

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 18

8:30 a.m. – Special Intention

Tuesday, October 19

8:30 a.m. – Chuck & Mary Ellen Bernotas

Wednesday, October 20

8:30 a.m. – Jeanne Vighi

Thursday, October 21

8:30 a.m. – Lawrence J. Cashen

Friday, October 22

8:30 a.m. – Chuck Bernotas

Saturday, October 23

4:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Parishioners

Sunday, October 24

10:00 a.m. – Ben Wood

LITURGICAL ROLES

October 23 & 24

Communion Ministers

4:30 p.m. – Sheila Allen, Deacon Kevin,
Jennifer Allen, Cynthia Peterson,
Phyllis Howley, Ralph Krahn

10:00 a.m. – Polly Hensley, Barb Preston, Deacon Kevin,
Tom Mounce, Brittany Mounce, Bob Braco,
Teri Ducey, Ed Schanuel, Sue Senger,
Dan Ashenfelter, Cherie Moran

Readers of the Word

4:30 p.m. – Tom Saunches
10:00 a.m. – Rosie Harris

Servers

4:30 p.m. – Steve Thorpe, Paul Wayne
10:00 a.m. – Jacob Miller, Trent Wittenauer

Cross Bearers

4:30 p.m. – Pete Wayne
10:00 a.m. – Jim Ankrom

Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. – Virginia Malloy, Richie Malloy
10:00 a.m. – Elizabeth Melhorn, Anna Entrikin

Greeters

4:30 p.m. – Ruth Frazier, Karen Lawrence,
JoAnn Wayne, Michelle Wayne
10:00 a.m. – Sally McRoberts, Cherie Moran
Brittany Mounce, Lucia Mounce

Tithing, your gift to God

	Actual:	Needed:
Contributions 10/3/10	\$7,713.38	\$6,718.15
Contributions YTD	\$88,229.07	\$100,772.25
Sister Parish	\$65.00	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the Sick at Home or in the Hospital and their Families and Caregivers

Carson Brown, Daniel Brunn, Nadine Bunker, Irene Crotser, Lawrence Davis, Ray Floyd, Lou Hall, Sadie Heneghan, Ron Holden, Irma Knox, Delores Longstreet, Virginia Markwell, Ted Oberheim, Bill Ridge, Jan Sanders, Mary Ann Schell, William Thompson, Roberta Vandeventer, Henry Yuetten, Joseph Bukowski, DiAnne McLean, Eileen Milligan, Rose Marie Nelms, Joshua Rankins, Dorothy Runyon, George & Mary Shimp, William Shuppara

Goodness of the World

As I write this article the entire world is celebrating with the people of Chile because of the rescue of the miners. It is a truly beautiful experience to see the entire world come together for a project of goodness and help for people. When we see so much of the problems and evil in the world, it is certainly reassuring to see that the people of the world can come together for such a cause. We all need to continue to thank God for the miracle of Chile that we all get to witness. We also all need to work together for the good of the world, rather than creating problems in the world.

The goodness of the world has also been realized right here in our own community with the tremendous success of the Food Drive last week. What a community we have when people can donate 625,000 pounds of food to help those who are in need. Everyone who was in any way a part of this great endeavor deserves THANKS. Thanks to all of you from the parishes who participated in any way to alleviate hunger in our community. We also thank God for being generous to us that we in turn can be generous to others.

It is definitely refreshing to see how good the world can be when we realize that there are others in need who can certainly use our help. Those people are there every day, not just in major events. May we always be alert to the needs of the times and respond with goodness and an open hand to all those who are hurting or needing in any way.

Thanks to all and God bless, Fr. Rick

Scripture Classes will start a new book this week called 'Advent of the Savior'. I selected this book because we are soon going to be in the Advent season, sometimes a season that comes and goes so quickly that we miss the real beauty and reality of it. So with this book, we can learn the real importance of the season and how we can then celebrate it this year and every year. The first study is called "To Us a Child is Born: Isaiah's Prophecy" The Scripture reference is Isaiah 9:1-7. Please join us anytime.

Men's Scripture/Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30p.m.
Wednesday morning group meets at 10:00a.m.
Hope to see you there!

Annual Catholic Services Appeal - The assessment for St. Thomas is \$41,283.00. Please respond to Bishop Paprock's letter and help us pay our "bill" to the Diocese.

October Ministry of Praise Intention – Right to Life month – for the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for members of our parish family who have died recently, especially, **Edith Friend**, mother of Carol Jones. May she rest forever in the peace of God's Kingdom.

Tithing Tales

A 100 dollar bill, a 20 dollar bill, and a one dollar bill meet up at the shredder at the end of their lives. The 100 says, "I've seen the whole world during my lifetime. Why, I've been on cruises in Caribbean, safaris in Africa, and vacations in Europe." The 20 says, "Well, I've not done quite as well, but I have been to Atlantic City, Disneyland, and Starbucks." They both turn to the one dollar bill and ask, "How about you?" The one, not wanting to be outdone, says, "I've seen the whole country as well. I've been from church to church to church..." Then the 100 asked, "What's a church?"

Annual Fall Family Chili Cook-Off – Sunday, October 17, 1- 4pm. The competition is back! Come meet your St. Thomas and Lourdes family. Questions? Call Kathy Saenz 875-9385.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – We will be celebrating the First Anniversary of our Prayer Shawl Ministry at our next gathering on Wednesday, October 27, at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement. To date, we have given over 50 shawls to those recovering from surgery or illness, to the dying and the grieving, etc. If you know of someone who would benefit from the blessing of one of these shawls, please contact Karen Briner at 428-0352 or Phyllis Howley at 877-4146. All are welcome to share in this Ministry of love and concern. If you have the ability and desire to make Prayer Shawls for us, but don't want to attend our gatherings, you can call and we will be happy to pick up your finished items to have them blessed and distributed. Please feel free to invite family or friends to join us.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered October 30 and 31, after the Masses. Come to be strengthened and comforted by the Sacrament. The Sacrament is to be received in the state of grace and is for any Catholic who is faced with a serious medical condition. We especially invite all friends and relatives to join those who are to be anointed and to be in prayerful support of them. This is another way the Church prays for and shows support for those who are ill.

"Basket for the Needy" – In the past we have had two baskets at the back of church for people to put their loose cash – one for Catholic Charities and one for Oasis. In the past we had designated funds to help support MAX and DOVE, but with necessary budget cuts those funds are not available. We have renamed it into one "Basket for the Needy". The money collected in that basket will be divided equally between Charities, Oasis, MAX and DOVE on a monthly basis. This is a wonderful way for individuals to show their support to our local organizations.

All Souls Day Mass

The Mass for All Souls Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. During this Liturgy, the Church remembers with love and affection all of its dead. We will give special remembrance to the parishioners who have died within the last 12 months (or since the last All Souls Liturgy). Please plan on staying after Mass for a light snack and fellowship in the church.

Temple Tenders will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to help – no previous experience required.

October Count – Each October we have an "October Count" of those who attend our Masses on the weekend. A count will be made at weekend Masses on four of the Sundays of October. This count is very important for our parish.

Community 55+ Wednesday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by pot-luck (meat dish provided). Please bring a dish to share and your own plate, cup and eating utensils. Speaker: Joan Meeder, from RSVP. Call Patty at 877-4146 by Monday, October 18, if you plan to attend.

Art & Environment – It is time to plan for Christmas church decorations. We will be having a planning session on Tuesday, October 19, at 7 p.m. in the church. We are sure that there are some opinions as to what could be done. Please come and share your ideas.

