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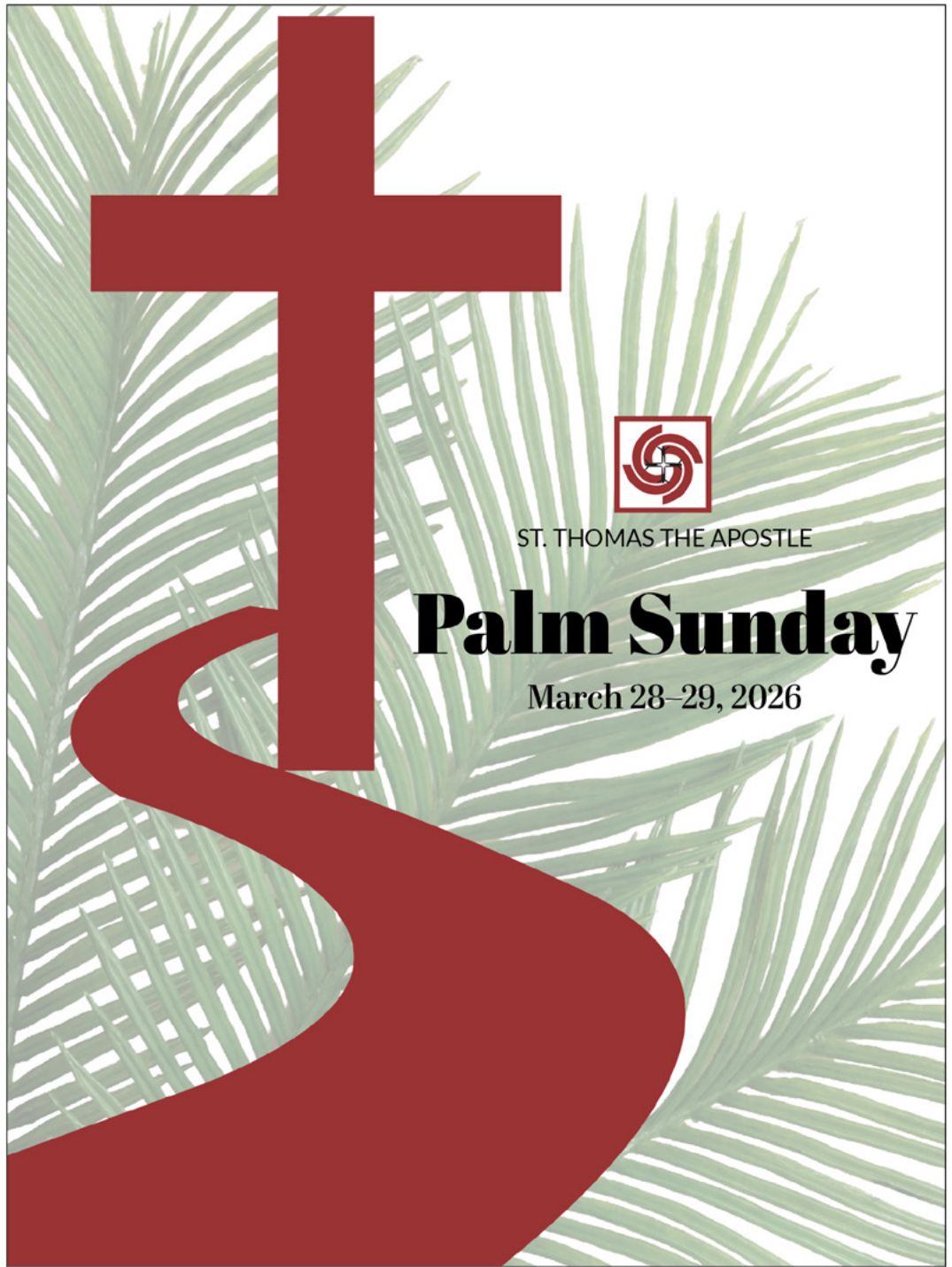
PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest."*

*Matthew 21:9*

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

*Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted  
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas  
the Apostle strives to be an  
inclusive servant community  
– to be Christ in the World.  
We bear the Good News  
of God's unconditional love  
to all generations through  
worship, faith formation,  
service, friendship and  
witness.*



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**Palm Sunday**

March 28–29, 2026

**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).



## 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).

### Parents of Students 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will not be held April 3 due to Good Friday. First Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will instead take place Sunday, April 12, at 7:00 pm in observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. All are welcome.

## Jubilee Year of Saint Francis — Join the Journey

What might happen if we tried to live the Gospel the way Saint Francis of Assisi did — with simplicity, courage, love for the poor, care for creation and a commitment to peace?



The Church is marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Francis (1226–2026) with a Jubilee Year in his honor, and St. Thomas the Apostle is celebrating by weaving the spirit and spirituality of Saint Francis into parish life throughout the year.

Some events have already begun, including our Mass for Healing and Peace February 4 and the Stations of the Cross inspired by Saint Francis. We are also planning a special celebration for the Feast of Saint Francis October 4.

If you have an interest in Saint Francis or the themes of peace, prayer and care for creation, you are warmly invited to help with planning and implementation during this Jubilee Year. Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, April 8, at 11:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle. For more information, please contact Fr. John Regan at [jregan@stapostle.org](mailto:jregan@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.

## Holy Week Liturgies

### 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

\*indicates livestream

## Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. Join us!

**Welcome New Members:** Luciana and Rafael Honda and family, Michelle and Dean Mallett, Samantha Vallez and David Rivera and family

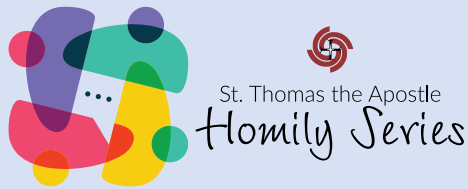
**Would you like to become a parishioner?** Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



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As we enter Holy Week on *The Radical Way of Discipleship*, let us reflect on the journey thus far. This path has called us to live with integrity, embrace transformation, extend compassion across boundaries, share in God's vision and trust God in uncertainty. These invitations deepen in the days ahead as we are reminded that following Jesus is a radical way of self-giving love.

"Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity; Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God" (Richard Rohr). How has Jesus, on *The Radical Way of Discipleship*, changed our minds?

Review any of the messages from the series online:

- Week 1 – Radical Integrity
- Week 2 – Radical Transformation
- Week 3 – Radical Compassion
- Week 4 – Radical Vision
- Week 5 – Radical Trust



*Homily Series seeks to intentionally welcome newcomers to St. Thomas, to deepen in discipleship by focusing together on a shared topic, and to strengthen our community through opportunities for engagement. The Radical Way of Discipleship – be part of the journey!*



## Save the Date St. Thomas Ministry Fair

The 2026 St. Thomas Ministry Fair is Saturday, May 16, from 5:30–6:30 pm and Sunday, May 17, from 8:45 am–1:30 pm.

All are welcome to celebrate our Ministries and Teams! Join us for food, activities and children's games and a \$1.00 book sale too!

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
 †Mildred Johnson by Mary Malone  
 †William Gayde by Canticle
- 7:30 am †Esperance Noronha by the Noronha Family  
 9:30 am †Mike Updike by Carol Purcell  
 †Chuck Buckman by Margie Galvin
- 11:30 am †Chester and Irene Wojcik by Ken Wojcik  
 6:00 pm For the people of St. Thomas

### Monday, March 30, 2026

*Monday of the Holy Week*

- 8:30 am †Jenni Anderson by Mom, Dad and Kerri

### Tuesday, March 31, 2026

*Tuesday of the Holy Week*

- 8:30 am †Edward Ziegler by the Prime Time Committee

### Wednesday, April 1, 2026

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

- 8:30 am †Carol Lundin by Adela and Dick Auskalnis

### Thursday, April 2, 2026

*Holy Thursday*

- 8:30 am No Mass

### Friday, April 3, 2026

*Good Friday*

- 8:30 am †Chuck Buckman by Larry Lucas

### Saturday, April 4, 2026

*Holy Saturday*

- 8:30 am No Mass  
 7:00 pm †Peter Pham Cong Pham by Anhhong Pham  
 †Madeleine Tho Nguyen by Anhhong Pham

### Sunday, April 5, 2026

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

- 7:30 am For the people of St. Thomas  
 9:30 am †Mike Updike by Kathy Hettinger  
 11:30 am †Edward Ziegler by Welcome Ministry

## Presider Schedule for April 4-5

### Saturday, April 4

7:00 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

### Sunday, April 5

7:30am: Fr. John Regan, Deacon John Freund  
 9:30 am (Church): Fr. Peter Infanger, Deacon John Freund  
 9:30 am (Gym): Fr. John Regan  
 11:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzone  
 No 6:00 pm Mass

*Presider schedule subject to change.*



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

Scripture scholars believe that Mark's gospel was the first one to make it into written form, so we'll begin there. Among the first words Jesus uttered to anyone within earshot were "Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15). What does it mean to repent? The word "repent" means to turn around

and follow a different path. It means your heart is in the wrong place and you need to think and behave differently. Jesus wanted people to hear what he was preaching - the "good news" - the gospel of God, that the kingdom of God was nearer than they thought. Jesus often said the kingdom of God was in their midst or was at hand (Mark 1:15). Our hands are never very far from the rest of our bodies. So Jesus must have been saying that the way things are in God's world is possible in the here and now, in spite of all the undesirable external circumstances of life.



Life for most people in Jesus's time was difficult. They lived under the oppressive regime of the Roman Empire. They had to pay taxes to help fund the Roman government. Every aspect of daily life was a struggle through the pain of physical labor and emotional distress. They could not have imagined that their lives were a reflection of the way things are in God's world. But Jesus said ". . . the kingdom of God has come upon you ..." (Matthew 12:28) and he intended to show them how that could be a reality even in the midst of their suffering.

### School of Prayer Opening Ourselves to Dreams



Join Tammy Winn-Bocher Wednesday, April 15, as she leads us in "Opening Ourselves to Dreams." Tammy will explain how to engage with nighttime dreams and bring your insights into prayer for greater awareness, wisdom and guidance. Choose either the 10:00-11:00am or 7:00-8:00 pm session.

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.

Everyone - All ages - is invited to participate. To assure your place, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.

### Nourish Your Spiritual Life with Relevant Radio

In today's fast-paced world, it can be challenging to find time to nourish our spiritual lives. That's where Relevant Radio comes in. This Catholic radio network provides inspiring content 24 hours a day to help us grow in our faith.

Relevant Radio features popular programs such as "The Patrick Madrid Show," "The Drew Mariani Show" and "Marriage Unhindered" with Doug Hinderer. These hosts tackle tough questions about marriage, family, morality and prayer. Offering practical advice for living as a faithful Catholic in the modern world.

Whether you're looking for theological insights, current event analysis through a Catholic lens, or simply spiritual encouragement, Relevant Radio has something for everyone. Tune in to hear live call-in shows, discover new saints and feast days, and learn more about the rich traditions of our Church.

#### How to Listen

- Tune in to Relevant Radio at 930 AM
- Download the free app: Relevant Radio+
- Stream online at RelevantRadio.com
- Access/download their free podcasts online

Make Relevant Radio a regular part of your prayer and faith formation. Let this trusted source inspire you, challenge you and deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church. With Relevant Radio, you'll find the guidance and support you need to live your faith boldly each day.



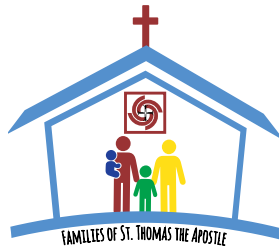


## Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

### 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!



### Church Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Attendance is growing each week with our smallest parishioners in the Church Nursery. What a blessing! This means we need more volunteers, both adults and youth helpers (age 12+) to care for the children during 9:30 am Mass. Any commitment is helpful: once a week, once a month, once every other month or whatever works best for your schedule. If you love working with children ages 1-4, consider giving your time to this ministry to help support young families attend Sunday Mass! Please email Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org) for details.

### 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.

## First Reconciliation

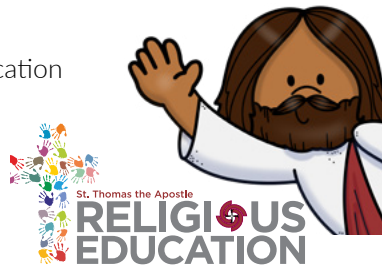
Congratulations to all of St. Thomas' Religious Education and All Saints Catholic Academy students who received their First Reconciliation this Lent.

## First Communion News

First Communion Mass selection sign-up has started! Families with a child making 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.



## Middle School Faith Formation

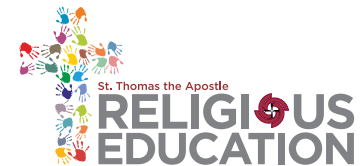
### Upcoming Saturday Sessions

Last class April 11

### Upcoming Monday Sessions

Last class April 13

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



## Elementary Religious Education

Scan the QR code for the full calendar or visit [stapostle.org](http://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. No pre-registration required.

## 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).

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Upcoming Schedule

Please note that Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be offered April 5, 26 and May 3.



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## April Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, April 7, 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
- Canned Vegetables
- Syrup
- Soup
- Toothpaste

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.

## Easter Ham Drive

The annual Easter ham collection will take place this weekend, March 28–29. Volunteers will be collecting hams outside of the truck for all Masses except for 6:00 pm. If you forget your ham, you can donate at the collection truck, and one will be purchased for you.

Thank you for your generosity!

If you know of a family in need of food, please contact Nicole Hanks at nhanks@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x113.

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

As this year's Lenten almsgiving project, we are collecting donations for St. Agnes Parish on the Pine Ridge Reservation. To date, we have collected more than \$3,000. Donations are needed to help to repair and update Tekawitha Hall (their parish ministry center). To donate, you can take a brown box (found in the Gathering Area and Narthex) to collect your donations during Lent and return your donations by April 12. If you wish to donate by check, please make check payable to St. Thomas OSJ with Lenten Project in the memo line. Lastly, you can donate online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



### 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 offerings become signs of hope and a bridge of solidarity,  
May our faith lead us to justice and peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Hesed House PADS April 2 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, April 2. If you are willing and able to provide food for April, 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, April 2, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who can help.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, May 1-3

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is an opportunity to surface and release any feelings of anger, shame, guilt or grief. There are many exercises to help grieve the loss of an unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness. The weekend will help transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Post abortive women and men are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled retreat will be held May 1–3. For information, prayer and registration, call 815.370.8118 or 815.634.3796 or visit [diojoli.org](http://diojoli.org) or [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org).

## Care for Creation: Fasting from Indifference

This week, Care for Creation is asking, as your Lenten practice, to practice simply being aware, to notice what we often ignore, from overflowing waste bins to polluted waterways, from food insecurity to the quiet suffering of vulnerable communities. Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si* that “everything is connected,” and that our care for one another is inseparable from our care for the earth.

Fasting from indifference means choosing to see, to care and to act. It might look like reducing our use of single-use plastics, conserving water, supporting local environmental efforts or simply taking time to appreciate the beauty of God’s creation. When we open our eyes and hearts, we begin to recognize creation not as something to use, but as a gift to cherish.

As a parish community. Let us take this step together toward gratitude, responsibility and love for our common home.

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## Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip 2026

Are you making your family vacation plans? Why not make this your year to be part of the Habitat for Humanity Mission trip. The trip, to Tutwiler, MS, is planned to depart on Sunday, June 14 and return on Saturday, June 20.

- Habitat is a great mission trip to build community with the people of the Mississippi Delta. Because Habitat homeowners are required to contribute at least 300 hours of ‘sweat equity’ building homes, there is a good chance that you will be working alongside homeowners from the community.
- Habitat is a great mission trip for families. The cost per person is \$275. The fee covers expenses for gas, all meals in Mississippi, and your lodging.
- Habitat is a great mission trip for learning new skills. While working on a job site, there are two skilled job supervisors. There is no need to be concerned about your construction skills because there will be someone there who can help you or teach you.
- Habitat is a great mission trip to learn about poverty in the USA.
- A Habitat for Humanity mission trip is a whole lot of fun!!!

If you would like more information on the 2026 mission trip, contact Peggy Goralski in the OSJ office at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123 or Mary Ann Rempe at maremp630@hotmail.com or 630.344.2992.

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## Thank You from Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.

At the February 4 Mass for peace, those in attendance had the opportunity to sign letters of solidarity for the Church in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. One of the letters was sent to the Diocese of St. Cloud. In response, Bishop Patrick Neary sent this note:

*Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,*

*I cannot tell you what a surprise it was to receive your touching letter to me! When I sent out a message to the Latino families of my Diocese, I never suspected that people in other areas would know about it. It has been hard to see so many innocent and humble families living in such fear and isolation. Knowing that there are such faithful disciples like yourselves who stand in solidarity with these brothers and sisters of ours means more than you know. Your prayers are much appreciated! May God bless all of you with abounding peace and joy as you live out your faith each day. You are truly the light of Christ shining in the darkness.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.*

## Rose Bagley Lifelong Advocate for Justice

Rose Bagley was a wife, mother of six children, nurse, and an active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. In addition, Rose was a passionate and tireless advocate for social justice, world peace, and universal understanding. She dedicated herself to uplifting the overlooked and less fortunate, always standing firm in her belief that love and understanding could change the world. Her activism was not just words – she put herself on the front lines, and her periodic acts of civil disobedience led to a few, largely symbolic arrests. Though she sometimes faced hostility for her unwavering stance on equality and justice, and despite standing no taller than 5’2”, she never wavered meeting opposition with steadfast resolve and quiet, fierce courage. She reminds us that radical servants are often ordinary people, with a vision of God’s reign who act to make the vision a reality.

## 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

April 8 "Hope Café"  
10:30 am–12:00 pm Resource Room

#### Spiritual Direction

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

#### Blood Pressure Screening

April 11, after 4:30 pm Mass,  
April 12, after 9:30, 11:15 am Masses

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

April 16, 10:00 am  
Emmaus Room

#### PrimeTime

April 21, 10:00 am, Lighthouse Music Therapist Mary Helen Ekstam will present Music, Memory and the Brain focusing on Dementia and other cognitive difficulties as we age.

### PrimeTime – Happy Spring!

On Tuesday, April 21, PrimeTime is excited to welcome back Music Therapist Mary Helen Ekstam with a new program: Music, Memory and the Brain focusing on dementia and other cognitive difficulties as we age.

Mary Helen is a board certified music therapist as well as a certified dementia practitioner and has been working in the health care industry as a therapist and in leadership positions for the past 40 years with expertise in neurological rehabilitation, hospice and palliative care, and music therapy. Mary Helen has presented at more than 500 national and regional conferences as well as presented over 1,000 programs on the Neurological Perspective of Music, Memory and the Brain.

Mark your calendars and join us in the Lighthouse at 10:00 am for this informative program followed by a potluck luncheon. Please bring a main dish, a side, salad or dessert. PrimeTime will provide beverages.

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 19, to Phyllis Wempe at [PTregistration@hotmail.com](mailto:PTregistration@hotmail.com) or 630.728.3227.

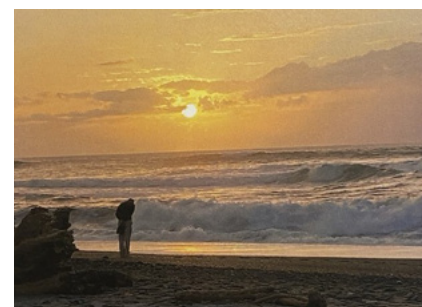


### "Hope Café" A Loving Look at Loss and Grief

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

For those experiencing loss/grief, the pastoral care team is offering the "Hope Café" where anyone can drop in for sharing, prayer and reflection with a warm drink and pastries. The Café will be open once each month. No reservation needed.

Check in at the St. Thomas at the Reception Desk. For more information contact Jane Zimmerman or Annette Kubalanza at 630.355.8980 in the Pastoral Care office.



### 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).

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in our Blood Drive March 21 by giving the gift of life and helping us achieve our goal! Thanks also to members of the Knights of Columbus for checking people in and providing encouragement and support to donors.

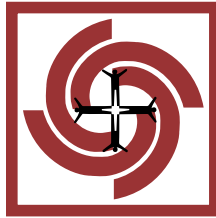
# ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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.

## Important Financial Update

We are grateful that giving is up 2% this year! At the same time, we are about 2.9% below our budget, which had projected a 5% increase from last year.



We have added important initiatives – part-time staff for social media and young families, a Director of Evangelization and the Alpha program. Each of these efforts is starting to bear fruit.

Thus it would be wonderful if, together, we can close the gap. The generosity of the St. Thomas community is one of its many strengths.

– Finance Council

### Thank You for Supporting St. Thomas

Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to make your gift today. We are grateful for your financial gifts enabling us to continue all of God's good works here at St. Thomas! Thank you!



## Wholly Holy

“The more aware you are of your body, thoughts, emotions and connection to God, the more freedom of choice you have, and the more awareness of your wholeness and holiness.”

The above is the first thought in a series entitled “Wholly Holy” which will provide reflections on a variety of topics: the health of your mind, body, or emotions, spirituality, facing uncertainty, dealing with loss or grief, life challenges or transitions, parenting, and many others, as well as reflections on the feast days of the year and the preparation for them. Here is the first reflection:

Your body is considered to be the most complex entity in the universe: a marvelous machine of various cells, systems and functions all intimately connected and entirely infused with Spirit. Everything you think, say, do, and all of your emotions have an effect on every part of your body. So, get to know it. Take time, even if for just a few minutes a day, to become aware of, learn from, and thank God for the whole of your amazing body.

“Lord, I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”  
Psalm 139

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 30, 2026

9:00 am–12:00 pm Care Pantry Packing, Gym  
7:00–8:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Center

### Tuesday, March 31, 2026

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  
7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church

### Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center

### Thursday, April 2, 2026

Holy Thursday

### Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday  
Offices Closed

### Saturday, April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday

### Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

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# Welcome

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### Church Office and Building Hours

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm  
Monday through Thursday and  
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday.  
The reception desk in the  
Gathering Area is staffed  
8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;  
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday; and  
9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.  
*Schedule subject to change.*

### Pastor

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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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