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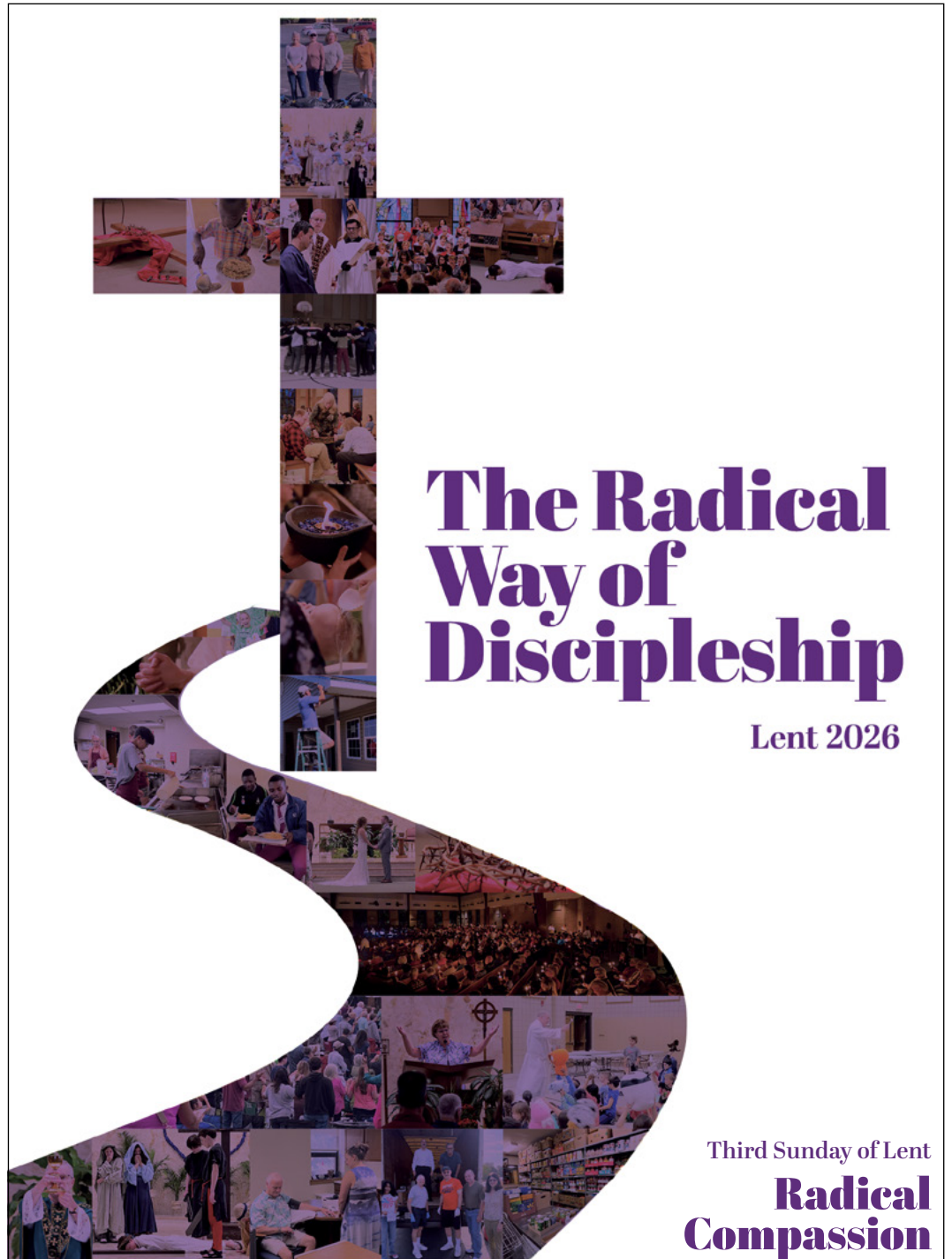
THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT

*The love of God has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit
that has been given to us.*

Romans 5:5

**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

Third Sunday of Lent
**Radical
Compassion**

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.



Liturgy and Music News

For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at sknisley@stapostle.org.

Parents of Students 4th through 12th Grades

There is no better way to bring your student closer to God spiritually and physically than having them become Altar Servers. As such they serve both the community as a whole and support their own spiritual life. (Pope Leo was a server!) Mentoring server positions are available for high schoolers that will provide service hours in a leadership position. Please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office for more information.

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.

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 pm. The opportunity for individual confession with a Priest will conclude the service.



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 (available online or at St. Thomas) 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. **Deadline is March 25.**

Daily Readings



Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at bible.usccb.org for the daily readings.

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*

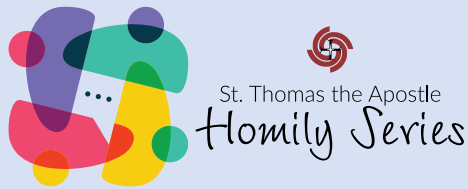
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass* (Church and Gym)

11:30 am Mass



The Lenten Homily Series — *The Radical Way of Discipleship* — is now in Week 3! We are exploring more deeply what it means to follow Jesus — choosing to live rooted in his teachings, the very foundation of our faith.

There's still time to join us!

Scan the QR Code or visit us online to access:



- Homilies from the first three weeks — Radical Integrity, Radical Transformation and Radical Compassion
- The series invitation video to share with friends and family
- Ongoing reminders and resources to support your Lenten journey

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

- 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 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Peter Pham Cong Pham by Anhhong Pham
†Madeleine Tho Nguyen by Anhhong Pham
- 8:00 am Special Intention for Angie Westendorf by Shirley Woods
- 9:30 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 11:15 am †Zofia Michalak by the Michalak Family
- 6:00 pm

Monday, March 9, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am Residents and their intentions of the nursing homes in our parish

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am Residents and their intentions of the nursing homes in our parish

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am Special Intention of Anne Polizzi by John and Felicia Lawlor

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Kevin Bauler from Sylvia, wife of Kevin

Friday, March 13, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am Residents and their intentions of the nursing homes in our parish

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Weekday

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Margaret McGovern by John and Beth Dobby

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am †Joyce Ann by Colleen Gorup
- 9:30 am †Janet Fellingham
- 9:30 am †John Vesper by Ron and Lynn DeNicolo
- 11:15 am †Mr. Saks by Collen Gorup
- 6:00 pm †Roberto Flores Jr. by Family

Presider Schedule for March 14–15

Fr. Peter Infanger will preach all Masses, except for the 6:00 pm Mass which will be Fr. Bob Colaresi.



The Radical Way of Discipleship

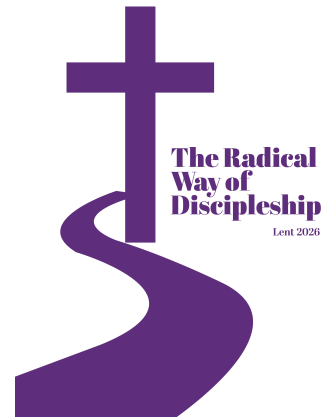
It is not too late to be part of the journey!

Join Us for Upcoming Messages:

- March 14 & 15 — **Radical Vision**
- March 21 & 22 — **Radical Trust**

View Previous Messages Online:

- **Radical Integrity** — Week 1
- **Radical Transformation** — Week 2
- **Radical Compassion** — Week 3



Continuing the Conversation: Radical Love

Sunday, March 22 | 10:45 a.m. | Lighthouse Room

Join us for a light reception and talk by philosophy professor Dr. Theresa Tobin!



Dr. Tobin shares: My Irish Catholic upbringing instilled compassion and a passion for justice — but also taught me to fear and exclude LGBTQ people and those from the “wrong side of the tracks.” In this talk, I reflect on how teaching philosophy to incarcerated students and researching LGBTQ+ Christians transformed my faith. The very people I was taught to shun have shown me most clearly the radical love at the heart of the Gospel.

Dr. Theresa W. Tobin is Professor of Philosophy at Marquette University, where she directs the university’s prison education initiative, the Education Preparedness Program (EPP). She teaches and conducts research in ethics, gender, sexuality, and the emotions, and is co-author with Dr. Dawne Moon of *Choosing Love: What LGBTQ+ Christians Can Teach Us All About Relationship, Inclusion, and Justice* (Oxford 2025). She is also a spouse and the parent of 11-year-old twins. When she’s not doing philosophy, she enjoys long walks in nature, paddleboarding with her kiddos, and sharing good food with good friends.



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The Catholic Church, through Scripture and Tradition, teaches that angels are real. They were created by God, through and for Christ. They are spiritual creatures, who have no bodies. They do not get sick or feel pain or need to eat or sleep. As spiritual beings, they are immortal and cannot die. That makes them superior to humans since they are greater in power and of a higher order than humans. Those angels in heaven cannot sin or be tempted to sin. Angels were created as angels and remain angels for eternity.

But like us humans, angels have intelligence and free will. They can become human in appearance as this column has noted from Scripture, which often depicts them as masculine in name and character to promote their authority. Angels are not all-knowing like God. They are also not omnipresent like God; they go from place to place as God sends them. We are to allow ourselves to be guided by angels, but we are not to worship them. Angels are manifestations of God's presence and part of the great "cloud of witnesses" God has provided to help nurture our Christian life.



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 from 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.



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.

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.

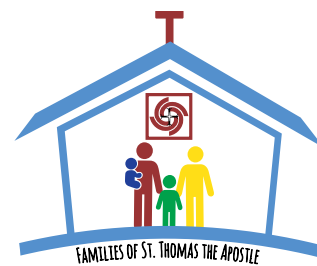
Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

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

Saturday, March 14, 2026

St. Thomas Auditorium

Dinner Served 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

MANGIA!!

Share a variety of delicious, meatless Italian foods that are only a foretaste of God's heavenly banquet. Let's celebrate St. Joseph, the "Abba" of Jesus and the Patron of God's family.

As Joseph taught Jesus to be generous, we are working for justice for the poor. We will also enjoy special festive foods which will delight both body and soul. Envelopes will be available for a free will offering which will be distributed to:

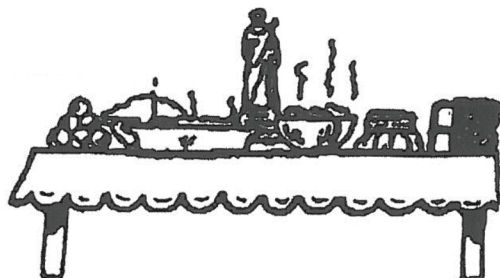
***St. Thomas Food Pantry
St. Thomas Cares
St. Vincent DePaul Society.***

Enjoy great food and help those in need!

Sign up at St. Thomas March 7-8, by sending an email to the address below or on the St. Thomas website (stapostle.org) to let us know you'll be attending.

This enables the committee to approximate numbers.

Reservations are strongly encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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.



Middle School Faith Formation

Upcoming Saturday Sessions

March 14, 21*

*at St. Thomas (not All Saints)

Upcoming Monday Sessions

March 23

Please reach out to Ann Cotner at 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 5th 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.



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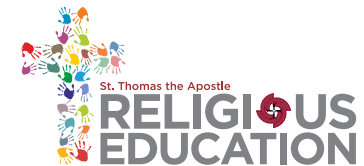
Elementary Religious Education

March 15 5th 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.



Known! A Middle School Rally

Please keep our middle school students in your prayers. We are blessed to attend this rally, bringing together students in grades 6–8 from across the Diocese, to spend a day together in community, prayer, praise and worship.

First Reconciliation and First Communion News

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. Reception to follow in the Gathering Area.

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 Flocknote 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.

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. Our goal is to collect \$20,000. 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.

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. 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.

Otis' Dream

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.

Soup and Bread Night

Save the date! On Wednesday, March 25, the St. Thomas Lector Ministry will sponsor the 31st Soup and Bread Night from 6:30–8:00 pm in the Gym. You are invited to show solidarity with many around the world who can only afford a simple meal (or less) each night. Proceeds from Soup and Bread Night will be donated to the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights. The Young Center helps unaccompanied immigrant children through the legal system and advocates for the child's and family's best interests. Additional information about this important work will be available at Soup and Bread. The delicious soups and fellowship make for a wonderful evening for a good cause. All are welcome!

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.

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 if you are able to help.

Care for Creation by Fasting from the Use of Plastics

The Care of Creation ministry invites us to consider fasting and or reducing our use of plastics this Lent. Plastics are not biodegradable and only a very small percentage (approximately 9 percent) of plastics are recycled, ending up in landfills or in our local waterways. It is estimated that the number of plastics in our oceans (currently about 5 trillion pieces) could nearly triple by 2040.

Here are some ideas of ways we can reduce our use of plastics this Lent and, in doing so, care for God's Creation.

- Bring your own reusable beverage container instead of using Styrofoam or plastic cups to work or school.
- Fast from plastic bags when grocery shopping by bringing our own reusable bags.
- Use bar soaps and shampoo bars instead of plastic dispensable soaps in plastic containers.
- Fast from single use salads in boxed containers opting for whole lettuce and veggies you can prep yourself.
- Use laundry detergent sheets, thus eliminating large plastic containers.

Her Story ... Holy Story: A Women's History Month Invitation

During Women's History Month, you are invited to help fill the Her Story ... Holy Story bulletin board in the main hallway. Simply write the name of a woman who has shaped your faith — a mother, mentor, teacher, saint or friend and add it to the board. Each name shared becomes part of a larger story, a reminder that God works powerfully through the faith, courage and quiet witness of women every day. Her story is not only history, it is holy story. Help to fill the Her Story ... Holy Story bulletin board with gratitude and grace.

Pro-Life March in Springfield

The Illinois Pro-Life March will take place March 19 at the state Capitol in Springfield. If you would like to join thousands of pro-life Illinoisans in a march around the Capitol to defend the unborn and support mothers in need, go to illinoisprolifemarch.com/the-details. Besides the march, there are events and speakers planned throughout the day including a celebration of Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Your presence, prayer and voice matter.

St. Joan of Arc Courage to Follow God's Call

St. Joan of Arc was a teenage farm girl when she felt called by God to act on behalf of her people. With no formal training or status, she trusted that God could work through her willingness and courage. She stepped into public life not for power or glory, but to serve a suffering nation during the Hundred Years' War. Joan faced ridicule, danger and ultimately death, yet she remained faithful to her conscience and calling. Her radical service was not about power, but obedience — to God's voice and to the good of others. Joan's witness invites us to ask where courage is being asked of us today. She reminds us that radical servants are not measured by age, status or strength, but by the courage to follow God's call wherever it leads.

A Litany for Peace

For families in Iran living in fear, and for all who live under the evil rain of bombardment, may they find safe refuge, Lord, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that they stop the bombs and choose diplomacy over destruction and dialogue over retaliation, Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are poor and vulnerable, who bear the heaviest burdens of war, may their cries transform our hearts, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the courage to see the face of God in our neighbors and to build a culture of genuine encounter, Lord, hear our prayer.

For a lasting peace based on justice, mercy, and the sacred dignity of every life, Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.



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," 10:30 am

Spiritual Direction

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

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

Join us Tuesday, March 17, at 10:00 am in the Lighthouse 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." Lead by Fr. John, we will take a look back at our own lives, reflecting on where we have seen God's mercy at work. Then we will look ahead. Our stories are not finished yet. God is still at work in us. The wisdom we have gained, the compassion we have learned and the trust we have developed are gifts meant to be shared. In this season of Lent, we will reflect on how we are called to carry our stories forward – not loudly or dramatically, but quietly and faithfully – as disciples of Jesus, living with integrity, compassion, vision and trust.

Enjoy a luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches, sides and dessert. To register please email Phyllis Wempe at PTregistration@hotmail.com or call 630.728.3227. All are Welcome!



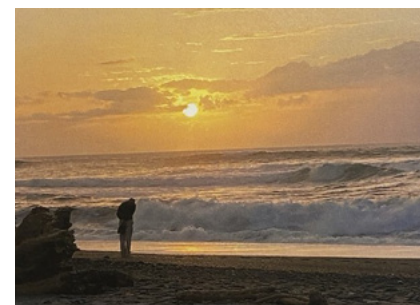
"Hope Café" A Loving Look at Loss and Grief

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.



Our Spring Blood Drive is here!

Did you know:

- Only 9 percent of the US population has the universal O-blood type that can be used for anyone.
- 30 percent have the A+ blood type which is the second most common.
- Only 4 percent have the AB Blood type is the rarest type.

Want to know your blood type? Donate blood at the next St. Thomas Blood Drive Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 am-1:30 pm, in the Gym. Appointments appreciated, walk-ins welcome. Photo ID is required.

Scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org to sign up.



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.

Sunday Collection Report	
For January 2026	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$59,140
Credit card online giving	\$24,322
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th 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	(\$14,264)
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	(\$45,946)

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.

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Blessings and peace,
Fr. Peter

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The Week Ahead

Monday, March 9, 2026

6:30–9:00 pm Knight of Columbus, Lighthouse

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Donations, Outside
 12:00–12:00 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel
 3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir Church
 4:30–5:45 pm Elementary RE, Ministry Center
 5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Donations, Outside
 6:30–8:30 pm Welcome Committee, Senior Center
 7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church and Lighthouse

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 10:30 am–12:00 pm Hope Café, Resource Center
 7:00 pm West Suburban Irish Mass, Church
 7:00–8:30 pm School of Prayer, Senior Center

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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

Friday, March 13, 2026

7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Judea
 1:00–2:30 pm First Reconciliation, Church
 3:15–4:15 pm. Miryam Rehearsal, Church
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
 10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel
 10:30–11:30 am Movie Otis' Dream, View and Discussion, Lighthouse
 11:00–12:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class, Judea
 12:30–1:30 pm Living Stations Practice, Church
 4:15–5:45 pm CREW – Gym
 7:00 pm 5th Grade Reception, Gathering Area



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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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.

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

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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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