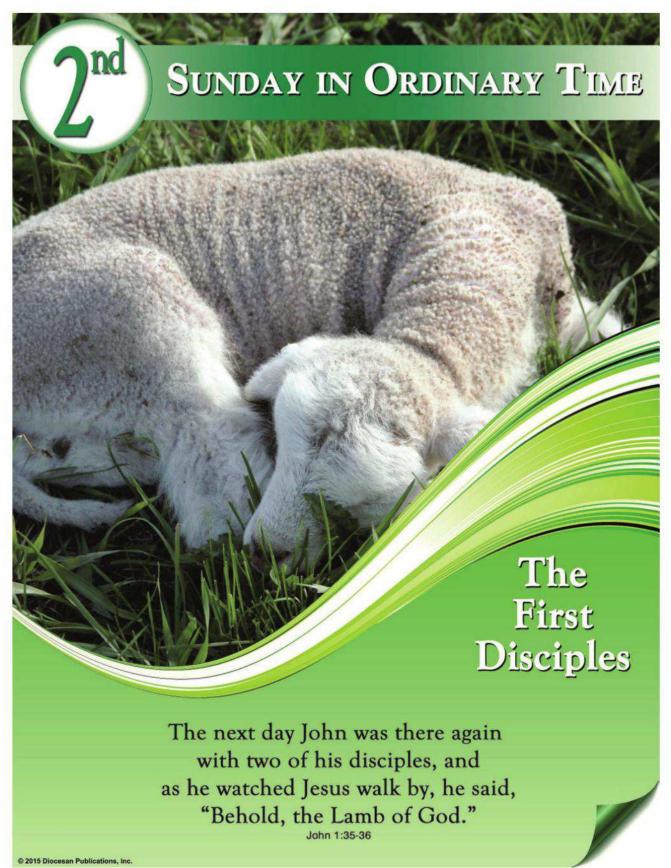


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#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10,19
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Responding to a call is only the beginning. A single action or decision affects others as well as ourselves. A choice for God, for Jesus, for an exploration of faith becomes a pivotal time in our lives. Our choices, like our lives, are not in isolation. Once we set a course for ourselves, we continue to make other choices affirming—or changing—that pivotal one. In daily life, it is not so simple to hear the call of God or to work out what it means to respond to that call. Sometimes others are most valuable in helping us understand what a call to discipleship means in ordinary terms. As Eli aided Samuel in the first reading, and Andrew told his brother Simon in the Gospel, there are others who help us. Being faithful isn't always easy—which is also why getting to know others who are on a faith journey is important.



#### Monday, January 19, 2015

7:00am Mary Lou Spitzer/Friends

8:00am Mary Nelson/Mike & Barb Chance

#### Tuesday, January 20, 2015

7:00am Eugene Rakestraw/John & Marge McNally

8:00am Jerry McDonough/Frank Eaton

9:00am Mariano Tolentino/The Sarmiento Family

#### Wednesday, January 21, 2015

7:00am Virginia Mallow/Family 8:00am Augusta Gamperl/Family

#### Thursday, January 22, 2015

7:00am Thomas S Farraher/Frances Farraher 8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

9:00am Paula Claude/The Gullifor Family

#### Friday, January 23, 2015

7:00am Rosetta Matarelli/St. Thomas Women's Guild

8:00am Naya Ferris/Mike LaHood

#### Saturday, January 24, 2015

8:00am Warren Taylor/Dennis McGann 5:00pm Tom & Irene McNamara/James Berg

#### Sunday, January 25, 2015

6:30am Cliff Bohlman/Jean Alcocer Wilcox

8:00am Joanne Bloom/Gary & Carolyn Nauman

9:30am Florence Rossi/Steve & Norma Jean Mifford &

Diane

11:00am Carl W Arnold/Trudy Aulgur

5:00pm For the Peorpe



**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be served by the PTO after the morning Masses.

**ST THOMAS SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICES** will be closed Monday, January 19.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, January 20 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday, January 20 at 12:30 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**PACK MEETING** Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.

**PARISH COUNCIL** Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, January 21 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CCD Wednesday, January 21 at 6:15 pm in the school.

**RCIA** Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00pm in the school library.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 pm.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE** next Sunday after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.

#### 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...

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

|                              | 1/4/15      | Fiscal YTD  |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Collections needed           | \$ 24,000   | \$ 648,000  |
| Sunday Collections           | \$ 24,140   | \$ 535,235  |
| <b>Electronic Collection</b> | rs \$ 3,632 | \$ 98,064   |
| Total Collected              | \$ 27,772   | \$ 633,299  |
| Over/(Short)                 | \$ 3,772    | \$ (14,701) |

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#### Overcome the Obstacles Holding You Back

Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart, the second series of Walking Toward Eternity, is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk, obstacles such as fear, loneliness, envy and shame. Through prayer, reflection and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue our goal of union with Christ.

An 8 week study beginning February 5 will meet on Thursdays during the Lenten season from 7:00-9:00 pm in the lower level of the church. Sign up January 24/25 and January 31/Feb. 1. Call Deacon Mark Kelsch at 692-4908.

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# Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Dianne Wilken; Patricia Linden; Eugene Roberts

#### 2015-2016 Scholarships

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, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2015 - 2016 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 Diocesan website www.cdop.org: Click on EDUCATION; then OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; then the Select list and click on to SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS. Consult the detailed Protocols and Procedures for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents are encouraged to apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2015 - 2016 must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is MARCH 15, 2015. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

Please call if you need help with the process
Pat Wombacher will be available to help (688-3446)

#### It's a Miracle Dinner Auction

2015 Your Table is Ready Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

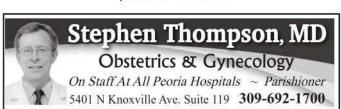
February 29, 2015 Spalding Pastoral Center

Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception For reservation, call Joyce or Cindy at 674-2005.

#### **Central Illinois Right to Life**

is having a pro-life rally Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm Riverside Community Church

Featured Speaker Shawn Carney Co-Founder of 40 Days for Life. Sponsor of the Week





#### HOLLYWOOD

# Trivia Night 2015 Saturday February 7th Dinner 6pm, Trivia starts 7pm

### Cost: \$20 per person which includes food, drinks, trivia and fun!!!

We are rolling out the red carpet for this Gala Event! Get your fellow tablemates to dress up as their favorite movie character - or better yet - have your whole table pick your favorite movie and follow that theme - bonus points to be added to your score for creativity!!

You don't have to be a genius to have a great time playing trivia - You can get together a table of 8 to help you brainstorm the answers or you can let fate put you together with a genius!

Hurry!! You must sign up no later than 2/3/15

To register, please click on the registration link here Or you may send an email to Kellypoepsel@stthomas-school.net including your name, the names of all the people you would like to sit with at your table (up to 8), your phone number, and email address. You will receive a confirmation e-mail regarding your reservation. You may also call Kerri Wiles at 309-370-7105. All money will be collected that night.



# St. Thomas Men's Club Stag

Saturday, Jan 31st 2015 6:00-12:00pm Old Gym

Please join us for cards, dice and other poker games

\$15.00 per person Brats, Burgers and Beer

Food Carry-outs available

# Support to Haiti Mission Connection Projects in Bodarie, Haiti Singing Rooster Coffee Sale to

clinic staffed by a Haitian nurse, mobile clinics, household water purification systems, and assistance for the school of Haiti Mission Connection secks to help the people of the village of Bodarie by providing medical cure at a year-round the Parish of St. Benoit (St. Benedict).

for 100 homes, or support the nurse for a year. Each bag of coffee directly supports Haiti -- half through Singing Rooster & half for our work in Haiti. Unemployment in Haiti is 70%; its potential as a self-sustaining country rests, If just 50 St. Thomas bouscholds drink Haitian Coffee for one year, we raise enough to buy water purification systems in part, with economic development and opening up markets for Hairian goods like coffee.

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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: January 25at 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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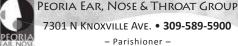
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