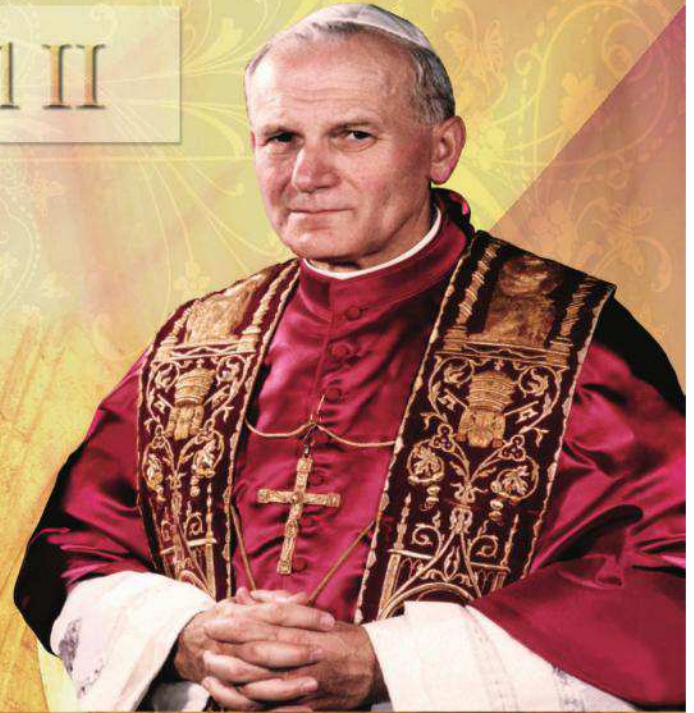
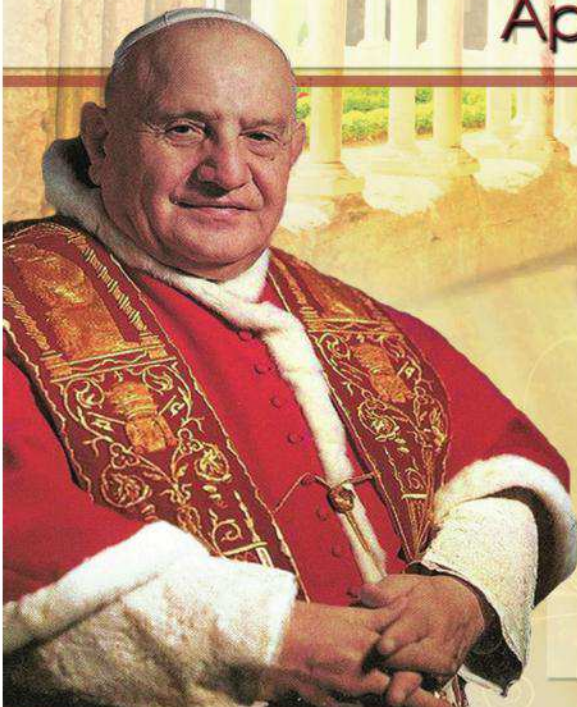


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April 27, 2014



Saint John XXIII

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

On this second Sunday of Eastertime, as the newly baptized gather with the faithful to celebrate the Eucharist, the Gospel provides a mirror to remind us of the mystery of our assembly. At the disciples' gathering on the first day of the week, the risen Christ appears, breathing the Spirit on them and sending them forth. This is what happens each Sunday. Christ, risen from the dead, is among us and says to us, "Blessed are you who have not seen and have believed." Although we do not see Jesus as did the apostles, we do see Christ in the ongoing sign of his presence, his body the Church. This community of Christians is called to remain faithful to the teaching of the apostles who are witnesses to the resurrection, to the common life, evidenced by sharing of goods and made possible by the breaking of the bread, and to perseverance in prayer.



**Monday, April 28, 2014**

7:00am Donald Gibson/The Catholic Mutual Group  
8:00am Helen Vonachen/Chad & Jennifer Vonachen

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

7:00am Myrtle McManus/Richard & Donna Weghorst  
8:00am Mary Lou Spitzer/Dick & Mary Schlumpberger  
9:00am Sam Ottenweller/Dorothy Paesani

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

7:00am Kathleen McNally/John & Marge McNally  
8:00am Paul Coogan/Jack & Frances McGinn

**Thursday, May 1, 2014**

7:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family  
8:00am Dave Park 14th Anniv/Don & Jan Smith  
9:00am Carol Picl/Family & Friends

**Friday, May 2, 2014 First Friday**

7:00am Ann Centers/Jerry & Debi Heinz  
8:00am World Peace & Special Prayer Intentions

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

8:00am Purgatorial Society  
10:00am Marilie Pfeiffer/Family  
5:00pm Vernadeen Bishop/Chuck & Virginia Grawey

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

6:30am For the People  
8:00am Russel & Fran Wallenfang/Jim & Val Wallenfang  
9:30am Sarah Bergschneider/Margaret Murphy  
11:00am J Gordon Hannagen/Jeanne Whalen  
2:00pm Toni Watson/A Friend  
5:00pm Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist



**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING FUNDRAISER** Sunday, April 27 from 8:30 to 12:30 in the back parking lot.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, April 29 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday, April 29 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, April 30 at 8:45 am.

**CCD** Wednesday, April 30 at 6:15 pm in the school.

**RCIA** Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

**MARY CELEBRATION** Thursday, May 1 at 2:15 in the church.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm.

**PEACE VIGIL/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Friday, May 2 from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm in the chapel.

**WOMEN'S GUILD PLANT SALE** in the old gym Friday, May 2 from Noon to 5:00 pm, Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 4 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** Our second graders will be receiving their First Eucharist on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this sacrament.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS** will be at all Masses next weekend.

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

## *Our Sympathy*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:** Ellen Sons; Richard Vepel; Rachel Louise Bachmann, mother of Joyce Gilles

Sponsor of the Week



Our gospel reading today begins: "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were,

for fear of the Jews..." What does that have to do with our St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry? All of us who have called on those in need, especially calling on single mothers with small children, could recount many of our encounters by paraphrasing today's reading with a similar beginning: "On about any afternoon or evening of the week, many doors are locked, where the poor reside, for fear of their environment."

We may visit and say, "peace be with you," and help them solve some immediate financial situation, but when we leave many are still confronted with the reality that their small children are not safe unattended outside on the sidewalk or in an empty lot nearby. They are often literally trapped inside their own homes.

We take so much for granted. The next time you walk around the block, think about and say a prayer for the St Vincent de Paul Society work and for those we serve who hesitate to walk around their block.

Next weekend we will be taking our monthly collection to assist in the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society as we help our brothers and sisters in Christ with their basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Second Annual "Commitment to Life Dinner"**

To benefit Women's Care Center will be May 10 at the Spalding Pastoral Center. RSVP by May 5—689-0200.



## **Wedding Congratulations**

*Michelle Maloney ~ James Horst*

### **Could you spare a little time?**

Can you help one Friday afternoon a month from 3:15 to 4:30 pm to move the residents at Heartland Health Center to the room for Mass. Call Betty Arnold at 692-4592.



**Pennies for Life** collection will take place after all the Masses April 26/27. The collection supports the Family Resource Center and its goal of education and support for life issues. Look for volunteers and baskets at the doors of the Gathering Space. Maybe you can give a penny for each year God has given you.

### **ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY**

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Syrup
Dry Beans	Cereal	Tuna
Soup	Crackers	Jelly
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Instant Potatoes

We greatly appreciate your generosity..

**At this time we our greatest needs are:**  
pancake mix   syrup   spaghetti sauce   spaghetti

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	<b>4/13/14</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 1,031,314
Sunday Collections	\$ 22,029	\$ 853,024
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,313	\$ 123,403
Total Collected	\$ 25,342	\$ 976,427
Overage <b>(Shortage)</b>	\$ 188	\$ <b>(54,887)</b>

We appreciate your generosity.



## 2014 SPRING GARAGE SALE May 15-17, 2014

Merchandise in good condition will be needed. Volunteers will be needed in the days prior to the sale, to set up and organize—Mark your calendars!! Detailed information on the garage sale will be published in future bulletins.

Reminder: The Garage Sale has been **moved to May 15-17**. Call Carey or Ed at 693-0019 with questions.



**Peoria Notre Dame Volleyball Camps** for students grade 3-9 will be in June. Visit [www.pndvolleyball.weebly.com](http://www.pndvolleyball.weebly.com) for more information.

**Peoria Notre Dame Language Enrichment Day** will be April 30 from 9:30 — 11:00 am in the PND Commons and auditorium. 4th grade students will learn all about the foreign languages offered at PND.

**Peoria Notre Dame Girls Basketball Camp** will be at PND in June. Contact Ron Carrothers at [rac-mac@mchsi.com](mailto:rac-mac@mchsi.com) for more information.

### Catholic Womens' League

Annual Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 13 Spalding Pastoral Center. Social begins at 11:00 am, lunch at 12:00 noon. Reservations needed by Tuesday, May 6. Send check/reservation to Mary Jo Callahan, 4729 N. Bigelow.

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### Electronics Recycling Student Council Fundraiser

**Where:** St. Thomas Church parking lot, a truck will be parked by the back cafeteria entrance for easy equipment drop-off

**When:** Sunday, April 27 8:30am - 12:30pm

**For a \$5 minimum donation to the Student Council you may drop off unlimited electronics from the list below:**

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Computers                    | Video Game Consoles     |
| Monitors (all types)         | External Drives         |
| Printers                     | DVD Players             |
| Scanners                     | DVD Recorders           |
| Laptops/ Tablets             | VHS Players             |
| Servers                      | VHS Recorders           |
| Televisions                  | Cable Receivers         |
| MP3 Players                  | Satellite Receivers     |
| Batteries of all Types       | Digital Converter Boxes |
| Cell Phones & Chargers       | Fax Machines            |
| Phone Systems                | Alarm clocks            |
| Cables                       | Projectors              |
| Radios / Speakers            | PDA's                   |
| Still Cameras/ Video Cameras |                         |
| Routers, Modems, & Switches  |                         |

#### Worried about your personal data?

There is no need to worry about your personal data. Your data is safe and secure with us. All hard drives will be wiped according to the Illinois EPA guidelines with our data destruction program that meets Department of Defense Standards.

**Have questions? Contact Stefanie Crawford at [stefcrawford@stthomas-school.net](mailto:stefcrawford@stthomas-school.net)**

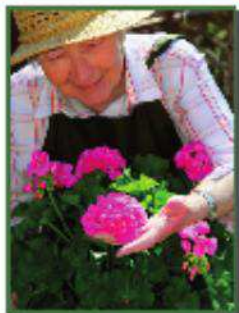
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# ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S GUILD

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## ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD PLANT SALE

Friday, May 2 – Noon – 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4 – 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY Is a Week after Sale — SHOP ALL THREE DAYS!**

## POTLUCK MONDAY, MAY 5-6:30

If you last name begins with:

**A–H** Bring a Dessert - **I–O** Bring a Vegetable or Salad - **P–Z** Bring a Main Dish

**Remember to bring a friend!**

**All Women of the Parish are invited!**

## ***Congratulations!***

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Joe Dolan  
Eileen McDonough  
Shane Kiesewetter

Zina Young  
Connie Paga  
Abby Bode  
Patty Smith  
Troy Alexander  
Martha Schaub  
Brian Girard

50/50 Winner

Brooke Joseph

# St. Thomas Fall Garage Sale – May 15, 16, 17

Spring 2014

Vol. 19

## Fall Sale May 15, 16, 17 in the Old Gym

### Sale Hours

Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM

Friday 9 AM – 7 PM

Saturday 8 AM – 1 PM

### Work Schedule

Sat. May 10 Noon – 5 PM

Set-up in Old Gym

Sun. May 11 Noon – 5 PM

Accepting donations

Mon.-Wed. May 12 – 14

8 AM – 8 PM Organize sale \*

Sat/Sun. May 17/18 1 PM – 5 PM

Knock down & clean up after Sale

\*Accepting donations all day Mon. & Tues, and until NOON Wed.;

Except CANNOT accept computers after NOON TUES.

### For Information

Carey French 693-0019

[May 12 - 14 688-0280 at Old Gym]

Parish Office 688-3446

### Hauling Available

Call Tim Ryon [689-1796] to schedule hauling of large items on the evenings of May 12-14. There are a limited number of time slots, so schedule early.

### Trucks & Labor Needed

If you can help haul furniture & large items, call Ed Schanzle [693-0019]. It is not necessary to have a truck or trailer, but let him know if you can bring one.

### Feeding the Workers

Call Tina Shook [692-2489] if you can provide a side dish for crew lunches Monday thru Saturday. Help is also needed in the kitchen.

### Why Have the Sale?

Our Sale helps people. We have necessities and treats at reasonable prices. The crew has fun & the proceeds help support the Parish. Please help – donate, volunteer, bake, tell people about the sale. As always, unsold items are given to worthy groups or recycled.

### Merchandise Needed

We need clean merchandise in good condition. [Please save cold weather clothes & Christmas decorations for the fall sale.] We can always use clothes, shoes, baby items, toys, tools, household/kitchen items, linens, furniture, art, candles, jewelry, antiques, collectables, tools, large & small appliances in working condition\*, bikes, sports & exercise equipment, CDs, DVDs, books, small musical instruments, yard items, computers\* & electronics\* in working condition.... If you aren't sure something works, please don't send it to the Sale. Computers can't be accepted later than TUESDAY NOON.

\* Please attach a note saying what does/doesn't work. Put remotes, accessories, manuals, other loose items in a plastic bag & tie it to the item they belong to.

### What We Cannot Accept

We can no longer ACCEPT TELEVISIONS, as they have become difficult to sell and St. Thomas must pay to dispose of unsold TVs.

We can't accept: pianos, organs, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, records & albums.

### Tax Deductions

Tax receipts given for donated merchandise!

### Supplies Needed

Plastic/paper grocery sacks, department store shopping bags with handles, tissue/packing paper, rubber bands from newspapers, balls of heavy string, and CHILD size clothes hangers. We have plenty of adult clothes hangers.

### Bake Sale

Homemade goodies are always popular. Please label the baked goods ["peach pie"] & indicate any ingredients that might trigger an allergy ["contains peanuts" / "brownies without nuts"]. It helps if your goodies are ready-to-sell, packed in a disposable container & covered with clear plastic wrap. Small items are usually sold in 3's, 6's, or by the dozen.

### Volunteers

To keep the Garage Sale going. MORE volunteers & NEW volunteers are vital. YOU can help St. Thomas and serve the greater Peoria area. We especially need: retirees who can give their time and skills, strong, healthy people able to do physical labor, and people with mechanical, electrical, and computer skills. Whatever your interests we have jobs in all departments, kitchen, security, checkout....

### More Details

A detailed work schedule will appear in the May 4th bulletin.

*Save this information! Volunteer and bring a friend to work or shop....*

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child.  
 Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class.  
 Next Baptisms: May 25 at 11:00 am Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm  
 or by appointment with a priest  
 Confessions are held in the confessionals in the  
 daily Mass Chapel

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