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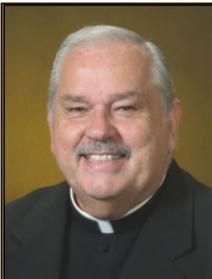
MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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



## *Second Homily*

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

There were a multitude of meetings happening recently—as always—at St. Thomas. We have recently established our Search Committee for a new Music Director. They have been meeting to develop the job description and other pertinent information and will handle the process of interviewing possible candidates in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

And another separate Search Committee has also begun their task of planning and securing a Director of Religious Education—as our own Mary Strybel moves on to bigger and better things retreating to retirement! And again, we are working in concurrence with the Archdiocese. Meanwhile, please pray for our Search Committees as they seek, study and sift through applicants. Also, feel free to mention our two open staff positions to your family and friends who might have the necessary qualifications.

Our Rectory Building Committee which was established as a result of the “To Teach Who Christ Is” Capital Campaign has been meeting. An update on their committee work is found in today’s bulletin. We are grateful to Ron Schaefer, our Project Manager, for chairing this committee and for this latest info.

Also, our “Renew My Church” Grouping Teams of St. Theresa, St. Colette, Misión San Juan Diego and ourselves have been meeting almost weekly now to develop our Community Discernment Planning for the future of the Catholic Church and schools in our geographical area. This “Renew My Church” —also known as the PalMeadow Heights Grouping— has a deep commitment to the “Renew My Church” project and the priorities of making disciples, building communities and inspiring witness. We look forward to creating a vibrant grouping community that is rich in opportunities for spiritual growth and development and for a solid foundation for renewal and revitalization.

I would like to share with you the recent column written by Cardinal Blase Cupich—courtesy of the Chicago Catholic—concerning “Renew My Church”:

*People who study the etymology of words have mixed opinions on the phrase “going out on a limb.” Some say it means taking a risky chance or hazarding a guess. The point being that the further you go out on a limb the weaker the branch becomes, thus increasing the risk of being wrong or failing. Others suggest the original meaning of this term refers to the effort that it takes to go against the status quo, embarking on a path that others would avoid or could not imagine taking.*

*That second sense is how I often think of what Jesus meant when he told Simon Peter: “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch” (Lk 5:4). Jesus wasn’t being capricious or impulsive. Rather, he was calling for bold action, even if it meant going against the grain, doing the unimaginable, undaunted by challenges that would otherwise give way to excuses. We hear that kind of hesitation and excuse-making in Peter’s voice as he responds: “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing.” Jesus is calling him to have confidence in the catch, in what is to be gained, knowing that the status quo has exhausted the possibilities for moving forward.*

*With Renew My Church we are indeed going out on a limb, putting out into the deep. It has been pointed out that most diocesan renewal efforts either take up the task of spiritual growth or organizational reform, but not both at once. We, in fact, are doing both. For some, this is risky. No one has done this before. We are, indeed, building this effort from the ground up.*

*But I am convinced that unless we take up both of these tasks together, our renewal will be short-lived and just another footnote in the history of the archdiocese. If we reform our institutional structures without a profound spiritual renewal or*

*take up spiritual reform with no attention to how we organize our communities and ministries, we will be missing a chance to achieve long-term sustainability of our parishes. As we move forward, it will be our three imperatives that will steady our steps on this new path. Our aim is to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness. Amid all the twists and turns in the road ahead, it will be important to keep our eyes focused on these three priorities.*

*You have heard me reference Pope Francis often as I looked for ways to describe the vision of Renew My Church. He surely continues to offer us a great deal of inspiration as we take up this work. I highly recommend his latest apostolic exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate." However, I still have fresh in my memory a papal document that was written in the first years after I became a bishop. I was greatly encouraged by it.*

*At the end of the Great Jubilee Year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II issued his apostolic letter "Novo Millennio Ineunte." He did so at a time when his health was already in serious decline and he knew he would not live long into the new millennium. Yet he called the entire church, especially dioceses, local churches, to put out into the deep in this significant moment of human history. His words were youthful and filled with energy as he challenged us to design new pastoral approaches that would give fresh vigor to the mission of the church.*

*This is what he wrote: "Now is the time for each local church to assess its fervor and find fresh enthusiasm for its spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, by reflecting on what the Spirit has been saying to the people of God in this special year of grace, and indeed in the longer span of time from the Second Vatican Council to the Great Jubilee. ... It is in the local churches that the specific features of a detailed pastoral plan can be identified — goals and methods, formation and enrichment of the people involved, the search for the necessary resources — which will enable the proclamation of Christ to reach people, mold communities, and have a deep and incisive influence in bringing Gospel values to bear in society and culture."*

*He called us to be bold, imaginative and to approach the future with daring and courage. Notice that, as he urges new methods and the realignment of resources, he identifies three goals, the same three we have placed at the heart of Renew My Church: "to enable the proclamation of Christ to reach people (make disciples), mold communities (build communities) and have a deep and incisive influence in bringing Gospel values to bear in society and culture (inspire witness)." In concluding his letter, the saintly yet aging pontiff returned to the scene in Luke's Gospel and pressed us to put out into the deep "Duc in altum." Let us go forward in hope! A new millennium is opening before the church like a vast ocean upon which we shall venture, relying on the help of Christ."*

*We are going out on a limb with Renew My Church, not as reckless thrill-seekers, but as those who see the great potential ahead of us as the Spirit leads us forward. It is, as Papa Wojtyła, observed, out of a faith that a vast ocean is opening before us, that we take up this venture together, ever relying on the guidance of Christ. For more about Renew My Church, visit [www.archchicago.org/renew](http://www.archchicago.org/renew).*

**"Happy Anniversary!"** Speak those words to our own Deacon Tom Dunne. He just celebrated this past week the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate! He has lived out his entire Diaconate in service to our Parish Family of St. Thomas of Villanova. He has baptized, preached, performed marriages and buried the dead with love, care, and holiness. He did not want any celebration or personal recognition! (So be sure you keep quiet by whispering "Happy Anniversary" in his ear.) And say a prayer for his health and happiness.

Your Pastor,  
  
Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

# Parish Events

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 6

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

### Monday, May 7

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:30pm	K of C Officers Meeting	MRC

### Tuesday, May 8

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Family School Assoc. Mtg	MRA
7:00pm	Living Rosary	Church
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

### Wednesday, May 9

1:00pm	Golden Villanovans	MRA & B
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

### Thursday, May 10

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

### Friday, May 11

No Activities

### Saturday, May 12

8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
7:00pm	CFM Meeting	RAC

### Sunday, May 13

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



# TODAY

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank you!

# UPCOMING

- **CHILI'S DINE-N-SHARE** All month long! (Page 8)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
  - ~ Monday, May 7 at 1pm. Ladies Luncheon at Uncle Julio's—20423 N Rand Rd, Kildeer. (Same shopping mall as Nordstrom's Rack and Café Zupas.) RSVP to Toni 847-776-1413.
  - ~ Wednesday, May 9 at 1pm. Monthly meeting in MRA & B. Speaker from Arlington Hts. Senior Center about One-Day Bus Trips.
- **LIVING ROSARY & MAY CROWNING** Tuesday, May 8 (See Below)
- **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE** Next weekend after Masses (Page 7)
- **CFM MEETING** (*Christian Family Movement*) Saturday, May 12 at 7pm
- **BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, May 13 at St. Theresa (Page 5)
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION** Register NOW for our summer VBS Program which will be Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29. (Page 5)
- **TO BE JOYFUL AGAIN**, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Rd, Inverness. Come get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Elaine at 847-705-9886 or Bob at 847-438-2884 for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE—GOLF OUTING—Friday, July 27**

## LIVING ROSARY & MAY CROWNING

Everyone is invited to honor our Blessed Mother on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm in Church for the Living Rosary and May Crowning.



**Be A Bead:** We invite individuals, families or groups and especially *First Communicants and Confirmands* to be beads of the rosary. If you would like to be a bead, you must call Gay Sladky 847-359-4067. We want to honor Mary in as many languages as possible; so if you speak a foreign language, please let Gay know when you call her.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT**

*From Mary Strybel – Director of Religious Education*



Registration for Vacation Bible School is currently in full swing. Mrs. Lisa Lechowicz will head it up this year as we seek to plan another fantastic bible experience for our children. With Lisa’s wonderful sense of humor, it goes without saying that a fun time of learning will be had by all. And for the ninth year, we have the mother-daughter team of Mrs. Chris Barto and Mrs. Bev DeJulio as our coordinators. How lucky are we? The theme of this year’s VBS is “Shipwrecked.” It is a reminder and celebration that whether we’re at sea or on land, our Great Lord is always with us.

Our First Communion Celebrations were a real encounter with the Lord as present in the Eucharist. Again, we congratulate all our second graders. Just a reminder, that families may pick up their children’s Communion banner in the Gathering Area after this weekend’s Masses.

Enjoy this warm weather my sisters and brothers—God Bless You and Yours,  
*Mary*

**MISERICORDIA—THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

Thanks to your wonderful generosity the collection last weekend for Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home totaled \$1,365.46 from five Masses! Misericordia serves over 600 children and adults with mild to profound intellectual and developmental disabilities in an atmosphere of love, faith and respect. Prayers for their benefactors are said at all their Masses. God bless you!



*Bev Kaman*

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council #4977 will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 13th, at the St. Theresa Lower Dolan Center from 7:45am to 1:00pm. Your donation of just a pint of blood can help save a life! Take a few minutes, roll up your sleeve, and donate a pint of life-saving blood.



**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS AT STV**

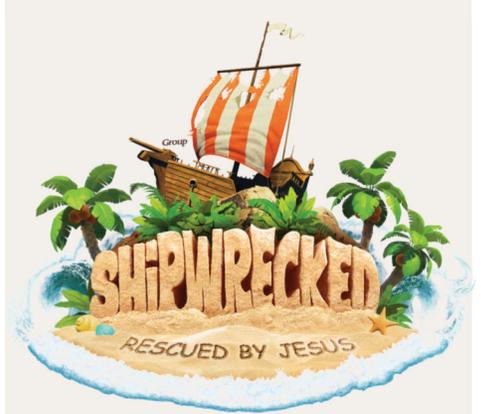
Mike Small will conduct his popular Basketball Camps at St. Thomas for boys and girls grades K-6 as of the Fall 2018. The emphasis will be on fundamentals with game experience and various contests. All participants will be separated according to age and ability.



**Monday June 4 – June 8**

- Boys/Girls Grades 4 – 6 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Boys/Girls Grades K –3 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Contact Mike/Tina: [www.mike-small.com](http://www.mike-small.com) / [info@mike-small.com](mailto:info@mike-small.com) / 847.635.8437



**2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 25th—29th  
from 9am—Noon  
Rowley Activity Center**

**Children age 4 years old to those entering 5th Grade**

We’ll venture onto an uncharted island and anchor ourselves in the truth that Jesus carries us through life’s storms. Come for the songs, Ship Rec Games, Castaway Crafts, Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema and even Tropical Treats!

Download a registration form at **[www.stvrec.org](http://www.stvrec.org)** or pick up a form in the Religious Ed or Parish Offices.

**We need parent volunteers, too!**

Just email [stvrec@yahoo.com](mailto:stvrec@yahoo.com) or call 847-358-2386



# To Teach Who Christ Is



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

## PROJECT UPDATE: Build a new, accessible rectory on our Parish Campus

In October 2017, Fr. Tom formed a **RECTORY Building Committee (RBC)** which began meeting in November.

### WORK-TO-DATE SUMMARY:

- ~ The **RBC** has established a timeline with a potential construction start time of APRIL, 2019 which, of course, depends upon Archdiocesan final approval of the project as well as having the adequate funding in place which it demands for capital projects.
- ~ The **RBC's DESIGN SUB-COMMITTEE'S (DSC)** data gathering regarding needs and wants has included visiting various rectories and meeting with pastors and staff members as well as reviewing various items such as a floor plan which includes private two-room suites and a functional, comfortable common living area. Moreover, it has made suggestions gleaned from its data gathering regarding design elements which will enhance the living spaces which, as you know, will accommodate adults whom, while sharing a common vocation, are not related in a familial way. Finally, the **(DSC)** continues to consider elements such as its recent decisions regarding plumbing fixtures which will be included in the scope of work. The **(DSC)** provided input which enabled the **RBC** to agree upon a floor plan which includes four two-room suites complete with full baths and walk-in closets.

The **RBC'S SELECT SUB-COMMITTEE** has:

- ~ created various design options based upon all committee members' input which informed the RBC's floor plan decision mentioned above.
- ~ built a relationship with our assigned Archdiocesan Facilities and Construction Manager for our rectory project.
- ~ created and distributed a "Request For Qualifications" (RFQ)
- ~ selected Archdiocesan approved Design Build Contractors based upon their RFQ responses. (These contractors will receive the RFP)
- ~ been constructing the elements for the "Request For Proposal" (RFP) which will include its detailed scope of work sheets for each construction facet and finish item.
- ~ retained WATERMARK ENGINEERING to produce a TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY of the rectory building site, (the grassy plot South of Anderson Drive, North of the existing retention pond and West of the Parish Center addition to the Church) and a Geotechnical Report which will include five soil borings in the proposed footprint of the new rectory.
- ~ met with the Village of Palatine's Director of Planning and Zoning to ensure that we are moving in accordance with the Village of Palatine policies and procedures regarding zoning, construction, fire regulations, etc.

This work-to-date has been accomplished because of the generous sharing of time and talent of our RBC members:

Father Tom	Tom Dalton	Vito Manola	Marty Nixon	Mark Sauter
Deacon John Breit	Norbert Krogstad	Jean Morris	Mary Lou Olhava	Connie West
Bob Cudney	Jim Lennon	Jane Murguia	Basil Romaniszak	Ron Schaefer

Vital to the successful completion of building a new rectory for our priests is the generous sharing of treasure by so many Parishioners – all those who donated or who are fulfilling their TTWCI pledges!

May God, who provides all of our blessings, continue to be praised and be thanked by your generous sacrifices!

*Ron Schaefer*, STOV PROJECT MANAGER

**2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Apr 1	\$ 20,189.01	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 21,951.01	(\$ 1,748.99)
Apr 8	\$19,490.27	\$ 2,963.00	\$ 22,453.27	(\$ 1,246.73)
Apr 15	\$ 17,737.73	\$ 3,153.00	\$ 20,890.73	(\$ 2,809.27)
Apr 22	\$ 17,479.03	\$ 1,913.00	\$ 19,392.03	(\$ 4,307.97)
Apr 29	\$ 15,755.84	\$ 1,778.00	\$ 17,533.84	(\$ 6,166.16)

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 1,042,800.00
YTD Actual	\$ 954,975.48
Over / (Under)	(\$ 87,824.52 )

**2018 Parish Easter Gift:  
\$ 69,497.00**

**THANK YOU!**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mother’s Day is a day we honor and remember the special women in our lives who have nurtured, loved and shaped us into the people we are today. It is through their unconditional love that we begin to understand the depth of Christ’s love for us, and his command to share that love with one another.

On Mother’s Day, each of us will have an opportunity to share Christ’s unconditional love with the poor and vulnerable through our gift to the Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection. For Catholic Charities, charity is not just about providing material assistance, but acting with the same love and mercy that Jesus showed to restore people’s dignity and give them the hope of a brighter future. Catholic Charities counts on our volunteer and financial support to offer comprehensive programs that get to the root cause of suffering, address multiple needs, and help people rebuild their lives for the better.

Pope Francis has used a powerful image of the Church as “field hospitals.” During war, field hospitals are situated right on battlegrounds—close to the wounded who need help. Similarly, as part of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic Charities 150 service locations are very much like field hospitals, helping those who are suffering, and located in neighborhoods that have sadly become like real battlegrounds, plagued with violence and despair. Catholic Charities program sites are safe havens in desperate areas and their staff and volunteers are truly ministers of mercy. Serving nearly one million people each year, Catholic Charities brings Christ’s love and mercy to the people and the places that need it most.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection, and please consider being as generous as you can again this year. Contributions can be made during the second collection on Mother’s Day, anytime at [www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate), or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654. May God bless you and those you love this Mother’s Day and always. With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich



**MOTHER’S DAY  
FLOWER SALE  
MAY 12 & 13**

Flowers are a Mother’s favorite! After all Masses on Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, St. Thomas’ Respect Life Team will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers.

Choose the perfect bouquet from our deluxe selection.

- Carnation bunch -\$8 each or 2 for \$15;
- Roses and Alstroemeria bouquets -\$15;
- Mixed Floral Arrangements - \$10; Spray Roses and Daisy Bouquets -\$20;
- Mom’s Love Bouquets -\$30.

Proceeds will be used to help women facing unplanned pregnancies and their children. Please support this life-saving work of The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland.

*Last year, The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland provided compassionate counseling, social services referrals and material goods assistance to over 5,000 women who were facing crisis pregnancies. Since its founding in 1984, The Women’s Centers have helped save more than 37,000 babies—and their mothers—from the tragedy of abortion. For more information, visit [www.womens-center.org](http://www.womens-center.org). Thank you for your generous support.*

# School News

## From the Principal's Desk

### SCIENCE FAIR FINALISTS ALL RECEIVE GOLD MEDALS

Every one of our students who went downstate earned a GOLD medal last weekend. Thank you, Mrs. McGarvey, for all the hard work and guidance during this journey. Congratulations to:

- **Caroline Kawiecki** – *We've Got the Beat: The effect of music genre on heart rate and blood pressure*
- **Anna Martino** – *The Pain Race: The effect of pill form on dissolution rate of NSAIDs*
- **Livy Walczynski** – *Slime Science: The effect of detergent type on the viscosity of slime*
- **Victoria Walsh** – *Melting Miracles: The effect of crayon color on melt time*



### VARSITY BOYS TAKE FIRST PLACE AT NWCC TRACK CONFERENCE FINALS INDIVIDUAL GIRLS AWARDS

Congratulations to **Abigail Jordan**, who took 1st in the 1600 meters. **Andrew Jordan**, took first in 1600 meters while setting a new school record. **Tony Iliopoulos** took 2nd place in the 1600. See the Athletic Website for a complete list of all the winners. Two school records were broken. **Anthony Westfall** shattered the school record in the 800, while winning the event. Congratulations to **Elise Martino**, for winning the 800-meter race. The 4 X 400 varsity girls' and boys' relays took first place!

Congratulations to **Allison Hubbard**, who played in the symphonic orchestra in Elmhurst over the weekend. After practicing with the orchestra, she performed four pieces with them, including Nimrod, and The Lion King, for public enjoyment.

Grandparents Day was a huge success. A huge kudos to **Julie Hake** and her team. The decorations were amazing, and the day proceeded without a glitch! Thank you to Father Tom for presiding over the beautiful Mass. Thank you to **FOSTOVs** for the awesome raffle items for the grandparents. The pearl necklace and Cubs tickets were much appreciated. The teacher raffle brought many smiles over at the school.

**NEW iPADS, CHROMEBOOKS, AND MORE, OH MY!** Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School (FOSTOVs) have been busy purchasing new items for the school. We just received 70 new iPads, 30 new Apple pencils, 30 Chromebooks, carts, charging box, and more for the school. A special and fun item was just delivered to all the teachers in the form of Q Balls. Ask your children about these! More items are being ordered this week. We will keep you informed of all the new items as we receive them.

God bless,  
*Mary Brinkman*

P.S. Chili's Dine-N-Share... all month long! YUM!



PRE-K THRU 12th GRADE SCHOOLS & YOUTH ATHLETICS  
FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Bring this voucher when you visit (dine in or to go) the Chili's location identified below and **15%** of your pre-tax purchase will benefit:

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL**

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## ON EARTH WEEK, GOLDEN RULES, & LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Everybody knows about Earth Day. Everybody at least probably knows that we need to pollute less and recycle more, and Earth Day keeps this in front of us. I had a pair of earth shoes once, but I digress... Earth Day. Seems like it's been around forever, no? Maybe, but not quite. Per one online site, "First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network." Nice. We have only one earth, after all, and we need to take care of it. My employer got into the act by pulling together a series of Earth Day/Earth Week events 4/23 – 4/27 and inviting everyone in the company to play.



Yeah. On Monday they sent out a recycling guide encouraging us to "Think green" with reminders like, "Every ton of paper that is recycled saves seventeen trees," and "The amount of wood and paper we throw away is enough to heat fifty million homes for twenty years." Gee. When you put it that way... On Tuesday, they encouraged us to bring our own utensils. I did, but people who know me know that I like keeping a fork close at hand anyway. You know. In case cake shows up. On Wednesday, we were asked to recycle our plastic bags. I brought in plastic bags-full. Thursday was "Accessory Exchange Day." Perhaps I'll miss them, but those ties were so 1980...

And Friday? Friday was Clean-up Day! Here, we were given brown paper bags and blue plastic gloves and sent out into the surrounding world to pick up trash for an hour. Unfortu-

nately, filling our collective bags wasn't hard to do. Candy wrappers. Cardboard boxes. Paper towels. Plastic straws. Foam cups. Beer cans. Water bottles. And a couple of (unmatched ) hubcaps. Actually, I can overlook the hubcaps, given that they may have popped off unbeknownst to the drivers who lost them. But I'm thinking everything else was purposefully discarded--and, since we worked stretches of grassy and wooded land adjacent to Arlington Heights Road in Elk Grove Village-- probably from a passing car. The word is overused, but...really?

I asked a friend how people could possibly think it's OK to throw their trash onto my landscape. Daisy helped me see the irony of it all. Litterers don't want the stuff in their cars because they see it for what it is: garbage. Thinking only of themselves, then, they get rid of it by putting it into the larger world. Idiots. Litter used to just annoy me. Now it seriously annoys me. As I've been telling my children since they were small, "Be mindful of those who come after you." Essentially, this is the golden rule (or, as Jesus tells us specifically in his sermon on the plain: "Do to others as you would have them do to you"). Essentially, too, it's what he tells us today: "This I command you: love one another." I'm sure those people throwing out their candy wrappers, cardboard boxes, paper towels, plastic straws, foam cups, beer cans, and water bottles weren't thinking about this at the time. Perhaps Earth Day/Week--even in arrears--will help them think about it next time, before they let the litter fly.



### A Prayer For RENEW MY CHURCH

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.*

*In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.*

*Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us*

- *to hear you clearly*
- *to listen to each other attentively*
- *to imagine our future boldly*
- *to discern your direction wisely*
- *to persevere in your holy will courageously*
- *to stay together in charity*
- *to surrender our own plans readily*
- *to embrace the greater good*
- *to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.*

*May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.*

*We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

# Family Matters

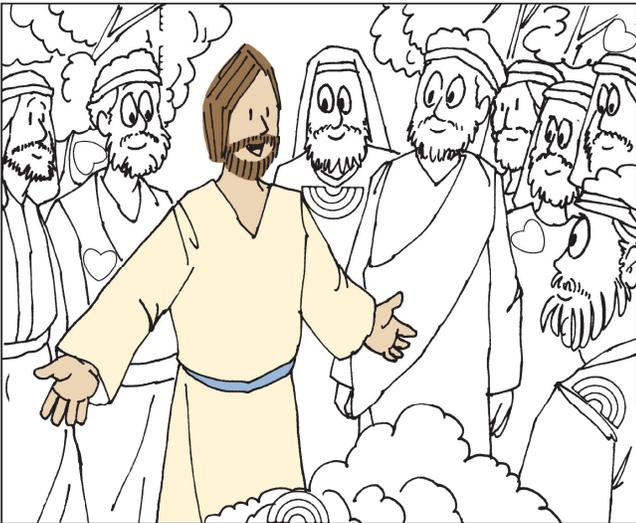


May 6, 2018 • John 15:9-17

## A Great Commandment

Jesus told the disciples,  
"Love each other as I have loved you."

Count how many.  
 4 or 5       3 or 4



Jesus told them how they had become His disciples,

Write the letter that is in the first word, but not the second.  
Transfer the letters to the numbered blanks below.

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| CRANE - EARN | 2. ____     | COVERS - SCORE | 10. ____ |
| STONE - NOSE | 3. ____     | BEAT - EAT     | 11. ____ |
| CARE - CAR   | 4. ____     | SERVE - EVER   | 12. ____ |
| OTHER - TORE | 5. ____     | DRAKE - RAKE   | 13. ____ |
| MAYOR - ARMY | 6. ____     | HOIST - SHOT   | 14. ____ |
| CLUB - CUB   | 7. ____     | PLAIN - PAIL   | 15. ____ |
| FLOAT - LOFT | 8. ____     | EARLY - REAL   | 16. ____ |

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE for MAY 12 / 13

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
<b>PRESIDER</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>DEACON</b>	Deacon Bill Karstenson		Deacon Rich Willer	Deacon Len Marturano	
<b>HOMILY</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>LECTORS</b>	Dennis Young Mark Long	Rob Dix Lee Fialek	Randy Schappert David Asta	Jennifer Santos Greg Crider	
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# Our Weekly Prayers

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maya Rose Kurzawa

Jacob David Schlenbecker

## UPCOMING MARRIAGES

Alex Hein & Addison Cavley—Friday, May 11, 2018 at 4pm  
Katie Brown & Ryan Bagg—Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 2:30pm

## FOR OUR SICK

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

## IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

### 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

### 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
- 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
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AN James Steininger

And all those serving in the Middle East.



**ROSE OF LIFE**  
A Special Intention

## FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

✠ Joanne Barrett  
- Mother of Rick Crandall

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 7

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

### Tuesday, May 8

- 6:30am Communion Service
- 8:00am ✠ Joseph & Cecilia Sullivan;  
✠ Frank McManamon;  
✠ Mary Ann Moretti

### Wednesday, May 9

- 6:30am Communion Service
- 8:00am **MAY CROWNING**  
✠ Patrick Scollard;  
✠ Thomas E O'Driscoll;  
✠ Muriel DeNamur

### Thursday, May 10

- 6:30am Communion Service
- 8:00am Fr. Tom—46 Years of Priesthood

### Friday, May 11

- 6:30am Communion Service
- 8:00am All Military Personnel

### Saturday, May 12

- 8:00am ✠ David Sladky
- 5:00pm All Living & Deceased Mothers

### Sunday, May 13

- 7:30am All Living & Deceased Mothers
- 9:30am All Living & Deceased Mothers
- 11:15am All Living & Deceased Mothers
- 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

## DAILY READINGS

- Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
- Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Jn 16:5-11
- Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2,  
11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thu: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17  
-23; Mk 16:15-20
- Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;  
Jn 16:23b-28
- Sun: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 103:1-2,  
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16;  
Jn 17:11b-19

# 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: Jun 6 & Jun 26*

**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. 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

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Lexine Cramm  
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### VI Niedziela Wielkanocna – Byście się wzajemnie miłowali...

Szczera i głęboka miłość do Boga zaczyna się od miłości ku temu drugiemu... Dlatego też najpierw powinniśmy prawdziwie pokochać tych, którzy są najbliżej. Dopiero wówczas uczucie to będziemy w stanie rozszerzać na innych. Łatwo bowiem kochać na odległość, deklarować przyjaźń wobec tych będących daleko. Najbliższych miłować jest zawsze najtrudniej. Żyjąc pod jednym dachem, 'obrastamy' we wzajemne pretensje, żale, winy... Wobec najbliższych często czujemy się usprawiedliwieni z naszej obojętności i skamieniałego serca. Znając ich wady i słabości, potrafimy też boleśnie zranić...

Za daleko...  
Za zimno...  
Za wcześnie...  
Za nudno...

A ile jeszcze wymówek  
można wymyśleć, by  
nie pójść do kościoła?

Mężczyzna idzie do księdza i mówi:

– Proszę księdza, nie pójde już więcej do kościoła!

Ksiądz pyta:

– Tak? A możesz mi powiedzieć, dlaczego?

Mężczyzna odpowiada:

– O mój Boże, tu widzę siostrę, która mówi mi źle o innej siostrze, tam – brata, który słabo czyta, chór podzielony i faszujący, ludzie podczas mszy patrzą w komórki, nie wspominając o ich

wyniosłym i egoistycznym zachowaniu poza kościołem.

Ksiądz odpowiada:

– Masz rację. Ale zanim definitywnie opuścisz kościół, chciałbym, byś wyświadczył mi przysługę: weź szklankę pełną wody i okrąż trzy razy kościół, nie wylewając z niej ani kropli. Potem możesz opuścić kościół.

– To łatwe! – woła mężczyzna

Zrobił trzy okrążenia, jak ksiądz prosił, wraca i mówi:

– Zrobione, proszę księdza.

A ksiądz pyta:

– Kiedy okrążyłeś kościół ze szklanką wody, zauważyłeś, że siostra źle o kimś mówiła?

– Nie.

– Widziałeś ludzi obojętnych wobec innych w kościele?

– Nie.

– Wiesz, dlaczego?

Bo byłeś skoncentrowany na szklance, by nie uronić z niej ani kropli. Wiesz... podobnie jest w naszym życiu.

Kiedy nasze serca koncentrują się na Chrystusie, nie mamy czasu dostrzegać błędów innych.

**Kto wychodzi z kościoła z powodu zakłamanych chrześcijan, nigdy nie wszedł do niego naprawdę z powodu Jezusa...**

### Dzień Matki – ogłoszenie

Po wszystkich Mszach św. w sobotę i niedzielę 12. i 13. maja będzie możliwość zakupu róż i goździków. Uzyskany dochód będzie przeznaczony na potrzeby Centrum dla Kobiet, dzięki działalności którego ratowane jest od aborcji 1,000 dzieci rocznie i które to Centrum wspomaga potrzebujące matki i ich rodziny w potrzebach materialnych. Bukiety Mieszane--\$10; Bukiety z Goździków--\$10; Bukiety z Róż--\$15; Bukiety Deluxe--\$30. Prosimy, wspomóż naszą działalność.



### NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

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**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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