

HEBREWS 12:22

You have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem.

*Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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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 Class: Sep 3, Sep 23 & Oct 9.*

**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

1201 E Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074

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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon thru Thu 9am—8pm, Fri 9am—5pm, Sat 9am—Noon

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### Priests

Rev. Kris Janczak, *Pastor*  
Rev. Marcin Zasada, *Assoc. Pastor*  
Rev. Tom Rzepiela, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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

Pam Maloney, *Interim Chairperson*  
Deacon John Breit  
Lexine Cramm  
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Norbert Krogstad  
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Gay Sladky  
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*Bulletin deadlines* Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.



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



Dear Friends,

*Once upon a time, a rider came across a few soldiers who were trying to move a heavy log of wood without success. The corporal was standing by just watching as the men struggled. The rider couldn't believe it. He finally asked the corporal why he wasn't helping. The corporal replied: "I am the corporal. I give orders." The rider said nothing in response. Instead he dismounted his horse. He went up and stood by the soldiers and as they tried to lift the wood, he helped them. With his help, the task was finally able to be carried out. Who was this kind rider? The rider was George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief. He quietly mounted his horse and went to the corporal and said, "The next time your men need help, send for the Commander-in-Chief."*

You and I know many stories of great people who were very humble; George Washington was one of them, the great and very powerful man who left us the example of being a humble person. Saint Augustine once wrote, *"Only through the degrees of humility can one reach heaven. God is infinitely perfect, and pride keeps us far from Him, but through humility we are able to approach Him."*

For Jesus, the virtue of humility is very important. On many occasions He taught and gave the example of how to be humble. And certainly in the Gospel for this Sunday we have another parable addressed by Jesus to those who thought that they were better than others. Jesus tells us today: *"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

A great prophet and saint comes to mind- John The Baptist. The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the Word he spoke was Jesus. John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that "He must increase, and I must decrease." John was not in it for praise and honor; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Savior of the world. He could have sought the honor and praise of many, and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him. Let us reflect upon this humility in our own life. Do we tend to point to ourselves or to Christ? Do we seek the praise of others or do we humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took, George Washington took and many other great people. It's also the path we must strive for each and every day, because that's what Christ wants from His followers.



*Image by Fr. Kris Janczak*

**Announcement:** After a summer break, we will be resuming the Scripture Study at STOV. Why is studying the scriptures so important? May I suggest three answers?

- Studying the scriptures is important because of the covenants we have made.
- Studying the scriptures is important because of the direction we need in our lives.
- Studying the scriptures is important because scripture study is a preparation for and prerequisite to receiving personal revelation.

Those three answers can be summarized in the following words: covenants, direction, and revelation. If you would like to learn more about the Scripture Study in our Parish and the times when the Scripture Study is offered here, please see one of our leaders after Mass this weekend.

Happy Labor Day!

Fr. Kris

## Parish Events

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 1

9:40am	Children's Liturgy	MRD
7:00pm	VOICES Kick-Off	RAC

#### Monday, September 2

##### LABOR DAY—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am	Mass—ENGLISH	Church
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#### Tuesday, September 3

8:45am	Smiling Thru the Tears	Offsite
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45am	STV Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Family School Assoc.	School
7:00pm	K of C Planning Meeting	MRB
7:00pm	Polish Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30pm	Women's Club Guild 4	MRA
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

#### Wednesday, September 4

2:30pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR, RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

#### Thursday, September 5

2:30pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	English Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild 1	MRB

#### Friday, September 6

*No Activities*

#### Saturday, September 7

9:00am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
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#### Sunday, September 8

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy	MRD



In honor of the Labor Day holiday, the **Parish Office** will be **closed** on Monday, September 2.

*Please join us for Mass on Labor Day at 8:00am!*

# TODAY

- **VOICES YOUTH GROUP—BIG KICK-OFF BOOT CAMP**  
Tonight at 7pm in the RAC

# UPCOMING

- **SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS** Tuesday, September 3 (Page 6)
- **DINE-N-SHARE: TAP HOUSE** Wednesday, September 4 (Page 8)
- **NEXT WEEKEND (SEPT. 7/8) AFTER MASS—IN THE GATHERING AREA**
  - STV Scripture Study Signup (Page 7)
  - Women's Club Bake Sale (Page 5)
  - FOSTOVS Bears Fundraiser Ticket Sales (Page 8)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
  - Monday, September 9 at 1pm. Ladies Lunch at Jelly Café. RSVP to Carol at 847-476-6464.
  - Wednesday, September 11 at 1pm. Annual Picnic in MRA & B. For questions: Parish Office 847-358-6999.
- **PADS SIGNUP WEEKEND** September 21 /22 (Page 6)
- **EM MANDATORY MEETING** Wednesday, September 25 (See below)

### **ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** **MANDATORY FAITH FORMATION MEETING**

Just as Jesus gave the bread and fish to the disciples to distribute to the crowds, so the Church entrusts the Eucharist to us in order to provide spiritual nourishment to the faithful. The Eucharist is the source, center, and summit of our Christian lives. Therefore, as liturgical ministers, it is imperative that we take part in ongoing formation in order to serve the community more effectively and grow spiritually.



I am kindly requesting that all Eucharistic Ministers attend an evening of formation on **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 7-9pm in the Church**. Please make every effort to attend. Our program will focus on some practical matters in the distribution of Holy Communion in our Parish.

Fr. Kris



**EVANGELIZATION TEAM**



**Did you enjoy the Hospitality Weekend?**

It was hosted by the Evangelization Team—formerly known as the Faith Formation Team.

We wanted to highlight all of the resources we have available in the Gathering Area. Our library has many Bibles in all different translations, copies of the Catechism, and You Cat and a number of commentaries. There are books on the saints, devotionals, and books by many famous Catholic authors. There is a whole shelf of Dynamic Catholic books and a shelf devoted to books on the topic of grieving and loss. To borrow any item, use the red notebook on the side of the bookcase to sign out the item.

Take some time to look at the many titles in our Lighthouse Media Center. Or check out the many offerings in the kiosk, such as—brochures from Bellarmine Retreat Center, Tau Center, and Sienna Center. There are flyers on programs being run here at St. Thomas, such as Scripture Study and Holy Yoga.

As Fr. Ray says, “Grow your Faith—It is a lifelong journey .”

- Your Evangelization Team

The purpose of Women’s Club is “to further the spiritual, service and social interest of the members, to assist members in participating more fully in the life of the Church through Christian service; and to further the development of Parish community through mutual help and united effort.”

The Women’s Club is divided into smaller groups called Guilds which generally meet once a month from September through June.

- Guild 1 meets the 1st Thursday for their monthly meeting and also the 3rd Thursday each month to make items for charities such as hats for newborns; blankets for Clearbrook; and prayer shawls for Parish members.
- Guild 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month and during their monthly meeting makes items such as Baptismal stoles for our St. Thomas babies and makes fleece blankets for adult cancer patients.
- Guild 5 meets the 1st Thursday of the month and also the 3rd Tuesday each month to support the Linus Project by making blankets for hospitals, nursing homes, and orphanages; they also make Rosaries and coordinate the Living Rosary twice a year among other service projects.

In addition, each Guild adopts a family at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving, and we all also donate to our Parish Fundraiser.

We are women of all ages who find service to the Parish and the community, worthwhile. We all do what we can when we can. We would like you to join us. For more information please stop by the **bake sale** or contact the Parish Office at 847-358-6999.

**UPDATE ON FR. RAY**

On Tuesday, August 27, Fr. Ray moved from Alexian Brothers Rehab facility in Elk Grove Village to Transitional Care in Arlington Heights to continue his rehabilitation after surgery. He is getting stronger each day and appreciates all the prayers and well wishes. Prayers for continued healing, Fr. Ray!





## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Men & Women 19 years old & above  
(not in high school)

### St. Mary of the Annunciation

22333 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein

Thursdays\* beginning September 19  
7:00pm—9:00pm

#### Confirmation Mass:

Monday, November 18 at 7 pm.

#### Rehearsal:

Monday, November 11

### Did you miss Confirmation?

Here is your opportunity to receive your Confirmation Sacrament.

Contact Sue Matousek

847-223-0010

smatous@stmota.org

In order to be confirmed on this day you must:

- Be a baptized Catholic who has received first Communion
- Obtain a recent copy (within 6 months) of your Baptismal certificate from the Parish in which you were baptized
- Contact your local Parish Priest, Deacon, or Adult Faith Formation coordinator to establish an ongoing connection with your Parish
- Obtain a registration form from Sue Matousek or on the Vicariate I website, [www.vic1chicago.org](http://www.vic1chicago.org).
- Submit registration form and participation fee (\$60) to Sue Matousek by September 12.
- Participate in the preparation classes consisting of prayer, input, discussion and information on the Catholic faith

\* Class will meet Wed., 10/30 ; not 10/31

Sponsored by the Vicariate I, Deanery  
ABC Ministry Commission

## PADS SIGN-UP FOR FALL 2019

### CLC & STV PADS SITE

Northwest Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) is dedicated to providing hospitality, food, shelter and clothing to the homeless from October 1 through April 30. One of these PADS sites is located in Christ Lutheran Church (CLC), 41 South Rohlwing Rd., Palatine and is run by volunteers from CLC and STV. This site is open every **SUNDAY night** during the PADS season.



## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Sign-up for October 2019 through January 2020 for the CLC/STV PADS site will be held in the Gathering Area the weekend of **September 21/22** after all Masses. We are especially asking you to consider working one of the overnight shifts sometime during the season. Volunteering even once or twice would really help us.

We also need many volunteers to bring food to the site on Sunday evenings and to assist with serving dinners to our guests. We serve a hot meal in the evening, breakfast in the morning, and prepare lunches for the following day. There are many ways to help our guests receive nutritious meals. Please stop at the sign-up table to get more information.

We thank all of you who have served the homeless in the past and hope that you will again sign up to make our 2019-2020 season another opportunity to serve those in need.

**REMEMBER** - Volunteers are needed on Sunday nights and Monday mornings for all shifts, food donations and clean up. Please consider volunteering to help our homeless during this upcoming PADS season.

Need more info?

Contact the Parish Office at 847-358-6999

*The organization that works with the homeless, under which our PADS sites are operated, is known as Journeys: the Road to Hope. Check their website @ [www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org)*

## SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS

Our next meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 will be held at **Little Sisters of the Poor**—80 W.

Northwest Hwy, Palatine. We will start with Mass at

8:00am in the chapel on the second floor, and our meeting will follow right after Mass. Then there will be a tour of the facility and shopping in the gift shop for all to enjoy before we leave. Any question please call me at the Parish Office! See you there! - Connie West





# STVSS 2019-2020

## ST. THOMAS of VILLANOVA SCRIPTURE STUDY FALL / WINTER OFFERINGS

Signup Next  
Weekend in the  
Gathering Area!

### FRIDAY MORNINGS OR TUESDAY EVENINGS

#### ***Fulfilled, Part II: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism***

(A 7-week study)—Cost: \$19 (workbook only) or \$27 (workbook + student book)

Friday mornings from 9:30-11:15am, beginning September 27

AND

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning October 1

#### ***Romans: The Gospel of Salvation***

(An 8-week study)—Cost: \$30

Friday mornings from 9:30-11:15am, beginning January 10, 2020

AND

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning January 14, 2020

### SATURDAY MORNINGS

#### ***Fulfilled, Part I: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism***

(A 7-week study)—Cost: \$19 (workbook only) or \$27 (workbook + student book)

Saturday mornings from 8:45-10:30am, beginning September 28

#### ***Wisdom: God's Vision for Life***

(A 8-week study)—Cost: \$22

Saturday mornings from 8:45-10:30am, beginning January 11, 2020

### MONDAY EVENINGS

#### ***Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John***

(An 8-week study)—Cost: \$23

Monday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning September 30

#### ***Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance***

(An 8-week study)—Cost: \$29

Monday evenings from 7-8:45pm, beginning January 13, 2020

**ALL ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!**

To register: Contact Nancy Hulsebosch at [nhulsebosch@gmail.com](mailto:nhulsebosch@gmail.com) or 847-757-5630

Scholarships available.

*From the  
Principal's Desk*

**Street Fest a Success!**

Our booth was a great success! We offered free cookies and Lego building, both a huge draw for families, who stopped by asking about our preschool and K-8 programs. Check out photos from this weekend on our Facebook page. Twenty families signed up to tour our school, and many other interested families took home information.



A BIG THANKS to FOSTOVS, who funded our role as an official sponsor of Kids Zone at Street Fest through a marketing grant. This was an awesome opportunity to market our school, and we greatly appreciate the support from FOSTOVS in our community outreach efforts.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming school events that help to raise funds for our School:

**Wednesday, 9/4**

⇒ Dine-n-Share at the Tap House

**Weekend of 9/14 & 9/15**

⇒ Track-A-Thon After Mass Sales

**Sunday, October 6**

⇒ FOSTOVS Bears Fundraiser

God bless,  
*Mary Brinkman*

*It's Always*   
**GOOD TO GIVE**

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**September 4, 2019**



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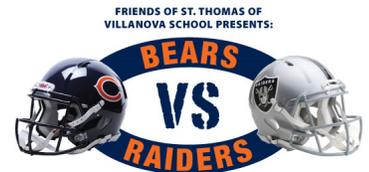
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**FOSTOVS FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, October 6 at 11:00am**

**Durty Nellies—180 N Smith St, Palatine**

- \$50 per person includes food and open bar
- Silent Auction / Raffles / Split the Pot / and more...
- Special appearance by Jim Cornelison singing the National Anthem
- All proceeds benefit the kids at St. Thomas of Villanova School



Stop by the Gathering Area **NEXT WEEKEND** to buy your party ticket, purchase raffle tickets or a 'square.' Early ticket purchase will enter you into a raffle for a Blackhawks gift bag.

For more information, contact STV School: 847-358-2110.

**2019 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$21,400.00
Aug 4	\$ 20,171.01	\$ 3,213.00	\$ 23,384.01	\$ 1,984.01
Aug 11	\$ 14,203.58	\$ 1,933.00	\$16,136.58	(\$ 5,263.42)
Aug 18	\$ 15,348.62	\$ 2,88.00	\$ 18,236.62	(\$ 3,163.38)
Aug 25	\$ 16,788.01	\$ 1,583.00	\$ 18,371.01	(\$ 3,028.99)

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 171,200.00
YTD Actual	\$ 151,018.08
Over / (Under)	(\$ 20,181.92)

THANK YOU!

**Sharing / Pink Envelope: \$ 2,576.70**  
**Mission Co-Op 2nd Collection: \$ 7,357.00**

**DOLLAR SHOPPING POWER (DSP)**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who is using online ordering with ShopWithScrip! It is an easy way to give back to the School and Parish. Don't forget that Parishioners who wish to transfer credits to a school family should notify the DSP Coordinator by sending an email to STVDSPShopping@gmail.com. *Please note the following changes marked in red to the program:*



**SUBMITTING ORDERS**

All Online Orders MUST be placed by **12 Noon on Sundays** to be included with the Final Order for the upcoming week.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- PrestoPay™ - improved** – faster enrollment without approval code
- Cash or check(s)** – Due to the Parish Office by **Friday 9am** (all year round). Make checks payable to St. Thomas of Villanova, please.
- NEW for this YEAR – Credit Card Payment Option** – Similar to PrestoPay, you can now link a Credit Card – Visa or Mastercard Only to your ShopWithScrip account and choose Credit Card Payment when you checkout online. Be advised there is 2.6% fee added to the order total each time you pay with a credit card. To link a Credit Card to your account – choose the Credit Card option when checking out with your gift cards and enter your information which will then be stored for future purchases.

***If Payment is not received – Cards will not be ordered.***

**GIFT CARD DELIVERY**

Physical Gift cards will be available for pick up in the Parish Office on **Thursdays after 9am** (all year round).



**MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

**1st Weekend of Every Month**  
*Next weekend on September 7 / 8*

Please bring a couple pantry items to Mass with you next weekend and place your donations at the front of Church near the pulpit. *(No expired food, please.)*

- ◆ **FOOD**—pancake mix & syrup, hearty soup and saltines, canned tuna or chicken, pasta sauce, jelly, chili, stew
- ◆ **NON-FOOD**—Laundry, dish, hand & bar soaps, toothpaste

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**ST. ANGELA SCHOOL CENTENNIAL YEAR**

St. Angela School, founded in 1920, will launch its Centennial year in a big way on **Sunday, September 8** with a Mass in the gym with celebrant Msgr. Kenneth Velo! Join us for a 9:00am Open House, 10:00am Liturgy and 11:00am reception in the new south garden.



### OFFERINGS FROM SISTERS OF THE LIVING WORD

Living Word Center  
800 North Fernandez  
Arlington Heights

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#### BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE'S GOSPEL

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 16**

The Sisters of the Living Word invite you to a Bible Study on Luke's Gospel led by Sister Joanne Grib, SLW beginning on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 9:30–10:30am. It will continue on September 23, 30, October 7, 14, and 21 and you may join at any session. Please RSVP to joannegrib@gmail.com or call 847–909–5204. All are welcome.

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#### PRAYER FOR PEACE SEPTEMBER 18

Please join the Sisters of the Living Word for a prayer experience on "A Prayer for Peace" led by Sister Barbara Mass, SLW on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 10–11:30am or 7–8:30pm. Please RSVP to bmass329@gmail.com. All are welcome!

### ON SPARING A DIME, AND THEN SOME

According to Wikipedia, Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? "is one of the best-known American songs of the Great Depression." I don't know about that. I am old enough to know the phrase, but apparently not old enough to appreciate that the song "came to be viewed as an anthem to the shattered dreams of the era." It comes to mind today in part because of the Gospel reading, especially when Jesus tells a leading Pharisee--the host of a dinner party that Jesus had been invited to attend--who should really be on the Pharisee's invitation list. "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime" comes to mind, too, because of the book I'm reading: The Best of Royko, The Tribune Years.

I need to preface this by saying that I was traveling a lot for my job when Royko wrote for the Chicago Tribune, especially early on. I recall sitting at O'Hare countless times with the paper in my hand, and always turning to Royko first. The column collection is a gift from my wife, and I'm enjoying the words now just as much as I did then. Currently, I'm on Chapter Four, where I just came across this column from 10/14/1992: "A Restaurant Where Charity Isn't Served." It begins, "Frank Barwacz, 75, comes downtown almost every day to go to church and stroll or to play chess in the park. It's seldom that he doesn't run into a street person asking for a handout..."

We've all been there. I certainly have. I'm never sure what to do. Often, I give a dollar. Sometimes more. Sometimes nothing. At a minimum, I try to acknowledge the person...to let them know I at least see them. In truth, though, it troubles me that sometimes I've not seen them, even

though I have. Frank Barwacz took all of this a bit further. As Royko put it, "Barwacz has a soft spot for the down and out. He can't walk by a panhandler without helping. But he isn't a soft touch. He won't give cash because he doesn't want it spent on booze. 'If they are hungry, I tell them, 'Come with me, I'll buy you some food.' And he takes them to a fast-food place for a bite to eat."

This time, Barwacz took a street person to a Chicago McDonald's, ordered food for him, stepped out for a paper, and when he came back, the guy was gone. Per Royko, Barwacz explained, "He was chased out by the people who run McDonald's. They didn't want him there." We come to learn later in the column that Barwacz was a student in Krakow when the Nazis came, and "before the war ended, he had been in four camps," including Auschwitz. The 95398 on his arm tells the story. Barwacz prayed in those dark years: "God, please help me and I will help others." And so, he was, but a certain McDonald's didn't like the clientele. Finding a lawyer, Barwacz alleged the restaurant discriminated against people taking charity. I'm sure they worked it out. Right now, I'm thinking "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" and Jesus's direction to the big-shot Pharisee regarding the marginalized: "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you..." Clearly, Barwacz lived the words. Me? I have a way to go.

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# Our Weekly Prayers

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 2—**LABOR DAY**

6:30am Communion Service  
8:00am ✠ Borromeo Quiaoit

Tuesday, September 3

6:30am Communion Service  
8:00am Int. for Marita Szyzka

Wednesday, September 4

6:30am Communion Service  
8:00am ✠ Mary Dorn  
✠ Irene Spahn

Thursday, September 5

6:30am Communion Service  
8:00am ✠ Julie Rance

Friday, September 6

6:30am Communion Service  
8:00am All Who Are Sick  
7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, September 7

8:00am ✠ David Sladky  
5:00pm ✠ Lorraine Waelti  
All Living & Deceased Parishioners  
7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Sunday, September 8

7:30am ✠ Daniel Kluss  
9:30am ✠ Sally Alesch  
✠ Baby Leon Magusar  
✠ Diane Curtin  
11:15am ✠ William & Ella Taraba  
✠ Marie Kay  
1:30pm Mass—POLISH

## DAILY READINGS

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30  
Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wed: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
Thu: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Fri: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39  
Sat: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jayce Alexander Hoth

## FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton	Barbara Kerlin	Joseph Matuga	Kristina Sromek
Barbara Amato	Mary King	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Richard Steelman
Kathy Bell	Andy Kist	Joanne Moser	Robert Szott
Ruth Boldt	Roswitha Kist	Paul Moser	Sharon Tadsen
Jason Dean	Susan Kordell	Jeff Moskala	Jack Treanor
Jeanne Formanski	Gary Lazich	Lana Murley	Alfreda Wasilewska
Parker Forseth	Gene Lazich	Ted Otto	Luke Wilberding
Steve Fortunski	Mary Margaret Lazich	Baby David Paprocki	Susan Wilberding
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Phil Gerould	Harold Lewis	Larry Peterson	Fr. Ray Yadron
Edward Grygowski	Ron Magnuson	Jean Pope	Charmaine Zuchel
Dick Haen	Alexa Rae Mang	Brad Rohrssen	Erin Zwadoo
David Hicks	Bob Maruska	Dick Samojla	
Eddie Karda	Elayne Maruska	Jane Samojla	

## 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
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

### U.S. Army

- Lt. Col Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- SPC Jack Davis
- SSG Christopher M. Fedrick

- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger

### U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

### U.S. Marine Corps

- LCpl Nicholas G. Dean
- WO2 Thomas Grygowski
- SGT Cameron Miller
- SGT Kyle Rich
- CAPT Jake Schlenbecker

### U.S. Navy

- LTJG Jeremy Adams
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- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AP James Steininger

And all those serving in the Middle East.



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## FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

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✠ Raymond Kluk

✠ Dennis Grapenthin

Wife of Mary Pat Kluk

Father of Kurt Grapenthin

## XXII NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Pokora w cenie

Wiele Jezus pragnie nauczyć swoich uczniów wszystkich epok. Dzisiejsza lekcja brzmi: 'Kto się wywyższa, będzie ponizony' (Łk 14, 11). Pokora jest jedną z podstawowych cech chrześcijanina. Jezus potwierdził to całym swoim życiem. Maryja przy zwiastowaniu określiła siebie Służebnicą Pańską. Święty Paweł napominał Rzymian: 'Nie zabiegajcie o to, co wyniosłe' (Rz 12, 16). Dlaczego mam zapominać o sobie? Odpowiedź jest prosta. Jeśli nie postawię Boga i drugiego człowieka w centrum swojego życia, zmarnuję je... Pycha, arogancja, egoizm, narcyzm dynamizują wiarę, że jestem najważniejszą osobą i wszystko ma być podporządkowane mnie. Z Bogiem włącznie. Wiara musi być budowana na prawdzie. Stąd św. Teresa określała pokorę jako 'kroczenie w prawdzie'. A prawda jest taka, że Jezus przyszedł na świat jako wyzwalająca, bezinteresowna miłość. W tym mam Go naśladować, a bezinteresowność powinna się stać towarzyszką mojego myślenia i działania.



### 'Zniszczenie Polski jest pierwszym zadaniem...'

1. września 1939 r. wojska niemieckie przekroczyły granice Polski, rozpoczynając II wojnę światową. Osamotnione Wojsko Polskie nie mogło skutecznie przeciwstawić się agresji Niemiec i sowieckiej inwazji rozpoczętej 17 września. W konsekwencji Hitler i Stalin dokonali IV rozbioru Polski.

'Zniszczenie Polski jest naszym pierwszym zadaniem. Celem musi być nie dotarcie do jakiejś oznaczonej linii, lecz zniszczenie żywej siły. Nawet gdyby wojna miała wybuchnąć na Zachodzie, zniszczenie Polski musi być pierwszym naszym zadaniem. Decyzja musi być natychmiastowa ze względu na porę roku. Podam dla celów propagandowych jakąś przyczynę wybuchu wojny. Mniejsza za tym, czy będzie ona wiarygodna, czy nie. Zwycięzcy nikt nie pyta, czy powiedział prawdę, czy też nie. W sprawach związanych z rozpoczęciem i prowadzeniem wojny nie decyduje prawo, lecz zwycięstwo. Bądźcie bez litości, bądźcie brutalni' - słowa te wypowiedział Adolf Hitler na naradzie dowódców w przededniu podpisania paktu Ribbentrop-Mołotow.

Działania zbrojne rozpoczęły się 1. września 1939 r. o świcie... Wojska niemieckie od samego początku walk odnosiły sukcesy. Luftwaffe po zdobyciu panowania w powietrzu rozpoczęło bombardowanie szlaków komunikacyjnych, zgrupowań polskich wojsk, a także dokonywało nalotów na miasta. Wojska pancerne wspierane przez piechotę przelamywały polskie linie obrony i wychodziły głęboko na tyły. Strona niemiecka miała nie tylko przewagę liczebną, ale dysponowała również nowocześniejszym uzbrojeniem i sprzętem. Ogólnej sytuacji nie mogły zmienić pojedyncze punkty oporu, takie jak Westerplatte, Kępa Oksywska i Hel, które trwały w bohaterskiej walce.

3. września związane z Polską układami sojuszniczymi Wielka Brytania i Francja przekazały władzom III Rzeszy ultimatum, w którym domagały się od Niemiec natychmiastowego wstrzymania działań wojennych i wycofania swoich wojsk z terytorium Polski. Po jego odrzuceniu rządy obu państw przystąpiły do wojny z Niemcami. Tym samym Hitlerowi nie udało się izolacja konfliktu polsko-niemieckiego i powtórzenie scenariusza z Monachium. Pomimo wypowiedzenia wojny Niemcom wojska brytyjskie i francuskie nie podjęły jednak żadnych efektywnych działań militarnych przeciwko III Rzeszy... Polska pozostała więc w konflikcie z Niemcami osamotniona...

17. września, łamiąc obowiązujący polsko-sowiecki pakt o nieagresji, na teren Rzeczypospolitej wkroczyły oddziały Armii Czerwonej. Niemcy od kilkunastu dni ponaglali już Sowietów, by zajęli obszary uznane w pakcie Ribbentrop - Mołotow za ich strefę interesów. Stalin zwlekał jednak z podjęciem decyzji, czekając na to, jak zachowają się wobec niemieckiej agresji na Polskę Wielka Brytania i Francja, a także przyglądając się temu, jak silny opór Niemcom stawia polskie wojsko.

Zaistniała sytuacja zdecydowała o tym, iż w nocy z 17 na 18 września prezydent Ignacy Mościcki wraz z rządem polskim i korpusem dyplomatycznym przekroczył granicę rumuńską, planując przedostać się do Francji. Razem z nimi terytorium polskie opuścił Naczelny Wódz marszałek Edward Rydz-Śmigły. Pomimo wkroczenia wojsk sowieckich do Polski i ewakuacji najwyższych władz Rzeczypospolitej walki trwały nadal.

Do 28. września broniła się Warszawa, do 2. października załoga Helu. 6. października zakończyła walkę ostatnia duża polska formacja – Samodzielna Grupa Operacyjna 'Polesie', dowodzona przez gen. Franciszka Kleeberga, która przedzierając się w kierunku stolicy toczyła boje i z Wehrmachtem, i z Armią Czerwoną.

Ogromnie ważną kwestią w obliczu przegranej wojny stawało się zachowanie ciągłości istnienia i działania struktur państwowych. Dlatego też, wobec internowania przedstawicieli najwyższych władz Rzeczypospolitej w Rumunii, prezydent Ignacy Mościcki na podstawie art. 13 konstytucji kwietniowej z 1935 r. zdecydował się na ustąpienie ze swego urzędu i wyznaczenie następcy w osobie Władysława Raczkiewicza. 30. września nowy prezydent, przebywający we Francji, powołał rząd, na czele którego stanął gen. Władysław Sikorski.

Kampania wrześniowa zakończyła się dla Polski klęską. Samotnie walczące z niemiecką i sowiecką potęgą wojska polskie nie mogły liczyć w niej na zwycięstwo. W czasie wrześniowych walk wojska niemieckie postępowały z wyjątkowym okrucieństwem. Lotnictwo atakowało ludność cywilną, a Wehrmacht na zdobytych terenach dokonywał masowych egzekucji.

Kampania wrześniowa jest i z pewnością długo jeszcze będzie tematem wielu sporów i dyskusji. Dyskusji, które nie toczą się na temat tego, czy Polska miała szansę na sukces w tym konflikcie, ale dotyczą geopolitycznych przesłanek klęski z 1939 r. i jej militarnych uwarunkowań.

Działania marszałka Rydza-Śmigłego i ministra spraw zagranicznych Józefa Becka z 1939 r. nie były jednak błędne, ponieważ w okolicznościach, w jakich przyszło im działać, nie było w zasadzie lepszego wyjścia. Nie byli geniuszami, ale zrobili lepiej lub gorzej to, co do nich należało. Historia obeszła się z nimi okrutnie, ale taki jest już los polityków, którzy przegrali. Oczywiście ich sukcesem stało się to, że wojna Hitlera z Polską nie stała się wojną lokalną. Stała się początkiem wielkiej wojny, w której Zachód walczył również o Polskę. W chwili, gdy we wrześniu 1939 roku przegrywała Polska, przegrywała także Europa...

Historycy zgodni są najczęściej co do tego, iż żołnierz polski walczył dobrze. Dezerccje z pola walki czy niesubordynacja należały do rzadkości. 'Stawiając czoło blitzkriegowi przez pięć tygodni w osamotnieniu – pisze prof. Norman Davis – armia polska spisała się lepiej niż połączone siły brytyjskie i francuskie w roku 1940. Polacy spełnili swój obowiązek...'

O waleczności, heroizmie i bohaterstwie Polaków we wrześniu 1939 r. w ekstremalnie trudnych warunkach świadczą przykłady graniczącego z fanatyzmem bohaterstwa: walka załóg Węgierskiej Górki, Borowej Góry i Wizny, obrona Warszawy, Lwowa i Wybrzeża, postawa Wołyńskiej BK w pierwszych dwóch dniach wojny, szaleńcza odwaga kawalerzystów gen. Abrahama w odwrocie znad Bzury, bitność 11. Karpackiej DP w Lasach Janowskich, odporność 1. DP Leg., zwanej przez Niemców z szacunkiem 'żelazną', odyseja zgrupowania KOP i GO 'Polesie' i oczywiście twarda postawa 10. Brygady Kawalerii Zmotoryzowanej...

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