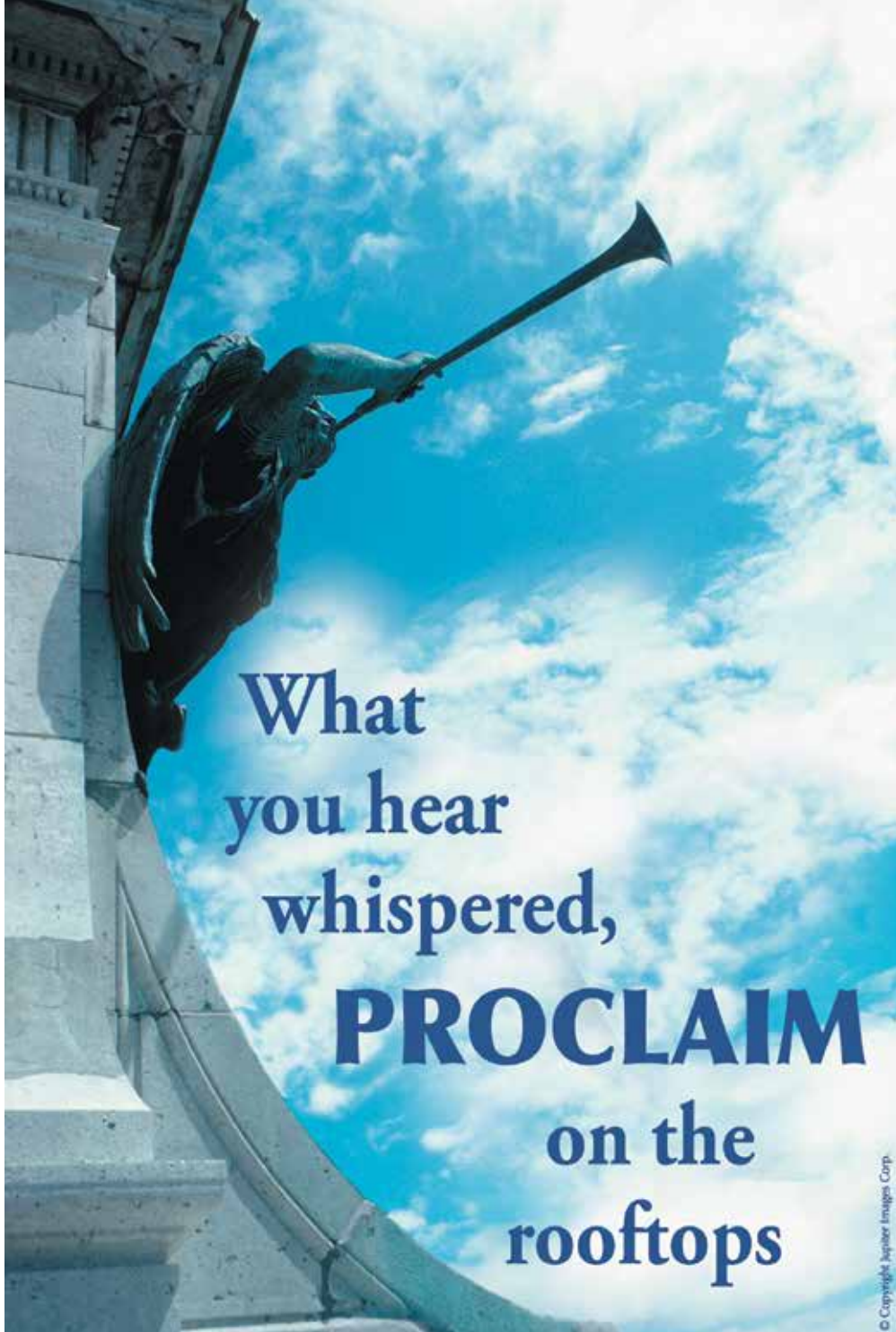


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JUNE 21, 2020 — TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

In the Hospital or Home Bound: Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

Baptism: Baptisms are usually celebrated two to three Sundays each month at a 12:45 pm service. On selected dates, baptisms are celebrated during weekend Mass. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call Kathy Ferguson in the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Matrimony: A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen to schedule.

Religious Education: Call 630.305.6318 to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

Counseling Service: Contact Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 630.355.8980, x124.

Sunday Nursery: Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. For more information call the church office.

Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti

St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian Reservation,

Manderson, South Dakota

St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

Our Parish School:

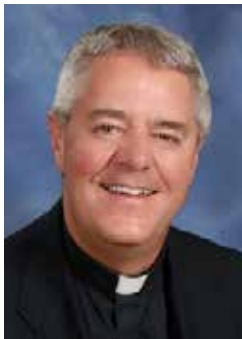
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in the word



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fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

We heard in the beginning of the gospel that Jesus was speaking to the Twelve, which, of course, would have included both Peter and Judas Iscariot. It was Judas who would arrange for Jewish religious leaders to arrest Jesus on Holy Thursday. It was Peter who would deny that he was a follower of Jesus three different times. So both of them would have heard what Jesus

said at the end of today's gospel: "Whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The difference is that, after Judas regretted his action to the Jewish leaders, they said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." In other words, "So what?" While it is not described in any of the gospels, Peter might have gone to his fellow disciples to tell them what he had done. While they all would have remembered what Jesus said about denying Him before others, they would have also reminded Peter about Jesus' teaching on forgiveness. During His Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus taught His disciples how to pray what we now know as "The Lord's Prayer," He included the words, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." The others would have reminded Peter how love and mercy was an important part of Jesus' teaching. Judas, all alone with no one to remind him of his Lord's teaching on mercy, despaired and took his own life. Peter, supported by his friends, did not despair, but instead experienced the great joy of witnessing his Lord's rising to new life.

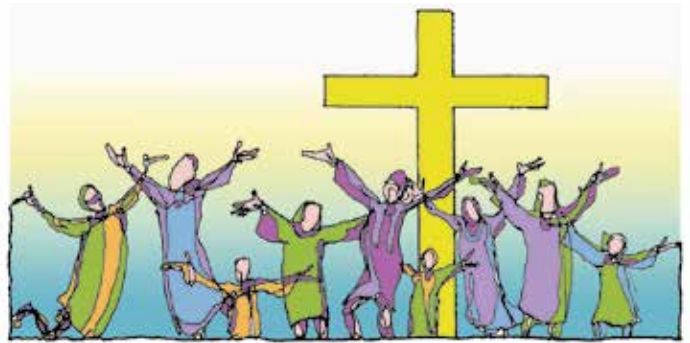
As we celebrate Father's Day, we remember the men in our lives who answered our call in our times of need, whether they were our biological or adoptive father, a teacher, family friend or a male relative. Today we remember and celebrate the holy men in our lives who did their best to follow the example of God, our Creator, our Father and our God of everlasting love.

Last weekend, we were finally able to open our church doors to celebrate Sunday liturgy. While we are still limited to the number of worshipers, it was such a delight to see us come together in worship and praise of our God. Our reopening could not have been possible without the ministry of our reopening committee whom I would like to acknowledge; Co-Leaders Jim Clauer and Dorothy Grantham; Compliance Manager Janet Simmons; Cleaning Team Bob Hartman and Evaristo Zarate; Set-Up Captain Ann Cotner; Usher/Greeters Co-Captains Chris Johanneson and Kathleen Reitmann; Susan Wood O'Leary who worked with our Eucharistic Ministers; Kathy Ferguson who managed the mail and volunteer e-mail; Jan Olah who offered background help with greeters, and Jeff Balsewicz who had been part of our Reopening Team. Many thanks to them and our fellow parishioners who volunteered the treasure of their time and talent to help welcome us back to God's House and Our Home.

If you are able, please consider joining our team of volunteers. As they say, "Many hands make light work." Please consider helping us with your hands and your heart.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.

— Jeremiah 20:13

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday – Saturday

Weekend — Must sign up online to attend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

Both Masses will also be livestreamed and available to watch on demand at www.stapostle.org

Second Collection June 20–21

Diocese of Joliet Priests' Retirement Fund

This weekend we will have a second collection for the Diocese of Joliet Priests' Retirement Fund. The "Father's Day Second Collection" in June was started years ago to help support the needs of our senior priests in retirement, some of whom become sick or infirmed. This fund is also used to help care for priests who become ill before retirement and are in need of rehab or experience a lengthy convalescence. The collection also helps defray costs at the priest retirement home in Naperville where a number of priests currently reside. To dispel any confusion, the second collection in December for the retired religious does not help our diocesan priests. That collection is for the religious orders across the country. Each diocese is responsible for the care of their diocesan priests in retirement.

Thank you for your generosity.

Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

Reflection on the Readings

Disciples can expect to be confronted at any time by those who seek to harm them. We may not necessarily suffer the fate of modern-day martyrs in Asia and the Middle East, but we know well what we may face even here at home if we talk publicly about our faith. So what comfort to hear Jesus tell us to not be afraid to proclaim our faith from the housetops, for even the hairs on our head are counted by God, who loves us and sustains us.

Readings for Today

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



Blessing for Fathers

*Lord God,
teach us to love you and your Father by keeping your
commandments.*

*Bless + these fathers,
and deepen their love for their wives and families.*

*By their work, example and prayer,
may they lead their children to follow you.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord. (Amen)

Presider Schedule June 27–28

Saturday, June 20

4:30 pm – Fr. Philip Danaher

Sunday, June 21

9:30 am – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Please note, because we currently only have two weekend Masses, all the weekend intentions will be read at both Masses.

Monday, June 22, 2020

8:30 am For all People in Nursing Homes

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

8:30 am †William Raef, by The Battisto Family

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

8:30 am †Rocco Battisto, by The Battisto Family

Thursday, June 25, 2020

8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by The Battisto Family

Friday, June 26, 2020

8:30 am †Marge Foley, by Gene

Saturday, June 27, 2020

8:30 am For a Healthy St. Thomas Staff

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am For All People in the World

9:30 am †Frances Glover, by Bob and Kathy Updike

11:15 am †Danuta Cichočka, by Agata Chalupka and Family and Mariola Shelemej and Family

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

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When Jesus came into his human journey, he was a citizen of an occupied territory. He was Jewish by birth, a people who were oppressed by the ruling Roman Empire. But he was also a person of tremendous faith who had been **charged** with a very important mission. And Jesus lived by that faith and allowed it to inform and impact everything he did. Because of his faith, he lived in a manner that was contrary to the definition of success by the power structure of the Empire. He **disputed** the narrow interpretation of the religious rules, practices and beliefs of his own Jewish heritage. And he refused to be confined by the social boundaries that separated people based on gender, ethnicity, health, privilege and station in society.

In spite of all the **challenges** Jesus faced, he **charged** into his mission with enthusiasm and energy. And he expected his followers to do the same. “Enthusiasm is nothing more or less than faith in action.” Jesus was someone who put his faith into action. His disciples were also people of faith, people who were animated and guided by the Spirit of God from within. And their faith-based actions would need to play out within the social structures of their families, work places, religious heritage and governmental structures of city, state and empire. And as we know, they ran into all the same **challenges** that Jesus had.

Ministry Sign Up

As we have learned the past few months, even with the church building closed, there are so many ways that St. Thomas continued to be church, being the hands and feet of Christ to our faith community and in the world. We need to continue that spirit of service, perhaps now more than ever.

We need you. There are talents and gifts unique to you that are needed at St. Thomas. A wonderful way to use those talents and gifts would be to volunteer for a ministry. The brochure outlining the ministries at St. Thomas is updated and online. The actual sign-up process can also take place online. Consider sharing your gifts and talents with our faith community. We need you!

St. Thomas the Apostle Ministry Sign Up



This year marks the 35th Anniversary of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Throughout this commemorative year, we as a parish family will explore the CHERISHED, CHARGED, CHALLENGED theme through liturgy, service and study.

Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

High School Community LIFE Night Zoom Meetings:

On Thursdays at 6:30 pm, throughout the stay-at-home period, we will be gathering by a Zoom meeting. If you are a teen and would like to join us, email Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org to be added to the invite.

Sunday Night YM Project Live

Join the largest Youth Group virtual meeting with great, inspirational National Speakers on Sunday Nights at 7:00 pm. Use this link to join: <https://projectym.com/live/>

Youth Ministry Newsletters and Informational Emails

The Youth Ministry office is emailing various ideas and resources for both teens and parents to stay connected with faith at this unprecedented time. During this difficult time we are reminded that our Church does not stay just within the walls of St. Thomas. We are the Church. If you aren't receiving the Youth Ministry emails and newsletters, please contact Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org.

Young Adult

There are some good faith resources online for Young Adults. Continue to check out our parish website along with resources from the Diocese of Joliet <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/index.php>

Solidarity on Tap is offering virtual meetings: "Socializing meets Social Justice on a screen!" Use this link to check it out: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/solidarity-on-tap/>

If you would like to be added to the Young Adult Ministry GroupMe, contact Dorothy Grantham at dgrantham@stapostle.org.

Question of the week ...

Reflect on past times when you felt God's presence.



A Very Special Announcement

As many of you know, Patti Dougherty, our Director of Religious Education, will be retiring on August 1. If you have children who have gone through religious education, or made their first communion or first reconciliation, or if your children attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word, you have been touched by Patti. If you have enjoyed a Donut Sunday, or a parish picnic, or a St. Thomas special anniversary celebration, you have been touched by all that Patti did behind the scenes.

As a token of our appreciation ... by the authority of Fr. Philip Danaher ... we declare July 13, 2020 to be

Patti Dougherty Day at St. Thomas

Be sure to watch for special plans and ways you can show Patti how much she has meant to our faith community.

Religious Education Registration

Because of the uncertainty of what the school learning environment will be for this coming school year, plans for RE registration for 2020–2021 are still uncertain. As soon as viable plans for RE session can be put forward with some confidence, the RE registration packet (for grades Pre-K through grade 8) will be updated and made available to you. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Camp Rock 2020

- What:** Camp Rock is a 4-day, 3-night camp for middle school students sponsored by Joyful Hope Presentations
- When:** August 6-9
- Who:** Any student currently in grades 6, 7 or 8
- Where:** Dickson Valley Camp, Newark, IL (near Plano, IL)
- Cost:** \$350
- Registration:** Go to www.camprock.me.
- Questions:** Contact John Lamperis at john@camprock.me.
- Activities:** Prayer, Bible study, Mass, swimming, canoeing, archery, campfire, indoor gym and climbing wall, hiking, sports, music, skits, crafts

Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Behavioral Health Ministry: Be Coronavirus Smart — How to Protect Your Family

Talk to your kids — your children may be feeling confused and anxious. Answer questions and encourage them to share their feelings.

Reassure them that they are OK and you are there for them.

Wash Hands Frequently — It's the best way to stop the spread.

Thorough handwashing takes at least 20 seconds.

Do it when you come in from outside, before eating and after you cough or sneeze.

Stay at Home — social and physical distancing slows the spread.

This can be especially hard for kids. Staying home protects your family and other people. Keep playdates virtual.

If you need to leave the house, stay a minimum of 6 feet from other people.

Family Reminders

Did you wash your hands?

Take 20 seconds and do it now

Hey, clean your phone

Because you touch it all day long.

Star in your own video.

Visit with friends and loved ones via video instead of person.

Stay Six Feet Apart

Any time you are outside of your house, no exceptions.

Talk about it.

Sharing your feelings is a good thing.

Source: [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)



Who Gets Sick and Why?

An aging immune system can make you more vulnerable to disease. COVID-19 shows how important it is to keep yours strong

We know that our immune system function declines with age. Doctors call it immunosenescence. It's slow and insidious; think of a photo of yourself 10 years ago versus one taken this afternoon. It takes time ... Same process with your immune system.

The difference in rate of decline between individuals is one of science's big mysteries. The immune system is complex, but most of us understand the basics: Our body detects an intruder — a virus, bacterium, parasite or foreign object—and produces white blood cells to combat the problem.

Fortunately, we won't always be in a pandemic. But we can use this one to gain an understanding of how our immune system changes with age — and how it might be possible to slow the decline and raise our immune reserves for the next time we get sick.

Parts of the Body Where the Immune System is Affected

Brain Chronic stress and lack of sleep suppress immune system function

Liver and Kidneys When healthy, these organs play a crucial role in supporting the immune system

Blood Vessels Getting regular vaccinations helps the immune system battle infections

Stomach Eating foods rich in vitamins and minerals promotes higher white blood cell production and lowers inflammation

Intestines A leaky gut, which often results from a lack of dietary fiber, causes inflammation and a dysregulated immune system

Joints Arthritis and other autoimmune issues can have a negative impact on immunity

Glutes Skeletal muscles especially the large muscles of the butt and thighs, release immunoprotective compounds called myokines during exercise

Belly Fat Abdominal fat releases excess inflammatory compounds called cytokines into the body, undermining immune function

Bones Bone marrow produces white blood cells, which target invading viruses

Adapted from AARP Bulletin May 2020

St. Thomas Pastoral Care Visits

At this time, visits are suspended because of COVID-19. Please call Jan Olah at 630.355.8980, x124 for prayer or conversation during this stressful time.

You Are Loved!

Pastoral Care Resources

For Spiritual Support and Prayer,
please contact the following individuals if you are in need of assistance:

Counseling

Jan, Pastoral Care Office
630.355.8980, x124
Diane, General Office
630.355.8980, x101

Health Resource

Parish Nurses
Felicia, 630.355.8980, x104
Jan, 630.355.8980, x124

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

Edward Hospital has a pastoral care department with a Catholic Chaplain for an emergency anointing or a Eucharistic visit.

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

Jan, Pastoral Care Office
630.355.8980, x124
Diane, General Office
630.355.8980, x101

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Outreach and Social Justice Office Open for Business!

The Outreach and Social Justice Office (Mike and Anne) will be able to access email and voicemail even with the St. Thomas building closed. Due to COVID-19, there is an increase in the number of area families (including parishioners) in need of food and financial assistance. If you are in need of help or if you are aware of anyone else in need of help, please call or email the OSJ Office. Do not hesitate to contact us in these challenging times. The SPIRIT is with you!

Mike: mryder@stapostle.org, 630.355.8980, x121
Anne: aschultz@stapostle.org, 630.355.8980, x113

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY
Here to Help

St. Thomas Cares and Care Pantry Donations

Many organizations are in need of funds to allow them to help others in this extraordinary situation. Consider making a donation as you are able.

If you would like to make a donation to St. Thomas Cares (includes the Care Pantry), there are two ways:

1. Checks can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "St. Thomas Cares" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville, IL 60563).
2. Go to www.stapostle.org and click "Please Give" box on the home page. Select "Click here to setup your online giving account." You have the choice of setting up an account or "Quick Give." Click the "funds" drop down list and select the "St. Thomas Cares" fund. (Shortcut url: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1479/Home/NewQuickGive>.) Be aware there is a 3.4% credit card usage charge deducted from on-line donations.

Save the Date: Sunday, June 28th, 4:30—5:30 pm

"Building the Beloved Community: Repairing the World."
An Interfaith Prayer Service for Racial Justice and Interfaith Solidarity



Interfaith Prayer Service

Stay tuned to the St. Thomas website for an update on the location of the interfaith prayer service. Type "Interfaith Prayer Service" in the search window for any updates. The current plan is to gather at the Millennium Carillon, but as of the bulletin deadline (June 15), permits have not yet been secured.

George Floyd Racial Justice Prayer Service It Shouldn't Be!

A courageous and powerful personal witness from a St. Thomas parishioner, a scripture reading, a call to action, and an opportunity for reflection. These are the components of a prayer service written and produced by members of the Faith Community of St. Thomas. The "George Floyd Racial Justice Prayer Service" challenges us to reflect, to listen with discerning hearts and minds, and to act.

Give yourself the gift of 20 minutes dedicated to introspection, healing and change. Go to the St. Thomas website (www.stapostle.org) and view the prayer service video. Before participating in this virtual prayer service, take a moment to locate a candle and lighter. Open/download the enclosed worship aid.

To simply view Tricia's powerful personal witness, enter "Tricia Witness" in the website Search Window.

*On Monday, June 1, the OSJ Office received an email from a parishioner. "In another time we would be able to come together to pray in response to all the unrest in our community this past weekend. St. Thomas has a history of prayer in response to what, some might feel, is political. We are **challenged** to show the world what we stand for." That email was the catalyst for the creation of the Floyd George Racial Justice Prayer Service.*

~ OSJ Office



Food Donations for Care Pantry Drive-Through Donations Accepted Tuesday, June 23 from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm

Thank you to all who have asked about bringing food donations for the St. Thomas Care Pantry. Our first "Drive-Thru Donations" day was such a great success that we are accepting food donations again!

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, June 23 from 9:00–11:00 am or 6:00–7:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth. As you start to drive around the building, you will see orange cones with instructions.

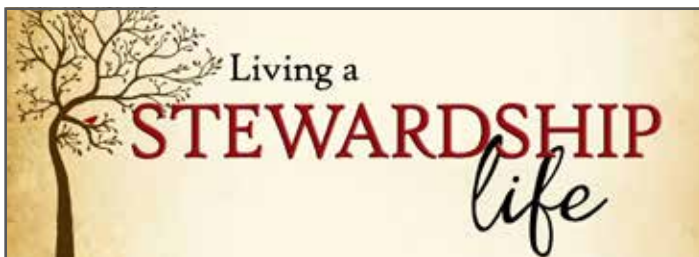
In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring only the items listed below.

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables/Fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Jiffy Mix
- Jello
- Side Dish/Boxed Rice
- Soup
- Cereal
- Meat Meal in a Can
- Dishwashing Liquid

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas. All food will be quarantined for seven days before being shelved and distributed.



Stewardship and Administration



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

As we reopen our church for Masses we have witnessed our parishioners using their gifts to serve one another. Thanks to our committee of parishioners who stepped up to establish a plan for us to return to a "new normal." Thanks to the volunteers who greeted us, took our temperatures and ushered us to our seats. Thanks to our liturgical directors who made attending Mass during this difficult time as normal as possible.

Right now we are only able to have Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday. That is because we are still in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering your gifts of time and talent to be greeters, ushers and those who set up before and clean up after Mass. We know there are parishioners who would love to help but they are in the "at risk" group. However, many parishioners are not and those are the ones who we are asking to step up. If you need more information, contact the Church Office. Use your gifts to serve one another.

Help Wanted

Check out our website at www.stapostle.org for more details on the following job postings:

- Full-time Administrative Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer/ Secretary of Administration in the Diocese of Joliet
- Full-time Senior Accountant in the Finance Office in the Diocese of Joliet
- Full-time Building Manager in the Diocese of Joliet
- Director of Adult Faith Formation/RCIA at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien
- Full-time Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

thank you

Please take the time to read the ads which make this bulletin possible. Help support these businesses, especially during this time, as they support St. Thomas the Apostle. Mention the bulletin when you patronize their establishments.

Let them know they are appreciated!

Please Continue Giving During COVID-19

We are reopening St. Thomas slowly under guidelines set for by the CDC and Diocese of Joliet. We are still limited to the number of worshipers and understand that many are unable to join us as they are in the at risk population or they simply aren't comfortable yet. There are two easy to use options to continue giving so you can support St. Thomas during this time:

Option 1: Sign Up For Online Giving

THE EASIEST AND BEST OPTION! St. Thomas partners with Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) which gives an online interface where you can create a secure account to enter your credit card number and manage your giving.

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