



FEBRUARY

15

2026

SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and  
your 'No' mean 'No.'"

Matthew 5:37

### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted  
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas  
the Apostle strives to be an  
inclusive servant community  
– to be Christ in the World.

We bear the Good News  
of God's unconditional love  
to all generations through  
worship, faith formation,  
service, friendship and  
witness.



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Liturgy Schedule

### Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday  
followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday: 9:00 am–12:00 pm and  
First Sunday: 7:00–8:00 pm

The Sunday 9:30 am Mass is livestreamed.

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For this week's Opening the Word, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



## Liturgy and Music News

For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at [sknisley@stapostle.org](mailto:sknisley@stapostle.org).

### Black History Month

Fr. Tony Ricard will preach all Masses this weekend, February 14–15, to help St. Thomas celebrate Black History Month.

Fr. R. Tony Ricard is the Director for the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He is the Campus Minister at St. Augustine High School and is an Instructor of Church Doctrine and Youth Ministry for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. He also serves as the Catholic Chaplain of the New Orleans Saints. He has written several books of which include, *Don't Be Stupid! Lessons You Should Already Know* and *Pray with Me! A Courageous Journey of Faith*

### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday. Services are as follows:

- 6:30 am** Communion Service with the distribution of ashes
- 8:30 am** Mass with the distribution of ashes
- 12:00 pm** Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes until 1:00 pm
- 4:30 pm** Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes, led by the Faith Formation Program
- 7:00 pm** Mass with the distribution of ashes

### Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

## Presider Schedule for February 21–22

Fr. Peter Infanger will preach all Masses.

## Daily Readings



Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) for the daily readings.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church, beginning February 20. Prayer, response, song, movement and art will be used to help us reflect on Jesus' greatest act of love for us. Having a simple meal (observing Friday as a day of fasting) and attending this service yourself or with family/friends can be a wonderful Lenten practice.

### Lenten Taizé Prayer

St. Thomas will have a Taizé prayer service Monday, February 23, at 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse. Come begin the Lenten Season with this unique style of peace-filled, meditative prayer.

### Irish Mass – Wednesday, March 11

St. Thomas will be hosting the annual Irish Mass sponsored by The West Suburban Irish Wednesday, March 11. It's a beautiful service in the Irish and English languages. The Prelude will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:00 pm. Come celebrate the life and work of St. Patrick!

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

It has been my honor to serve you this past year. Thank you for letting me baptize your children, teach your Baptism classes and deliver homilies. In this spirit of gratitude, I would also like to announce that I have accepted a reassignment to St. James the Apostle in Glen Ellyn. In a special way, I need to thank Fr. Peter for extending his arms in welcoming me here. That same heartfelt gratitude goes to my dear brother, Deacon Joe, to Fr. Bob and to Fr. John. Though my time at St. Thomas has been brief, I believe it was part of God's plan for me to share this past year with you in service, prayer and worship. As I say goodbye, I am reminded of what happens at the end of every Mass: together, we are sent to go and MAKE DISCIPLES. In parting, I humbly ask that you remember me in your prayers as I begin my new assignment. Know that I also promise my prayers for you.



Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Deacon Tony Clishem

## Dear Friends at St. Thomas the Apostle,

The word radical can sound a little intimidating. It might make us think of something extreme or overwhelming. But at its heart, radical simply means rooted. It comes from a word that points us back to what is essential, life-giving and true. That is the spirit of Lent — and the invitation we are sharing together this season at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Lent is a time to slow down and return to our roots in faith. It is not about doing everything perfectly or taking on more than we can manage. It is about remembering who we are as disciples of Jesus and allowing Him to guide our steps, one day at a time. Following Jesus shapes how we treat one another, how we care for those in need, how we forgive and how we trust God — even when life feels uncertain.

Throughout Lent, our parish will reflect on The Radical Way of Discipleship through a five-week homily series. Each week focuses on a different aspect of following Jesus: Radical Integrity, Radical Transformation, Radical Compassion, Radical Vision and Radical Trust. These themes are not meant to challenge us all at once, but to gently invite us to grow — at home, at school, at work and in our parish community.

The cross stands at the center of our Lenten journey. This year's Lenten image places the cross front and center, formed from images of life and ministry here at St. Thomas. You will see familiar faces — people praying, serving, gathering and caring for one another. These images remind us that discipleship is already happening among us. It is lived out in small acts of kindness, quiet faithfulness and everyday love.

On Ash Wednesday, we invite each person — young and old — to take a small cross. This cross is meant to be something you can hold, keep nearby and return to throughout Lent. It is a gentle reminder that we walk with Jesus each day, and that the cross is not just something we look at, but something that shapes how we live and love.

Lent is a journey we take together. We do not walk it alone, and we do not walk it perfectly. We walk it with Jesus, trusting that God is at work in our lives and in our parish. As we follow the path toward the Cross this Lent, may we discover once again the joy of being rooted in faith, growing in love and walking together as disciples.

**After the Heart of Jesus!**  
**Father John**



# The Radical Way of Discipleship

Lent 2026

## Ordinary People ... Radical Servants

In keeping with the St. Thomas Lenten homily series theme of The Radical Way of Discipleship, the office of Outreach and Social Justice will share the stories of ordinary people who embraced the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and became radical servants. One story will be shared each week. May hearing their stories inspire us as we live our own story of radical servanthood.

## Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Dinners

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring two Friday Fish Dinners. The dinners will take place February 27 and March 27, in the Gym, from 5:00–7:00 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meatless meal and a chance to experience community with others.

More information can be found in the bulletin or online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).

## Food Donations for Care Pantry

Drive-thru donations will be collected Tuesday, March 10, from 9:00–10:00 am and 5:00–6:00 pm.

Food items most needed are:

- cereal
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- canned fruit
- Jell-O
- cake mix
- Jiffy Mix
- Ramen
- side dish

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.

## Faith Opportunities During Lent

We are pleased to offer a variety of faith opportunities during Lent. All are welcome to attend. If an activity is age specific, it is noted in the descriptions below. Please join us!

### Ash Wednesday Family Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 18 | 4:30 pm | Church/Gym

Begin your Lenten journey at the Ash Wednesday Family Prayer Service.

The service includes song, Scripture readings and the distribution of ashes.

Immediately following, your family is invited to the gym to participate in a family faith activity and pizza. Sign-up required.

### Ash Wednesday Faith Family Activity

Join us after the Ash Wednesday Family Prayer Service from 5:15–6:15 pm for pizza, fellowship and a family craft. You will assemble a box with symbols representing the Stations of the Cross, one of the simplest, yet powerful ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter Him during Lent. All are welcome!



Scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) to sign up by Monday, February 16. Cost is \$5/person or \$20/family (payable at the door or online).

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent | 7:00 pm | Church

The Way of the Cross has been a powerful and popular part of the faith tradition and devotional life for Catholics throughout the ages. The early practice of Christians attempting to retrace and walk the path of Jesus has always been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.

### Taizé Prayer

Monday, February 23 | 7:00 pm | Lighthouse

Gather in prayer with other members of this faith community to worship in a Taizé style – with scripture, song and silence.

### Mid-day Meditation

Tuesdays February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 12:00–12:30 pm | Chapel

Quiet the mind. The quieter you are the more you hear. Listen in silence for a word from God.

### Fish Dinner and Family Stations of the Cross

On Friday, February 27, enjoy the Fish Dinner in the Gym from 5:00–7:00 pm directly followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the Church. The Faith Formation team will partner with Fr. John for this prayerful evening, which will be geared toward families.

### Grief Support – Hope Café

Wednesday, March 11 | 10:30 am–12:00 pm

For those experiencing loss/grief, the Pastoral Care Team is offering the “Hope Café” where anyone can drop in for sharing, prayer and reflection with a warm drink and pastries. No reservation needed. For more information contact Jane Zimmerman or Annette Kubalanza at 630.355.8980 in the Pastoral Care office.

### Mass in Celebration of St. Patrick

Wednesday, March 11 | 7:00 pm | Church

As the only celebration of St. Patrick in the Diocese of Joliet, the West Suburban Irish community invites all to celebrate the good deeds of St. Patrick at the Irish Mass. It is a beautiful liturgy in the Irish and English languages, featuring a concert of traditional Irish music beginning at 6:30 pm.

### St. Joseph Table

Saturday, March 14 | 5:00–7:00 pm | Gym

Come celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus and patron of God's family, with a feast of superbly delicious Italian foods. The meal is free but free-will offerings will be gladly and gratefully accepted to benefit the St. Thomas Food Pantry, St. Thomas Cares and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

More information as well as sign-up available online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).

### CREW: Connect, Reflect, Energize, Witness

Sunday, March 15 | 4:15–5:45 pm | Gym

CREW is an opportunity for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to build community, share faith and be energized by each other. Join us Sunday, March 15, from 4:15–5:45 pm in the St. Thomas Gym for games, pizza and an activity with a focus on Lent. Please RSVP using the QR code.



### PrimeTime

Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00 am | Lighthouse

Fr. John will be speaking on Mercy and Discipleship.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 18 | 7:00 pm | Church

This is an opportunity for God's healing mercy. Through this form of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, all gather in prayer and an examination of conscience as a community, then individually receive penance and absolution after confession one-on-one with a priest.

### Pause for Prayer

Wednesday, March 25 | 5:30–6:30 pm | Lighthouse

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to come together to build community and to reflect deeper on our Lenten theme, The Radical Way of Discipleship. The evening will include faith sharing, quiet individual prayer experiences and an activity. Stay for the soup and bread night dinner following our time together (parents/family are welcome to join in the dinner as well). Please let us know you are attending by scanning the QR code.



### Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3 | 3:00 pm | Church

Middle school students are invited to be a part of the Living Stations of the Cross prayer service on Good Friday, April 3. The stations are prayerfully portrayed with still poses. This is an opportunity to come into a deeper understanding of the gift of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us. Practices will be held weekly on Sundays beginning March 8, from 12:30–1:30 pm, in the Church. Please sign up by scanning the QR code or contact Ann Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org), for more information.



### Hallow Lenten "Pray 40"

Join us this Lent for Hallow's "Pray 40" journey, themed "The Return," inspired by the story of the prodigal son and our call to return to Christ. Hallow is offering a 60-day free trial with daily readings and reflections – sign up and join the Pray 40 waitlist. Then come to our weekly Lenten discussion group on Monday nights starting February 23 at 6:30 pm to share insights from the week's reflections. Newcomers welcome! Scan the QR code to watch a short video and download the free trial.



### Social Justice Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross "Toward Justice and Peace" will be posted on the St. Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org). The stations follow the final journey of Jesus while highlighting 14 women and men who walked in his footprints, including St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Native American) and Archbishop Oscar Romero.

### Soup and Bread Night

On Wednesday, March 25, the St. Thomas Lector Ministry will sponsor the 31<sup>st</sup> Soup and Bread Night from 6:30–8:00 pm in the St. Thomas Gym.

The concept behind offering a simple meal of soup and bread is to return to the basics and to show solidarity with those who may only have soup and bread, or less.

Come for a simple Lenten meal. A free-will offering will be taken.

### Easter Ham Collection

The Easter ham collection is Palm Sunday weekend, March 28–29. The goal is 700 hams for the Naperville, Aurora and Joliet areas. The truck will be in front of the church. Volunteers will accept hams and monetary donations at all Masses Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 (except 6:00 pm).

### Easter Flowers

You are invited to make a donation toward Easter Environment/Flower Fund in recognition of a loved one. The names of these individuals will be on display at the Easter Masses. A suggested donation of \$10 per name (exact change or check made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle) should be remitted with the order form (available online or in the Main Office). Donations due Wednesday, March 25.

# St. Thomas the Apostle Lenten Schedule

Monday–Saturday: 8:30 am Mass | Wednesday: 6:30 am Communion Service

## February

- 18 Ash Wednesday**  
6:30 am Communion Service with distribution of ashes  
8:30 am Mass with the distribution of ashes  
12:00 pm Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes until 1:00 pm  
4:30 pm Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes, led by the Faith Formation Program  
7:00 pm Mass with the distribution of ashes
- 18** 5:15 pm Ash Wednesday Faith Family Activity  
**20** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**23** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**23** 7:00 pm Lent Taizé prayer  
**24** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation  
**27** 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Dinner  
**27** 5:00 pm Fish Dinner and Family Stations of the Cross  
**27** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

## March

- 2** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**3** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation  
**6** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**9** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**10** 9:00–10:00 am and 5:00–6:00 pm Drive-Thru Food Donations for Care Pantry  
**10** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation  
**11** 10:30 am Hope Café  
**11** 7:00 pm Mass in Celebration of St. Patrick  
**13** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**14** 5:00 pm St. Joseph Table  
**15** 4:15 pm CREW  
**16** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**17** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation  
**17** 10:00 am PrimeTime  
**18** 7:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**20** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**23** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**24** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation  
**25** 5:30 pm Pause for Prayer  
**25** 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Night  
**25** Easter Flower contributions due  
**27** 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Dinner  
**27** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**28–29** Easter Ham Collection  
**30** 6:30 pm Hallow Lenten “Pray 40”  
**31** 12:00 pm Mid-Day Meditation

## Holy Week Liturgies

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*Saturday, March 28 – Mass of Anticipation*

4:30 pm Mass

*Sunday, March 29*

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass\*

11:30 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

### Monday, March 30–Wednesday, April 1

8:30 am Mass

### Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

*Thursday, April 2*

**NO** 8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper\*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the conclusion of the Mass, ending with Night Prayer at midnight*

### Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

*Friday, April 3*

**NO** 8:30 am Mass

3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross\*

*Dramatized by the youth of St. Thomas the Apostle*

7:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord\*

*Liturgy includes communal adoration of the Holy Cross and distribution of the Eucharist*

### Holy Saturday

*Saturday, April 4*

**NO** 8:30 am Mass

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food baskets

**NO** 3:30 pm Reconciliation or 4:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night\*

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Sunday, April 5*

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass\* (Church and Gym)

11:30 am Mass

*Weekday Mass schedule resumes Monday, April 6.*

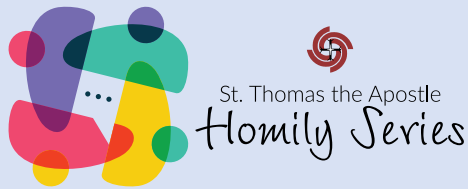
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## Join us for a special Lenten Homily Series: The Radical Way of Discipleship

In this five-week series, we will explore how following Jesus is a radical choice that affects the foundation of our faith. It means adopting a way of life that is not mainstream or driven by the values of society. Committing to this path wholeheartedly requires allowing God to reshape our lives. All are welcome — bring a friend for the journey!

- February 21–22 — Radical Integrity
- February 28–March 1 — Radical Transformation
- March 7–8 — Radical Compassion
- March 14–15 — Radical Vision
- March 21–22 — Radical Trust

Scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/](http://stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/) for a video invitation and share with a friend.



**Continuing the Conversation:** Radical Love Sunday, March 22 | 10:45 am | Lighthouse

We invite you to enjoy a light reception and talk by Dr. Theresa Tobin, a philosophy professor at Marquette University. Dr. Tobin directs the Education Preparedness Program for the McNeely Prison Education Consortium and is the co-author of *Choosing Love: What LGBTQ+ Christians Can Teach Us All About Relationships, Inclusion and Justice*. Her work addresses the place of love in the struggle for justice and the need for justice in any effort to love. Mark your calendar!

*Homily Series strives to welcome newcomers to St. Thomas; to help our parish grow in discipleship by focusing on one topic together; and to foster community engagement through post-service receptions. We hope to see you there!*

## Alpha Wants You!

Our next session begins February 19, and registration is now open. Scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org/join-our-next-alpha/](http://stapostle.org/join-our-next-alpha/) to register.



Come curious. Leave inspired. See you there!

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Richard Kuna by Peggy Kuna  
†The Hjorth Family by Lisa and Larry Hjorth
- 8:00 am †Bernice Wiedenski by Mary Szczap and Family
- 9:30 am For the people of St. Thomas
- 11:15 am Healing for Willy Lo
- 6:00 pm

### Monday, February 16, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Anthony Kurian by Sophia Paliyath

### Tuesday, February 17, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Ruth Casey by Peppy Kuna

### Wednesday, February 18, 2026

*Ash Wednesday*

- 8:30 am †Helen Shubat by Kathy Edmunds
- 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 19, 2026

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

- 8:30 am †Corinne Board by the Healy Family

### Friday, February 20, 2026

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

- 8:30 am For the people and their intentions in Meadow Brook and other homes in our parish

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Danny Castaneda by Al Pinto
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Matthew Mayer by Susan Mayer  
†Carol Casey by John and Beth Dobby

### Sunday, February 22, 2026

*First Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 am †The Geevarughese family by Kathy Geevarughese
- 9:30 am †Efren Encarcion by Carmelita Encarcion  
†Paul Siegfred by Bob and Kathy Updike
- 11:15 am †Marilyn Feder by Rona and Jean DeLacey
- 6:00 pm For the people of St. Thomas



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

The Book of Tobit is a bit of a one-stop shopping when it comes to the breadth and depth of the work of angels. This biblical short story unfolds the journey of Tobiah, the son of Tobit, a righteous man, who suffers blindness and sends his son on a long journey to retrieve



money deposited years earlier with his kinsman. Tobiah finds a traveling companion, who just happens to be the archangel Raphael, known as a guide for travelers, a divine healer and a patron of the sick. But Tobiah is unaware of his companion's true identity. Throughout the course of the story, Raphael leads Tobiah to the kinsman he has never met. He protects him along the way, given that travel alone was very dangerous.

Raphael also instructs Tobiah in prayer and acts as a mediator of prayer, carrying human prayers to God and God's messages to humans. He facilitates the healing of both Tobiah's bride, Sarah, and Tobiah's father, Tobit. The angel Raphael also reveals God's plans for Tobiah, Sarah and Tobit. All of the instructions Raphael gives Tobiah help move the story toward a happy ending. It is only at the end of the story that Raphael reveals his name to this family. But throughout the entire story, they all did their part to fulfill God's plan for their lives – with a little help from a friend.

## Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

### Ash Wednesday Family Faith Event

Register now for the Ash Wednesday Family Faith Activity directly following the 4:30 pm Family Prayer Service. Receive ashes and join us in the gym from 5:15–6:30 pm for pizza, fellowship and a family Lenten craft. The craft: to assemble a box with symbols representing the Stations of the



Cross, one of the simplest, yet powerful ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter Him during Lent.



Sign-up is required to plan pizza and craft quantities. Please register by Monday, February 16. All are welcome! Scan the QR code or reference the insert in the bulletin with more information. Cost is \$5/person or \$20/ family (payable at the door or online).

### Register Now for 2026 Scripture Safari Summer VBS

Scripture Safari this summer is June 8–12 from 9:00 am–12:15 pm. Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Scan the QR code to sign up to secure your spot. It's the most fun week of the year! If you are 18+ years old, and interested in volunteering, we need you! Please reach out to Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org) for more information.



### New! Family Connection Session

Join us Saturday, February 28, from 8:30–9:45 am at All Saint Catholic Academy for our next Family Connection Session. This is for all parents/caregivers with children of any age. Parents/caregivers will share breakfast together in fellowship followed by casual faith-filled discussion. This is meant for parents/caregivers to be able to connect. We want our families to be in community with one another, to know the people they are worshipping alongside and feel support from our parish as we raise our children in the Catholic faith. Come hang out in a zero pressure, warm environment and leave fed!

Any questions or feedback, please reach out to Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org).

### Join our Families of St. Thomas Facebook Community

We've launched a new Facebook group for the Families of St. Thomas. This is a space to stay connected, share events/resources, prayer requests and build community beyond Sunday. Search "Families of St. Thomas" on Facebook and request to join.

## St. Joseph Table March 14

Continuing with tradition, St. Thomas will host a St. Joseph Table Saturday, March 14. This celebration is a wonderful Italian-American tradition of a culinary feast while opening our doors and our hearts for those among us in need. More information regarding reservations and sign-ups to help is coming soon!



## First Communion and First Reconciliation News

### First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation practice is scheduled at St. Thomas Church for Saturday, March 7, from 8:30–9:45 am or Tuesday, March 10, from 4:30–5:45 pm. This is a required class for first Reconciliation.

### First Communion

First Communion Mass selection signup has started! Families with a child make their first Communion this spring, who have not signed up yet, please sign up by clicking the link on the Flocknotes email that was sent to you.

<b>Table Presentation during RE Class time</b> <i>Mandatory class day for all first communicants</i>	Sat. classes, Feb, 21 ASCA students TBD*	During normal RE times
<b>First Communion practice/ Church visit</b>	Sat., April 11	8:30–9:45 am or 10:00–11:15 am
<b>First Communion</b>	Weekend Masses April 25–26 Weekend Masses May 2–3	Sat., 4:30 pm Mass Sun., 11:15 am Mass <i>each weekend</i>

### \*Watch The Elements of the Catholic Mass from Formed and Presence

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/115598> or scan QR code

### First Reconciliation

<b>Reconciliation Practice</b> <i>Required RE Class for all First Reconciliation candidates</i>	Sat., March 7 class Tues., March 10 class	8:30–9:45 am 4:30–5:45 pm <i>During scheduled RE time</i>
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<b>First Reconciliation</b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students, ASCA students and students older than 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sat., March 14 Sat., March 21	1:00 pm <i>Reception following in Gathering Area</i>
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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each week at 9:30 am Mass. During the Liturgy of the Word, the children Pre-K to Grade 3 are invited to gather separately to hear the Gospel story of the day proclaimed in language, activities, music and prayer appropriate to their age. There is no registration required. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Goba at [cgoba@stapostle.org](mailto:cgoba@stapostle.org).

## Sunday Nursery

The Sunday nursery is open during the 9:30 am Mass. Children walking age 1 to age 4 can be dropped off by a parent/guardian during Mass. Children play supervised by our Nursery Coordinator and trained volunteers while parents can worship in church. No pre-registration is required. All families are welcome.



## Middle School Faith Formation

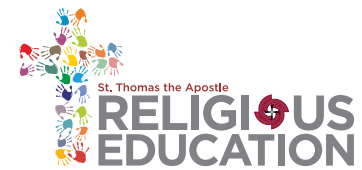
### Upcoming Saturday Sessions

February 21, 28

### Upcoming Monday Sessions

February 23

Please reach out to Ann Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) with any questions, suggestions or feedback.



## Elementary Religious Education

February 14, 17 No classes

February 18 Ash Wednesday Family Faith Event following 4:30 pm Ash Service

Scan the QR code for the full calendar or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



Faith Formation feedback is welcome! Soon we will be planning for next year. If you have any thoughts on how our programs (PreK – adult) or communication could be better, please send an email to Jenni Kennedy at [readmin@stapostle.org](mailto:readmin@stapostle.org). Our Faith and Spiritual Growth Commission meets monthly and welcomes the feedback.



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## Lenten “Better than Door County” Fish Boil and Dinner

There are some good things about Lent ... one of them is the Knights of Columbus “Better than Door County” Fish Boil and Dinner.

**When:** Friday, February 27,  
5:00–7:00 pm

**Dinner includes:** boneless cod, fried seafood, potatoes, French fries, vegetables, grilled cheese, salad, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and beverages

**Cost** (Pre-sale): \$18/adults, \$5/ children (6-10)

**Cost** (Walk in): \$20/adults, \$5/ children (6-10)

### Three Ways to Register

- Online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) or scan the QR code (*available through February 26*).
- Stop by the Parish Office through February 26, cash or check accepted.
- Purchase tickets the weekends of February 14–15 and February 21–22 after all Masses.



Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities. Join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious fish dinner and a chance for wonderful fellowship.

## Take a Look ... Black History Month Bulletin Board

As you enter or leave Mass, stop a minute to take a look at the Black History Month bulletin board in the main hallway. The bulletin board highlights four Black History makers: Fannie Lou Hamer, Ida B. Wells, John Lewis and Frederick Douglass. Short biographies of each person are displayed with their words and portraits. Take a look and be inspired!



## Fr. Frantzyd Update

The OSJ office recently reached out to Fr. Frantzyd for an update. He shared that his health issues persist. He would like to see a doctor in Port au Prince but does not feel that he could safely travel there. Fr. Frantzyd is hoping to find a doctor in Les Cayes.



Fr. Frantzyd was able to distribute Christmas presents to the children of Duchity. There were special celebrations on December 25 and on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28.

School resumed January 6 and, with school in session, school lunches also resumed. One of the school buildings was significantly damaged by the recent hurricane. They are only able to use two of the six classrooms in that building.

Fr. Frantzyd is providing extended prayer times for the faith community of St. Marie Madeleine. A Day of Prayer is held on the second Saturday of each month. On February 8, an experience of Seven Days of Prayer will begin. Fr. Frantzyd wants people to have confidence in God and not rely on voodoo influences. The people of Duchity experience a great deal of stress and Fr. Frantzyd feels that extended prayer times will help minister to the needs of the people.

He closed the conversation by saying, “Thank you for everything. It would be difficult for me to continue in the parish without the help of St. Thomas. You’re like an angel for me.”

## A ‘Greener’ Lent

Traditionally Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent not only invites us to give something up, but also to live differently so that all creation may flourish.

This year, each week of Lent, the Care for Creation ministry will invite you to consider fasting in a way that cares for creation. In caring for creation, we also care for the poor. As we anticipate Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, we ask that you pray for the poor, especially those negatively affected by climate change.



During the weeks of Lent, the Care for Creation ministry will include suggestions for actions individuals and families may take to care for the earth and the poor.

## Social Justice Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 20 and March 13, 7:00 pm

On Friday, February 20, OSJ ministry volunteers will be leading the Stations of the Cross using a prayer guide from Catholic Relief Services. Reflections in this prayer guide allow us to walk alongside Christ on the journey of his Passion while remembering our brothers and sisters around the world who experience suffering and poverty each day.

The March 13 Stations will follow a prayer guide entitled Search Me. Each station will contain prayer, a reflection on Jesus' Passion and a reflection written by the Roman Catholic LGBTQ community. Search Me acknowledges common suffering and the need in all of us to grow in relationship with God.

Please join us in this beautiful and meaningful Lenten tradition.



## Thank you, Middle Schoolers!

On Tuesday, February 3, our Care Pantry families received an unexpected treat.

Thank you so much to our Middle School RE students for putting together 80 Valentine's Day gift bags! These bags were a huge hit at our recent distribution. Many parents were elated to have a bag of sweet treats and small gifts to give to their children for Valentine's Day.



## Easter Ham Drive 2026

Save the date! The annual Easter ham collection will take place March 28-29 weekend.

We are searching for a coordinator for this event. Interested in helping coordinate a holiday food drive? Please contact Nicole Hanks at [nhanks@stapostle.org](mailto:nhanks@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x113 for more details. This is an opportunity for one person, a couple or an entire family to get involved!

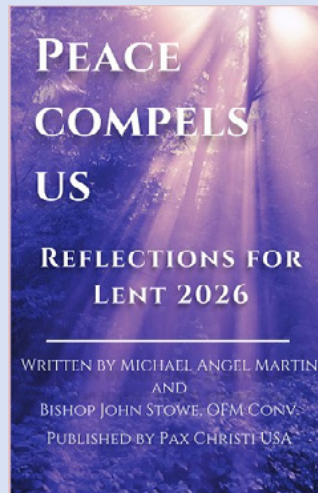
## Reflections for Lent 2026

Are you looking for something to guide your prayer and reflection as we begin Lent? Pax Christi USA has published a reflection guide entitled, *Peace Compels Us*. Copies of the prayer reflection booklet are available in the Gathering Area.

The reflections in *Peace Compels Us* are written by Bishop John Stowe and Michael Angel Martin.

Bishop Stowe is the president of Pax Christi USA and has served as the bishop of Lexington, Kentucky, since 2015. Michael Angel Martin is a member of the Pax Christi Young Adult Caucus. His poetry and essays have appeared in several literary and spiritual publications.

This Lent, we have such a strong yearning for peace and so much to pray about ... feel free to take a booklet and pray with us.





# PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

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## PASTORAL CARE

### Pastoral Care At A Glance

#### Prayer with a Partner

Every Sunday in the chapel following the 9:30 am Mass

#### Grief Support

Call 630.355.8990, x124 for information

March 11 “Hope Café”

#### Spiritual Direction

Please call Jane Zimmerman in the Pastoral Care office for information.

#### Prime Time

February 17, 10:00 am | Lighthouse Life Transitions – Nancy Kratz, Ph.D

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

February 19, 10:00 am  
Emmaus Room

#### Blood Pressure Screening

March 7, after 4:30 pm Mass and  
March 8, after 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses

#### Blood Drive

March 21, 9:00 am  
Gym

## PrimeTime February Event

Join us in welcoming St. Thomas Wellness Coordinator Nancy Kratz, Ph.D, for Life Transitions in our Prime Tuesday, February 17, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm in the Lighthouse.

How many life changes have you experienced as you’ve gotten older? Retirement, health changes, new family members, moving, new hobbies? Some changes we adjust to, get through and get on with life. Yet some changes seem to change the way we think about our life and ourselves.

Join Nancy in exploring these transitional times in our lives, how to manage them and how to take care of ourselves in the process. Nancy has been a licensed psychologist for more than 20 years and is excited to be sharing information from the “experts” and our own stories. A soup luncheon will be served. To register, email Phyllis Wempe at [PTregistration@hotmail.com](mailto:PTregistration@hotmail.com) or call 630.728.3227 by Sunday, February 15. All are welcome! Bring a friend.



## My Loved One Needs Nursing Home Care

When it becomes apparent that nursing care is something to consider for your loved one, many families become overwhelmed with the task of nursing home selection. Nursing home placement is often one of the most difficult decisions a family must make. Often, families become overwhelmed with the task of nursing home selection.

### What can I do to now?

There are many factors to consider when choosing a long term care facility.

1. Sit down with the key people involved. The person who requires the placement, family members who regularly visit or provide care and others who are vital to the daily well-being of your loved one.
2. Ask each person to identify their priorities for selecting a nursing home.

*For example:*

- Distance – how far is it from home? Can friends easily visit?
- Quality of care – what is the Medicare rating?
- Private room versus having a roommate?
- Size of facility.
- Recreation opportunities – what type of programs are available and do they match the person’s interests?
- Cost – what type of financial commitment are you comfortable with? If finances are limited, a facility that accepts Medicare would be best.
- Transportation for visitors who don’t drive.
- Reputation of the facility in the community.
- Cleanliness of the facility.
- Staff/resident ratio.
- Consistent staff – how important is it that staff is consistent, that the same CNA or nurse will be providing care most days?
- Residents – ages, sex, diagnosis.
- Food – selection and variety of meal options.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive

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# ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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## Sunday Collection Report

Our Sunday Collection Report for the previous month is below. A monthly report reflects the relationship of the actual collection to the seasonally adjusted budgeted growth goal for each month and year to date.

Sunday Collection Report	
For January 2026	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$59,140
Credit card online giving	\$24,322
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$47,111
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$53,338
Sunday Collection Offering – January 2026	\$183,911
Sunday Collection Goal – January 2026	\$198,175
Above/(Below) Goal for month	<b>(\$14,264)</b>
Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 1/31/26	\$1,243,661
Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 1/31/26	\$1,289,607
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 1/31/26	<b>(\$45,946)</b>
<b>2025 Diocesan Appeal Thank You</b>	
Thank you for your generous support of the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Because of your generosity, \$240,755 was raised to support youth conferences, housing assistance, food programs, job training and veterans' services, religious education teachers, Catholic schools and the formation of future deacons and priests.	
And because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal, generating a rebate of \$45,363 for St. Thomas. As I pledged last year, these funds will support evangelization efforts that continue the charisms and strengthen the community of St. Thomas for the next generation.	
Blessings and peace, Fr. Peter	

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 16, 2026

*Offices Closed for President's Day*

### Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
- 10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Distribution, Outside
- 2:00–3:30 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
- 3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir Church
- 6:30–8:30 pm Welcome Committee, Senior Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church and Lighthouse
- 7:00–9:00 pm. Finance Committee, Cana

### Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 5:15–6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Family Faith Event, Gym

### Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
- 6:30–8:30 pm LIFE Team, Gym and Youth Center
- 6:30–8:00 pm Legacy Team, Judea
- 6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse

### Friday, February 20, 2026

- All Weekend High School Life Retreat, Ministry Center
- 7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

- 8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
- 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Judea
- 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, February 22, 2026

- 9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
- 10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel

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8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;  
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### Sign-up for our Emails

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at St. Thomas by signing up for any of our emails at stapostle.org.

**Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call Michelle Kuhn, x100, a few months in advance to make arrangements.

**Reconciliation:** Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment.

**Matrimony:** A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church nine months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

**Anointing:** Call 630.355.8980.

**Communion for the Homebound:** Call 630.355.8980 to receive prayer/Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

**Funerals:** Call Lori Culberson, x120, for pre-planning or immediate need.

**Religious Education:** Call 630.355.8980 x109 for PreK–5; x121 for grades 6–8; and x117 for high school.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

**Counseling Resources:** Call 630.355.8980.

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

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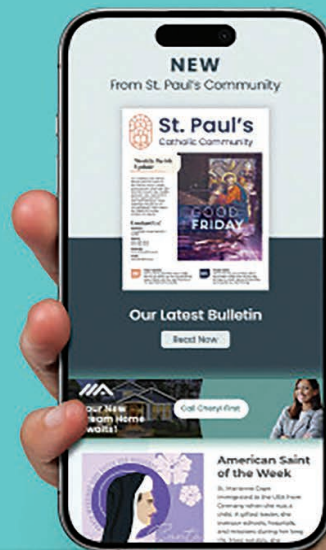
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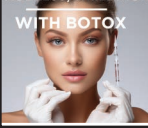
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