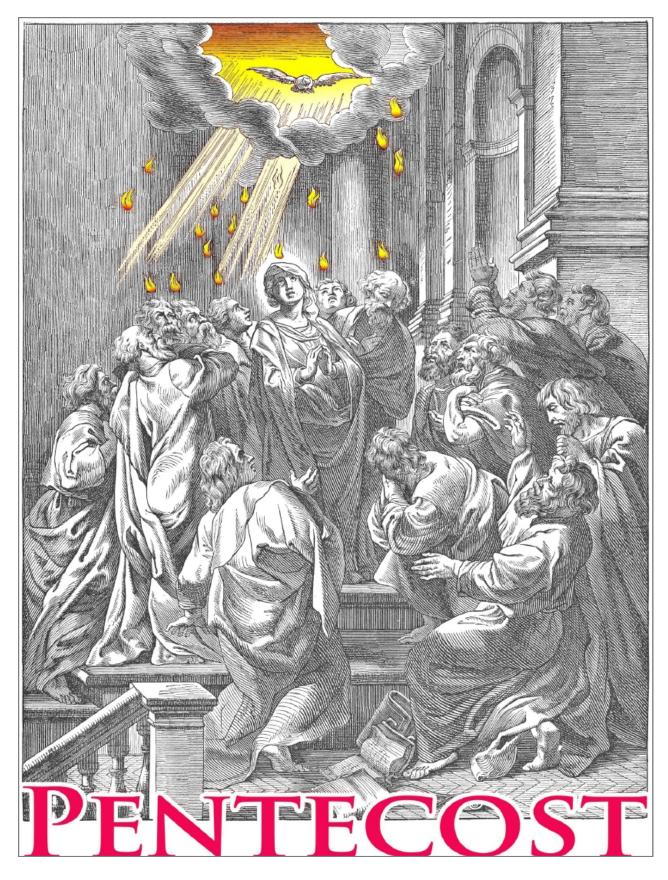


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Pentecost Sunday

Reading I Acts of the Apostles
Reading II 1 Corinthians 20:1-11
Gospel John 20:19-23

The Holy Spirit is our breath. God breathes new life into us by sending us the Holy Spirit. We are created anew and together with God we work to renew the face of the earth. The gift of the Holy Spirit manifests itself on the day of Pentecost. In Acts, the Holy Spirit transforms a frightened group of disciples into brave and powerful preachers who make bold proclamations about the marvels God has accomplished. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us that it is this same Holy Spirit which we receive in baptism. We are made into new creations, united with other Christians in our proclamation, "Jesus is Lord." This same Spirit which unites us provides us with gifts to be used for the common good. Fired with hope, purpose and new identity, the Holy Spirit sends us on our mission to work with God to renew the face of the earth.



Monday, May 20, 2013

7:00am Willard May/Robert & Emma Haas 8:00am Tammy Eaves/Jim & Nancy Becker

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

7:00am Jack Klein/Diane Rians 8:00am Janet Cusack/Pat & BJ Leary

9:00am Basil Crismore 40th Anniv/The Crismore Family

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

7:00am Mary Carroll/Carl & Kathryn Williams 8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

Thursday, May 23, 2013

7:00am Fred & Geraldine Schreiber/Sr Shirley

Schreiber

8:00am Wanda Cyboran/Bernadette Shekleton

9:00am Carol Picl/Family & Friends

Friday, May 24, 2013

7:00am Rosemary Hills/George & Sarah Melton

8:00am Special Intentions of Sr Rachel/Dennis McGann

Saturday May 25, 2013

8:00am Bob & Anita Arnold/The Arnold Kids 5:00pm Shirley Franz/Jack & Frances McGinn

Sunday, May 26, 2013

6:30am For the People

8:00am Raymond Vonk 34th Anniv/Bernadean May &

Family

9:30am Mary Burke/Diane Haycock

11:00am Nancy Boehle/Catholic Women's League

5:00pm Ben Messmer



DEACONATE ORDINATION OF KYLE LUCAS Sunday, May 19 at Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington at 11:30 am.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in the school chapel.

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

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in the old church basement.

EDUCATION COMMISSION Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, May 22 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 pm.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK Ed Mallow, Sr, father of Ed Mallow and Sharon Karosky; Katherine Carlton

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Positions Needed for St. Thomas School 2013-2014

- Full-time P.E. teacher
- Extended care/aftercare helper from 11:30-5:30 pm -this person does not need to be certified
- **Technology Administrator**
- Social Studies teacher for grades 5/6

Contact Mrs. Maureen Bentley at 685-2533.

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 *Dan McDonough *Glen Louthan *Chris Lehman *Bridget Kellev *Travis Williams *Alex Fritz *Jason Kidd *Roseanne Milroy *Victoria Coers *Scot Wettach *Jacob Moody *Liam O'Nei**ll** *Erich Snyder

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*William Newport

Weekly Collection

	5/5/13	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,077	\$ 1,038,465
Sunday Collections Electronic Collections	\$ 30,554 \$ 1,727	\$ 1,055,625 \$ 74,718
Total Collected	\$ 32,281	\$ 1,130,343
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 9,204	\$ 91,878

We appreciate your generosity.

St. Thomas Food Pantry

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti Spaghetti Sauce Rice Pancake Mix Canned Fruit Syrup **Dry Beans** Cereal Tuna

Soup Crackers

Beef Stew Canned Vegetables Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese

Instant Potatoes

Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

At this time we are very short on:

Jelly Tuna Pancake Mix Syrup Rice 4 pack Saltine Crackers Canned Fruit 4 pack Toilet Paper

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help distribute food on Monday and Thursdays—9:00 am — 11:00 am, The commitment is not weekly. If you have an interest in helping, please call the Parish Office, 688-3446.



- Irish Summer Basketball Camp: PND Men's Basketball will have its annual Summer Camp from June 10-13. Boys entering grades 3-5 attend from 9:00 —11:00 am; boys entering grades 6-8 attend from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Youth Summer Wrestling: Central Illinois Wrestling, in conjunction with PND is offering a camp for grade school students interested in learning about the sport. Contact Kevin Burk at 472-5247.

The Landscape Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with the care of the grounds on the St. Thomas campus. If you have a green thumb and would want to give a little time, please call the Parish Office, 688-3446.

Support and Resources for Families, Caregivers, & those struggling with Alzheimer's & Dementia

To be held in the lower level of the church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 am. Next meeting will be June 5

> Please bring "Your Person". for social and recreational time as well!

Call 369-2339 for more information, or just drop in.

Help Your Child Get Better Math & Reading Scores!

Featured in the Catholic Post, the most recognized Summer Math & Reading Program in the area! St. Vincent School will offer a Summer Math Program for second graders through incoming freshmen and a Summer Reading Program for first graders through incoming freshmen. An **Enriched Math Program** will also be offered to challenge students. These programs have improved math and reading scores. Contact Mrs. Engelbrecht, named Teacher of Excellence in Math, at 691-5012 for dates and times.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Haiti Mission Connection Fundraiser Wine Tasting Event

Friday, May 31 5:30 pm For information, contact Sheldon Shafer at 682-1876.

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CONGRATULATIONS DEACON KYLE LUCAS



May 19, 2013 11:30 am Holy Trinity Church Bloomington

Pray for Kyle as he continues his journey to the priesthood.

Catholic Cemetery Association Memorial Mass

At Resurrection Cemetery Association memorial Mass will be at the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel on Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am.

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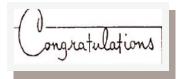
A group is forming for anyone interested in working through the difficulty of divorce—wherever you are in the process. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 688-3446.

St. Thomas Website: stthomaspeoria.org St. Thomas Email: parishoffice@stthomas-church.net

2013/2014 School Tool Box Orders

You can place your order for your School Tool Box for next year online at schooltoolbox.com between April 29 and May 31. If you have any questions please contact:

Michelle Lowder 256-9866 or Becky Crismore 696-1001



Boy Scout Troop 28 announces our newest Eagle Scouts—Daniel Schmidt
Thomas Stone
Trey Temple

Daniel's project was to build a 175 foot boardwalk around the west end of David Lake at the Peoria Park District's Camp Wokanda. Thomas held a blood and bone marrow recruitment drive here at St. Thomas. Trey led a group in repairing a badly eroded trail at Camp Wokanda. Congratulations to these young men and their families.

Looking for Past Eagle Scouts from St. Thomas

Boy Scout Troop 28 is creating a plaque to honor all of the scouts who received their Eagle Rank from the Troop associated with St. Thomas Parish. Currently, we have records for 68 Eagle Scouts from St. Thomas. Troop records from the early years are missing and the early W.D. Boyce Council records are not sorted by Troop number or organization. If you know of any Eagle Scouts from the 1950s through the 1980s, please contact us at troop28.bsa@gmail.com . Please include the Eagle Scout's full name and approximate year he achieved the rank so we can narrow the search for the National Eagle Scout office to confirm the information. You can also contact Tom Stone, Asst. Scoutmaster, 431-0759 (evenings only). The names we have so far can be viewed by going to our website, http://www.troop28bsa.org/about/eagles.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas Golf Outing
Friday, June 21 at Metamora Fields
Women and men are invited to golf.

Call Tim Ward for information, 303-5773 or Trw2010@hotmail.com

YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL

Several years ago all schools lost a program that helped fund the purchase of new textbooks. The impact of that loss on St Thomas School was certainly felt, as we received close to \$15,000 annually to help make those purchases. Ever since that loss was felt we have had lobbyists, such as the Catholic Conference of Illinois working to bring it back. There is a grassroots effort taking place currently to allow our voices to be heard on this matter and house bill 2321 was just introduced in the Illinois General Assembly. Please consider taking a few minutes and use the pre-written letter to send to your state senator or representative.

"I urge you to help restore funding for the Textbook Block Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2014 proposed budget.

Beginning in 1975, the purpose of the program is to provide secular textbooks and instructional computer software to public and nonpublic students grades K-12. Students cannot learn or succeed without effective and up-to-date learning materials, and for over thirty years, this program has helped ensure accurate and up-to-date textbooks and other instructional materials are present in ALL schools. In Fiscal Year 2009, the program provided 849,214 instructional items to pupils in grades 7 through 12. There may not be any grant programs in the budget of the State Board of Education that have had as far-reaching an impact for as long a time. Providing good textbooks and instructional materials to children is a fundamental responsibility of the state, and this is the only state program that requires all its resources be spent on learning materials for students in classrooms. In Fiscal Year 2009, this program was funded at \$42.8 million. We understand it is unrealistic to expect that level of funding could be restored in one year, but we do recommend that the funding for the program be restored at some level. The Illinois State Senate included \$9.5 million for this program in its Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Additionally, there are current appropriations bills, House Bill 2321 introduced by Representative Kelly Burke and Senate Bill 2152 introduced by Bill Cunningham, that we ask you to co-sponsor and support. Considering the widespread service and importance of this program, we hope and urge you to include funding for this program in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Thank you."

This can be sent electronically at: http://www.capwiz.com/ilcatholic/issues/alert/?alertid=62646601&PROCESS=Take+Action

Find your legislators at: www.ilga.gov

Find a Fact Sheet on this program at: http://www.ilcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/TextbookFactSheetMay2013.pdf



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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 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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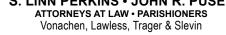
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