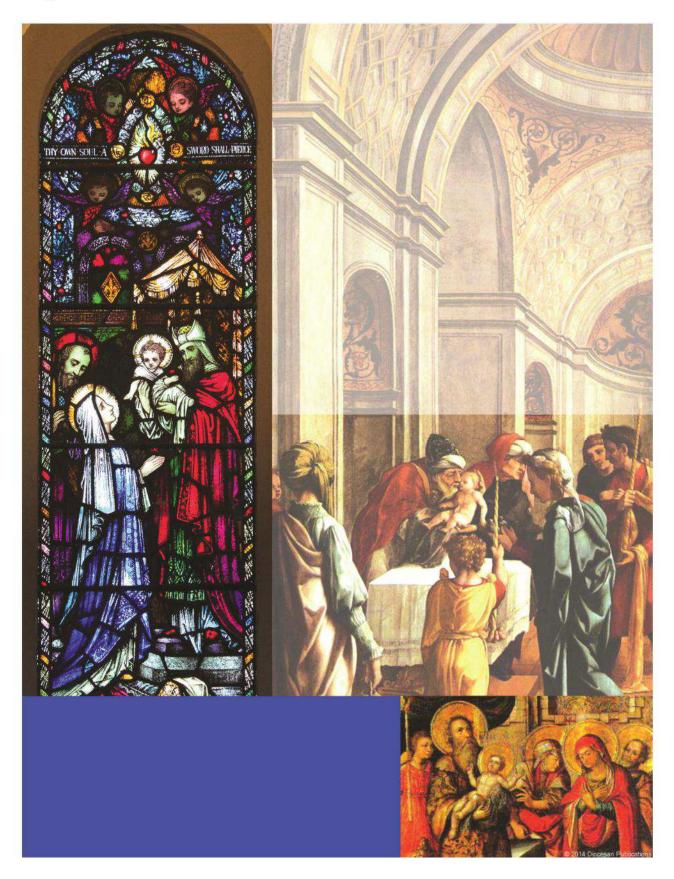


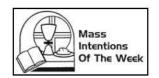
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Presentation of the Lord

Reading I: Malachi 3: 1-4
Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The story of the Presentation of the Lord has so many beautiful, human aspects to it. The parents of Jesus brought their son to be blessed in the temple—a ritual we still do today. Simeon, a man of devout prayer, recognized in Jesus a person of extraordinary gifts—beyond the understanding of Mary and Joseph. "The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him." This extraordinary person, Jesus, "grew in age, wisdom and grace." Only in time did Mary and Joseph come to understand their son and the gift he was to the world. Parenting is a phenomenal privilege. Every parent can testify to the amazement of Mary and Joseph that their son was to do wonderful deeds. The real gift of parenthood is to hold onto that belief in the midst of doubt and confusion, knowing that the blessing of God received by your child at the beginning of life is a certain gift that God does not take back. God will see that blessings continue in his/her life.



Monday, February 3, 2014 Feast of St Blaise

7:00am Raymundo Aguila/Juanita Aguila-Corrales 8:00am Aristeo Martinez/Lucille Harczuk & Family

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

7:00am Marion Heinz/John & Mary Jordan 8:00am James Kuchan/Keith & Norma Johnson 9:00am Sam Ottenweller/Matt & Patty Craley

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

7:00am Jim Coogan/Dave & Becky Shealy

8:00am Jan Van Tine/Sara Kloepping & Renae Molln

Thursday, February 6, 2014

7:00am Kathleen McNally/John & Marge McNally

8:00am Gerry Collins/Family

9:00am Mary Tesar/The Schafer Family

Friday, February 7, 2014 First Friday

7:00am Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St

John the Baptist

8:00am World Peace & Special Prayer Intentions

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:00am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Andy Coker

Sunday, February 9, 2014

6:30am Teresa Caho/Marty & Brian Griffey 8:00am Norma Mall/Mary Ann Asciutto

9:30am For the People

11:00am William J Smith/Bill & Joan Krumholz Family

5:00pm Larry O'Russa/Dave Peters



SIGN UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be in the gathering space this weekend.

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISING DINNER Saturday, February 1 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the school cafeteria. Avanti's Mostaciolli Dinner will be \$10 per person.

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

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, February 4 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, February 5 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CCD Wednesday, February 5 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

KELCH'S STUDY GROUP Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, February 6 at 7:00pm

PEACE VIGIL/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday, February 7 from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm in the chapel.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, February 8 after the 5:00 pm Mass.

St. Thomas Website: stthomaspeoria.org St. Thomas e-mail: @stthomas-church.net

We Need your HELP!

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.
We especially need

Beef Stew Jelly Tuna Canned Fruit



February 14 is the last day for the 2013 payments to the Diocese for **Annual Diocesan Appeal.**

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Weekly Collection

	1/19/14	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 729,466
Sunday Collections	\$ 16,184	\$ 614,689
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,313	\$ 83,647
Total Collected	\$ 19,497	\$ 698,336
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (5,657)	\$ (31,130)

We appreciate your generosity.



Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Thomas' St. Vincent de Paul assistance to the poor all starts with your generous donations and prayer. Our primary financial services support the Food Pantry and provide financial assistance to the poor, made typically for overdue rent and utility payments, sometimes because of eviction and shut off notices. This past year the Society also helped with auto repairs and gas, medical expenses, rent deposits, moving expenses, mortgage payments, a mattress and spring set purchase and diapers and formula, for "No work of charity is foreign to the Society" (from the Rule of St. Vincent de Paul). All payments are made directly to those owed after the need is verified.

In fiscal year 2013, from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, SVdP volunteers made 159 home visits, expending \$52, 191.87, or an average of \$328.25 in assistance per visit. The Food Pantry served 1,560 people during the same period. Most of the Pantry's food comes from donated food left in the in the Gathering Space of the church and the Midwest Food Bank. Your SVdP cash donations were also used to purchase out of stock items. In 2013 SVdP also participated in the Christmas food basket program organized at Notre Dame High School.

In November, SVdP volunteers served tornado victims at the Multi Agency Resource Center in Washington, IL.

We do our best to wisely invest your donations where they can make a positive difference in the lives of the poor. Thank you for your generosity.

Last month the Society's collection occurred the weekend we had sever cold weather and snow. This resulted in a smaller collection than normal. This weekend SVdP will again be accepting your donations after all Masses. Your support is always appreciated.

If serving the poor with other parishioners interests you, we would like to invite you to SVdP's next meeting on **Tuesday**, **February 11**, **2014 at 7:00 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Offices.

Save the Date

Trivia Night — March 1, 2014

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS

WEEK: Edward Ambrosch, brother of John Ambrosch; Tim Davidson, brother-in-law of Vern and Sue Dargel

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

James Blanchard	*Ricardo DeLaCruz	*David Hodges
*Dan McDonough	*Dan Svymbersky	*Scott C. Powers
*Glen Louthan	*Jeff R. Dudley	*William Newport
*Chris Lehman	*Joe Espinosa	*Alexis Moran
*Bridget Kelley	*Jason Stevenor	*Ben McCabe
*Travis Williams	*Michael McKee	*Brian Behm
*Alex Fritz	* Joe Kuchan	*Christopher Miller
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*Victoria Coers	*Ryan Schatsiek	*Jim Comfort
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*Fred Wilson	*Darren Hodgkins	*Anthony Alessi
*Jason Thyne	*Joshua Logan Stro	ot *Jeff Good
*Nathan M. Heiser	*Lt. Col. James Go	odfrev
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'Bountiful Blessings' Dinner/Auction

February 22 Spalding Pastoral Center

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Peoria Notre Dame Annual Gala and Auction "Lights Will Guide Us Home" Saturday, March 22, 2014 – Embassy Suites Hotel

> Cocktails-Dinner-Silent/Live Auction Raffle-Let's Make A Deal

Performance by West MacQueen Street Band

For updates on auction items and our event please 'Like' us on Facebook Peoria Notre Dame High School Annual Gala



St. Thomas School is seeking a licensed sign language interpreter to provide services for some school wide events. If interested, please contact Maureen Bentley, Principal at 309 685-2533 or 4229 N. Monroe St. Peoria Heights, IL. 61616.

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding will be available for the 2014-15 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the diocese of Peoria or on the website: www.cdop.org. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2014-15 must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application has been moved to March 15, 2014. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES Fiscal Period July - December 2013

•	Actual Dec 31	Budget Dec 31
CHURCH		
Operating Revenue		
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	809,000	909,000
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	95,000	80,000
Total Operating Revenue	904,000	989,000
Operating Expenses		
Salary and Related	199,000	204,000
PND Tuition & Assessment	68,000	78,000
Other Operating Expenses	194,000	243,000
Total Church Expenditures	461,000	525,000
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	443,000	464,000
SCHOOL		
Operating Revenue		
Tuition and Fees	605,000	597,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	165,000	149,000
Total Operating Revenue	770,000	746,000
Operating Expenses		
School Expenditures	1,034,000	1,079,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	144,000	123,000
Total School Expenditures	1,178,000	1,202,000
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(408,000)	(456,000)
COMBINED OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	35,000	8,000
NON OPERATING REVENUE/EXPENSES		
Air Conditioning Project/ Annual Giving	60,000	-
Investments	106,000	41,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	166,000	41,000
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	201,000	49,000

Notes:

Well controlled operating expenses at both the Parish and School contributed significantly to revenues exceeding expenses for the first six months of the fiscal year. Church revenue is down by \$85,000 but expenses are also down by \$64,000. The School has recorded \$24,000 more revenue than budgeted and \$24,000 less expenses than budgeted. The non-operating revenue was mostly over budget due to pledges of \$47,000 to the Annual Giving Program and the favorable appreciation of investments.

The Finance Committee and Parish Council are continuing to identify areas within the Parish where operational efficiency and cost control may be improved. We appreciate the attention of both the school and parish staffs in cutting costs throughout the year. Evaluation of the Parish investment practices and banking services are continuing as well as more cost cutting issues related to envelopes, utilities, and other expense related areas.

We appreciate the continued generosity of our parishioners, the dedicated work of our volunteers, and the staff attention to controlling costs. We would like to encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider increasing their donations, not just to help us cover our bills, but out of the generosity of what God has given each of us. Many thanks and blessings to all of you for your sacrifice and support of St. Thomas.

Reserve your spot today!

St. Thomas the Apostle Inaugural Progressive Dinner Saturday, February 8, 2014







\$20 per person Reservations due no later than Friday, Tanuary 24th

The evening will begin with 5:00 mass. Then, enjoy drinks and appetizers with a small group in one home, dinner with a small group in another, and meet back together with the whole group at St. Thomas for dessert!

Still looking for dinner hosts! You set the menu and we send you between 8-12 guests for dinner. (The exact number of guests is your choice.)

If you are interested in being a host or have any questions, please contact Kim Kellock 630-880-9619 or Carolyn Kinskey 309-966-3252

Name: ______

Phone: _____

Email: ______ x \$20.00

Amount enclosed:

Please make checks out to St. Thomas. Put this reservation slip and your check in an envelope marked "Progressive Dinner" and drop off at either the parish or school office.

We will be in touch with you regarding your cocktail and dinner placement prior to the event.

Looking forward to a festive evening!

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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