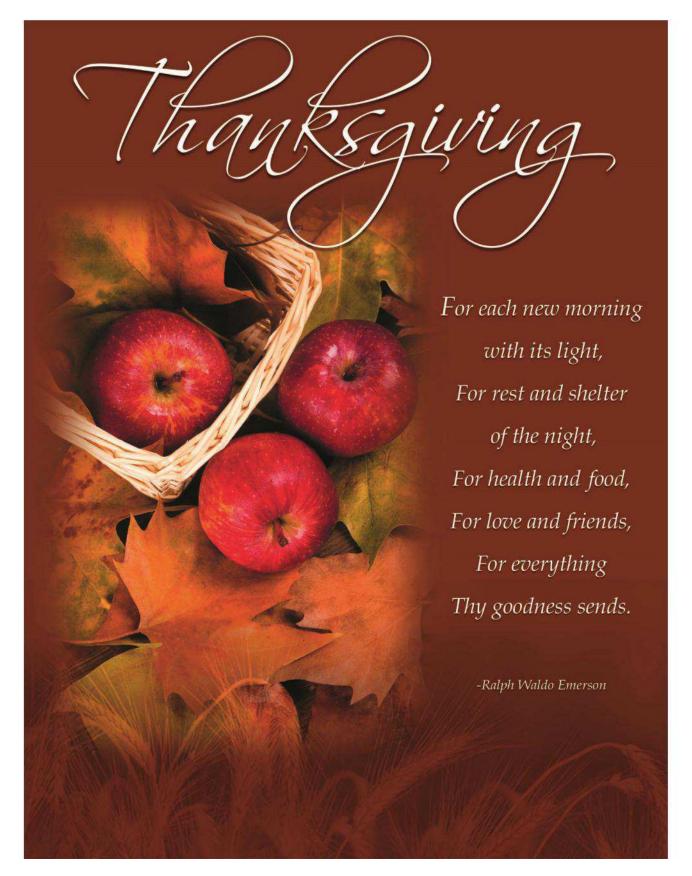


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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Today we hear the story of the crucifixion of Jesus, how the soldiers threw dice for his clothes, mocked him, and offered him cheap wine. It is in the context of this Gospel reading that we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. What a perfect illustration of the paradox that Christ lived! This is a king like no other we have known, and the contrast is evident as we ponder the scene of his death on the cross. We see his throne to be the cross, no gold-laden vestments, only nakedness before his people, no armored guards on his right and left, only two thieves that share in his painful death. Even more, we see no attitude of revenge or anger. Rather we witness a man who is willing to forgive and offers himself completely for the very people who kill him. He even promises one of the thieves that he will share paradise with him. This is Christ the King whose kingdom serves as a model for our living.



Monday, November 25, 2013

7:00am Donald Gibson/Deacon John & Sonia Nelson

8:00am Marilou Putman/Dorothy Paesani

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

7:00am Amanda Sprenger Sarmiento/Fred & Becky

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8:00am William May 48th Anniv/Bernadean May &

Family

9:00am Normá Mall/St Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

7:00am Fred & Geraldine Schreiber/Sr Shirley

Schreiber

8:00am Thomas Moran/Barb & Phil Adams

Thursday, November 28, 2013 Thanksgiving

9:00am Patty Resutko/Mr & Mrs Ron Dwyer

Friday, November 29, 2013

7:00am Maxine Schrader

8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

Saturday, November 30, 2013

8:00am Dr Curzio Paesani/Dorothy Paesani 5:00pm Jim & Elieen Coogan/Jeanne Runkle

Sunday, December 1, 2013 First Sunday of Advent

6:30am For the People

8:00am Charles Mueller/The Markovich Familyt 9:30am Phil & Marie Pyszka/Don & Carol Castagna

11:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family

5:00pm Robert Flaherty



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm.

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

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00 pm in parish office meeting room.

EDUCATION COMMISSION Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, November 27 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL will be closed Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29. Classes will resume Monday, December 2.

THANKSGIVING MASS Thursday, November 28 at 9:00 am. All are invited to bring food for the pantry which will be brought forward at the Offertory. This will be the only Mass that day.

THANKSGIVING DINNER Thursday, November 28 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

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



Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS

WEEK: Alice Mackoway, mother of John Mackoway;

Hop Nguyen; Marion Heinz

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

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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 December 4.

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Beef Stew Canned Vegetables
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Instant Potatoes

We greatly appreciate your generosity.

We especially need

Cereal Soup Tuna

Beef Stew Canned Fruit Instant Potatoes

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Weekly Collection

	11/10/13	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 477,926
Sunday Collections	\$ 17,725	\$ 407,862
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,313	\$ 50,517
Total Collected	\$ 21,038	\$ 458,379
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Greetings from our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

We're sure you're familiar with the food pantry that has been operating for many years - now being managed by Tom and Nancy Horstmann (who can always use volunteers and food donations). But did you know that we are completing our fourth year of expanded St. Vincent DePaul Society ministry that includes visits to the needy (we call them clients) who have asked us for financial support?

Rent, utilities, and water bills are the main needs, but our help has also covered items like furniture, appliances, hot water heaters, and mattresses. Help has included hotel lodging for persons escaping from abusive situations, shoes and clothing, medical prescription costs, or just filling the gas tank of someone's car (we never give money directly to clients - it goes to a landlord, to Ameren, a store, etc). We're one hundred percent efficient; a dollar donated is a dollar that will help a needy person in some way. We visit clients as two-person teams to identify needs beyond the specific issues that brought them to us, and try to be good stewards of the finances that you so generously donate. Another "real world" aspect of visits is to discern if the request is legitimate... almost all are.

Financial support is only part of what we give in our ministry. Many are suffering the pain of asking for help for the first time in their lives, especially difficult as the holiday season approaches. We listen to them, pray with them, and often leave worksheets to help them identify and prioritize their expenses. We give counsel to the extent we can, and just as importantly we review and leave with them a brochure that provides reference information on subjects ranging from other food pantries, meal providers, emergency housing... to sources of medical help, child care, furniture, legal assistance, and transportation. A few of our brochures are in the gathering space if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued generosity; you are helping many needy people in our area.

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Ron Hardgrove Mike Sims Edie Brereton Mark Kelsch

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Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 28th Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Dinner is FREE at the St Thomas School Cafeteria

Please call the Parish Office at 688-3446 to RSVP if you will be joining us.

Carryouts and delivery are available.

If you can volunteer for set-up, serving, cleanup or provide a dessert please call the parish office at 688-3446.

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All Ladies of the Parish (and Men too); please start baking and candy making for the Women's Guild Annual Cookie Sale Saturday, December 7— 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.





We also need workers to help out after all the Masses as well as assembling the cookie and candy boxes on Saturday! If you can help pack or sell the cookies, please call Karen 693-0076 or Sonia 231-2637.

Parish Christmas Open House



Saturday December 7 after 5:00pm

Sunday December 8 after all Masses

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and serve.

Please call the Parish Office 688-3446 or Denise Tascher 693-8633 if you can help for a few hours.

St. Thomas Day at

Barnes & Noble

The PTO will be hosting a "St. Thomas Shopping Day" at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 5001 North Big Hollow Road, on Sunday, November 24th. All day, our school will earn a percentage of the sales brought in by St. Thomas families and friends. Please note you will need to present the St Thomas voucher in this bulletin, in order for St. Thomas to receive the credit. If shopping in the Peoria store the check-out counter will have a voucher on hand but any sales outside of the Peoria store will require the voucher presentation. Online sales made at www.bn.com/bookfairs, as well as purchases made at other Barnes and Noble locations, will count as long as the voucher number listed below the bar code is used.

Get a jump on your holiday shopping with a great selection of books, games, and unique gifts! Additional vouchers will be available on the school website.

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Sunday, November 24, 2013

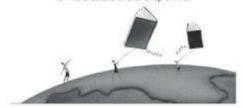
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Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class. Next Baptisms: December 29 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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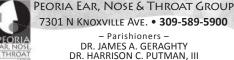
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