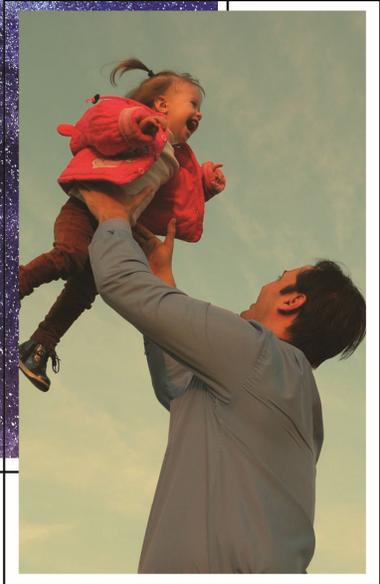
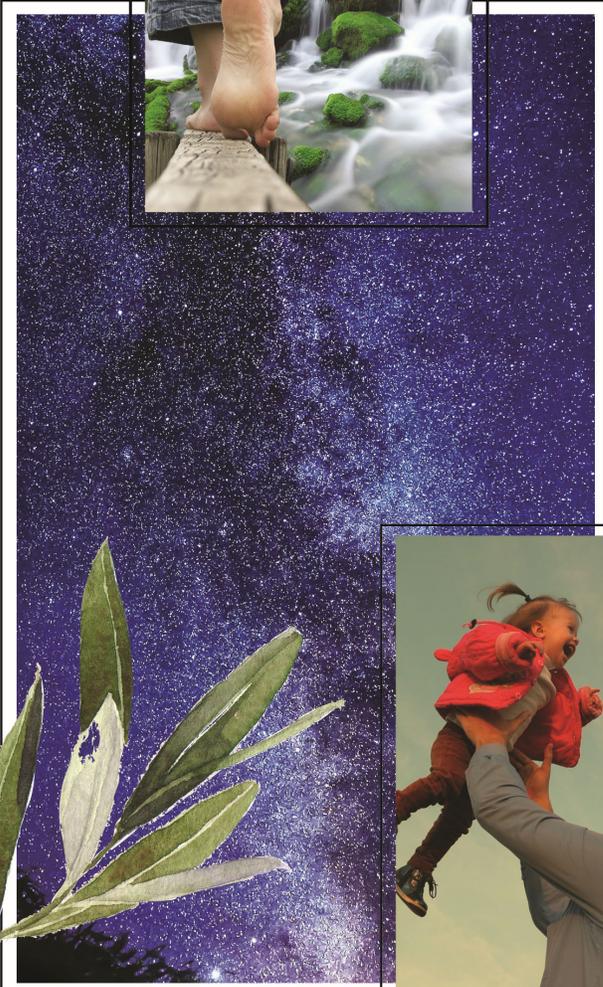




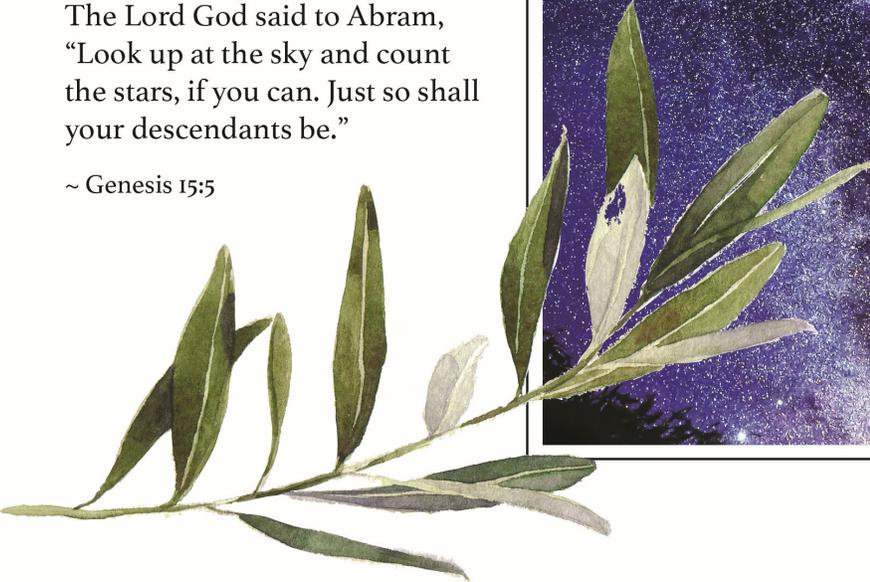
LENT
2019

MARCH 17, 2019
*Second Sunday
of Lent*



The Lord God said to Abram,
“Look up at the sky and count
the stars, if you can. Just so shall
your descendants be.”

~ Genesis 15:5



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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*)
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 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 Classes: Apr 8, May 2 & May 13*

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.

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Rev. Marcin Zasada, *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

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Lexine Cramm
Barb Howell
Ann Johnson
Norbert Krogstad
Steve Lundell
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Rev. Tom Rzepiela
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Renew My Church email: RenewMyChurch@stov.org

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



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Last weekend at all of the Masses, I announced the appointment of the new Pastor for St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. Cardinal Cupich is appointing Father Krzysztof Janczak as Pastor effective July 1, 2019. He goes by Father Kris. He is currently the Pastor of St. Richard's Parish on the southwest side of Chicago for the past seven years. I have already met with him and he is very excited about coming here. Please keep him in your prayers during the upcoming time of transition!

How is your Lent going? Are you praying more? Are you fasting? Are you being generous with all you have?

A Lenten Prayer

The Lenten season has begun. It is a time to be with You, Lord, in a special way, a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow You on Your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the final victory over death.

I am still so divided. I truly want to follow You, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, pleasure, power, and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to Your voice, which calls me to choose the narrow road to life.

Lent is a very hard time for me. The choice for Your way has to be made every moment. I have to choose thoughts that are Your thoughts, words that are Your words, and actions that are Your actions. There are not times or places without choices. And I know how deeply I resist choosing You.

Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new Life that You have prepared for me. Amen.

It is happening again. We have warned you before. But we need to do it again because of recent activity in the world of computers, iPhones, etc. These scams are prevalent not only here but around the country. And Priests and Parishioners are being targeted. Recently, again, some of our Parishioners received an email or text "supposedly" from their Priest but not from his exact address or phone number. The message says they are trying to help someone in need. The message asks the recipient to text / email back and to help them by sending iTunes or Google cards. The best thing to do is to do nothing. Do not open the message! Do not reply! It is a scam. Be careful with any email or text which you receive from any of our Priests, Deacons or staff members. We will never ask you for money through email or text.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy St. Joseph's Day!

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>March 17</i> What did you learn from today's homily?	<i>March 18</i> Pick any item on your long term to-do list. Just do it!	<i>March 19</i> Make treats for a neighbor or friend with a nice note.	<i>March 20</i> Pray a Hail Mary. What is your favorite line? Why?	<i>March 21</i> Call someone you haven't talked to in a while.	<i>March 22</i> Tell someone about their favorite trait or gift.	<i>March 23</i> Invite someone over for dinner.

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Class	MRA
11:00am	TLC—The Linked Cot	MRB
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, March 18

4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council	MRA

Tuesday, March 19

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
7:00pm	School Board Meeting	MR1
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:00pm	Holy Yoga	RAC
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

7:00pm	Lenten Ignatian Prayer	MRB
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild 1	GA
7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, March 22

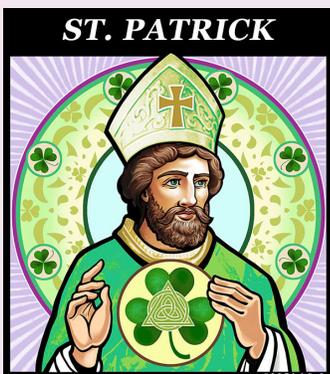
10:00am	Lenten Ignatian Prayer	MRB
4:00pm	Lenten Fish Fry	RAC

Saturday, March 23

9:00am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
9:00am	Prison Ministry Meeting	MRD

Sunday, March 24

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Class	MRA
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC



TODAY

- **BLESSINGS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS** At 9:30am Mass
- **TLC (THE LINKED COT) MEETING** At 11am in Meeting Room B

UPCOMING

- **HOLY YOGA** Tuesday, March 19 (Page 8)
- **DINE-N-SHARE @ PANERA** Wednesday, March 20 (Page 10)
- **K OF C—FISH FRY** Every Friday in Lent from 4pm—7pm (Page 8)
- **OLIVE WOOD GIFT SALES** Next weekend after Mass (Page 7)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, March 27 at 1pm. Group Lunch at Sun Shui—155 W Rand Road, Arlington Heights. RSVP to Maureen at 847-358-2586.
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING** Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm. Amita Mental Health—3436 N Kennicott, Arlington Hts. Speakers: Revita DeChalus, LPC, MCS. Topic: Public Aid. For more info: naminwsub@gmail.com.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: "RECHARGING YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERIES"** Thursday, April 11 at 7pm—Presentation by Deacon Allen Tatara sponsored by the Ministry of Care

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED EVENINGS / SATURDAYS

Until further notice, the Parish Office will be closing at 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Also, it will be closed on Saturday. If your Ministry has a meeting or event scheduled after 5pm or on Saturday, you must pick up keys from the Parish Office between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday. It will be the responsibility of the Ministry to open and lock the doors after your meeting or event is over.

MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS

Eucharistic Minister—Saturday, April 6, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration)
- St. Zachary Parish 567 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines
- Refer questions to Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org

Eucharistic Minister or Lectors—Saturday, April 13, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration)
- St. Joseph Church, Koenig Center Rooms, 121 E. Maple Ave., Libertyville
- Refer questions to Maureen Evers, mevers@maryofvernon.org

Register at www.vic1chicago.org

St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser Wrap-up

Well, the BIG NIGHT is over, and we're sure you're hearing just how enjoyable it was. Mike Toomey kept the crowd in laughter for a part of the evening. As usual, the food was delicious, and the sweet table was beyond expectations! During the evening, many prizes were awarded or won at the Every One Wins table—always worth the money.

Now who won what? Well, the 16 door prizes worth \$25 to \$130, plus 16 free raffle tickets were take home by the following lucky individuals: Carol Romaniszak, Barbara Kerlin, Pat Leali, Bev Kaman, Dave Chlopecki, Jerry Cole, Terry Brown, Pam Nelson, Diana Conrad, Sueann Karstenson, Debra McDaniel, Cindy Darling, Rosemary Digan, Frank Leali, Marylynn Barnes and Jack Devron.

- ◆ Heads or Tails Winner: Sue Allen—\$562.50
- ◆ Sox Tickets: Steve Korney
- ◆ Cub Tickets: Unknown
- ◆ Gift Cards Worth \$500: Frank Cimaglio

And for the Grand Raffle Winners...

1st PRIZE—\$10,000: Diana Olson
2nd PRIZE—Vacation Stay: Jerry Cole



From Left: Fr. Tom; Grand Prize Winner—Diana Olson; Fundraiser Chairperson—Howard Pettinger

The most important thing is that through this night of fun, we were able to raise \$ 43,058.98 for our Parish.

Thank you to everyone for another fantastic fundraiser,
Howard Pettinger—2019 St. Pat / St. Joe Fundraiser Chairperson



Women's Club Fundraiser



SPRING FLOWER SALE STV WOMEN'S CLUB



St. Thomas Women's Club is sponsoring our annual Spring Flower Sale. Choose from gorgeous 10" hanging baskets, as well as top-quality 4-1/3" potted geraniums and impatiens from cuttings, not seeds! All are available in a variety of colors. Plan your garden now. Simply order by **April 12** and pick up on **May 4** – just in time for Mother's Day!

4-1/3" Potted Plants – Mix and match your favorite colors

1/\$4.50 or 3/\$12.00

Patriot Geraniums (from cuttings) (full sun)	Tickled Pink #_____	Bright Red #_____	White #_____
New Guinea Impatiens (from cuttings) (shade)	Deep Purple #_____	Red #_____	Bright Pink #_____
			White #_____
Dracena Spike	#_____		

10" Hanging Baskets – Select variety and color - \$17.00 per basket

Non Stop Begonia (part to full shade)	Scarlet #_____	Yellow #_____	Pink #_____
New Guinea Impatiens (shade)	Red #_____	Pink #_____	Lilac #_____
			White #_____
Geranium (full sun)	Tickled Pink #_____	Bright Red #_____	Bright Violet #_____
Calibrachoa Combo (Full sun)	Blue-yellow #_____	Rose-yellow-blue #_____	Rose-yellow #_____

Total Number of Potted Geraniums _____ @ 1/\$4.50 or 3/\$12.00 \$ _____
 Total Number of Potted Impatiens _____ @ 1/\$4.50 or 3/\$12.00 \$ _____
 Total Number of Potted Spikes _____ @ 1/\$4.50 or 3/\$12.00 \$ _____
 Total Number of Hanging Baskets _____ @ \$17.00 each \$ _____

**PLEASE Make Checks Payable to:
St. Thomas Women's Club**

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Return order form WITH payment by **Fri. April 12th** to: Barb Doruff, 1233 E. Plate, Palatine, IL 60074.

Keep bottom portion as a reminder of pick-up date, place and time.

Pick up your plants on **Saturday, May 4** between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.
 Place: Alice Witt's House, 856 E. Plate, Palatine, IL 60074 -- Directions from church: West on Anderson to Clark, right on Clark to Plate, left on Plate, 856 is on the right.
 For further information on ordering, please call Carol O'Shea: (847) 392-6445.

DO NOT DROP OFF ORDER FORMS AT CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE.

2019 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$22,000
Mar 3	\$ 26,474.02	\$ 2,288.00	\$ 28,762.02	\$ 6,762.02
Mar 10	\$ 16,211.67	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 17,716.67	(\$ 4,283.33)
Mar 17				
Mar 24				
Mar 31				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 814,000.00
YTD Actual	\$ 801,114.95
Over / (Under)	(\$ 12,885.05)

THANK YOU!

HAND-CARVED OLIVE WOOD GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND



Proceeds benefit Catholics schools in the Holy Land.

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stunted the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living. Issam from the “Star of Bethlehem Group” came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handcrafts. The profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts next weekend after Mass in the Gathering Area.

2018 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

2018 donation statements will be available starting January 31, 2019. 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 2018 Statement in the subject line.

2019 EASTER BLESSINGS PROGRAM

Please consider helping with our 2019 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, April 16 , 5:00 pm—6:00 pm (Tuesday of Holy Week).

**I/We would like to feed a family this Easter.
(Please respond by Monday, March 25.)**

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.

LENT



Stations of the Cross

Every week during Lent:

ENGLISH

- Wednesday Mornings—after 8am Mass with our school children
- Friday Evenings—6:00pm
 - **March 22:** VOICES Youth Group
 - **March 29:** Women's Guild 5
 - **April 5:** Christian Family Movement
 - **April 12:** Deacon Bill Karstenson

POLISH

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

Daily Prayer

- ◆ **6:30 am Communion Service**
Monday thru Friday
- ◆ **8:00am Daily Mass**
Monday thru Saturday
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration** Every
Wednesday, 6pm—7pm
- ◆ **Reconciliation**
Saturday morning;
8:30am—9:30am

Retreat

Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House
420 W County Line Rd, Barrington
847-381-1261
www.JesuitRetreat.org

**WOMEN & MEN'S
WEEKEND SILENT RETREAT**
"Who Do you Say That I Am?"
March 22—24

HOLY YOGA

Tuesday, March 19; 7—8:30pm in the RAC

This Lent, come restore your body and soul! Open to everyone junior high age and older. No RSVP required. Please bring your mat and a water bottle. If you've attended before, bring your journal, too. For info: Jola Oliver 847-275-7131 / jolanta.oliver@gmail.com.

FRIDAY FISH FRYS

Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 Fish Frys will be held every Friday during Lent from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, in the Rowley Activity Center. TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!

- **Menu:** Cod, Fried Shrimp (*additional charge*), Pizza, Salad, Cole Slaw, Beverages, and Yummy Desserts
- **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 benefit the following charities: **March 22**—St. Theresa School; **March 29**—Journeys, The Road Home; **April 5**—Combined Parish Respect Life Team; **April 12**—Combined Parishes Youth Groups, Voices & Lift

CRS RICE BOWL Second Week of Lent

Encounter Annet: In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



40 CANS FOR LENT

You CAN do it! Help out others with a few cans of food placed in the boxes at the entryways. "40 Cans For Lent" continues through April 20. All items go to local food pantries. The Knights of Columbus thank you for your generosity! (*No expired food. We cannot distribute expired food to our Pantry clients.*)



ANNUNCIATION PRAYER SERVICE

God calls and beckons our response. Mary witnesses to us the power of a faithful "Yes!" You are invited to join the Sisters of the Living Word and Associates for a prayer service in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation on Sunday, March 24 from 2—4pm at the Living Word Center, 800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Please register by March 20. Sign up at www.slw.org or call 847-577-5792.

LENT

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This Lent: **Pray for Life!** A Worldwide Campaign to end abortion which began Ash Wednesday.

- You can be part of it just by going to their website and signing up for their daily Prayers for Life during these 40 days of Lent. www.40DaysForLife.com
- You can also join a prayer vigil at one of the locations near us in Skokie. Check the website for hours and exact location near Old Orchard Mall.
- The St. Theresa/St. Thomas Respect Life Team will be praying at the vigil on Sunday, April 7. More information to come or contact Mary Ann Kenesey: grammyonthego@sbcglobal.net



LENTEN PILGRIMAGE



The Shrine of Christ's Passion Tour

Thursday, April 11

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus—Council #4977

- Bus Departs from STV: 8:00am *
- Passion Tour Takes about 1 hour 30 minutes riding in golf carts.
- Time will be allotted for shopping in the Gift Shop.
- Buffet Lunch will be served on premises
- Mass and St. John the Evangelist Church Tour
- Arrival Back at STV: 5:30pm *
- Cost of Bus, Tour, Golf Cart & Meal: \$50.00/Person
- Payment must accompany reservation
- Deadline for Reservations: March 29, 2019 (*Limited to 40 persons, First Come, First Served*)

Send reservation and payment to:
Deacon John Breit
1201 E Anderson Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

Website:

www.shrineofchristspassion.org

** Please Note: All times are approximate*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Friday Stations, Service, & Spirituality—Fellowship after most nights

- March 22 @ 6pm-7:30pm—Feed My Starving Children FMSC Schaumburg Site—740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg
- March 29 @ 6:30-7pm—Stations of the Cross Church of the Holy Spirit—1451 Bode Rd, Schaumburg
- April 5 @ 7pm-8pm—Stations of the Cross Our Lady of the Wayside—434 W. Park St, Arlington Heights
- April 12 @ 6pm-7pm—Stations of the Cross St. Stephen Protomartyr—1280 Prospect Ave, Des Plaines
- April 19 @ 7pm-11pm—Stations of the Cross + Viewing the movie *Risen* St. Hubert—729 Grand Canyon St, Hoffman Estates



For more info or to RSVP, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc/ or email us at yamnwc.suburbs@gmail.com.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO **LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE**
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAYS IN LENT

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

ABSTINENCE

MARCH DINE-N-SHARE



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St. Thomas of
Villanova School

WHERE

1603 N Rand Road, Palatine

WHEN

Wednesday, March 20

FROM

Open—Close (6am—9pm)

Bring this ad or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to STV School*

Ordering Online? Try Rapid Pick-Up Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

**Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.*

From the Principal's Desk

Congrats to our 7th grade Science Fair students who went to the Region 6 State Competition. Our students did amazing, earning 3 silver medals. We are so proud of you!

- **Conner Neff & Jack Castelli**—Project: *Liquefaction Action*
- **Jake Bargowski & Jose Aguilar-Rodriguez**—Project: *Nailed It*
- **Johnny Pellettiere & Michael Kaczor**—Project: *Golf Balls & Temperature*



More congratulations to our band solo contestants.

- ◇ **Gold Medalists:** John Pellettiere, Lily Phipson, Jeffrey Scianna, William Slatkay, Emily Smithe
- ◇ **Silver Medalists:** Lauren Scianna, Thomas Smithe

Oh the places these kids will go! Kindergarten (pictured below), First, and Second Grade had so much fun celebrating the birthday of one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss! From stories to games to treats what an adventure we had! The teachers even whipped up some "green eggs and ham"! Special thanks to our 5th graders for joining us in a buddy activity, too!



God Bless,
Mary Brinkman

P.S. Mark your calendar for **TRIVIA WARS—May 4th, 2019!**

On Red Eggs and Ginger, Growth, and Growing Stronger

My wife and I were invited to an interesting celebration a while back by some Asian friends. Per the invite, "Please join us for a Red Egg and Ginger Party to celebrate the first 100 days..." of their son Grayson. Here's what I found about such things online: "A Red Egg and Ginger Party is the traditional Chinese celebration of a baby's one-month birthday. The custom dates to ancient times when infant mortality rates were high and new babies were named and celebrated only after a month had passed and survival seemed assured. Thankfully, times are less perilous today..." The tradition carries on, though, and I learned reading further that 100 days is more the norm nowadays.

I accepted the invitation and marked my calendar, but this was easily a month back, and things got busy. The next thing I knew it was the Friday night before the Saturday afternoon gig, and I was asking a friend who was also invited for gift ideas. Essentially, she said to put cash in a red envelope. This didn't sound too hard, so I hit the TCF at my local Jewel on Saturday mid-morning, then went looking for an all-

occasion card that came in a red envelope. I found one and stepped to the checkout lines to pay for it, but every main checkout line was full, and the express lane had over ten people waiting. It was now nearly 10:00 AM and the gig started at noon. In Evanston.

Walking up and down the row of shoppers with their baskets, I tried to look as pathetic as possible, then with a sigh--a purposefully loud one--I settled in behind a woman whose cart was maybe one-third full. She turned and saw me, and I held the card up at chest level to be sure she couldn't miss it. "That's all you have...a card?" she asked. "That's all I have...a card," I answered. She looked at me for a second or two more, then told me to go ahead. I thanked her, and did. As the clerk was finishing up with the woman ahead of me, I looked back to the woman behind me and thanked her once more, adding, "I've known about this party for weeks." She smiled and said in turn, "I understand."

We all do, but many of us don't act on it. If we did, we'd stop seeing television

newscasters outside of post offices on April 15th. Lent again calls us to change, however, and in matters much larger than buying cards and filing taxes. The Church gives us the Transfiguration story every Second Sunday of Lent (today, from Luke) in part, perhaps, to remind us not only of our glorified future in Christ, but to remind us also that if we don't arrive at Calvary changed, then why bother? No one can blame Peter for wanting to put up those three tents and stay up on that mountain. But the Kingdom we're building needs all of us down here. Because down here is where the work is. Down here is where we are called to better emulate the Christ. And today, btw, not tomorrow. Even though the ancient custom behind red egg and ginger parties is sad, I see similarities between the month delay to celebrate birth and the six-week Lenten journey we're embarked on. Both timelines are about growth, both are about growing stronger, and both promise a nice big party at the end.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE for MARCH 23 / 24

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Tom Rzepliela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepliela	Fr. Ray Yadron	Visiting Priest
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am ✠ Jack Scheife
 ✠ Joanne Hamlin Reiter

Tuesday, March 19

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am All Who Are Sick

Wednesday, March 20

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am ✠ Helen Motsch
 Intention for Jocelyn Quiaoit

Thursday, March 21

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am For Our Military Personnel

Friday, March 22

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am ✠ Deacon John Pistone
 Intention for Pamela Sill
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross—ENGLISH
 7:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross—
 POLISH

Saturday, March 23

8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
 5:00pm ✠ Patricia Tolliver

Sunday, March 24

7:30am ✠ Patrick Brennan
 9:30am ✠ Virginia Palen Long
 ✠ Kristen Benson
 ✠ Wilma Buchanan
 11:15am ✠ Marie Kay
 ✠ David Christie
 All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH



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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.

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- MAJ Matthew Walz

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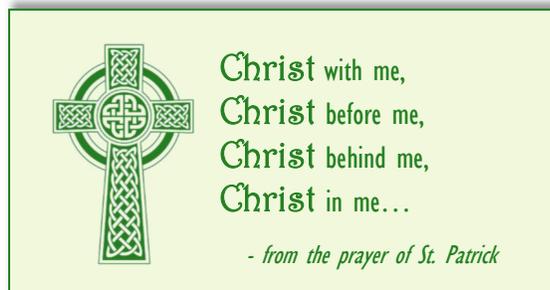
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✠ Jacob Keltner
 McHenry County Deputy Sheriff

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✠ Richard Schaefer
 Brother of Ron Schaefer

✠ 158 people who died in the
 Ethiopian plane crash



II Niedziela Wielkiego Postu – Przebywanie z Bogiem

Bóg nie zapomina o mnie, dlatego codziennie wzywa do dialogu modlitwy. Pragnie, by to spotkanie było ubogacające i umacniające. Modlitwa jest spotkaniem z Bogiem, w którym lepiej Go poznaję, a On wskazuje mi, jak mam żyć, i daje niezbędne ku temu łaski. Najpierw potrzebuję jasnej świadomości, że przebywam przed żywym, prawdziwym Bogiem. On ciągle to potwierdza i afirmuje, choć nie mogę Go zobaczyć oczami, tak jak apostołowie na górze. Jednocześnie muszą nadstawić uszu: Bóg mi przypomina, że Jezus jest prawdziwym Bogiem, Jego Jedynym Synem. Istotą mojego bycia chrześcijaninem jest ufne posłuszeństwo Jezusowi. Miłość skraca drogę od słuchania do posłuszeństwa.



19. marca – UROCZYŚĆ ŚW. JÓZEFA OBLUBIEŃCA NMP

Człowiek cichy i spokojny, nie zabiegający o własną chwałę, sprawiedliwy i roztrotny, usuwający się niejako w cień, dbający o rodzinę i dom nie jest dzisiaj w modzie, nie ma siły przebiccia, ani nie jest idolem współczesnego świata. Współczesna kinematografia kreuje mit supermana, przystojniaka, cwaniaka, człowieka sukcesu, mężczyzny roku itd., itp... W tej powodzi współczesnych idoli postać św. Józefa staje się szara i bezbarwna, a nawet nijaka, tym bardziej, że Ewangelia tak mało nam o Nim mówi. A przecież to sam Bóg wybrał takiego właśnie 'nieciekawego' mężczyznę na Opiekuna Jezusa Chrystusa i Jego Matki Maryi. A skoro tak... to coś w tym, w Nim być musiało...

Uczciwość, pracowitość, rzetelność, odpowiedzialność, integralność, szacunek, oddanie rodzinie, prawość, poczucie obowiązku to cechy Patrona dnia dzisiejszego... i to też 'kanony' prawdziwego mężczyzny.

'Św. Józefie ciężko pracujący, cichy i pokorny, odważny w codzienności życia... módl się za naszymi ziemskimi ojcami, mezami, synami i wnukami... Amen...'

Modlitwa papieża Jana XXIII do św. Józefa

'Święty Józefie, Opiekunie Dzieciątka Jezus, przeczysty Oblubieńcze Maryi, który wypełniając wiernie swoje obowiązki, pracą rąk zarabiałeś na utrzymanie Świętej Rodziny Nazaretańskiej, weź nas w swoją opiekę, kiedy z ufnością się do Ciebie zwracamy. Ty znasz nasze potrzeby, troski, nadzieje. Ty również przeżywałeś chwile próby, doświadczenia i niepokoju. Do Ciebie się uciekamy ufni, że w Tobie znajdziemy opiekuna.

Wśród rozlicznych zajęć codziennego życia Twoja dusza znajdowała pokój i ukojenie w głębokim zjednoczeniu z Jezusem i Jego Matką, Twojej pieczy powierzonym. Dopomóż i nam zrozumieć, że w naszych potrzebach nie jesteśmy opuszczeni, byśmy w naszej pracy też spotykali Jezusa i przy Nim trwali, podobnie jak Ty to czyniłeś.

Uprosz nam tę łaskę, by w naszych rodzinach, w zakładach i miejscach pracy, wszędzie, gdzie chrześcijanin pracuje, wszystko było nacechowane miłością, cierpliwością i sprawiedliwością. Niech każdy usiłuje czynić wszystko dobrze, by kiedyś otrzymał bogactwo darów nieba.' Amen.

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