

Parish Information

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

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 preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: Feb 27, Mar 12 & Apr 2*

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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Priests

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

Permanent Deacons

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

Pastoral Council

Jane St. Pierre Murguia, *Chairperson*
Deacon John Breit
Lexine Cramm
Barb Howell
Ann Johnson
Norbert Krogstad
Rev. Mirek Kulesa
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Pam Maloney
Rev. Tom Rzepiela
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Rev. Marcin Zasada

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



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Were you able to attend last week's Lenten Parish Mission—"From Anger to Forgiveness?" It was truly a powerful and challenging Mission as presented by Jesuit Father Tom Allender and Don Fisher. Many of the attendees commented very favorably on the presentations. Special thanks to Father Tom and Don for helping us live out an even better Lent! Our gratitude goes out to our Parish Pastoral Council who sponsored the experience and special thanks to the Mission Committee: Lexine Cramm, Jane Murguia, Connie West, Pam Maloney and Gay Sladky. Thanks also to Jeanne Slatkay and our choir—also to our Hospitality Committee of Jeanie Landeweer, Jack Landeweer, Mila Quiaoit & Mary Willer.

This is Confirmation Weekend at St. Thomas as Bishop George Rassas confirmed 96 of our young adults. We congratulate all who were Confirmed and also their parents and sponsors. I invite you to pray for our newly Confirmed that they grow in their wisdom, grace and love for the Lord through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I hope you have marked your calendar for tomorrow night. More importantly, I hope that you are planning to attend our First Parish Session on "Renew My Church." On this Monday, February 26th at 7:00pm in the Church, our "Renew My Church" Committee will be presenting on the "Renew My Church" process, the strengths and challenges of our Grouping, and all your questions will be answered. Be there for this very informative evening as together we "Renew My Church!"

Some ideas for the next seven days of Lent. Instead of "fasting" or giving up, you can just give of yourself.

- Sunday—Spend some special time with your family
- Monday—Forgive someone
- Tuesday—Pray for your fellow parishioners
- Wednesday—Have a no complaining day
- Thursday—Call an old friend
- Friday—Give away five items of your clothing
- Saturday—Pay a few compliments to your family

Hurry up! You need to get your reservations in because our big St. Pats—St. Joes Bash is this Saturday. What are you waiting for? Yes, they tell me that Pope Francis was invited but his schedule is already too tight. But I hope that you will be there! This is one of two major Parish Fundraisers. It is also a great opportunity for a fun evening and also a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners! Bring some guests—your neighbors, the people you "owe" a dinner to, bring even your mother-in-law and of course, your checkbook and credit card so that you can bid on some wonderful raffles and auction prizes. But, again, hurry up before the Pope cancels his schedule and takes your spot! Hurry up before it is sold out!

Just a reminder—next Saturday's Mass will be at 4:00pm because of St. Pats and St. Joes!

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25

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

Monday, February 26

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
7:00pm	Renew My Church Mtg	Church

Tuesday, February 27

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:00pm	St. Pat / St. Joe Meeting	MRC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:00pm	School Board Meeting	MR2
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 28

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Faith Formation Series	MRB
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, March 1

1:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:00pm	Church Decorating	Church
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild 5	MRA
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, March 2

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA-D
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Saturday, March 3

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRA
5:00pm	St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser	RAC

Sunday, March 4

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

FLU SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

- Please refrain from receiving the cup at Communion, if you are ill.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Please find a substitute, if you are ill.

TODAY

- **7 SINS / 7 VIRTUES SERIES SIGNUP** In the Gathering Area after Mass
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE TICKET SALES** After Mass in the Gathering Area and Narthex

UPCOMING

- **"RENEW MY CHURCH" TOWN HALL** Monday, February 26 (Page 5)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Wednesday, February 28 at 1pm. Group lunch at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano—20560 N Rand Rd, Deer Park. RSVP to Maggie 847-705-9407
 - Monday, March 3 at 1pm. Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden in Arlington Heights. RSVP to Maureen at 847-358-2586.
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Wednesday, February 28, 7pm – NAMI Northwest Suburban Meeting. Topic: Mental Health First Aid—Practical Ways to Help. Amita Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott Ave., Arlington Hts. For more information on this and support group meetings, contact NAMI NWS at naminwsub@gmail.com or 847-899-0195.
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER** Saturday, March 3 (See Front Cover)
- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Next weekend (Page 7)
- **K OF C FISH FRY** *No Fish Fry this week!* See you Friday, March 9. (Page 9)
- **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Tuesday, March 13 (Page 9)

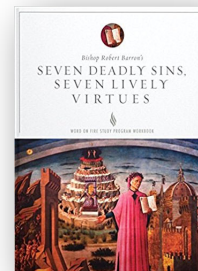
"7 DEADLY SINS & 7 LIVELY VIRTUES" DVD SERIES for LENT & EASTER SEASONS

Authored by Bishop Robert Barron

SIGN-UP TODAY in the Gathering Area...

Only 30 Spots Available!!

The seven deadly sins are patterns of dysfunction that lead us to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the pervasiveness of: Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony and Lust... and he shows us how to counteract these sinful patterns through a conscious focus on specific **seven lively virtues**: Humility, Admiration, Forgiveness, Zeal, Generosity, Asceticism, and Chastity.



Please Join Us

- Plan 8 Wednesday Evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm
- **February 28 - April 25, 2018** In Meeting Room B.
- \$10.00 per person for the full Series, includes your own Workbook.

For more information contact: Norma Holmes 847-800-8655

Brought To You By Your STOV Faith Formation Team



Renew My Church: **Invitation to First Parish Session**

Jesus Christ calls us to constantly renew His Church. Renew My church is the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to His call and our invitation for renewal. Through a multitude of *Renew My Church* initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.



Today, we face a trending crisis of faith. Fewer people than ever are connected with organized religion. Many who identify as Catholic do not attend weekly Mass. Overall, we see an increase in signs of a broken world. As a result of this crisis, we find ourselves with less people and financial resources for ministry. However, we are a strong and committed Church that will work together to overcome the challenges we face today and in the future.

One initiative of *Renew My Church* is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our Parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources to be better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey now through May will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess current realities in our community,
- Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future, and
- Compile our feedback to share with the Archdiocese as we move to the discernment and decision phase of this important process

WE INVITE YOU

Please join parish leaders for our first *Renew My Church* parish session on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 at 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH

During the session we will:

- ◆ Discuss Renew My Church and the process we are beginning together,
- ◆ Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping, and
- ◆ Answer any questions you may have.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Let us hold each other and the other parish and school communities in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning the future.

Confirmation

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed!
Thank you, Bishop Rassas!

Carly Marie Barone
Michael Andrew Baumeister
Riley Sebastian Beasley
Colin Oscar Bertrand
Rachel Lucy Breitzman
Derek Francis Bukowski
Christina Elizabeth Byrne
Katelyn Emily Byrne
Sean Peter Byrne
David Jerome Cano
Garrett Philip Colbrook
Alyssa Clare Conner
Brian Benjamin Corsiga
Archie Joseph Cox
David Sebastian Dick
Bridget Cecilia Dieden
Vincenzo Vincent Dimarco
Lilyanna Esther Donofrio
Veronika Elizabeth Drab
Michael Anthony Ehret
Nate Philip Elliott
Michael Patrick Elter
Tyler Blaise Elzer
Jenna Gianna Fleita
Elizabeth Rita Folkers
Kevin Michael Forman
Connor Joseph Furlong
Jakob Sebastian Glynn
Alexandra Lucy Gorecki
Jack Patrick Hamman
Grace Virginia Harrington
Isaac Gerald Harrington

Allison Cecilia Hubbard
Conner Michael Ignacio
Luke Cuthbert Jackson
Meredith Katharine Kendall
Jillian Clare Kolany
Izabela Victoria Kopec
Viktor Alphonsus Kopec
Amanda Cecilia Kovathana
Michael Paul Labno
Ian Constance Lambert
Jackson James Landerman
Ethan Peter Leigh
Connor Patrick Loftus
Nora Anthony Loftus
Francesco Adrian Mangialardo
Andrew David Marton
Patryk Paul Maslowski
Emmett Joseph Maude
Kieran Michael Maude
Ryan Patrick Maude
Charlie Jerome Mayschak
Maura Felicity McGarvey
Melody Rose Michna-Harlow
Ella Francis Mulchrone
Tyler Patrick Murphy
Dominic Lawrence Muscarnero
Joseph Martin Muscarnero
Sofia Elizabeth Neswold
Jack Peter Nix
Sophia Lillian Nix
Eliza Elizabeth Oberda
Bo John O'Brien

Thomas Sebastian O'Sullivan
Alexander Luigi Ovcina
Leah Gemma Oyen
Kathy Joan Palmowski
Christopher Daniel Parlier
Michael Sebastian Patano
Aidan Sebastian Peek
Veronica Teresa Pikor
Thomas Joseph Plizga
Dennis Paul Ratzki
Ryan Patrick Regan
Braden Francis Roos
Jaeden Sebastian Sardon
Sophie Anna Schaad
Eli Bernard Schoffstall
Katie Patricia Shapiro
Megan Cecile Snow
Charles Sebastian Soukup
Olivia Isabel Tangorra
Nathan Sebastian Tenuta
Maeve Canimhe Tracy
Francesca Frances Venuti
Andrew Anthony Vitale
Rielely Camilla Walsh
Anthony Sebastian Westfall
Jackson Thomas Wheat
Benjamin Gerard Williams
Hayden Edward Williams
Caitlin Elizabeth Wilson
Jackson Thomas Wolan
Matthew Sebastian Wolverton
Grace Joan Ziomek

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Feb 4	\$ 23,816.45	\$ 3,253.00	\$ 27,069.45	\$ 3,369.45
Feb 11	\$ 14,214.86	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 15,862.86	(\$ 7,837.14)
Feb 18	\$ 20,267.05	\$ 2,393.00	\$ 22,660.05	(\$ 1,039.95)
Feb 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 805,800.00
YTD Actual	\$ 739,338.12
Over / (Under)	(\$ 66,461.88)

THANK YOU!

2017 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

Stop by the Parish Office to pick it up your 2017 Tax Donation Statement. If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 or email your request to: stvliturgysched@yahoo.com.

ST. PAT / ST. JOE "SWEET TABLE" NEEDS YOU

We are looking for bakers to help make our event extra sweet. Please consider baking or purchasing a sweet, baked good item for this exciting event. Contact Sandy Peterson at 847-358-1193 or tidybull@hotmail.com



2018 EASTER BLESSINGS PROGRAM

Please consider helping with our 2018 Easter Blessings Program. The program offers Easter dinners to our parishioners and area families in need. This is a great opportunity for Lenten almsgiving. To participate, you purchase items for a family's Easter dinner celebration plus, small Easter baskets for children 10 years old and younger. If you would like to participate, email suzie@stov.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. More information including the dinner shopping list will be provided to you.

Basket drop off in the Rowley Activity Center will be Tuesday, March 22 , 5:00 pm—6:00 pm (Tuesday of Holy Week).



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

1st Weekend of Every Month
(Next weekend—March 3/4)

Thanks to the Lenten program "40 Cans for 40 Days," we are asking for **NO canned food** during our usual Monthly Food Pantry Collection.

Instead, please bring:

- ◆ FOOD—Cereal, pancake mix & syrup, oatmeal.
- ◆ NON-FOOD—Laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap

Thank you!

I/We would like to feed a family this Easter.
(Please respond by Monday, March 5.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip; _____

Email: _____

Size of family we would like to help: (check one)

- 1-3 4-6 7-8 9-10

I prefer to help with food, only—no Easter baskets for small children.

Return this form to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Ps 116:10,15-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Monday February 26

Daniel 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8,9,11,13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday February 27

Isaiah 1:10,16-20
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday February 28

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 1

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 2

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday March 3

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Think of a "mountaintop experience" you've had. What generated it? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high?

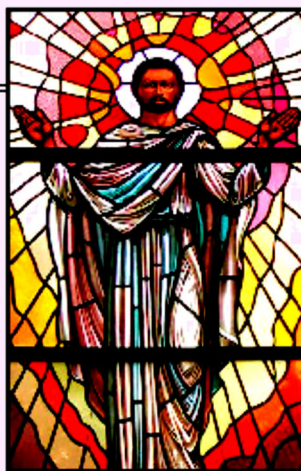
In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God?

It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his Godliness to his closest friends. Called a "high mountain" in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there – and why.

The three disciples who witnessed Christ's transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry.

The Father told them, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him*." As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured.

Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us.



As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his son from the Lord; God the Father did not withhold *his* Son from us.

Likewise, we must not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it's by an evangelizing word or a helping hand,

or a compassionate and attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people's prayers.

We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ's love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Identify one area of your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure. What do you need to do to repent of it? How do you need to change (with God's help) so that others see more of Jesus?
2. Share the story of a time when you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured? Why did you want to make the change?
3. How did it impact others?

LENT

CRS RICE BOWL—WEEK TWO

ENCOUNTER CESIA

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be offered every week during Lent

ENGLISH

- ♦ Wednesday Mornings—after 8:00am Mass with our school children
- ♦ Friday Evenings—6:00pm in Church

POLISH

- ♦ Friday Evenings—7:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

“40 CANS FOR LENT”

Thanks to all who are supporting the “40 Cans For Lent” sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. We hope you can continue to donate 1 can of food for each day of Lent. Look for the collection boxes in the Gathering Area and the Narthex. Help us to continue to provide food for those that are hungry. *(No expired food, please. We cannot distribute expired food to our Pantry clients.)*



LENTEN PROJECT

Sponsored by the Women’s Club

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Shift 1: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Shift 2: 8:00-9:00 PM

1072 National Pkwy Schaumburg, IL 60173

Contact Alice Witt by March 6 to reserve your spot: 847-705-5828 AWitt3535@comcast.net

Every day, at least **6,200** children die from starvation...

...but **YOU** can make a difference by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children.

In 2015, more than **1 million** volunteers joined us to package nearly **273 million** meals for malnourished children around the world.

FRIDAY FISH FRYS

Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 will be hosting fish fry dinners throughout Lent. The dinners will be held on **Friday, March 9, 16 & 23** from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, in the Rowley Activity Center. TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!

- **Menu:** Tilapia, Fried Shrimp (additional charge), Cheese Pizza, Salad, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Beverages, Coffee and Dessert.
- **Prices:** Adults \$10.00; Fish Plus 5 Fried Shrimp \$12.00; Children (under 12 years of age) \$5.00; Family of 4 \$28.00

Proceeds to aid local charities.



Lenten Prayer

“The Little Black Book,” sponsored by Faith Formation, is available at all church exits. Free will offering.

Eucharistic Adoration—If your Lenten goal is to spend more time in prayer, come to Adoration for quiet prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. Come alone or bring your family. Stay for 15 minutes or the entire hour. Every Wednesday, 6—7pm in Church.

6:30 am Communion Service
We are fortunate at St. Thomas to have a daily 6:30am Communion/Prayer Service Monday thru Friday. For people who are on their way to work, before early appointments or to start their day, our Communion Service is a perfect prayer.

8:00am Daily Mass Monday—Saturday; Come and pray and begin your day with the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

Saturday Morning Reconciliation
Come receive forgiveness and Reconcile with God this Lent. Reconciliation is offered every Saturday morning from 8:30am—9:30am in Church.



“Women At the Well”— PRISON MINISTRY

A women's prison retreat will take place March 2-3. You can answer Jesus' call to visit the imprisoned by remembering them through prayers, cookie and monetary donations.

Cookies must be store bought and the following flavors:

- Chocolate Chip
- Oatmeal
- Butter or sugar

NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTS OF ANY KIND. Cookies can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Area through **Wednesday, February 28th**.

Donations of any amount help defray the cost of supplies, and 3 nights lodging for team members at a motel. Donations must be by check and are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to: ALL ARE WELCOME SOCIAL SERVICES, INC. with W@WPM on the memo line. You can bring checks to the Parish Office, place them in the cookie bin or mail them to:

Women at the Well Prison Ministry,
PO Box 1141, Palatine, IL 60078

Thank you from the Women at the Well Prison Ministry Team:
Mary Anita Campbell,
Mary Carlson, Joan Cook,
Pat Devron, Jeanie Landeweer
and Rae Pistone



From the Principal's Desk

Empower Illinois Scholarship Application opens Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7pm.

We are pleased to announce the Empower Illinois scholarship application system will open on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. Their system has been enhanced to make it easier for families and to manage the demand expected for tax credit scholarships to private schools throughout Illinois.

The new application will be available through the Empower Illinois website. It will be a two-step process.

1. Reserve: On Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. families will complete a brief online form containing name and contact information, child name and preferred school. This will time stamp your application for the first-come, first-served scholarships.
2. Apply: After reserving your place in line, families will be emailed a unique link and use their reservation code to complete the application. Applications will be sent on a rolling basis, over the course of a few weeks. After receiving the application email, families will have 3 days to complete the application and submit all required documents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO WWW.EMPOWERILLINOIS.ORG.

Please keep our eighth graders in your prayers, as they celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Saturday with Bishop George Rassas.

Did you know that the St. Thomas full-time teachers are available after school to help any of their students with homework questions or problems? They welcome any student to stay and receive individual or small group instruction to reinforce classwork.

Our third Preschool room is now open full day. Keep those registrations coming in! If you know of any family looking for a Preschool, please pass along our school phone number. We'd love to have them tour our school.

God bless,
Mary Brinkman

SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Saint Viator High School wishes to recognize the First Semester achievements of students who are members of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. Congratulations to the following students:

High Honor Roll

Nathaniel Carlson '21
Katherine Castelli '21
Katherine Krzoska '18

B Honor Roll

John Mephram '21
Sarah Mephram '20
Shelby Mephram '18
Samantha Parlier '19



RCIA Candidates Celebrate the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion

What a beautiful and jubilant celebration! Last Sunday afternoon at Holy Name Cathedral, our candidates, along with hundreds of candidates from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago, celebrated the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion.

In the Call to Continuing Conversion, which coincides with the Lenten season, the Church welcomes those who are already baptized. Our baptized candidates are preparing to complete their initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist and are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. The Church acknowledges their desire to be one with the Church in faith, prayer and service.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich presided over the Rite at the Cathedral. With their sponsors standing in support of them, the candidates were called by name to gather at the altar. After receiving prayers and blessings from the Cardinal, the candidates were presented to all assembled and were welcomed with thunderous applause.

As the afternoon light filtered through the beautiful stained glass windows, sounds of jubilation were heard and the hearts of those attending the service were filled with joy! Their voices rang out singing:

Blessed Be God! O, Blessed Be God!
Who Calls you by name!
Holy and chosen one!



The following candidates celebrated this Rite:

- Jamie Aloisio**
- Addison Cauley**
- Jodi Hill**
- Ruby Sotelo**
- Britzeyda Texta**
- Zoraida Texta**

Please continue to pray for our candidates. Celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass with them, which is the culmination of their journey.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for MARCH 3 / 4

	SATURDAY 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
DEACON	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Mark Duffey	Deacon Tom Dunne	Deacon Len Marturano	
HOMILY	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	Maureen Treanor Mark Long	Ed Boduch John Davis	Bob Stanek Margo Stanek	Ray Savich Chanelle Savich	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Louis Akins Mary Bragiel Larry Coco Marian DeGroot Dan Dunne Jim Dunne Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Corinne Greico	Ann Duffey Bonnie Fennig Karen Flasch Jim Hajost Bob Hicks Mary Anne Horan Peter Kain Mary Larson Jeanne Monson Tom Nicholas	Sue Allen Bev Dalton Kris Bartolameo Ken Doruff Dave Haen Jean Haen Mary Haig Barb Howell Sue Kadowaki	Marilyn Marturano Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Donna Casey Tom Cavenagh Bob Haas Barbara Hedrich Nancy Hulsebosch Laura Klotz Jeanie Landeweer	
SERVERS	Anika Tsau Victoria Walsh Michelle Weber	Anna Martino Elise Martino Madalyn Chambers	Emily Murphy Tyler Murphy Katie Burke	Matthew Sloan Timmy Sloan Alyssa Bourgeois	
GREETERS	M G N Open Bob & Nancy Bachmann Sylvia Schaffer	Karen Froelich Don & Geri Ullmer Tom & Marianne Greener	Donna Koehler Barb Murphy & Bev Dalton Marilyn Marturano	Jack & Jeanie Landeweer Tom & Nancy Hulsebosch Laura Klotz	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Gilmour Krogstad

Tuesday, February 27

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Nicholas Dahm;
Int. For Fr. Tom

Wednesday, February 28

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † June Falardeau;
Seminarian Andy Matijevic &
his fellow Seminarrians

Thursday, March 1

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Patrick Dolphin

Friday, March 2

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
6:00pm Stations of the Cross—ENGLISH
7:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross—
POLISH

Saturday, March 3

8:00am All Military Personnel
4:00pm St. Patrick & St. Joseph

Sunday, March 4

7:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners;
9:30am † Pete Conway;
† Ann Cawley
† June Falardeau;
11:15am † Marie Kay;
† Elaine Dunne
† Carl Whitcomb
1:30pm Mass—POLISH
4:00pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

NEXT SATURDAY ONLY!
5:00pm Mass will be at 4:00pm
followed by the
St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser!



OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Harper Jane Kuehn

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato	Faith Forseth	Allan Loden	Dick Samojla
Lou Anderson	Parker Forseth	Peggy Lowe	Dan Schaffer
Jim Baur	Daniel Gajewski	Richard Maloney	Carlos Serna
Vito Boffa	Mel Gass	Baby Alexa Mang	Corky Smith
Cherie Bott	Bill Gerl	Helen Mariano	Shawn Smith
Andy Bouchonville	Ralph Gonzalez	Bob Maruska	Russell Spano
Charles Campagna	Ron Hennis	Elayne Maruska	Kristina Sromek
Eleanor Campagna	Dave Hicks	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Alice Stedronsky
Anna Marie Candorla	Adeline Kaczmarek	Mike McGee	Anne Swaw
Tom Cook	Katherine Kearney	Candida Morales	Robert Szott
Baby Seamus Cullen	Mary Anne Kiesel	Mike Moran	Sharon Tadsen
Brenda Darling	Wesley Knutson	JoAnn Moser	Jack Treanor
Jason Dean	James Kobler	Paul Moser	John Welge
Emily Dempsey	Mary Alice Kobler	Rita Olles	Jim White
Beth Dix	Susan Kordell	Larry Peterson	Sharon Woelfel
Eamon Downey	Lauren Lambert	Patty Reynolds	Tom Yadron
Jeanne Formanski	Gene Lazich	Elaine Romanchek	Martha Zara
Jaime Forseth	Harold Lewis	Ken Romanchek	
Kirk Forseth	Elegie LoCascio	Bridget Rubin	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- SGT Raymond Dickenson
- PVT Ryder Dickenson

- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski

- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- SGT Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steininger



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of BRIDGET CULLINAN

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Jo-Ann Golec

† Philip Anthony LaSpina, Sr.

† Jack Richard Napoleon

- Brother of Judy Gerambia

Informacje po polsku (Polish Information)

II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – Szczęście w Bogu

Dlaczego to doświadczenie na górze Tabor jest tak dobre i pozytywne? Dlatego, że tylko Bóg może wypełnić wszystkie jego pragnienia i najskrytsze marzenia. Na górze Tabor w przemienionym ciele Chrystusa apostołowie ujrzeli obraz zmartwychwstałego i chwalebego ciała. Dostrzegli i doświadczyli pełni ludzkiego życia, dla którego Bóg stworzył człowieka. Odczuli przedsmak wiecznego szczęścia, którego człowiek doznaje, będąc razem z Bogiem...



250. rocznica 'zawiązania' Konfederacji Barskiej

250. lat temu, 28 lutego 1768 roku, w Barze na Podolu zawieszono Konfederację – zbrojny związek szlachty polskiej, pierwsze, wielkie, polskie powstanie narodowe, w **obronie katolickiej wiary w Boga i niepodległości**. Celem Konfederacji było zniesienie narzuconego przez Rosję traktatu, którego mocą Rzeczpospolita stawała się protektoratem rosyjskim, oraz ustaw uchwalonych przez sterroryzowany przez rosyjskie wojska sejm, dających równouprawnienie innowiercom. Konfederacja Barska wraz z Konstytucją 3. Maja i Powstaniem Kościuszkowskim wpisały się w zbiorową pamięć Polaków jako przykłady walki o wolność, która w okresie zaborów miała ogromne znaczenie dla przetrwania narodu...



1 Marca – Narodowy Dzień Pamięci armii nieśmiertelnych bohaterów 1944 – 1963 ‘**Żołnierze Wyklętych**’ – wyklętych przez PRL, zapomnianych przez III Rzeczpospolitą... **Gloria Victis**

Żołnierze Wyklęci, Żołnierze Niezłomni, Żołnierze Honoru, Żołnierze II Konspiracji byli Polakami, w sercach mieli dumę – pozostali wierni Ojczyźnie do końca... Choć nie było dla nich miejsca w powojennej Polsce, walczyli o nią do ostatniej kropli krwi, w imię niepodległości i metafizycznych wartości, pomimo nierównej walki, odnieśli moralne zwycięstwo...

NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

4 lutego 2018 r	\$ 1,775.00
11 lutego 2018 r	\$ 1,686.00
18 lutego 2018 r	\$ 2,155.00
25 lutego 2018 r	

W sumie: \$ 5,616.00

Dziękujemy!

INTENCJE MSZALNE I REJESTRACJA

Intencje mszalne można zamówić po Mszy św. niedzielnej w pokoju marszałków lub zakrystii.

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, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Pierwsza Sobota miesiąca:

Nabożeństwo ‘Pierwszych 5. Sobót’ i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Trzeci Piątek miesiąca: Nabożeństwo do Bożego Miłosierdzia i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm.

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚW.

Sakrament Chrztu Św. w jęz. polskim jest udzielany w każdą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. w języku polskim—prosimy o wcześniejszy kontakt z ks. Marcinem.

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.

RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA

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

KONTAKT Z KANCELARIĄ

Poniedziałek—Czwartek: 9:00 am—8:00pm
Piątek: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Sobota: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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