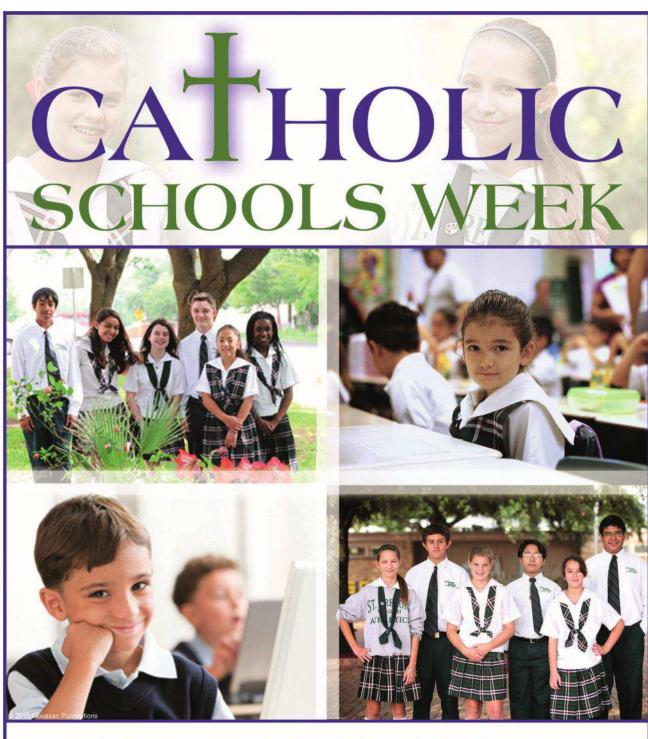


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FAITH KNOWLEDGE DISCIPLINE MORALS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5,10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Making a decision at one time in our lives doesn't always mean that the case is comfortably closed. Sometimes we have second thoughts about what we are doing. Sometimes we hesitate, waver. Sometimes we need to affirm a choice we have already made. So it is with the call to holiness. It may be that we are eager for holiness but reluctant to pay the price of discipleship. For others, or at another time in our lives, we may just want to maintain the status quo, being unwilling or unable to invest the energy and time that changes require. We may go through times of wanting to let go of an already made commitment. Our sense of what is important may change. We may simply get tired of trying. There is a cost in discipleship. When we decide to follow Jesus, we are eager at first. Then we may waver. Deepening the commitment (call) may take us to another level. What is consistent in all of this is following Jesus.



Monday, January 26, 2015

7:00am Adeline Rezac/Karen Helton

8:00am Paul Vonk 24th Anniv/Bernadean May & Family

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

7:00am Clarence Ward/Mary Ward

8:00am Mary Peters/Mike & Barb Chance

9:00am Raymundo Aguila/Juanita Corrales

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

7:00am Marie Collins/Mary Ward

8:00am Alice Eaton/Shari Lagore

Thursday, January 29, 2015

7:00am Rosalie Schierer/Beth Fuson

8:00am John Franz/Jack & Frances McGinn

10:00am Bill Bryers/The Feinerman Family

Friday, January 30, 2015

7:00am Delores Smith/Gloria Murphy

8:00am Nicholas Hardgrove/Jim & Pat Callaway

Saturday, January 31, 2015

8:00am Thresiakutty Varkey/The Joseph Family

5:00pm Leonard & Evelyn Keye/Family

Sunday, February 1, 2015

6:30am For the People

8:00am Joan Hill/Joan Page

9:30am Stan & Helena Herominski/Bill & Helen

Engelbrecht

11:00am Carlito Bautista/Greg & Mailene Bennett

5:00pm Mary Nelson/Bible Study Group



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE will be after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. All are invited to come and see the many wonderful things happening in our school.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, January 26 at 7:00 pm

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, January 27 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

NO BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, January 27 at 12:30 pm in the parish office meeting room.

EDUCATION COMMISSION Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

NO BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, January 28 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

PARENT/GRANDPARENT LUNCH Wednesday, January 28.

CCD Wednesday, January 28 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00pm in the school library.

ALL SCHOOL MASS Thursday, January 29 at 10:00.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL will dismiss at 12:15 pm on Friday January 30.

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

	1/11/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 672,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 19,309	\$ 554,544
Electronic Collection	ns \$ 3,632	\$ 101,696
Total Collected	\$ 22,941	\$ 656,240
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We appreciate your generosity.

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

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)

Lenten Reflections

Fr. Tom Kelly will offer an opportunity to reflect upon and prepare for the Sunday readings. This is a good time to take some time for listening and writing about the Scriptures for the Lenten season.

There will be five sessions on Thursday mornings: February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 10:00 am in the original church basement

Call Sr. Rachel to register.



January 24, 2015 Feast of St. Francis de Sales Patron of Journalists

Dear Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria,

As Catholics, we are members of a large and loving family of faith. In this diocese, we have inspirational Catholic brothers and sisters in Rock Island, Macomb, LaSalle, Danville, and all points in between. These members of our spiritual family have much to offer through their words and example.

But how do we become aware of Catholics beyond our parishes and communities, let alone stay connected and united?

The thousands who receive and support **The Catholic Post** know the answer. These informed Catholics are regularly introduced to their extended family of faith through the stories and photos in our excellent diocesan newspaper and its many digital outreaches.

The Catholic Post is now conducting its 2015 Delivering Unity Campaign on the theme "Get to Know Your Family of Faith." I urge all Catholic households to support and use this valuable resource that unites, informs, and inspires us as the Body of Christ in central Illinois. More information will appear in the February 1 issue, which will be sent to every home in the diocese.

While a \$29 subscription will benefit your household throughout the coming year, support of **The Catholic Post** is also a practical way to evangelize. I suggest that parents and grandparents consider sending the newspaper to younger family members to help them live their faith in today's culture.

Thanking you for your support and assuring you of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Raniel R. Jonly

Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. Bishop of Peoria

Open House and Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, February 1 8:00 am — noon PND COMMONS Sponsor of the Week



Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society are called Vincentians. We Vincentians are blessed with the understanding that we can share our gifts (treasure, time or talent) with those in need. We visit folks in their home and try to offer support. That may be referrals, money, food or moral support.

We visited a young couple with an infant. They were not looking for financial support. The wife was very depressed and suicidal after giving birth to their daughter. She was unable to work. The husband was working two jobs but was concerned about leaving his wife alone. He was seeking a job where he would have normal hours. They were trying to figure out their finances since they were missing her income. They just wanted someone to talk to. We sat and listened to their story. We gave referrals for psychiatric counseling and assured them they were doing all they could in their situation. We said a prayer with them. We suggested they call us if they needed further assistance. We did follow up to make sure she was able to see a counselor.

A few months later they did call. They asked if we could help pay for a college course that would help him secure a better paying job. Thanks to the generosity of you, the members of St. Thomas Church, we were able to do just that.

Without the continued support of you we would not be able to spread Christ's message to those in need. Thank you for your generosity. You are in our prayers.

We are always looking for others to join our wonderful group. Please give it some thought.

Watch for us at the Social Justice Weekend February 28/March 1 in the lower level of the church after all the Masses. More Information will be available.



St. Thomas the Apostle School Catholic Schools Week January 25 - 31, 2015



Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Students

*Enrollment 405 Students in Grades Pre-3 thru 8th *Students participate in MAPS testing 3 times a year to capture individual and classroom growth. *Accelerated Reading *Before/After School Care *Enrichment and gifted opportunities for qualifying Students to participate in Challenging our Minds. Expand Thinking (C.O.M.E.T Program). *Target Groups offered to foster and cultivate students' strengths, as well as add additional support in areas needed. *Students in third and fourth grade participate in an Anti-Bullying Program. *Students in fifth through eighth grade participate in a faith-based Character Education class. *All Classrooms are equipped with a Smartboard, as well as 4 classroom computers. *We have 50 iPad minis and 30 MacBooks for classroom use *Several Student Activities

are offered

Faith, Knowledge and Service:

In Our Community *Help Weekly at the South Side Mission *Donate food to the Food Pantry *Participate in Jump for Heart and Hoops for Heart *Donate KidKnits Hats to St. Jude patients *Donate Socks collected at the Sock-Hop *Donate toys to Neighborhood House *Work at Midwest Food

Faith, Knowledge and Service:

*Make blankets for PAWS

Bank

In Our Parish

*Students write letters to Senior Pen Pals *Serve Mass *Participate in the Liturgy *Serve Funeral Masses *Make placemats for Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by St. Thomas *Write letters and pray for our Seminarians

Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!" -Pope Francis

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Nation

*Participate and Pray in a school assembly on Veterans Day. *Emphasis on the sanctity of Human Life. *Pray for peace

Faith, Knowledge and Service:

In Our Faculty and Staff *Faculty attend monthly Religious in-service meetings *Faculty attend monthly teacher meetings *Faculty and staff are CPR & AED certified *Faculty responds to the needs of individual student and family needs. *Members of the faculty have won grants that further challenge our students *25% of teachers hold a Masters Degree *Student Advisor on Staff *Resource teacher for Grades 1-4 and 5-8





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 <u>Kellypoepsel@stthomas-school.net</u> 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 <u>309-370-7105</u>. All money will be collected that night.

We hope to see you on the 7th!! - Contact Kerri Wiles @370-7105 with questions

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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: February 15 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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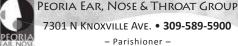
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