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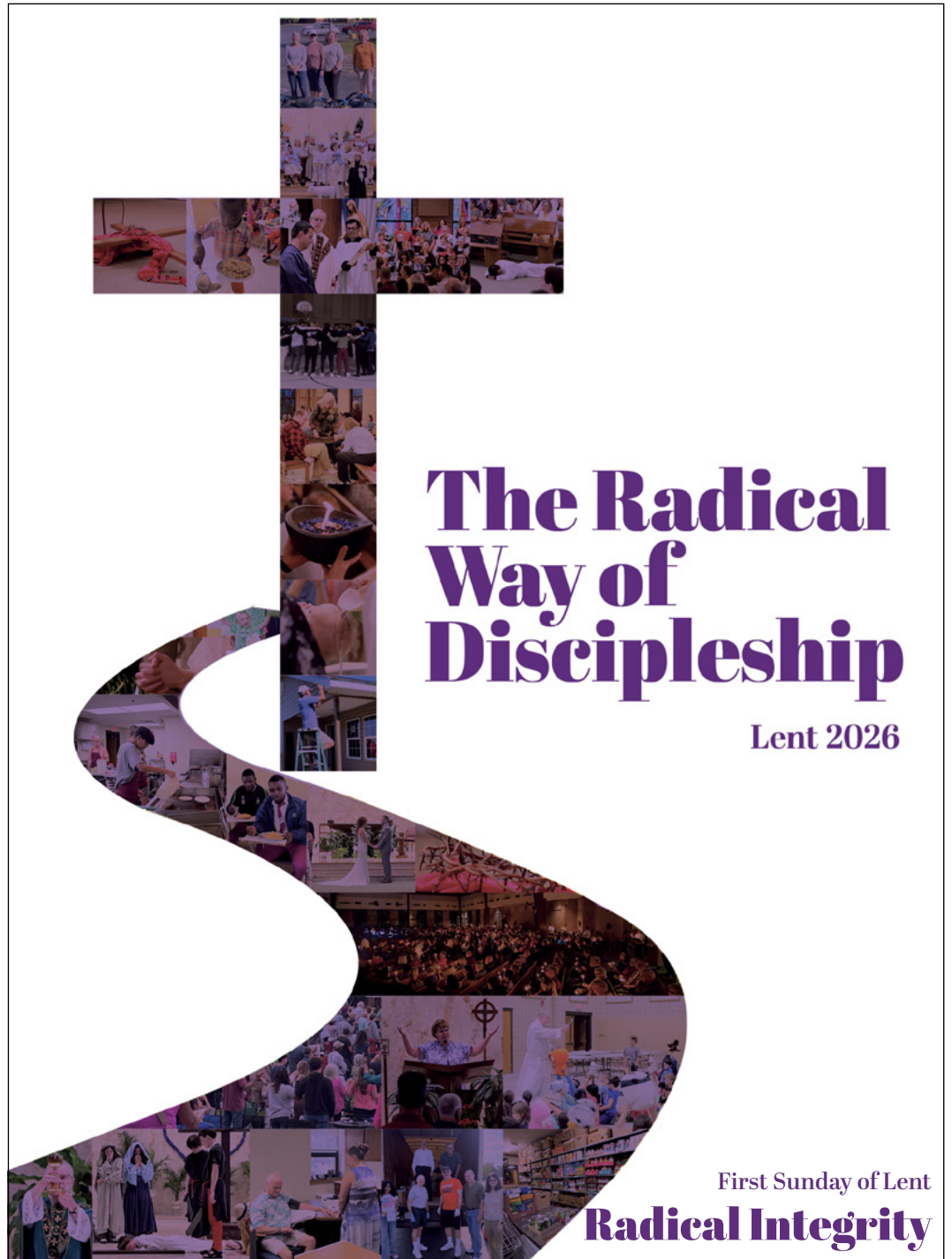
FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

*"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."*

Matthew 4:1

**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.*



**The Radical Way of Discipleship**

Lent 2026

First Sunday of Lent

**Radical Integrity**

**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.

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



## Daily Readings



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

## 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).

### 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.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church. 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, March 1, from 7:00–8:00 pm in the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Adoration will also be offered Friday, March 6, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm in the Chapel.

### 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!

### Lent Reconciliation – March 18

St. Thomas will have a Lent Reconciliation Service Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. The opportunity for individual confession with a Priest will conclude the service.

## family fun NIGHT with free Bingo!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Fun Night and Free Bingo Friday, February 13! We had a full house and an even fuller evening – bingo excitement, a high-energy dance party, dirty sodas, sweet treats and plenty of laughter and fellowship. It was such a joy to see our parish family gathered together for a night of simple fun and connection. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

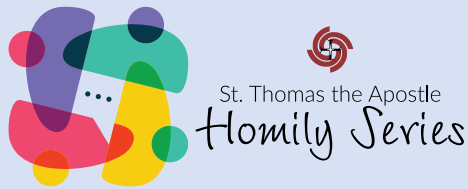




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The Lenten Homily Series has begun! Join us for **The Radical Way of Discipleship**.

Throughout Lent we are exploring 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.

Simply scan the QR code to invite a friend to journey with us by sharing this video invitation. You can also watch the message on **Radical Integrity** from this weekend.



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

**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!*

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 22, 2026

*First Sunday of Lent*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Matthew Mayer by Susan Mayer  
†Carol Casey by John and Beth Dobby
- 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

### Monday, February 23, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Helen Kurpiewski by Ken

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †James Maul by the Maul Family

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Kevin Bauler by Sylvia Bauler

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †George Milton by Marsha and Ray Daudelin

### Friday, February 27, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †John Anthony Wiedenski by Mary Szczap and Family

### Saturday, February 28, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Corinne Board by The Healy Family
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Joe DiLisio Jr. by John and Beth Dobby

### Sunday, March 1, 2026

*Second Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 am †William Owings by Al and Wendy Pinto
- 9:30 am †Bev Zweig by Mary Ann Burns  
†Joseph Snearline by Mary Postellon
- 11:15 am People of St. Thomas
- 6:00 pm

## Presider Schedule for February 28–March 1

Fr. John Regan will preach at all Masses except the 6:00 pm Mass, which will be preached by Fr. Bob.



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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Since angels are supernatural beings, they can be involved in supernatural events. Scripture offers us several examples. Moses encountered the angel of the LORD in the fire flaming out of a burning bush, which was completely engulfed in flame, yet not

consumed (Exodus 3:2). Exodus 13:21 manifests the presence of an angel of God in a pillar of cloud and fire, serving as a beacon to lead Israel away from slavery and Egypt. It was an angel who blocked the road so that Balaam's donkey would not move. God then allowed the donkey to speak to Balaam and explain the angel presence (Numbers 22:22+).



When three friends of the prophet Daniel were thrown into the fiery furnace for not bowing down to the golden statue as required by a pagan king, it was an angel of the LORD who kept them safe (Daniel 3:46-51), according to God's plan to deliver them and spare their lives. And it was an angel who had the strength to roll away the large stone that blocked the mouth of the tomb where Jesus had been laid after his death by crucifixion (Matthew 28:2).

## Confirmation for Adults

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you? As a Catholic adult would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? It will be conferred by a bishop at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet Sunday, May 17.

To ready you for that, a series of preparation sessions will be held at St. Thomas from 11:00 am–12:30 pm Sundays beginning March 15 and 22, recessing for Palm Sunday and Easter, then resuming from April 12 to May 3.

For more information or to register, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980, x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.

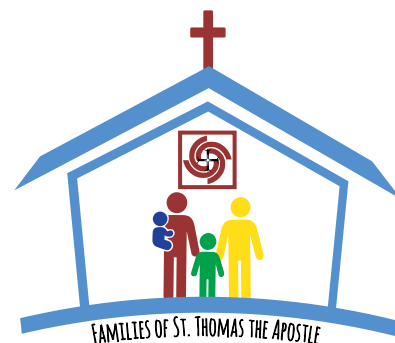
## Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

### Lent Family Opportunity: Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry

On Friday February 27, enjoy the Fish Fry 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. All are welcome.

### 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.

### 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 for more information.



### Families of St. Thomas

Join our 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!

# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## Living Stations of the Cross

Students in grades 6–8 are welcome to prayerfully portray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, at 3:00 pm. Practices begin Sunday, March 8, at 12:30 pm. Please sign up using the QR code or email Ann with any questions at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org).



## Middle School Faith Formation

### Upcoming Saturday Sessions

February 21, 28

### Upcoming Monday Sessions

February 23, March 2

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

## First Communion and First Reconciliation News

Thank you to all who attended the first Communion Family Prayer Service “Breaking Bread” and thank you to all who joined us for the first Reconciliation Retreat/Workshop. It was wonderful to share these events with your family.

Thank you to All Saint Catholic Academy for welcoming St. Thomas the Apostle staff and volunteers for the “Table Presentation” at All Saints and a thank you to St. Thomas the Apostle staff and volunteers for doing an outstanding job presenting the “Table Presentation” to first Communion classes.

### First Reconciliation

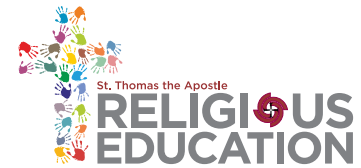
First Reconciliation practice is scheduled at St. Thomas the Apostle for Saturday, March 7, from 8:30–9:45 am or Tuesday, March 10, from 4:30–5:45 pm. This is a required class for first Reconciliation.

### First Communion

First Communion Mass selection sign-up 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.

**First Communion practice:** Saturday, April 11, 8:30–9:45 am or 10:00–11:15 am

First Communion will be celebrated during the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass and the Sunday, 11:15 am Mass on the weekends of April 25–26 and May 2–3.



## Elementary Religious Education

February 24	Class
February 28	Class
March 3, 7	Class
March 15	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Mass at 6:00 pm
March 10, 14	Class
March 24	Class

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



## 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.

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 available if you wish to learn more. Take a look and be inspired!



## Lenten Project 2026 A Place to Gather, a Beacon of Hope

St. Agnes Parish on the Pine Ridge Reservation is this year’s Lenten Project.

Pine Ridge, located in southwestern South Dakota, is home to the Oglala Lakota Nation and is one of the most economically challenged communities in the United States. St. Agnes Parish serves not only as a place of worship, but also as a vital source of hope, support and stability for families facing persistent poverty, limited access to healthcare, food insecurity and inadequate housing. Through pastoral care, outreach programs and a faithful daily presence, St. Agnes Parish walks alongside its people with compassion, resilience and deep faith.

The funds collected will be used for much needed repairs to the parish community center. This will create a more welcoming space for the St. Agnes faith community to gather. In addition, it will allow the center to be rented to others needing a space for meetings and events and, in that way, generate some income for St. Agnes. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the St. Agnes community.

By directing our Lenten almsgiving to this community, we respond to the Gospel call to stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, honoring their dignity, culture and faith. During this holy season of Lent, may our prayer, fasting and almsgiving draw us closer to Christ and to one another, and may our generosity bring hope and encouragement to the people of St. Agnes Parish.

## Hesed House PADS March Food Donation Sign-Up

*St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.*



We are now asking for donations for Thursday, March 5. If you are willing and able to provide food for March, you can sign up on the St.

Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) for specific items. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area Thursday, March 5, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who can help.

## Couriers of Compassion Mother's Day Project 2026

The St. Thomas Couriers of Compassion prison ministry is joining with "Companions Journeying Together" to provide packets of stationery and note cards for incarcerated women and youth. Communication is very important for people who are imprisoned. It is also important for families, especially children, to hear from their imprisoned loved ones.

There will be a collection box in the Gathering Area through Sunday, March 15,-for the following supplies:

- stationery (these do not need to be complete sets)
- cards (blank note cards, thank you, thinking of you, Mother's Day)
- gallon size Ziploc bags
- postage stamps
- golf pencils

*Note: We cannot accept any novena cards or cards with glitter.*

St. Thomas Couriers of Compassion also invites you and friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, etc. to assemble packets of the collected cards and stationery Monday, March 16, from 9:30–11:30 am in the Lighthouse.

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## Care for Creation by Fasting from Food Waste

This week, the Care for Creation ministry is asking you to consider fasting from food waste as your Lenten practice. Every day in the United States, nearly 30–40 percent of all food goes uneaten. Much of it is perfectly good food that spoils in our refrigerators or gets scraped off our plates. Reducing food waste isn't only an environmental concern, it's a spiritual one. Scripture reminds us that creation is a gift, that abundance is shared, and that nothing should be wasted, especially when it can nourish life.

As disciples, we can honor God's creation through simple, mindful habits at home:

**Pantry Scan:** Before you shop, check the refrigerator and cupboards to create a list of products that need to be used soon that will affect your shopping list.

**Plan a flex meal** (stir-fry, soup or pasta dish) designed to use up food that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

**Composting** closes the food waste loop. Using composting processes keeps food out of the landfill. Possible processes: individual home composting, the Naperville composting program (March through November) and the commercial program, The Urban Canopy ([theurbancanopy.org](http://theurbancanopy.org)).



## Jean Donovan — Faith That Stayed

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.

Jean Donovan was an ordinary young woman with an extraordinary courage. Serving as a lay missionary with the Maryknoll community in El Salvador during a time of brutal violence, Jean could have left when the danger grew. Instead, she stayed — accompanying the poor, comforting the fearful and trusting that love was stronger than fear.

Jean once wrote, "I want to be the one to respond to need," That response ultimately cost her life. In 1980, she was murdered alongside three religious sisters. Jean's life reminds us that radical service does not always look dramatic; sometimes it looks like staying present, faithful and compassionate when walking away would be easier. She reminds us that radical servants risk comfort, stand with the vulnerable and let their faith be known by actions.

## 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.

#### Blood Pressure Screening

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

#### Prime Time

March 17, 10:00 am | Lighthouse Lenten Program – Fr. John Regan

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

March 19, 10:00 am  
Emmaus Room

#### Blood Drive

March 21, 9:00 am  
Gym

### PrimeTime March Event

The March Prime Time event will welcome our very own Fr. John Regan who will present a timely Lenten program Tuesday, March 17, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm in the Lighthouse.



### St. Thomas Consulting and Referral Services

Need a compassionate listener, consultation or a referral to community services? The services of the Pastoral Care staff include 1-3 session Consultation Services.

Through compassionate listening and reflection our staff can assist you in clarifying your concerns and needs and, when desired, work with you to find professional resources in our community. Contact the Director of Pastoral Care, Annette Kubalanza, at 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.

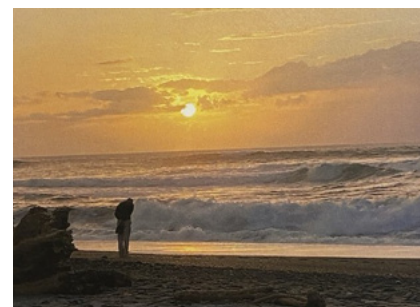
### “Hope Café” A Loving Look at Loss and Grief

A person attending the HOPE Café commented, “I think it is very helpful when people come together and share, especially when sharing about grief.”

A while after losing a loved one, people often hesitate to talk about their loss for fear that others may be tired of hearing about it, or they fear that others expect they should be “moving on.” Talking about your experience is helpful even long after the death. It

contributes to the healing process. And hearing others’ stories gives you the sense that you are not alone in your experiences. If you are grieving, please join us at the Hope Café, the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30 am, to share your story and learn from others in a safe and sacred environment.

For more information contact Jane Zimmerman or Annette Kubalanza at 630.355.8980 in the Pastoral Care office.



### The St. Thomas Blood Drive Goal A Promise to Local Patients

Our blood drive goal is more than just a number; it’s a promise to the patients in our community. The St. Thomas goal is to collect 25 blood products, which will help meet the high demand from local hospitals in our community for patients such as new mothers, car accident victims, heart surgery patients and many others. Each donation we secure represents three patients who will benefit from this lifesaving gift! Join us March 21 from 9:00 am–1:30 pm.

### Ministry of Care

Have you ever thought of being a part of the Ministry of Care Team at St. Thomas? Ministry of Care is a pastoral ministry that looks after those who cannot be with us as a parish community. It is made up by men and women just like you who visit the sick and homebound in hospitals, convalescent centers, and homes. They bring with them the good news of our faith community, our prayers and concern for them, and most importantly the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Do you have concerns about this ministry? Ministry of Care training will enhance the gifts you already have and prepare you to minister to those in need in a very special way. You will also receive support in doing it and will be able to reflect with others on what is helpful in working with the sick.

If you would like to be a part of this necessary and dynamic ministry, contact Annette at 630.355.8980, x124 or akubalanza@stapostle.org.

# ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



Thank you for supporting St. Thomas the Apostle. To learn more about online giving, please visit our website and click on the Giving tab in the top menu bar.

## 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.

<b>Sunday Collection Report</b>	
<b>For January 2026</b>	
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	

## Build Your Business and Help Us Grow a Vibrant Faith Community

Tim Brinckerhoff from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

For more information contact Tim Brinckerhoff at 800.888.4574, x5150 or email TBrinckerhoff@4lpi.com.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 23, 2026

7:00–8:15 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center  
7:00–8:00 pm Taizé Prayer, Lighthouse

### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

3:45–4:15 pm Youth Choir, Church  
4:30–5:45 pm Elementary RE, Ministry Center  
6:30–8:30 pm Welcome Committee, Senior Center  
7:00–9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

9:15–11:15 pm Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center  
7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church  
6:30–9:00 pm PPC, Lighthouse  
7:00–8:30 pm IJL, Senior Center

### Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:15–11:15 pm Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center  
9:30–11:00 pm Christmas in July Team, Cana  
6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse  
7:00–9:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Church

### Friday, February 27, 2026

5:00–7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Gym  
7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, February 28, 2026

8:30–9:45 pm RE at All Saints Academy  
9:00–10:30 pm Saturday Men's Group, Judea  
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel  
4:30–5:30 pm Homily Series, Church

### Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00–9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Lighthouse  
9:30–10:30 pm Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center  
10:30–11:00 pm Prayer Partners, Chapel  
4:15–5:45 pm High School RE, Ministry Center  
7:00–8:00 pm Adoration, Church  
7:15–8:45 pm High School RE, Ministry Center



## PARISH INFORMATION



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### Church Office and Building Hours

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm  
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**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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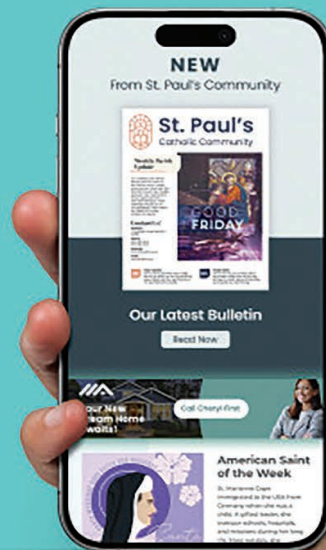
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