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# Father Kyle Lucas

Ordained to the Priesthood May 24, 2014

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8,14-17
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Today's readings, anticipating Pentecost, focus on the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit is called "another" mediator because Jesus is the first, and through the Spirit Jesus will come back as promised and remain. His departure thus results not in absence, although the world thinks Jesus has disappeared, but rather in continued presence through the Spirit. Our pledge of triumph, the Spirit among us, gives us basis for hope. Although he was put to death, Christ lives in the Spirit. Difficulties and persecution, then, pose no threat since this is the way we share in Christ's victory. Before his ascension, Jesus announced to the apostles that they would receive the Holy Spirit and be his witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.



#### Monday, May 26, 2014 Memorial Day

9:00am Raymond Vonk 35th Anniv/Bernadine May & Family

#### Tuesday, May 27, 2014

7:00am Connie Gill/Ethel & Anna Cooper

8:00am Stella O'Hanlon/Family

9:00am Joan Becks/Joe and Sandy Whalen

7:00pm Carol Picl/Family

#### Wednesday, May 28, 2014

7:00am Bernadine Lucas/Dennis & Pam Goett 8:00am John & Mary Ambrosch 65th Wedding Anniv

#### Thursday, May 29, 2014

7:00am Joe & Jeanne Broussard/Mike & Mary Lou

Bartley

8:00am Thomas McGinn

9:00am Marilyn Roedell/Jim & Pat Hagemann

#### Friday, May 30, 2014

7:00am Melvin Ghighi/Betty Ghighi

8:00am Jean Hubert/Family

10:00am Patricia Schlicksup Nailon/Mary Kay Amberg

#### Saturday, May 31, 2014

8:00am Sr Madeline Marie Brophy/Frances Farraher

5:00pm Suzanne Lynch/Steve & Terri Baldi

#### Sunday, June 1, 2014

6:30am For the People

8:00am Martha Jane Smith/Mary Stewart
9:30am Arlene Crawford/The Jockisch Family
11:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family
5:00pm Larry O'Russa/Gary & Carolyn Nauman

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**FIRST MASS** of Fr. Kyle Lucas will be Sunday, May 25th at 2:30 pm at St. Thomas. You are all invited to attend this Mass.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** Monday, May 26 at 9:00 am. This will be the only Mass that day.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**ST THOMAS SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS** Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, May 28 at 8:45 am.

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

**ST THOMAS SCHOOL** Friday, May 30 will be the last day of school with dismissal at 12:15 pm. There will be an **All School Mass at 10:00 am.** 

The **Feast of the Ascension** will be celebrated on Saturday/May 31-Sunday/June 1 weekend.

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#### **Wedding Congratulations**

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#### 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.

At this time we our greatest needs are: pancake mix syrup spaghetti sauce spaghetti



We sing at Mass, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor". You hear the cry of the poor, as well, as is witnessed by your generosity to the monthly collections for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very active here at St. Thomas. We are a group of approximately eighteen members who happened to answer a St. Thomas bulletin announcement a few years ago. Since our inception, we have visited and served approximately 1,000 families. The needs are great. If you are interested in being a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference at St. Thomas, please consider our team. All new members are mentored, and all visits are done by teams of two conference members. If you would like to learn more about us, you can visit the website. As we stated, the needs are great, but the spiritual rewards are greater.

St. Vincent de Paul activities:

- Food Pantry—we are serving more people than in the past and are in need of non-perishable items.
- Friends of the Poor Walk—Saturday, September 20,
   9:00 am at St. Vincent de Paul Church. To register, email ronhardgrove@yahoo.com
- Change for Change—you may bring spare change to the monthly collection. You change helps change lives of those in need.

Again, you are our only source of income. Please know that your goodness is truly appreciated. Those we serve pray for you, knowing that it is your generosity that helps them.

Next St. Vincent de Paul Society collection May 31/June1 weekend.

## Our Sympathy

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS

**WEEK:** Bill Bryers, father of Megan Feinerman and grandfather of Kaylie and Molly Feinerman.

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#### Bertram 5K Run/1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the 1st Annual Maggie Bertram Run/Walk on Saturday, June 7th at Sterling Plaza beginning at 10:00 am. Registration is \$25 for 5K/\$20 for 1 mile. All proceeds benefit Maggie Bertram Foundation for the Fine Arts. Register online, Facebook.com/MaggieBertram5K.

## Stop the Summer Slump

The Summer Math & Reading Program at St. Vincent de Paul School, featured in the Catholic Post as the most recognized such program, will offer a Summer Math Program for 2nd grade through incoming freshmen, and a Summer Reading Program for 1st grade through incoming freshmen. In addition an Enriched Math Program will be offered to challenge students. Contact Mrs. Engelbrecht, names Teacher of Excellence in Math, at 691-5012 or 693-6289 for details.

The Catholic Cemetery Association **Memorial Mass** will be Monday, May 26 at 9:30 am at Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel. Msgr. William Watson is the celebrant.

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	5/11/14	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 1,131,930
<b>Sunday Collections</b>	\$ 25,087	\$ 941,958
<b>Electronic Collections</b>	\$ 3,313	\$ 136,655
Total Collected	\$ 28,400	\$ 1,078,613
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 3,246	\$ (53,317)

We appreciate your generosity.



#### **OPENINGS**

- Fifth/Sixth Grade part or full time Math teacher
- Seventh/Eighth Grade part or full time Math teacher

If interested please send a letter of interest and resume to Maureen Bentley, principal at St. Thomas School 4229 N. Monroe Ave. Peoria Heights, IL 61616 or maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net



**Peoria Notre Dame Volleyball Camps** for students grade 3-9 will be in June. Visit www.pndvolleyball. weebly.com for more information.

Peoria Notre Dame Girls Basketball Camp will be at PND in June. Contact Ron Carrothers at racmac@mchsi.com for more information.

Peoria Notre Dame Kids Cheer Camp. The PND cheerleaders are holding a Jr. High and Kids Camp this summer. The Kids Camp is for incoming K-6th graders; Jr. High Camp is for 7th & 8th grade squads or individuals. Registration for at pndathletics.com and click on "camps".

Join us to celebrate the **100th birthday of Cornelia Schneider** on Saturday, May 31, 12:00—2:00 —pm in the lower level of the church.



Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.



Deacon Kyle Lucas would like to thank the St. Thomas parish family for all the prayers and support over the past 6 years. On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Fr.

Kyle will be celebrating his 1st Mass at 2:30 pm at St. Thomas Church. The parish family is invited to attend his Mass.

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

#### Second Chances Ministry Opportunity

In Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, we ask "Lord, when did we see you?" And part of Christ's response is "When I was in prison and you came to visit me." The Second Chances ministry at St. Thomas is currently seeking parishioners to serve on a team mentoring and assisting a woman who has recently come out of incarceration.

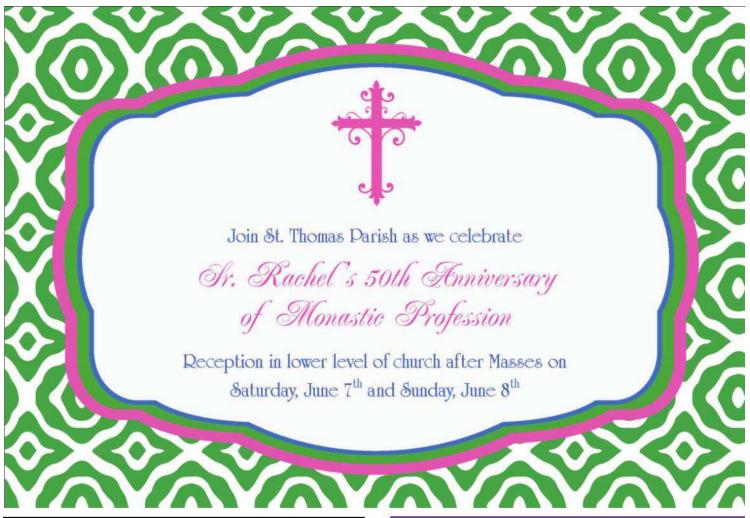
To this point, 2 teams have made a difference in the lives of two women whose many needs must be met in order to become productive citizens in society. If any parishioners feel the call to join our Second Chances ministry, please contact Jack Kinney at 692-1447.

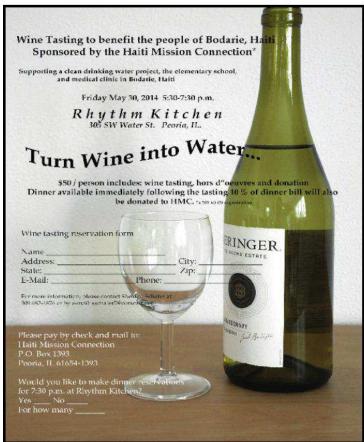


## Planning to Run the Steamboat Race?

On Saturday, June 14 is the 41st running of the Steamboat Classic. The event, a tradition in Peoria with nearly 4,000 participants, is open to runners/walkers of all ability levels.

To build on this fun activity St. Thomas is sponsoring a team and you are encouraged to join. If you register with our St. Thomas team you will immediately receive \$5 off the entry fee. Go to www.steamboat classic.org to register. When you register, please notify Jim Corkery at 363-6799. Jim has agreed to serve as captain. He will reach out to you prior to the run to communicate team members, meeting place, etc.





For more info contact Sheldon Schafer at 682-1876.

## st thomas WOMEN'S GUŸLD

Dedicated to providing the Parish Bread and Wine

- Thank you to all who purchased plants from the sale!
- Thank you to all who showed up Friday morning to unload plants.
- A special thanks to the St. Thomas Boy Scouts and Men's Club who showed up on Sunday afternoon to reload the plants to go back to the nursery.
- Thank you to everyone that worked throughout the weekend helping sell plants, watering the plants, cleaning up and making food for the workers!
- And, to the awesome office staff of St. Thomas for always offering your assistance!

We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful parish!

May God bless you all,

St. Thomas Women's Guild





## St. Thomas School Graduates!

Nicholas Adams Alex Bender

Anna Bourscheidt Anna Bucklar

Ellie Callaway Sydney Frank

Peyton Easton Dillon Garimella

Samantha Ford Gabriella Hernandez

Jack Frank Claire Jenkins

Nathan Geers Hope Laster

Mary Kate Kellock Andrea Legaspi

Nicholas Lees Lexi Lindstrom

Kelly McDonough Danny McDonough

Erin Nave Lindsey Monkton

McKenna Reedy Juan Octavo

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Annabelle Short Mallory Picl

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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: June 29 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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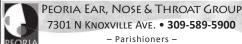
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