



I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

~ Isaiah 49:6

# 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 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.

## PARISH OFFICE

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### Priests

Rev. Tom Rzepiela, *Pastor*  
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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*  
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**Renew My Church email:** [RenewMyChurch@stov.org](mailto:RenewMyChurch@stov.org)

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



## *Second Family*

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Our Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Why not add the Pope's June Intention to your daily prayers? Pope Francis' June Intention—"That social networks may work toward that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences."

What does that mean? Because of today's technological developments such as cell phones, computers, texting, etc., we are able to be instantly connected with people all over the world. So, when Pope Francis asks us to pray for social networks, he is really asking us to pray that everybody uses social networks appropriately and responsibly. Pope Francis said: "*The Internet is a gift of God, but it is also a great responsibility. Communication technology, its place, its instruments have brought with it a lengthening of horizons, a widening, for so many people. It can offer immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. May the digital network not be a place of alienation. May it be a concrete place, a place rich in humanity. Let us pray together that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*"

I know Father's Day has passed, but I want to share with you this very contemporary prayer entitled:

### ***For Fathers Coping with a Teenager***

*Now what, Jesus? Once again I have been dismissed by my own child who looks at me as if I am a stranger and an idiot besides. You know how deeply in my heart I carry this child, a child I have loved for so long. Always such a dear and loving child, compassionate and caring. Polite and respectful. What in the world happened to my dear child? Some days he/she is mouthy and flip. Some days insolent and sullen. Where is that loving child, Jesus? You had a wonderful earthly father in St. Joseph. He probably did it much better than I can seem to manage.*

*Now yelling seems to be our mutual common language. Am I teaching my children to separate anger from discipline or am I just exploding in frustration? Teach me to be faithful to my role of setting boundaries that will help my child grow, but with a greater love and patience. Give me wisdom to remember that this is a normal part of maturity and the development of independence. I ask for patience, an open heart and an ability to remember that the eyeroll or scoff that comes my way is really my own dear child's fumbling attempt to grow up.*

*Open my heart to this new stage of fatherhood. It's a hard one, Jesus. Help me to love my child at this most unlovable part of her/his life just as you love me when I am my most flawed self. Give me patience and your loving heart. Thank you.*

Don't forget to say "Good bye" and "Do Widzenia" to Fr. Mirek today as he moves to Tinley Park in his journey to become incardinated into the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are grateful for his two years of Ministry here and we will miss his smiling face.

The update on Fr. Ray is that he is still in rehab for physical therapy due to the weakness in his legs. He is making progress and hopes to be back soon. He still requests no visitors at this time. You can drop off notes and cards to him at the Parish Office. And, of course, keep him in your prayers.

Your Pastor,

*Father Tom*

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

## Parish Events

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, June 24

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*

#### Monday, June 25

9:00am Vacation Bible School *RAC*

#### Tuesday, June 26

9:00am Vacation Bible School *RAC*

7:00pm STV School Board Mtg *School*

#### Wednesday, June 27

9:00am Vacation Bible School *RAC*

4:00pm VOICES Drop-In *TR/RAC*

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration *Church*

8:00pm A.A. (Closed Meeting) *MR4*

#### Thursday, June 28

9:00am Vacation Bible School *RAC*

#### Friday, June 29

9:00am Vacation Bible School *RAC*

11:00am VBS Final Show *RAC*

#### Saturday, June 30

8:40am Morning Bible Study *MRC*

#### Sunday, July 1

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*



### SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

June 4—August 10

Monday thru Friday, 9am—5pm

Saturday, 9am—Noon

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

July 8 Bulletin—Due 6/25

# TODAY

- **FAREWELL TO FR. MIREK** We will miss you!

# UPCOMING

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** *Starts tomorrow!* Program runs Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 9am to Noon!
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
  - ~ Wednesday, June 27 at 11am for tour followed by lunch. Lake Barrington Woods, 22320 Classic Ct, Lake Barrington. RSVP to Maureen 847-358-2586.
  - ~ Monday, July 2 at 1pm— Ladies Luncheon at Baker's Square, 270 E North-west Hwy, Palatine. RSVP to Lorraine: 847-358-3024.
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** Saturday, June 30 at noon. Bring your own lunch. *"Killers of the Flower Moon"* by David Grann. For more info: 847-525-3376

**REGISTER TODAY!—GOLF OUTING—Friday, July 27**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Congratulations to the new Holy Ghost Council Officers of 2018-2019! The Knights of Columbus organization is a shared Ministry between St. Theresa and St. Thomas of Villanova.

### FREE NOTARY SERVICE

Deacon John Breit is now an official Illinois Notary. If you need a document notarized, please stop by during normal business hours Monday-Friday. He is happy to offer this service for free.

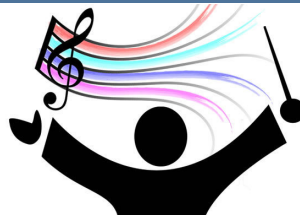
**JOB POSTING: MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Job Title:** Director of Music

**Hours:** Full time

**Description:** The successful candidate will be prepared to plan, lead and participate in liturgical music at all weekend Masses, all School Masses and other Parish & School Liturgies, for example, holy days, retreats, missions, communal reconciliations, sacramental celebrations, Religious Education Liturgies and prayer services. All choirs, current and future, and all musicians, will all be under your direction. Gather 3 (GIA) and other appropriate music form the basis of the Parish repertoire. A candidate with excellent musical and organizational skills, spiritual leadership qualities and experience is needed. St. Thomas highly values the congregational participation in all our sacred Liturgies. This is a pastoral staff-level position with appropriate responsibilities reporting directly to the Pastor. You will be responsible for preparation of worship aids, copyright reporting, and maintenance of our music library and instruments. Weddings, funerals, and other special rites will be your responsibility. Full Pastoral Staff collaboration with the Director of Music is essential. It is the foundation of how we work together at St. Thomas.

**Requirements:** Bachelor's degree or better in Performance on Piano or Voice (or other instrument), Music Education, Liturgical Music or related field is required. A minimum of 3 years' experience as Director of Music in a Parish setting is required. Demonstration of piano and vocal skills will be required. Familiarity and experience in the Roman Catholic spiritual and liturgical life are a must. Comfort level with communication and social media, common computer programs and music writing programs are a plus. Please email a cover letter and resume to [fifth@stvschool.org](mailto:fifth@stvschool.org) for consideration. Any video links to performances/ celebrations where you are demonstrating your skills would be appreciated.



**JOB POSTING: RELIGIOUS ED MINISTRY**

**Job Title:** Director/Coordinator of Religious Education

**Hours:** Part time

**Description:** We are currently seeking a DRE/CRE for our Parish Religious Education Program. Our program serves 400+ students each year. Responsibilities include leading, preparing and participating in weekend/ weekday classes for our K-8 program, overseeing sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, as well as coordinating Children's Liturgy of the Word and Vacation Bible School. This is a part-time position with benefits that has the possibility of becoming a full-time position in the future.

**Requirements:** Our ideal candidate is faith-filled, passionate, energetic, personable, and flexible. Applicant should possess a DRE/CRE certificate approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago or be working toward certification. Previous experience in a Religious Education Program is required. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and resume to Lisa Lechowicz at [stvrec@yahoo.com](mailto:stvrec@yahoo.com).



**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**MARCH IN THE PALATINE PARADE**



**Saturday, June 30**

Meet at 10:45 am and parade starts at 11am. We are at spot #67 (out of 79) on Wood St. just east of Quentin— right in front of the Little Sisters of the Poor bus! Look for "It's a Girl/Boy" balloons. T-shirts proclaiming "Without Life, Liberty is Meaningless" will be provided to first 20 marchers. Your joyful presence is a powerful witness to Life. Strollers welcome! For more information: Maria Goldstein at [marigold1272@yahoo.com](mailto:marigold1272@yahoo.com)



**June 21—July 4**

The Bishops are again calling all Catholics to unite for a Fortnight for Freedom—a two week period of prayer and fasting for religious freedom in our country. Sign up for text message alerts at USCCB.org.

# Father's Day Reflections

## Deacon John Breit

(5:00pm Mass)

Happy Father's Day to all who have had the privilege of being a dad; blessings to all our fathers, both living and dead. Being a dad requires that we are always learning, growing in our daily fraternal and spiritual lives. Our readings today focus on that growth is always in God's hands and that we observe this growth, not by sight, but by faith, as St. Paul tells us in our second reading.

I read this in a newspaper sometime back and thought it mirrored in some way, St. Paul's words: "It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." It is our faith and the grace we get from our faith that allows us to be the kind of person we want our children to remember us as.

In today's first reading, Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would take a sprig from a tree and turn it into a noble cedar, the people recognized in this prophecy that growth is always in God's hands. He would do more for them than they could imagine.

In our gospel from St. Mark, we hear Jesus tell parables about growth. The people who heard Jesus tell the parable of the farmer's life also shared the wonder of the soil. The farmer works hard during the day, but he can't make the seed grow into a plant, and the plant produce fruit. God causes the growth. The parable comforts the people of the early Church in face of discouragement when their efforts don't seem to be getting them anywhere. It should comfort us as well especially when things don't seem to be going our way. Ever had a bad day or a string of bad days?? That growth, if we allow it, is what allows us dads to be dads.

And what about that little black mustard seed? That tiny mustard seed literally grew to be an enormous tree which attracted many birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of dads who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from

within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

I would like to share with you a small portion of how God tended to my growth, spiritually and as a husband and a father. I was born a cradle Catholic as they say. I went to a Catholic grade school and a Catholic High School and attended mass and received the sacraments fairly often (small seeds were planted). However, as soon as I started college, a major drought in my faith occurred and continued for the next 20 years or so. I was spiritually estranged from God.

Right after college I got married to Donna and we began that very humbling and loving journey called marriage. It wasn't long before we desired to be parents. Pretty simple; you want kids and presto the kids come into your life. At least that's the way Donna & I envisioned it. However, the "presto" part didn't happen. Donna and I spent the next 10 years trying to figure out why we could not conceive. Perhaps the Lord was wanting me to mature a little more, both in my actions and in my faith. I'm sure he sprinkled a ton of fertilizer on my soul to get me to accept him back into my heart, but nothing really took root.

Both Donna & I spent a lot of time with several doctors. They just said to be patient (something I am not blessed with an abundance of); be patient and it will happen. I think I did pray for a child during that time, but in retrospect, I question my sincerity at that time. Despite my lack of faith, my weak prayers were answered finally and on October 12, 1984, the most beautiful 7 pound, 20 inch daughter was born to us. Carolyn. What indescribable joy I felt when I first held her in my hands. I was finally a dad!!

But was I really ready to be a dad? Well, I was 32 years old, had a good job; Donna & I owned our own home and we were doing pretty well, I thought. We made it through letting her cry herself to sleep at night when we really wanted to pick her up and comfort her; the terrible twos and the terrible threes; first tooth;

first day at school; first piano recital; first soccer game; first band concert; then came the dreaded teen years; vegetarian diets (I can't eat a cow that someone killed; ewhh!!); hair and clothing styles that we simply shook our heads at and said "Why us, Lord?"; more dreaded teen years; the joy of teaching her to drive a car; looking for colleges; joy of high school graduation; moving her to college (I think we had 6 or 8 wardrobe sized boxes of her stuff we lugged all the way to Boston); the pride and tears of college graduation; her first real job and being empty nesters (for a second time!) and being so proud of the fine young woman she has become!!

Carolyn is a blending of Donna and myself. She gets her adventuresomeness from me and her compassion from my wife. For example, Skydiving. She told us "after" she did her first jump. That is something I would do. She gets her thoughtfulness from her mom. She still hand writes thank you notes. For those of you who don't know what this is; you take a piece of paper and pen and you write, in cursive, words of thanks to someone who has done something nice for you. For her, a "text" won't suffice!!

As they say, you are a work in progress. God continues to allow me to grow. He is like a lawn service that comes to your house every week and makes sure that: your lawn is mowed (He continues to shape your life); that your edges are trimmed (he keeps you sharp for those times when your faith is tested); that your grass and flowers are fertilized (graces from the Holy Spirit that allow you to continue to lead a healthy spiritual life) and that all the weeds are eradicated (he forgives you your sins).

But most importantly, He has given me what I need to be a good husband to Donna; a loving father to Carolyn and a friend and minister to many others in this loving community of St. Thomas. I am a father, a dad only because of my daughter. It is not a right, but rather a privilege granted to me by our God. I'm a dad not because of who I am but because of who my daughter is.

And so a few weeks ago I asked my daughter if she would help me write this

Homily. Asking her what Father's Day meant to her. From her perspective. Here's what she wrote to me: Generally, I think of Father's Day as that Hallmark Holiday in June every year where I have to remember to buy a card and try to send it enough in advance that it will land on my dad's doorstep in time for Sunday. On the morning of Father's Day, I give my parents a quick call to catch up and tell them I love them, which I mean wholeheartedly. We generally just treat the day like any other Sunday. But now that my father has asked me to really think about what the holiday means to me, two things really stick out.

1. I keep referring to "my parents", "we", "them". I think this is really meaningful because, while my Father is of course a very important figure in my life, I really think of my parents as a unit, where two people have each pulled their own weight to make our family dynamic work, ever since I can remember. We may live very different lives and prioritize different goals, but I will always appreciate the fact that I feel a true core in my family. As an adult, I realize that this stability is really due to loving actions undertaken by my parents: they practice constant faith, they contribute positively to society, and they take responsibility for their actions and always try to do better. Growing up, I might not have consciously known they were doing these things, and maybe neither did they, but it has made all the difference. And I realize that my father's personal contributions are pretty extraordinary. He never complained about being the breadwinner; he undertook that position with pride. He never claimed to be something he wasn't; he is completely genuine (sometimes too genuine, if you ask me!). He never forces any kind of faith; he leads a good Christian life through quiet and powerful example. For all of these reasons, I'm proud to celebrate my Father on Father's Day, and I'm sure his Father and Our Father would be as well.

2. The other thing that really strikes me when I think about my Father is just how grateful I am that, in this weird and crazy time (there really isn't any other way to describe it), I have never once had to call his character into question. There should be more men in the world like my father, a man who has his faults, but is able to recognize them and continues to work hard to overcome them. No one is perfect, of course. But I can tell that my father takes his position as a dad and a church "elder" (sorry dad, but it's true. You're 66!) very seriously and he really considers what impact his words and actions have on other people. That self-awareness is sorely lacking in general these days, and it's inspiring to know that there are still decent people who genuinely try to do good. I would encourage all dads out there to think about the impact that you have on your children day to day and question whether you want your children to act the same way or better. If you want them to be better, YOU be better. That is the best way to enable positive changes that we need to make this world kinder.

To all the fathers, grandfathers, soon-to-be fathers, stepfathers, uncles, single moms who also have to be dads, etc... I wish you a very Happy Father's Day. I wish for your children and all children to experience a strong faithful family life. I wish for the love you show each other to radiate into the world and create miracles. And I wish to thank my own father for being my greatest supporter. I love you. Happy Father's Day!

When I thanked my daughter for these very gracious and humbling words, I said, "I'm not sure that I am deserving of them." She said, "I tried not to over sell you."

And there you have it. A Father's Day perspective from both a dad and a daughter. God Bless.

### Deacon Rich Willer

*(9:30am Mass)*

A tired rundown father goes to see his doctor. "You," said the doctor to his patient, "are in terrible shape, & unless something is quickly done you're going to die. You're under too much stress and you're not eating right. Tell your wife that she must start cooking more nutritious meals. And to help reduce the stress, have her keep the kids off your back so you can relax. Then make a budget and tell her she has to stick to it. If she'll do all this, you should recover completely. Otherwise, you'll be dead in a month."

Obviously shaken, the patient said, "Doc, would you call my wife before I get home & give her those instructions?"

When he got home, his wife rushed to him. "I just talked to the doctor," she wailed. "Honey, he said you only have 30 days to live."

A few years ago my friend shared a riddle with me and then left me to ponder the riddle until our next meeting. Here is the riddle:

What is stronger than God?  
More evil than the devil,  
Poor people have it,  
Rich people don't need it,  
And if you eat it you will die.

I thought and thought about the riddle and then I finally figured it out, the answer is "nothing"

A riddle can also be called a parable. Parables are stories that leave the listener without an answer. Jesus liked to use Parables in his teaching and often left the disciples to try and figure out the meaning of such stories. And here we are today, some 2000 years later still trying to figure out just what Jesus meant when he told the story of the wedding feast, the dishonest Steward, the Good Samaritan, and even the mustard seed.

A wise theologian once said that we cannot comprehend the parables of Jesus until we see ourselves in the story. Like a small Child, recognizing herself in the mirror for the first time, then we see ourselves represented in the story and finally get it. Then we are: the rebellious son

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# Stewardship

*Be a Witness of*  
**Charity**  
**2nd COLLECTION**  
**Next Weekend**

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more info, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## 2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Jun 3	\$25,920.00	\$1,958.00	\$27,878.00	\$ 4,178.00
Jun 10	\$ 15,902.52	\$ 2,668.00	\$ 18,570.52	<i>(\$ 5,129.48)</i>
Jun 17	\$ 16,595.65	\$ 2,128.00	\$ 18,723.65	<i>(\$ 4,976.35)</i>
Jun 24				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 1,208,700.00
YTD Actual	\$ 1,101,867.38
Over / (Under)	<i>(\$ 106,832.62)</i>

**THANK YOU!**



*St. Thomas of Villanova's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## Golf Outing & Dinner Fundraiser

**Friday, July 27, 2018**

**Registration 9:30am; Shotgun Start 12:00pm—*sharp!***

**Early Bird Registration ends June 30, 2018.**

**Register today to be entered into the raffle!**

*Single Registration—\$150.00*  
*Foursome Registration—\$600.00*

*Men's Commemorative Shirt—\$30.00*  
*Women's Commemorative Shirt—\$30.00*

### Don't play golf?

**Here is how you can score a hole in one by helping with this year's outing!**





Something ends, something begins...

Two years ago, after sixteen years of working in Poland, when I was leaving the country, my friends were divided into two groups. Some said, "I admire that at this age you dare to go to a whole new environment. Other people, different language, different world." Others knocked on their forehead and said, "You are stupid. Why do you need it? In a few more years in Poland, you'd be a pastor, etc." Probably neither of them understood me, and certainly did not understand my motivations. I am not the type of man who sits by the fireplace, in a rocking chair and warm slippers nor the type that awaits positions and titles. I just like to learn something new; I like learning new things, new forms of work. And, above all, I really LIKE PEOPLE.

So, I left. And the only thing I regret now is the fact that I decided to take this step so late. God blessed me at the beginning of my work in the United States. He set me in the parish of St. Thomas of Villanova. I think that it would be difficult to find a better place to start work. Today comes the moment when I have to close a short but beautiful chapter entitled "STOV" in the book of my life. That is why I would like to thank all of you together and each one individually. I am sorry that I will not mention everyone, because if I wanted to do it, there would be no space in the bulletin.

Thanks to Fr. Tom, that he wanted to accept me and patiently introduced me into the secrets of American pastoral life, which is completely different from Polish. I would like to thank Fr. Marcin for all his help, both in and outside the parish, and for teaching me how to move in the American reality. Thank you Fr. Ray for the patience and cheerfulness of the spirit that created the family atmosphere in our rectory. I would like to thank all the parish employees who, with their smile and kindness, made me joyfully go to work. I would like to thank the management, teachers, parents and, of course, STOV School students, for joint meetings, performances and trips, thanks to which I got to know a piece of American history and culture.

And most of all, thank you, Dear Family of STOV... For every good word, for patience and forbearance of my English knowledge. Thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for all the good advice I have heard from you. Thank you for all your smiles. But mostly, thank you for your conversations and for the fact that you confirmed me every day that my work makes sense and that I am needed. Because nothing motivates us to act and want to develop, more than to realize that the service that we do is for another's need. Thank you again for everything.

And I'm sorry, if I offend someone with words or behavior, I'm asking for forgiveness. Certainly, it never resulted from my own will but from ordinary human weakness. A certain stage in my life is ending. With a pure heart, I can say: "It was a great time." For all this, LET GOD BE PRAISED! I firmly believe that God, who at the right time crosses the paths of our lives, will allow us to see good fruits of this meeting in time. I also trust that the same God will allow our paths to cross more than once in the future and give us the joy of meeting again. That is why I am not saying: GOOD BYE but SEE YOU SOON.

You will always remain in my heart and in my prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU,

Fr. Mirek Kulasa





STV School will be marching in the Palatine Parade. Please join us in showing pride for our great school and Catholic education!

**Saturday, June 30  
11AM**

**Parade Lineup is  
between 9AM and  
10:30AM.**

**STV will line up on  
Wood Street.**

The Parade route is approximately one mile long. Parade line-up will proceed east down Wood Street from the SOUTH on Quentin ONLY.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## STV SCHOOL MEETS ROSIE



*Rosie & Her Mom*

Rosie was diagnosed at age 2-1/2 with a disease that causes baldness. Her parents decided to use Rosie’s hand-drawn pictures to make head scarves for her to wear. Rosie wanted other children facing baldness to have scarves, too. And so... Coming up Rosies Organization was formed. On May 18, our school was able to meet Rosie and draw pictures that might become a scarf! We also hosted a “Green for Jeans” day with the proceeds being given to Coming Up Rosies. Students saw first hand how their money would help others in need. To learn more: [www.ComingUpRosies.com](http://www.ComingUpRosies.com)

## STV SCHOOL OFFICE—Summer Hours

The school office will be open throughout the summer from June 4 through August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, Mondays through Thursdays. (The office will be closed July 2—13, but phones and email will be monitored.)

## JUNE 2018—LOTTERY WINNERS

Congratulations to our June 2018 School Lottery Winners!

- \$25 Vered Westfall—sold by the Westfall Family
- \$25 Carmela David—sold by the Towbridge Family
- \$50 Mine Swerkun—sold by the Swerkun Family
- \$50 Stanislaw Giba—sold by Giba Family
- \$100 Ms. Karen Flasch—sold by unknown
- \$200 Mary Ellen Williams—sold through the bulletin



## Cont'd—Father's Day Reflections

who ran away with a father's fortune, or the Levite who passed by beaten man on the road to Jericho, or even the foolish man who built his home on sand instead of rock. Once we see ourselves in the story, the story takes on a whole new meaning and we learn a little more about ourselves, and more about God.

Yet here we are trying to live our lives and live our faith beliefs. As a father I try to keep my family as the main object in my life. I wish I could have been a better father. I spent so much of my time away from my four daughters and my wife I was working for Bell system, they assigned me a job in Massachusetts. I did not want to move there so they allowed me to commute. Only getting to come home every other weekend was a little hard on both the wife and kids and also on me. But the kids were always glad to see me because I always had a gift for each of them when I got off of the plane. Then Bingo I was working in California and it was the same thing all over again. Then finally it was 1980 and I was given a sabbatical and was given a teaching job in Lisle. At last I was at home.

The kids were growing up and getting married, and then they were starting to come back home and they and the grand children were living with us at many wonderful times in their lives. Having four daughters led to the 10 grandchildren—most lived with us during times of military and family obligations which led to the 5 marines, a sailor, 2 FBI agents and a Phoenix policeman who are always keeping us worried, because if there is danger, they are always running to it instead of away. And the girls have gotten their collage cared for except for a doctoral candidate, and the jobs of motherhood that are bringing joy of great grandchildren to Mary and me.

So when the time comes and you look back at your life and you see what you love and cherish and know that your love is returned you can feel that life has been good and God has smiled upon you and what more could you ask for on this Father's Day?

### LOOK & FIND GAME



The vine symbolizes Christ and His Church. The **butterfly** is a symbol of our resurrection to new life in Christ. Several butterflies are sitting on the vines of our summer church décor. Can you find them all?

- From Your Art & Environment Team

### LITURGY SCHEDULE for JUNE 30 / JULY 1

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
<b>PRESIDER</b>	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada
<b>DEACON</b>	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Len Marturano		Deacon John Breit	
<b>HOMILY</b>	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada
<b>LECTORS</b>	Mark Long Ellen Frech	Bill Pocklington Rob Dix	Dorene Wackerfuss Randy Schappert	Jackie Nogle Conrad Bertz	
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	Louis Akins Mark Anthony Besozzi Mary Bragiel Corinne Greico Peggy Jablonski Helen Janicki Mike Kanis Peggy King Mick Lasiewicz	Marilyn Marturano Bonnie Fennig Karen Flasch Bob Hicks Mary Anne Horan Rita Snyder Bob Stanek Margo Stanek Marilynn Stone Don Ullmer	Sue Kadowaki Cindy Kane Celeste Kerr Roswitha Kist Paula Logsdon Steve Lundell Stacy Mccluskey Andrew Nalywajko Theresa Narantic	Donna Breit Joyce Miller Tom Nolan Carol O'Shea Brian O'Shea Sheila O'Shea Sandy Peterson Howard Pettinger Jean Pope Earl Schaffnit	
<b>SERVERS</b>	Katie Seligmann Olivia Walczynski Victoria Walsh	Claudia Tran Madalyn Chambers David Dabrowski	Chase McCluskey William Slatkay Keira Treganza	Victoria Ruetsche Grace Hedgepeth Anika Tsau	
<b>GREETERS</b>	M G N OPEN Bob & Nancy Bachmann Sylvia Schaffer	Karen Froelich Don & Geri Ullmer Tom & Marianne Greener	Sue Fanara Ken & Barb Doruff Bev Dalton & Barb Murphy	Jack & Jeanie Landeweer Brian & Sheila O'Shea Howard Pettinger	

# Our Weekly Prayers

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, June 25

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Carl Hlavka;  
 † Frank Hamlin;  
 † Daniel Kluss;  
 † Reynaldo Salcedo

### Tuesday, June 26

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Esther Salcedo

### Wednesday, June 27

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Andrew Wilson

### Thursday, June 28

6:30am Communion Service  
 8:00am † Nancy Behen;  
 † Daniel Kluss

### Friday, June 29

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

### Saturday, June 30

8:00am † Frank Hamlin  
 5:00pm Intention for Robert Brand;  
 All Living & Deceased Parishioners

### Sunday, July 1

7:30am † David Sladky  
 9:30am † Teresa McManamon;  
 † Vivian Drews  
 11:15am † Cherie Bott;  
 † Richard Heart  
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH  
 4:00pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

## DAILY READINGS

Mon: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
 Tue: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wed: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20  
 Thu: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29  
 Fri: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
 Sat: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17  
 Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

## FOR OUR SICK

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

## 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
- SPC Jack Davis
- SGT Raymond Dickenson

- PVT Ryder Dickenson
- SSG Christopher M. Fedrick
- 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
- PFC Nicholas G. Dean

- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- SGT 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
- CDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AN James Steinger

And all those serving in the



## ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Wife  
 SYLVIA GRONSKI

## FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Patricia Ann Brunk

† Robert J. Scheidt

† Mary Ann Jones  
*Sister of Joan Cook*

*Husband of Joann Scheidt*



### UROCZYŚĆ NARODZENIA ŚW. JANA CHRZCICIELA – Mistrz

W sztuce sakralnej, zwłaszcza wschodnich ikonach, św. Jan Chrzyciel jest przedstawiany w pokłonie przed Jezusem. W postawie pokory z pochyloną głową i wyciągniętą ręką wskazuje na Zbawiciela. Będąc nauczycielem, nie zatrzymuje swoich uczniów przy sobie, ale prowadzi dalej. O jego młodzieńczych latach i dorastaniu wiemy niewiele. Bóg przygotowywał go na pustkowiu

do zadania, które miał podjąć. Dzięki temu, gdy dorósł i stał się duchowym mistrzem dla innych, usłyszał w głosie Jezusa głos Zbawiciela. Widząc nadchodzącego krewnego, potrafił zobaczyć w Nim Baranka Bożego...

### NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

3 czerwca 2018 r	\$ 2,147.00
10 czerwca 2018 r	\$ 1,657.00
17 czerwca 2018 r	\$ 1,181.00
24 czerwca 2018 r	

**W sumie: \$ 4,985.00**

**Dziękujemy!**

Coś się kończy – coś się zaczyna

Kiedy dwa lata temu po szesnastu latach pracy w Polsce wyjeżdżałem z kraju, moi znajomi podzielił się na dwie grupy. Jedni mówili: „ja Cię podziwiam, że w tym wieku odważyłeś się wyjechać do całkiem nowego środowiska. Inni ludzie, inny język, inny świat”. Inni zaś pukali się palcem w czoło i mówili: „Ale ty głupi. Po co Ci to? Posiedziałbyś tutaj parę lat, zostałbyś proboszczem itp”. Zapewne ani jedni ani drudzy mnie nie rozumieli a już na pewno nie rozumieli moich motywacji. Nie jestem typem człowieka, który będzie siedział przy kominku, w bujanym fotelu i ciepłych kapciach. Ani tym typem, który czeka na stanowiska i tytuły.

Ja po prostu lubię się uczyć czegoś nowego, lubię poznawać nowe rzeczy, nowe formy pracy.

I przede wszystkim bardzo lubię ludzi.

Tak więc wyjechałem. I jedyna rzecz jakiej teraz żałuję to fakt, że zdecydowałem się na ten krok dopiero tak późno.

Pan Bóg mi jednak pobłogosławił i na początek pracy w Stanach Zjednoczonych postawił mnie w parafii St. Thomas of Villanova. Myślę, że chyba trudno by było znaleźć lepsze miejsce na początek pracy.

Dzisiaj przychodzi moment, kiedy muszę zamknąć w księdze swojego życia krótki ale piękny rozdział zatytułowany „STOV”.

Dlatego chciałbym bardzo serdecznie podziękować wszystkim razem i każdemu

z osobna. Przepraszam, że nie wymienię wszystkich, ponieważ gdybym chciał to zrobić zabrakłoby miejsca w biuletynie.

Dziękuję Księdzu Tomowi, za to, że zachciał mnie przyjąć i cierpliwie wprowadził w tajniki duszpasterstwa amerykańskiego, które jest całkowicie odmienne od polskiego. Dziękuję Księdzu Marcinowi, za wszelką okazaną pomoc zarówno w parafii jak i poza nią i za to, że nauczył mnie poruszać się w amerykańskiej rzeczywistości. Dziękuję Księdzu Rayowi za cierpliwość i pogodę ducha, która wprowadzała rodzinną atmosferę na naszej plebanii. Dziękuję wszystkim pracownikom parafii, którzy swoim uśmiechem i życzliwością sprawiali, że z radością szedłem do pracy. Dziękuję dyrekcji, nauczycielom, rodzicom i oczywiście uczniom STOV School, za wspólne spotkania, przedstawienia i wycieczki, dzięki którym poznałem kawałek amerykańskiej historii i kultury.

I przede wszystkim dziękuję Wam Droga Rodzino STOV.

Za każde dobre słowo, za cierpliwość i wyrozumiałość dla mojej znajomości angielskiego.

Dziękuję za Waszą gościnność.

Dziękuję, za każdą dobrą radę, którą od Was usłyszałem i za wszelkie wyrazy sympatii.

Dziękuję za każdy Wasz uśmiech.

Ale najbardziej dziękuję Wam za wspólne spotkania i rozmowy i za to że każdego dnia utwierdzaliście mnie w przekonaniu, że moja praca ma sens i że jestem potrzebny. Ponieważ nic tak nie

motywuje do działania i chęci rozwoju niż świadomość, że posługa którą się wykonuje jest innym potrzebna. Jeszcze raz za wszystko dziękuję.

I przepraszam, jeśli kogoś uraziłem słowem czy zachowaniem, proszę o wybaczenie. Na pewno nigdy nie wynikało to z własnej woli ale ze zwyczajnej ludzkiej słabości.

Kończy się pewien etap w moim życiu. Z czystym sercem mogę powiedzieć, że: „To był wspaniały czas”. Za to wszystko NIECH BÓG BĘDZIE POCHWALONY.

Mocno wierzę, że Pan Bóg, który we właściwym czasie skrzyżował drogi naszego życia sprawi, że za jakiś czas będziemy mogli zobaczyć dobre owoce tego spotkania. Ufam również, że ten sam Bóg jeszcze nie raz skrzyżuje nasze drogi w przyszłości i da nam radość ponownego spotkania. Dlatego nie mówię: ŻEGNAJCIE ale DO ZOBACZENIA.

Na zawsze pozostaniecie w moim sercu i w moich modlitwach.

NIECH WAM BÓG BŁOGOSŁAWI  
Ks. Mirek Kulesa

