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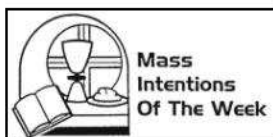
*National Catholic Schools Week 2014*  
*January 26 - February 1*

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry as recounted by Matthew. Throughout this year the liturgy draws from Matthew. This passage emphasizes two of Matthew's favorite themes: Jesus the fulfillment of the hope of Israel, and Jesus the teacher. Jesus begins to teach with the proclamation: "Reform your lives; the kingdom of heaven is at hand." There is much to be said about what the coming of the kingdom means, and Matthew will lead us to understand this in the weeks ahead. Yet already in today's Gospel we see that it calls for a change. This change is dramatically portrayed in the lives of the first disciples who leave their fishing nets to follow Jesus, as well as in the miraculous healing that accompanies Jesus' teaching. So, too, for us, the coming of the kingdom will mean a letting go of something, but also the discovery of something new.



Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week

#### Monday, January 27, 2014

7:00am Clarence Ward/Family  
8:00am Anella Oldham/Dick & Sally McCarthy

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2014

7:00am Marie Collins/Mary Ward  
8:00am Louise Bonikowski/Nina & Debbie Gray  
9:00am Cathy Pettit/Kevin & Kate Horst & Family

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2014

7:00am In gratitude for the Sisters serving Peoria  
Notre Dame High School  
8:00am Dr Curzio Paesani/Dorothy Paesani

#### Thursday, January 30, 2014

7:00am Joseph Bartley, Jr/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley  
8:00am Agnes Grawey/Chuck & Virginia Grawey  
10:00am Cecelia Temborius/St Thomas Choir

#### Friday, January 31, 2014

7:00am Fran Hafner/James & Jeanne Runkle  
8:00am Special Intention

#### Saturday, February 1, 2014

8:00am Thesia Varkey/The Joseph Family  
5:00pm Debbie Wood Carlson/Bill & Marilyn Wood

#### Sunday, February 2, 2014

6:30am Anna Garber/Manor Care Nursing Home  
8:00am For the People  
9:30am Eleanor Murphy Carry/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk  
11:00am Harry LaHood/Family  
5:00pm Helen Vonachen/Chad & Jennifer Vonachen



**MEN'S CLUB STAG** Saturday, January 25 following 5:00 Mass in the old gym.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE** Sunday, January 26 after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, January 28 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**NO BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm.

**NO BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, January 29 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

**CCD** Wednesday, January 29 at 6:15 pm in the school.

**RCIA** Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

**ALL SCHOOL MASS** Thursday, January 30 at 10:00am.

**KELSCH'S STUDY GROUP** Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm

**ST THOMAS SCHOOL** will dismiss at 12:15 on Friday, January 31.

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

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

St. Thomas Website: [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org)  
St. Thomas e-mail: [@stthomas-church.net](mailto:@stthomas-church.net)

*Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.*

## 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
*Jason Kidd	*Tom Stimeling	*F. Michael Schachtrup
*Roseanne Milroy	*Curtis Bohlman	*Maegan Brown
*Victoria Coers	*Ryan Schatsiek	*Jim Comfort
*Scot Wettach	*Joe Moran	*Jason Blankenship
*Jacob Moody	*JoanneMcGregor	*Farrah Bramble
*Liam O'Neill	*William Kelley, III	*Mackinzie Wilts
*Erich Snyder	*Michael O'Brien	*Lt. Blake Baldi
*Drake Comfort	*NaToane Russell	*Craig Bohlman
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*Aleigh Welty		

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

## Save the Date

**Trivia Night — March 1, 2014**

## Weekly Collection

	1/12/14	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 704,312
Sunday Collections	\$ 20,984	\$ 598,505
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,313	\$ 80,334
Total Collected	\$ 24,297	\$ 678,839
Overage <b>(Shortage)</b>	\$ <b>(857)</b>	\$ <b>(25,473)</b>

We appreciate your generosity.

## 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**



St. Thomas Boy Scout Troop 28

## Pasta Dinner and Bake Sale

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*Join us for dinner after 3:30 Mass!*

Saturday, February 1

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In the Lower Level of the Church

Tickets:	Advance *	At the Door
Adults	\$8	\$10
Ages 4 & under	FREE	FREE

*CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE !!*

- \* Advance tickets can be purchased:
- from a Boy Scout
- by contacting Carl Schmidt (601-4017)



Can't join us for dinner? Stop by the Bake Sale & pick up dessert!

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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## Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
3:30-7:30 pm  
St. Thomas Church—lower level

For an appointment, contact Patty Johnson at 253-7677 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Walk-ins welcome. Appointment preferred. Photo ID required.

In 2004, at age 14, our daughter, Sarah was diagnosed with Philadelphia Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She underwent chemotherapy, total body radiation and a bone marrow transplant at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where she beat her cancer despite the 30% survival rate she was given. During her treatment, she received blood 34 times and platelets 32 times. Today, Sarah is 28 years old and has been cancer free for 12 years, due in large part to the donors who gave to ensure blood products were available when she needed them most.

Please consider donating at this upcoming blood drive! Sarah and her family would love to see more survivor stories in the future because of YOUR life-saving gift.

Thank you for supporting Sarah, her family and families like hers. You truly make a difference!

Chip, Patty & Sarah Johnson

## 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](http://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.

## *Our Sympathy*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:** Norrine Rice, mother of Colleen Caldwell; Michael Murray



## Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Thomas' St. Vincent de Paul Society 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 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.



**St. Thomas the Apostle School  
Catholic Schools Week  
January 26 – February 1, 2014**



**Faith, Knowledge and Service:  
In Our Students**

- \*Enrollment 412 Students in Grades Pre-3 thru 5th
- \*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 KidKinita Hats to St. Jude patients
- \*Donate Books collected at the Book-Hop
- \*Donate toys to Neighborhood House
- \*Work at Midwest Food Bank
- \*Make blankets for PFWs

**Faith, Knowledge and Service:  
In Our Parish**

- \*Students write letters to Senior Pen Pal
- \*Serve Mass
- \*Participate in the liturgy
- \*Serve Funeral Masses
- \*Make place mats 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**

- \*Financial support for catastrophic events like the tornadoes that devastated our area on November 17th
- \*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

*Reserve your spot today!*

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



*\$ 20 per person*

*Reservations due no later than Friday, January 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 26 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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