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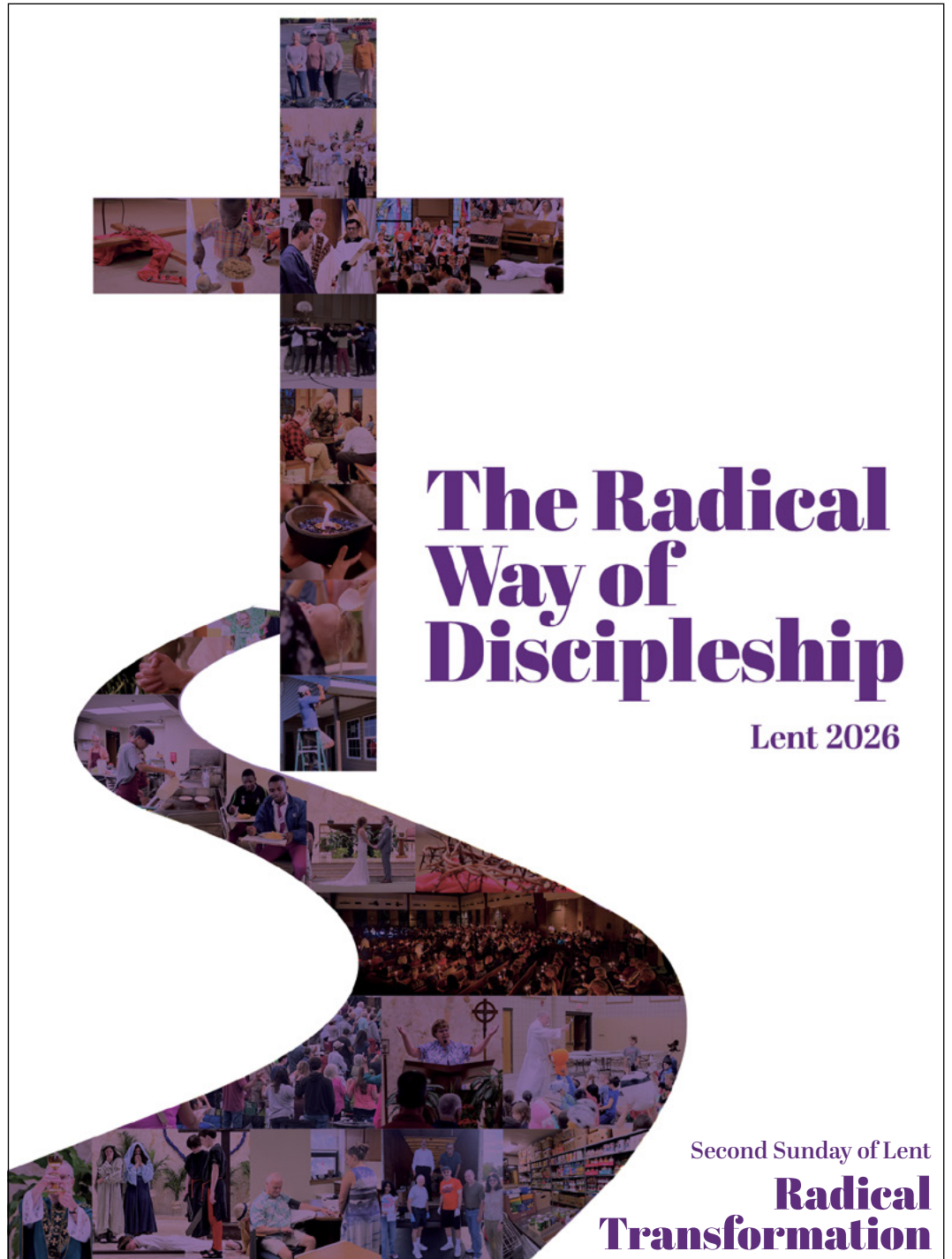
2026

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT

*His face shone like the sun.  
Matthew 17:2*

**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

Second Sunday of Lent  
**Radical  
Transformation**

## 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).



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).

### 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.

### 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.

## Presider Schedule for March 7–8

Deacon Joe Cuzzone will preach all Masses.

## St. Joseph Table March 14

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 that will be served 5:00–7:00 pm Saturday, March 14, in the Gym.

Complementing this pleasurable dining experience will be well-known Italian and American background music. 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.

Reservations are required in order to facilitate planning. Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up.



## 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



# Easter Environment/Flower Fund

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 a display board 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. The completed form and payment should be placed in an envelope, to the "Attn of Flower Fund" and can be mailed in, brought in through Door A during the building open hours or placed in the offertory collection basket.

***Donations must be received by Wednesday, March 25.***

## Easter Environment/Flower Fund

*I would like to make a contribution toward Easter flowers.*

**In Honor Of:**

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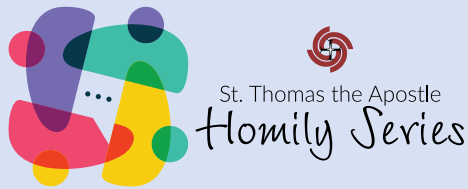
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***Please return this form by Wednesday, March 25.***



The Lenten Homily Series — *The Radical Way of Discipleship* — is underway! Together we are exploring how following Jesus is a radical choice that affects the foundation of our faith..

It's not too late to participate! Scan the QR Code to view:



- Messages from the first two weeks — Radical Integrity and Radical Transformation
- The video invitation for the series that you can still share with a friend
- Reminders and Resources posted throughout the series

Join us in person or online for the next steps on *The Radical Way of Discipleship*:

- March 7–8 — Radical Compassion
- March 14–15 — Radical Vision
- March 21–22 — Radical Trust

**Save the date for 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, March 1, 2026

*Second Sunday of Lent*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Joe DiLisio, Jr. by John and Beth Dobby
- 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 For the People of St. Thomas
- 6:00 pm

### Monday, March 2, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Carolyn Caughlan by Mely and Buddy Mallorca

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Laura Deffendahl by Marsha and Ray Daudelin

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Anita Benson by the Glenn Custar Family

### Thursday, March 5, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Carole Larmon by Husband Michael

### Friday, March 6, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am

### Saturday, March 7, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Aleamma Antony by Sophia
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Peter Pham Cong Pham by Anhhong Pham  
†Madeleine Tho Nguyen by Anhhong Pham

### Sunday, March 8, 2026

*Third Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 am Special Intention for Angie Westendorf by Shirley Woods
- 9:30 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 11:15 am †Zofa Michalak by the Michalak Family
- 6:00 pm



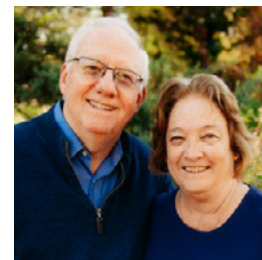
## C.A.R.E CORNER

Let's shift gears in our coverage of angels as helpers to humans and move to the dark side. Not all angels do the bidding of God, in spite of the fact that they were created to love and serve God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 391-395, explains that some freely chose to rebel against God, refused to submit to God's dominion and were thereby cast out of heaven. Jesus said such creatures would go to the eternal fire prepared for them (Matthew 25:41). The Gospels describe the devil or Satan as the tempter (Matthew 4:3), a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44) and the prince of demons (Mark 3:22). In the face of temptation, we would be wise to invoke Jesus' words in Matthew 4:10: "Get away, Satan!"

Scripture goes on to tell us it was Satan who incited Judas to betray Jesus, according to the gospel of Luke 22:3. It was Satan who induced Ananias to lie to the Holy Spirit, which essentially led to his death (Acts 5:3,5). St. Paul blamed an angel of Satan for the "thorn" in his flesh that plagued him for some time, according to 2 Corinthians 12:7. St. Peter, speaking of the devil as one who prowls around like a lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8), advises us that the devil, or any fallen angel, is not someone we want to be associated with. We are cautioned to remain vigilant and steadfast in faith in order to resist evil influences.

## Welcome Deacon John Freund

Hi, I'm Deacon John Freund, you adults can call me John. To you young folks, I'm Deacon John. My wife of 48 years, Liz, and I moved to Naperville, to be closer to our daughters, we have two, and our granddaughters, we have four. We happen to live pretty close to St. Thomas the Apostle and have been attending here regularly. We have been very impressed by the welcoming atmosphere and the level of participation at the liturgies. It is also encouraging to see families, especially young families, participating at Mass. We liked it so much that we joined.



As I mentioned, I am also a deacon in the Diocese of Joliet. Recently, I have been assigned to St. Carlo Acutis Parish in Crest Hill, a much smaller parish. In 1989 I had a powerful experience of God's love through a Life in the Spirit Seminar. This baptism in the Holy Spirit changed my life completely and led me to desire to go deeper into my faith, leading me in the next couple of years to diaconate formation. Over 30 years ago I interviewed for acceptance into the diaconate right here at St. Thomas with Deacon Will Worden. I was ordained in 1997, so I have been a deacon for almost 29 years. The ministry of a deacon is a three-fold ministry consisting of Liturgy (Mass, sacraments, etc.), Word (preaching, teaching, evangelization) and most importantly Charity (outreach, prison and jail ministry, nursing home, hospital, etc.). I have been blessed in that I have had the opportunity to participate in many forms of ministry. What has been the most important aspect of all my ministry involvement has been the relationships that have been formed with all my brothers and sisters, young and old. I must warn you that I consider myself one of those "Holy Spirit-filled" Catholics. I desire everyone, as Pope Francis said to, "encounter Christ or allow Christ to encounter you."

Both Liz and I look forward becoming involved in the life of the community of St. Thomas the Apostle. Together may we make the Kingdom of God more fully present in Naperville, the Joliet Diocese and beyond.

## School of Prayer

Join Carrie Wujek from 10:00-11:00 am or 7:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, March 11, for the next session of our School of Prayer. "The Page as Portal: Exploring Faith through the Lens of Literature" will take you on a voyage of discovery from Jesus' parables through fiction, non-fiction and poetry, guiding you into reading and responding with your heart.

Reserve your place for March by contacting REAdmin@stapostle.org. Then mark your calendar for the April 15 session on dreams.

## Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

### Register Now for 2026 Scripture Safari Summer VBS

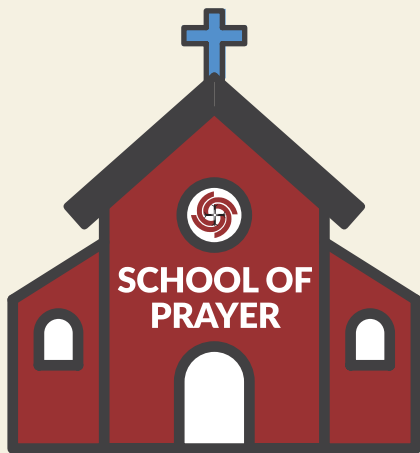
Scripture Safari this summer is June 8-12 from 9:00 am-12:15 pm. Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Scan the QR code to sign up to secure your spot. It's the most fun week of the year! If you are 18+ years old, and interested in volunteering, we need you! Please reach out to Laura Kmec 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. Thomas the Apostle presents

# School of Prayer

*Pray Always.  
Pray All Ways.*

## The Page as Portal to Prayer: Exploring Faith through the Lens of Literature

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 am and 7:00 pm | St. Thomas Senior Center

In 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle invites you to deepen your relationship with God through our monthly series, School of Prayer: Pray Always. Pray All Ways.

Each month will introduce a different style of prayer through a brief overview followed by an active, guided experience — giving you space not just to learn about prayer, but to truly pray.

In March, Carrie Wujek will lead us in The Page as Portal to Prayer: Exploring Faith through the Lens of Literature. Reading is a transformative act — enter into communion with poems, stories and creative writing and find God's presence.

This program will be offered twice on Wednesday, March 11, in the Senior Center, once at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm.



**Everyone — all ages — is invited to participate.**



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# 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 Cotner with any questions at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org).



## Middle School Faith Formation

### Upcoming Saturday Sessions

February 28, March 14, 21

### Upcoming Monday Sessions

March 2, 23

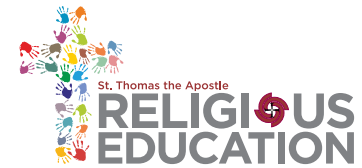
Please reach out to Ann Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) with any questions, suggestions or feedback.

## CREW: Connect, Reflect, Energize, Witness

All students in grades 5–8 are welcome to join us Sunday, March 15, 4:15–5:45 pm in the Gym for our Middle School youth group, followed by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mass at 6:00 pm. At CREW, we connect with each other with ice breakers, reflect on our faith (this month will be a Lenten focus), energize through open gym and board games, and give witness to our faith at 6:00 pm Mass as active participants. Registration is required so we have enough of everything. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



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



## Elementary Religious Education

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).



## First Reconciliation and First Communion News

### 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.

Religious Education students will receive First Reconciliation at a Family Prayer Service either Saturday, March 14, at 1:00 pm or Saturday, March 21, at 1:00 pm. A link has been sent for each student's family to sign up for either weekend. Please reach out to the Religious Education office if you have not signed yet signed up and intend to have your child receive the sacrament this Spring.

### 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.

## Short Takes

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each week at 9:30 am Mass. There is no registration required.

### 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. No pre-registration required.



## March Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, March 10, from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

Items most needed are:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Jell-O
- Cake mix
- Jiffy mix
- Ramen
- Side dish

Thank you so much for your support! Consider being a drop-off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.

## Prayer for the Close of Black History Month

*God of justice and mercy, we give you thanks for the faith, courage and perseverance of Black leaders, saints, prophets and everyday witnesses who have shaped our Church, our nation and our world.*

*We remember the dream proclaimed by Martin Luther King, Jr., the quiet strength of Harriet Tubman and the enduring witness of Sr. Thea Bowman, who call the Church to rejoice in every culture and every voice.*

*Heal the wounds of division that still mark our communities. Give us courage to confront injustice, humility to listen deeply and hearts ready to build a future rooted in dignity and belonging.*

*May we carry forward the work of justice all year long. Make us instruments of your peace, where every person is honored as your beloved child.*

*Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



## Your Vote Counts

Catholic Social Teaching tells us, “We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” Voting is one of the ways to do that. Stay informed about the issues and the candidates. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 17. Remember that your vote counts!

### Showing Short Film: Otis’ Dream

March 15, after 9:30 am Mass, in the Lighthouse

As we prepare for the upcoming primary election, the Outreach and Social Justice office invites you to join us in watching the short film Otis’ Dream. This powerful 14 minute story follows the true journey of Otis Moss, Sr. in rural Georgia in 1946 – a Black World War 1 veteran who walked many miles and faced repeated barriers simply to cast his ballot at a time when attempting to vote could be dangerous.

Otis’ Dream reminds us that the right to vote has often been won at great personal cost and that participation in our civic life is both a privilege and responsibility. As followers of Christ called to love our neighbors and seek justice, engaging thoughtfully and faithfully in the electoral process is one way we live out our faith in the world.

Join us for the video, a short discussion and refreshments March 15, after 9:30 am Mass, in the Lighthouse.

## Social Justice Stations of the Cross

### Friday, March 13, 7:00 pm

On Friday, March 13, OSJ ministry volunteers will be leading the Stations of the Cross using 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 the common suffering in our lives and the need in all of us to grow in relationship with God. Join us in this beautiful and meaningful Lenten tradition.

# St. Thomas Lenten Project 2026

## **A Place to Gather, a Beacon of Hope**

2026 Lenten Project Recipient:  
St. Agnes Parish, Pine Ridge Reservation

**Goal: \$20,000**

### **Why St. Agnes Parish?**

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is rich in culture, faith, and resilience, yet it faces ongoing challenges shaped by historical injustice and present-day inequality. St. Agnes Parish is a spiritual and communal anchor on the reservation, offering pastoral care, sacramental life and concrete support to those most in need.

### **How will the funds be used?**

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.

### **Prayer for Our Lenten Project**

*God of all peoples and nations,  
You created us in love and call us into communion.  
Bless the people of St. Agnes Parish and  
the Pine Ridge Reservation.  
May our Lenten sacrifices become signs of hope,  
our generosity a bridge of solidarity,  
and our faith a source of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Take home a brown box (found in the Gathering Area and Narthex) and collect donations throughout Lent. Return your donation box to St. Thomas by April 12. Checks can be made out to St. Thomas OSJ with Lenten Project in the memo line.



St. Agnes Church

## Couriers of Compassion Mother's Day Project 2026

The St. Thomas Couriers of Compassion prison ministry is joining with "Companions Journeying Together" to provide pretty stationery and note cards to incarcerated individuals, enabling them to write to their mothers, children and other loved ones this Mother's Day. This much appreciated project supports Companions' mission of helping incarcerated persons maintain and strengthen family bonds.

You can bring donations to the Gathering Area through Sunday, March 15. The following supplies are being collected:

- 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 or cards with glitter, tape, or requiring extra postage.*

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. Email Suelynn Hanegraaf at [suelynn111@gmail.com](mailto:suelynn111@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

## Care for Creation by Fasting from Water Waste

This week, the Care for Creation Ministry invites you to adopt water conservation as your Lenten practice. The average U.S. household uses approximately 88 gallons of water per day, and nationwide, leaking pipes waste nearly 900 billion gallons of treated water annually.



We can honor God's creation by adopting simple, responsible habits at home:

- Repair leaking pipes promptly.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads and scrape dishes before loading.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.
- Ensure no toxic materials are poured into household drains.

As we work to conserve water, let us also pray for all who lack access to safe, clean water and ask God to deepen our gratitude for this essential, life giving resource.

## 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.

## Fr. Greg Boyle Kinship as Radical Love

*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.*

Fr. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest in Los Angeles, never set out to start the world's largest gang-intervention program. He simply chose to stay close to those the world had written off. Through Homeboy Industries, Fr. Boyle walks with formerly gang-involved men and women, offering jobs, healing and — most importantly — belonging. His radical service is rooted in a simple conviction: no one is beyond the reach of love. By choosing kinship over judgment, Fr. Boyle reminds us that transformation happens when we stand with, not above, those who suffer. He reminds us that *radical servants go to the margins and stand in awe of all that the marginalized must carry instead of in judgment as to how they carry it.*



## An Opportunity to Hear Fr. Greg Boyle

Fr. Greg will be speaking at The Well Spirituality Center in LaGrange Thursday, March 5, from 6:00–7:30 pm. His sharing is

entitled, *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times*. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.





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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

A warm thank you to St. Thomas Wellness Coordinator Nancy Kratz, PhD, for an interesting and touching presentation on Life Transitions in our Prime in February. We learned that a change in one’s life becomes a transition when it changes how you think and feel about life and about yourself. Nancy and the audience shared personal stories that reflected many of the experiences of those attending. Thank you to the PrimeTime planning committee for a wonderful soup luncheon.

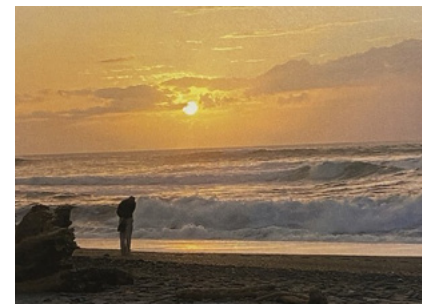


Join us March 17 at 10:00 am as we welcome Fr. John Regan who will present “Coming Home – and Carrying the Story Forward: God’s Mercy, Our Story and the Call of Discipleship in the Second Half of Life.” Enjoy a luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches, sides and dessert. To register please email Phyllis Wempe at PRegistration@hotmail.com or call 630.728.3227. All are welcome!

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

*Gathering the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 am–12:00 pm*

“After my husband died, the different feelings and thoughts I had were so intense I was afraid something was wrong with me. At the HOPE Café it was a relief to learn from other people who lost a spouse that they had similar experiences.”



If you are experiencing grief, please join with others at the HOPE Cafe, March 11 at 10:30 am, for fellowship and a warm drink and pastries. Check in at the St. Thomas Welcome Desk

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

### St. Thomas Blood Drive

The St. Thomas blood drive is Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 am–1:30 pm in the Gym. Scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) to sign up today!



Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in our community. People like you can make a difference. We hope to see you March 21. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:akubalanza@stapostle.org).

# 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>

**2025 Diocesan Appeal Thank You**

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

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 2, 2026

- 9:00 am–12:00 pm Care Pantry Packing, Gym
- 7:00–8:15 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center
- 7:00–8:15 pm High School RE, Ministry Center

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

- 9:15–11:15 am PrimeTime Team, Judea
- 10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Distribution, Outside
- 12:00–12:30 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel
- 3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir Church
- 4:30–5:45 pm Elementary RE, Ministry Center
- 7:00–8:15 pm OCIA Team, Judea
- 7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 6:30–8:30 pm. St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center
- 6:30–8:30 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus
- 6:30–8:00 pm FSGC, Galilee
- 6:30–8:00 pm Pax Christi, Cana

### Thursday, March 5, 2026

- 9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 6:30–8:30 pm LIFE Team Reunion
- 6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse

### Friday, March 6, 2026

- 9:00 am–12:00 pm First Friday Adoration, Chapel
- 7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, March 7, 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
- 5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

### Sunday, March 8, 2026

- 9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
- 10:30 am–12:00 pm New Parishioner Breakfast, Gym
- 10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel
- 10:30 am–12:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing
- 10:45 am–12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Lighthouse
- 12:30–1:30 pm Living Stations Practice, Church

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# PARISH INFORMATION



## Welcome

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### Church Office and Building Hours

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm  
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8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;  
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*Schedule subject to change.*

### Pastor

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David Schwalm

### 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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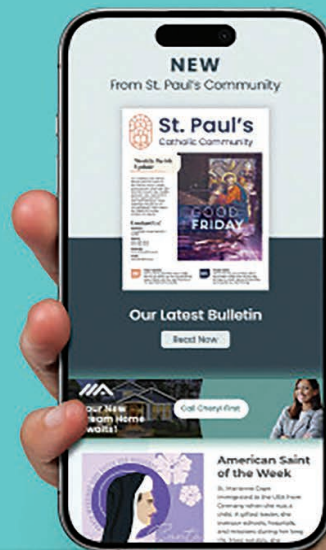
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