

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 29, 2012**

Mass Intentions For the Week

Monday 8:30 am
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Nuala and Carol (Carol living)
by Al & Kathleen Fisher

Tuesday 8:30 am
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3
Mk 5:21-43
Dick English by Kendra Wetherald
and Donita Russiter

Wednesday 8:30 am
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Leroy Spradlin

Thursday 8:30 am
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Mary Marchi by her children

Friday 8:30 am
Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Joe Hatem
by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday 5:00 pm
1 Kgs 3z;4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Living and deceased members of St.
Thomas

Sunday 9:00 am
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39
Dick English by Jim & Mary Ann Murphy

11:30 am
Jim Kirk by Kathleen Kirk

STEWARDSHIP

The total collection amount for January 22nd was \$4028. We are truly a blessed community because of the generosity of many who return something of their time, talent and treasure to the work of God.

This Week at St. Thomas

Tuesday, January 31
7:00pm Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1
10:00am, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00pm
ESL in the Parish Center

Sick in our Parish

Please remember the sick and homebound in your prayers: Emma Alaskiewicz and Dick Clark.

Prayer Chain

St. Thomas has an active prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, such as illness or surgery, please call Louise Layne (258-6406) or Essie Cannon (501-6081).

“Searching for God’s Talent”

Searching for God’s Talent kicks off this weekend with the Social Concerns Ministry and its committees: Bread, Nursing home/hospital visit, Hands of Christ, Prayer Chain and, the Charismatic Prayer Group. Everyone is invited to learn more about this ministry by speaking with one of the representatives after mass or by visiting our website: www.saintthomasapostle.com Representatives of each committee will be in the back of the church after the Masses to answer questions

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Feb 4th and 5th

	Sat. 5pm	Sun. 9am	Sun. 11:30am
Lector 1	D. Doone	K. Frierson	W. Rapp
Lector 2	D. Cavello	B. Hoffman	J. Newland
Communion 1	J. DeLimond	D. Cassidy	C. Cannell
Communion 2	S. Blower	M. Campanelli	T. Jackson
Communion 3	T. Needles	J. Warner	S. Rangel Ibarra
Server 1	D. DeLimond	Maggie Walker	Jacqueline Ibarra
Server 2	L. Reddae	O. Anderson	M. Cannell

Communion 1 ministers the Eucharistic Bread; Communion 2 & 3 minister the cup

Reflection

Oh, that today you would hear his voice.

~ Psalm 95:7

There are many things that can distract us from focusing on what God wants of us – whether we are married or single. It requires a firm commitment to keep God as our priority. We need to stop and reflect on how we are living our lives – are we reflecting God’s love in how we treat others? As we follow the Church year, we are offered many ways to keep ourselves on track. Do you take advantage of these opportunities?

Congratulations to Darren DeLimond who achieved Merit Roll status for the second quarter at St. Charles Preparatory School!

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church after all Masses this weekend for their “Fifth Sunday” Collection. Thank you in advance to all who are able to give.

It’s Not Too Late!!!

If you were not able to schedule a time to have your picture taken for our new Parish Pictorial Directory, there will be time slots available on Friday February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th here at St. Thomas in the basement of the Parish Center. Please call **1-877-764-4535** as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. Our new directory won’t be complete without you!

The Marriage and Family Life Office and the Diocesan Marriage Ministries Leadership Council call your attention to World Marriage Day, February 12, 2012. Plan to celebrate this special day at St. Elizabeth Pastors’ Hall from 3:00-5:00pm. St. Paul Parishioners Tony and Donna Bonina will present *The Lasting Promise: Nurturing Active, Lifelong Love*, a relationship enhancement program for Catholic couples based on the book *The Power of Commitment* by Scott M. Stanley. Light refreshments will follow. Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or FLOMailbox@colsdio.org to register by Monday, February 6, or for additional information.

The 21st Annual Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 3rd 2012 at the Columbus Country Club. Doors will open at 10:30am and lunch will be served at 11:30am. Look for further details in upcoming bulletins.

The Holy Father urges us to “collect our thoughts in silence and meditate on what the Lord wants to teach us.” What better time than Lent? The Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League invites all women in the diocese to a silent retreat March 2-4, 2012 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, East Broad Street, Columbus. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday at noon. Father Stash Dailey, Associate Pastor of Saint Michael, Worthington is the retreat director. His theme will be “Coming to Know Jesus Through Mary.” For more information or to register, send email to retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrlich at 614-882-1946. Respond soon. The deadline is February 20, 2012 and space is limited.

~ Letter of thanks ~

From Isabelle Ridgeway Care Center:

On behalf of the residents and staff of Isabelle Ridgeway Care Center, I would like to thank you for once again blessing us by adopting 25 of our residents for this 2011 Christmas season and for buying them each gifts from their wish list. I know much time, planning, and money went into providing those gifts. It is evident that you spared no expense and went out of your way to ensure they each received the presents they wanted. The love you continue to display through your generosity is very much appreciated.

From Forest Hills Center:

Thank you so very much for the Christmas generosity shown to the residents of Forest Hills Center. Your personal gifts were each appreciated by the residents and staff alike. Robert especially enjoys his puzzles and Helen adores her sweatshirt!

From Summits Trace Healthcare

On behalf of the staff and residents of Summit’s Trace Healthcare Center I would like to thank the members of St. Thomas for the gifts you provided to our residents. The residents thoroughly enjoyed receiving their presents and the holiday party we had for them. We all appreciate that you would take the time to shop for and provide the gifts for them.