the largest Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to service." Below you will find more information regarding this wonderful organization, written by Grand Knight Bob Novak, so I don't want to repeat that information. I only want to encourage you to make yourself more familiar with the Knights of Columbus, read about them and perhaps even become a member. Our church needs people who would offer their time and talents to others through different organizations. The Knights is one of those great organizations. - Fr. Kris Janczak, Pastor

As my term as Grand Knight of Palatine's top-performing Holy Ghost Council journeys through its final months, I am called to reach out to our Catholic men and their families. I hope you had the opportunity to read a recent article entitled "Renewal and Commitment". That article acknowledged the continuing crisis threatening our Catholic families, our Catholic church and the resultant need for change within the Knights of Columbus. You also read that the Knights are determined to support our Catholic Faith through the moral works of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – the 3 principles of the Knights. Finally, you read that a new, streamlined initiation ceremony has been introduced to respond to today's environment. This dynamic new 35-minute ceremony has been tailored to today's men, especially young men with families, while staying true to the Knight's principles. Importantly, the new ceremony is fully transparent. All are invited to attend. The new ceremony presents a fuller and richer understanding of who the Knights are; what the Knights stand for; and what the Knights are called to be.

On Saturday, February 29th, the Knights of Columbus will be presenting this exciting initiation ceremony after the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa Church. Following the short ceremony will be a reception of cake, cookies and refreshment. All are welcome! Our Knights of Columbus Chaplain and Pastor Fr. Tim Fairman will lead the assembly in opening and closing prayers.

To the Catholic men of our Parish: This weekend is the Knight's opportunity to share our energy, excitement and experience with the Knights. Volunteers have assembled in the gathering spaces to say hello, answer your questions and invite you to join our charitable order. We truly appreciate an opportunity to tell you why we joined the Knights and share our story and experiences. Will you allow us a little time? Those 5 or 10 minutes could be among the most important of your week. :)

Finally, to the wonderful wives, moms, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, cousins and friends of Catholic men. If you have heard your loved one speak of joining the Knights but, like most men, has his list of reasons why today is not the right time – your encouragement is truly needed! The fact is that many of our Knights have needed that extra reassurance and support from a loved one to take that step to the Knights. Dear ladies - your participation and support is invaluable. Please join us in discussion in the Gathering Space - today!

Thank you! Bob Novak grandknight4977@gmail.com



Fish Fry Alert!



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Six (6) Friday Fish Frys 4:00 to 7:00 PM

St. Thomas of Villanova Rowley Center

1201 East Anderson Drive, Palatine IL 60074 / 847-358-6999

Dinner includes: Fried Cod, Fried Shrimp (add'l charge), Pizza, Salad, Cole Slaw, Beverages and Yummy Desserts

CASH or CREDIT

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS

Per person \$10.00 Family 4 or more \$28.00

Ages 5 – 12 \$5.00

Ages 1 – 4 ***FREE***

Money in short supply? Enjoy a Fish Dinner on the Knights!

6 Fridays:

Feb 21

Mar 6

Mar 13

Mar 20

Mar 27

Apr 3

Net Fundraising Proceeds for the Benefit of:

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

Aid for Women

Little Sisters of the Poor / St. Joe's Home

St. Thomas of Villanova School

St. Theresa School

Combined Parish Respect Life Team

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2019 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$21,400.00
Feb 2	\$ 23,021.27	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 24,959.27	\$ 3,559.27
Feb 9	\$ 16,243.53	\$ 2,663.00	\$ 18,906.53	(\$ 2,493.47)
Feb 16				
Feb 23				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 684,800.00
YTD Actual	\$ 660,813.08
Over / (Under)	(\$ 23,986.92)

THANK YOU!

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me... and heal our world," was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus' call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund Ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

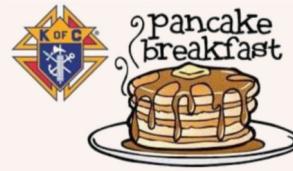
Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ST. PAT / ST. JOE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

After 16 years, the St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser has ended. It served our Parish generously for many years. As our volunteer pool dwindled, it became apparent and necessary to pause and regroup our efforts. So, we are entertaining many ideas to both raise funds for our Parish and encourage community fellowship. *Have a fundraiser idea? Email fatherkris@stov.org.*

2019 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generous donations during 2019! To help you prepare for your taxes, 2019 donation statements will be available starting January 31, 2020. Just stop by the Parish Office and pick it up. If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 or email your request to: soshea@stov.org and put "2019 Statement" in the subject line. Thank you, again, for your continued support of our Parish!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast to support the St. Theresa Teen LIFT Youth Ministry Program.

- **Date:** Sunday, February 23
- **Time:** 8am—1pm
- **Place:** St. Theresa Parish, Lower Dolan Center—455 N Benton Street
- **Price:** \$8 per person; \$25 for a family of four; \$5 for ages 5—12; FREE for ages 1—4. Money in short supply? Enjoy breakfast on the Knights!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council #4977 serving Palatine's St. Thomas and St. Theresa Parishes
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Our STV School

From the Principal's Desk

Our 8th graders will receive their Confirmation on Saturday, February 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers. They have been studying and reflecting on this Sacrament since the beginning of 7th grade. God bless you, 8th graders!

Tax Credit Scholarship opportunities are still out there. Please apply, if needed. Also, please continue to get the word out to potential donors!

There is so much going on in our Science classes at the school. Our new STEM Smithsonian Science curriculum is fantastic, with exciting and intellectually stimulating experiments in grades K – 8. Our Science Projects at Open House were very professional! Ten of our students are going to State Regional Competition on March 7th at Niles North. The winners of the Strongest Tower competition the night of Open House was Conner Neff and Jose Aguilar Rodriguez. Their tower held 25 pounds. Johnny Pellettire, Michael Kaczor, and Jack Castelli won the tallest tower honors. Their structure was 3 meters high. The connectors for these projects were designed and modified by these students using our new 3D printer. Thanks, FOSTOVS, for donating this to our students! Thanks, Mrs. McGarvey, for all your time and effort you give towards our science program.

Our 4th grade class concluded their 50 States Projects with a delicious luncheon this past Monday. Food representing each state was part of the luncheon. Thanks, Mrs. Shepke, for hosting this event.

Finally, Save-the-Date... **MAY 2ND – KENTUCKY DERBY DAY – FOR OUR TRIVIA NIGHT, 2020.** Reserve a table now. Call the School Office 847-358-2110 for more information!

God Bless,
Mary Brinkman

STV SCHOOL LOTTERY (TICKETS—Sold after Mass TODAY!)

A tradition since 1977—Still only \$10 a ticket! 1st drawing of the year will be March 15, 2020. Stub not required to win. Winners' checks will be automatically mailed to winners each month. No time to stop after Mass? Stop in the Parish Office to buy your lottery tickets. OR return your completed sample ticket (BELOW) with payment to the School or Parish Office or put in the collection baskets at Mass. An official ticket will be mailed to you.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STV—Family School Association, please.

Proceeds provide funds for the needs of the school not covered by tuition.

Name	Address	Phone	Bulletin Ad	Sold by	Date
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**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
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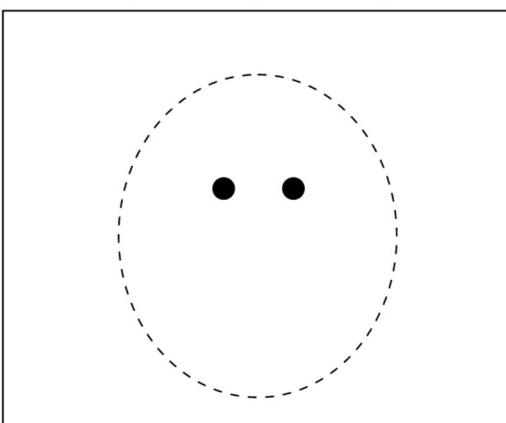
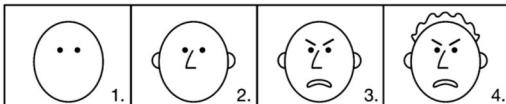


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Teachings from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Be careful
when you are angry.

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What else did Jesus say?

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first and last letters in "sorry"
first and fifth letters in "yellow"
first 3 letters of "measure"
first and third letters of "part"
first and last letters of "loan"
first, third and last letters of "lion"

" _____
_____, _____
_____, _____
_____ ' _____, ' _____; anything
beyond this comes from the _____ one."



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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17

8:00am † Andy Kist

Tuesday, February 18

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Ray & Irene McNamee

Intention for Rich Willer

Intention for Joseph Suchowski

Wednesday, February 19

8:00am Intention for Rey Bae

Thursday, February 20

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Allen Huber

Friday, February 21

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Kathleen Scollard

† Pablo & Salud Eugenio

† Adlore & Marion Trudell

7:00pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, February 22

8:00am † Cletus Koetterhagen

10:30am Confirmation

5:00pm † Dave Regan

† Paul Fullmer

Sunday, February 23

7:30am † Mary Harrold

† Marie Ohlson

† Edgardo Sazon

9:30am † Jeff Sparks

† Andy Kist

† Elaine Holz

† Dale Craven

11:15am † Marie Kay

† Tom Yadron

Intention for Tim & Kathleen

Matchen

1:30pm Mass—POLISH



FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton

Barbara Amato

Lisa Antonelli

Baby Aubrey

Richard Barnes

Alex Bingham

Carmen Cline

Jason Dean

Mary Depies

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Jam jest Pan Bóg twój, którym cię wywiódl z ziemi egipskiej, z domu niewoli.

Pwt 5, 6



VI NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Miłość istotą Prawa Bożego

Oprócz dziesięciu przykazań otrzymanych od Boga Izraelici mieli sześćset trzynaście innych wymyślonych przez siebie. Jezus nie mnoży i nie intensyfikuje przepisów, nie nakłada ciężarów, lecz zachęca do odkrycia istoty Prawa, która jest miłość. Nie zabijaj, nie cudzołóż, nie przysięgaj fałszywie. Wobec tych zaleceń Ojca Jezus wskazuje, że oprócz zewnętrznych czynników są wewnętrzne motywacje serca. Inni ich nie widzą, ale Bóg tak... Pogardzając innymi, pożądając ich, odrzucając współmałżonka, mówiąc fałszywie o innych, pozwalamy, by grzech opanował nasze serce, a wtedy od grzesznych pragnień do czynów jest tylko krok

Dlaczego Bóg pozwala na зло?

Jaki sens ma ten nieustanny, trwający przez stulecia ciąg wydarzeń, straszliwych katastrof i wznowisk aktów wielkości oraz świętości? Mówimy czasem, że o wszystkim decyduje ślepy los, przypadek, a my jesteśmy jak liście targane przez wiatr...

Tymczasem Biblia proponuje nam, byśmy w pozornym chaosie zdarzeń próbowali dostrzec sens i realizację pewnego Bożego zamysłu. Grecki termin oznaczający opatrznosć (pronoia), akcentuje moment uprzedniości, posiadaną wcześniej wiedzę. W języku polskim słowo 'opatrznosć' wydaje się mieć związek z patrzeniem. Trzeba tu jednak dodać, że Bóg nie tylko patrzy, ale i działa. Opatrznosć etymologicznie ma również związek z zaopatrywaniem kogoś w potrzebne rzeczy, co zakłada uprzednią wiedzę na temat tego, co będzie mu potrzebne. Mówią o

tem Psalm 23 'Pan jest moim pasterzem'. Z kolei Jezus powiedział: 'Nie troszczcie się zbytnio o swoje życie, o to, co macie jeść i pić, ani o swoje ciało, czym się macie przyodziąć. Przypatrzcie się ptakom w powietrzu: nie sięją ani żąają i nie zbierają do spichlerzy, a Ojciec wasz niebieski je żywi. Czyż wy nie jesteście ważniejsi niż one?' (Mt 6,25-30).

Bóg jest także tym, który opatruje nasze rany, byśmy mogli iść dalej. Wiara w opatrznosć zakłada nieustanną opiekę Boga nad dziejami świata i poszczególnymi ludźmi. Jest to podtrzymywanie świata w jego istnieniu oraz prowadzenie wszystkiego, co istnieje do ostatecznego celu.

Opatrznosć to troska Boga o wszystkie stworzenia z człowiekiem na czele. W sposób szczególny dostrzegamy ją w historii narodu wybranego, ale objawia się ona zarówno w wielkich, jak i małych sprawach, w wydarzeniach historycznych i codziennych.

W obliczu panującego w świecie zła oraz cierpienia niewinnych, możemy pomyśleć, że nawet jeśli Stwórca stworzył świat, to potem pozostawił go samemu sobie, jak rodzic, który porzucił własne dziecko. Gedeon pytał z goryczą: 'Jeżeli Pan jest z nami, skąd pochodzi to wszystko, co się nam przydarza?' (Sdz 6, 13). Dlaczego tak jest?

By zrozumieć konsekwencje pewnych wydarzeń, należy dysponować odpowiednią perspektywą. Czasami dopiero post factum potrafimy dostrzec Boże prowadzenie nas po ścieżkach życia i odczytać sens trudnych doświadczeń, również tych naznaczonych cierpieniem.

Istnieje taka metafora świata-dywany, którego właściwy wzór jest dla nas niedostępny, ponieważ widzimy tylko odwrotną stronę, a ta wydaje się być bezładną gmatwaniną nitek i uciętych końców, podczas gdy strona wierzchnia przedstawia wspaniały obraz. Analogicznie – widzimy tylko odwrotną stronę dywanu Bożej opatrznosci i dlatego nie dostrzegamy planu, porządku i celu.

Przekładając to na język bardziej współczesny – tu na ziemi doświadczamy totalnej pikselizacji lub fragmentaryzacji to znaczy widzimy tylko i wyłącznie poszczególne piksele, fragment podczas gdy Bóg ogarnia całość z odpowiedniej perspektywy, z której ta chaotyczna z pozoru mozaika przekształca się w mający sens obraz.

Najbardziej zdumiewające w tym wszystkim jest to, że Bóg kieruje biegiem świata i jego historią, nie niszcząc wolności stworzeń, lecz ją reprezentując i przewidując. Człowiek może użyć swojej wolności przeciwko sobie i przeciwko Bogu, ale nawet wtedy Bóg nad nim czuwa.

Opatrznosć Boża potrafi wykorzystać obiektywnie złe działania ludzi, by wyprowadzić z nich jakieś dobro. Bardzo dobrze widać to na przykładzie biblijnej historii Józefa (Rdz 37-45). Synowie Jakuba (zrodzeni z dwóch żon i dwóch służących tych żon w nieco humorystycznej rywalizacji) nie cierpieli Józefa, ulubieńca ich ojca, który obnaślał się ze swymi snami o upokarzającej dla braci treści. Na dodatek ojciec sprawił mu kolorową szatę, pokazującą jego wyjątkową pozycję. W końcu nie wytrzymali i postąpili z Józefem wyjątkowo okrutnie. Kiedy przyszli do nich z jedzeniem, gdy wypasali owce, najpierw wrzucili go do wyschniętej studni, planując popełnienie morderstwa, a potem za marne grosze sprzedali go jako niewolnika. Ojcu zaś wcisnęli bajeczkę o tym, że chłopca roszarpało dzikie zwierzę... Dla starego Jakuba był to cios, z którego z trudem się podniósł. Te tragiczne wydarzenia zaowocowały jednak wielkim dobrem... W wyniku splotu wielu nieprawdopodobnych okoliczności Józef doszedł do wielkiego znaczenia i wpływów na dworze faraona, stając się de facto najpotężniejszą osobą w państwie po władcę. Zarówno sprzedanie Józefa przez braci, jak i późniejsze fałszywe oskarżenie Józefa przez małżonkę jego pana Potifara – wszystko prowadziło do celu zamierzonego przez Boga, by Józef wiele lat później mógł uratować swych braci i ojca przed śmiercią głodową. Kiedy spotkał się z nimi i ujawnił im swoją tożsamość, powiedział: 'Bóg mnie tu przysłał przed wami, żeby was uratować życie... i pomóc was doczekać powszechnego ocalenia. Nie wyście mnie tu wysłali, ale Bóg. On to uczynił mnie jakby ojcem samego faraona, zarządcą całego jego domu, a nawet władcą całego Egiptu (Rdz 45, 5. 6-8)'.

Boża opatrznosć nie niweczy ludzkiej wolności ani nie usprawiedliwia złych czynów, ale tak kieruje wydarzeniami, by w ostatecznym rozrachunku zwyciężyło to, co dobre...

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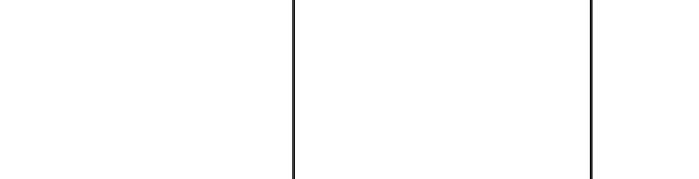
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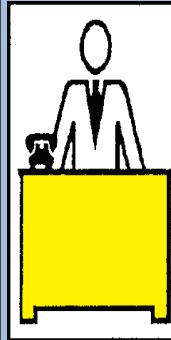
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