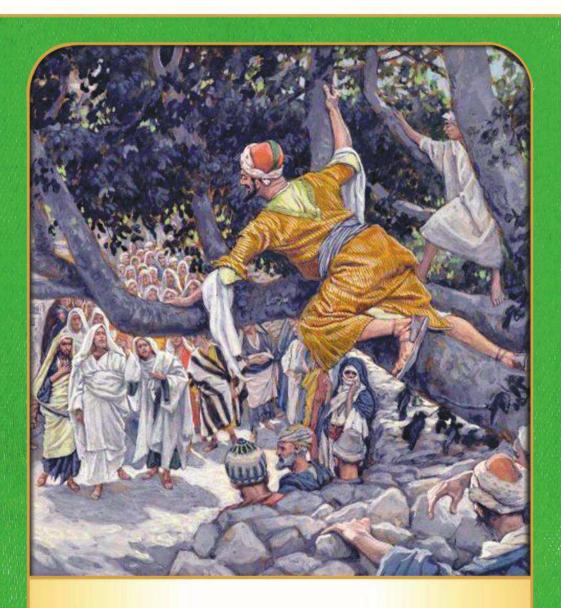


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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:9-10





Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:22-12:2 Reading I: Wisdom Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

The story in today's Gospel is familiar to many of us. It is the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who climbed up a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he was travelling into Jericho. The importance of his public office and his reputation with the people mattered little as this man scurried up the tree. In his desire to get a good look at Jesus, to see him clearly, he forgot everything. How surprised he must have been when Jesus stopped beneath that tree and called up to him, personally. Not only had he seen Jesus, but more importantly Jesus had seen and spoken to him. How often we are caught off guard when we encounter Christ in the events of our daily life. Sometimes we totally miss his presence. This familiar story ends as Jesus has visited Zacchaeus' home and eaten with him. Zacchaeus is a changed man as he offers to make reparation for those whom he has cheated. Salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house. He was once unable to see Christ clearly; now his vision is restored. He is a new creation.



Monday, November 4, 2013

7:00am Fran Hafner/St Thomas Senior Citizens Group

8:00am Mike LaHood/Mike LaHood

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Wandy Cuboran/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley 7:00am

Merton Hubert/Dennis McGann 8:00am

9:00am Adam Lagocki/Family

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

7:00am Mick Donahue/Carol, Scott & Tim Donahue

8:00am Maxine Schrader

Thursday, November 7, 2013

7:00am Bill Nelson/Anita Nelson

8:00am Dr R.B., Betty & Ann England/Mary Jo England

Carol Picl/St Thomas Women's Guild 9:00am

Friday, November 8, 2013

7:00am Fred & Geraldine Schreiber/Sr Shirley

Schreiber

8:00am Hafner & Babrowski Families Living &

Deceased

Saturday, November 9, 2013

8:00am Fred Novatney/Chuck & Virginia Grawey

5:00pm Rod Hinchman/Beth Washburn

Sunday, November 10, 2013

6:30am Teresa Caho/Jerry & Shirley Hubbs 8:00am For the People 9:30am Amanda Sarmiento/The Brereton Family 11:00am Shawn Schleich 2nd Anniv/Paul & Cioni Ficht 5:00pm Dennis McLaughlin/Alan & Mary Ellen DeBord



ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS will be taken after all Masses this weekend.

HEADING AVE FRANCISCANS will be selling Rolan Johnson Christmas Ornaments at Masses this weekend.

WOMEN'S GUILD Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church. Msgr. Watson will speak about the trip to the Marian Shrines.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, November 5 at 1:00 pm in parish office meeting room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, November 6 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CCD Wednesday, November 6 from 6:15-7:30 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS

WEEK: Sam Ottenweller; Mark Firmand; Carolyn Klein, relative of Diane Rians

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

James Blanchard *Dan McDonough *Glen Louthan *Chris Lehman *Bridget Kelley *Travis Williams *Alex Fritz *Jason Kidd *Roseanne Milroy	*Ricardo DeLaCruz *Dan Svymbersky *Jeff R. Dudley *Joe Espinosa *Jason Stevenor *Michael McKee * Joe Kuchan *Tom Stimeling *Curtis Bohlman	*David Hodges *Scott C. Powers *William Newport *Alexis Moran *Ben McCabe *Brian Behm *Christopher Miller *F.Michael Schachtrup *Maegan Brown		
*Victoria Coers	*Ryan Schatsiek	*Jim Comfort		
*Scot Wettach	*Joe Moran	*Jason Blankenship		
*Jacob Moody	*JoanneMcGreg			
*Liam O'Neill	*William Kelley, III	*Mackinzie Wilts		
*Erich Snyder	*Michael O'Brien	*Lt. Blake Baldi		
*Drake Comfort	*NaToane Russell	*Craig Bohlman		
*Mark Fagenkrantz		Jordan Good		
*Fred Wilson	*Darren Hodgkins	*Anthony Alessi		
*Jason Thyne	*Joshua Logan Stro	ot *Jeff Good		
*Nathan M. Heiser *Lt. Col. James Godfrey				



Christmas Ornaments

The Heading Avenue Franciscans will be selling the Rolan Johnson Christmas ornaments after the Masses on November 2/3. The Sisters will introduce the nineteenth annual Rolan Johnson, limited-edition Christmas ornament, entitled "Joy to the World." They are available for \$34. Proceeds benefit the sisters' Retirement Fund.



The sessions for RCIA —for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church-began Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Let us know if you are aware of anyone who might have an interest. Call Sr. Rachel at 688-3446.

The program has two dimensions: 1) for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Church; 2) for children, beginning at age 6 who have not been baptized or catechized in their grade school years.

Some of the candidates in the R.C.I.A. are in need of a sponsor. If you would be willing to walk with someone through the weekly meetings to support him or her in this discernment and study, please call Sr. Rachel, 688-3446.



Wedding Congratulations

Molly Walther ~ Casey Kepple



Fall Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Fall Garage Sale—sorting, hauling, cooking, donating, buying. It was a successful sale, doing a lot of good for many people. Profits from the Sale are \$13,500.00 with \$742.26 of that total coming from the kitchen.



Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club will meet on Thursday, November 14 at 8:00 pm in the old gym. All men of the parish are welcome.

Fair Trade Coffee Sale



The Haiti Mission Connection will sell fair trade coffee and vanilla after the 5:00 pm Mass on November 9 and after the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am Masses on November 10 in the lower level of the church. A great gift for the Holidays!

Save the Date!! Mary of Nazareth, a film at Landmark about the Blessed Mother—December 7th.

Sponsor of the Week





St. Thomas PTO wants to help you decorate your home for the holidays with our Wreath and Greenery sale!

We will be taking orders for the live greenery after Masses on October 20 and 27. These beautiful, affordable wreaths and sprays come in a variety of styles. Items will be available for pick-up at St. Thomas the weekend of November 24th. Or, you can choose to have the items shipped directly to your recipient.

Last day for orders is October 28th

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

Beef Stew Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese

Instant Potatoes

We greatly appreciate your generosity.
We especially need

Cereal Soup Tuna
Beef Stew Canned Fruit Instant Potatoes

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

Weekly Collection

	10/20/13	Fiscal YTD	
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 402,464	
Sunday Collections	\$ 16,238	\$ 343,988	
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,147	\$ 40,578	
Total Collected	\$ 19,551	\$ 384,566	
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (5,603)	\$ (17,898)	

We appreciate your generosity.

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 November 6.

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

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



This weekend will be the collection for the St.Vincent de Paul Society that assists the poor in our area. The needs of the poor are many and your generous giving has been greatly appreciated. Please continue to give generously.

Thank you.



Donate your car to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community: www.svdpusacars.com, or call (800) 322-8284.

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Needed

Teachers for Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass on Sunday

See Sr. Rachel or call 688-3446.

St. Thomas Summary Report of Operating Revenue and Expenses Quarter Ended September 30, 2013

	Actual Sept 30	Budget Sept 30
CHURCH	<u> </u>	39
Operating Revenue		
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	339,000	364,000
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	15,000	17,000
Total Operating Revenue	354,000	381,000
Operating Expenses		
Salary and Related	87,000	95,000
PND Tuition & Assessment	36,000	39,000
Other Operating Expenses	94,000	120,000
Total Church Expenditures	217,000	254,000
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	137,000	127,000
SCHOOL		
Operating Revenue		
Tuition and Fees	274,000	263,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	69,000	66,000
Total Operating Revenue	343,000	329,000
Operating Expenses		
School Expenditures	484,000	517,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	59,000	48,000
Total School Expenditures	543,000	565,000
NET SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(200,000)	(236,000)
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(63,000)	(109,000)
NON OPEATING REVENUE/EXPENSES		
Air Conditioning Project	11,000	-
Investments	25,000	21,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	36,000	21,000
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(27,000)	(88,000)

Notes:

Combined operating expenses over revenue show a \$63,000 loss for the current quarter. Church revenue is down by \$27,000 but Parish expenses are also under budget by \$37,000 netting a \$10,000 favorable position compared to the budget for the Parish for this quarter. The school has recorded \$14,000 more revenue than budgeted and \$21,000 less expenses to net to a \$36,000 favorable position compared to budget. The non-operating revenue was mostly over budget due to continued donations to the air conditioning project.

The Finance Committee and Parish Council are continuing to identify areas within the Parish where operational efficiency and cost control may be improved. Evaluation of the Parish investment practices and banking services are continuing as well as more cost cutting issues related to envelopes and other expense related areas.

We appreciate the continued generosity of our parishioners, the dedicated work of our volunteers, and the staff attention to controlling costs. We would like to encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider increasing their donations, not just to help us cover our bills, but out of the generosity of what God has given each of us. Many thanks and blessings to all of you for your sacrifice and support of St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S GUYLD

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Monday, November 4-7:00 p.m.

Msgr. Watson's Travelogue to the Marian Shrines

Holiday Food and Refreshments will be served.

Remember to bring a friend!

All women of the Parish are invited!

November is our last meeting until March 2014 and we hope you will join us!

All Ladies of the Parish....start baking!
for the Women's Guild
Annual Cookie Sale
Saturday, December 7
and Sunday, December 8
After all Masses – During the Open House.



Bring your Cookies to the lower level on Saturday, December 7 between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

If you can help pack cookies or have any questions Call Karen 693-0076 or Sonia 231-2637

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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: November 24 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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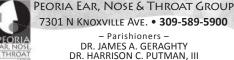
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