



APRIL

5

2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Then the other disciple also
went in, the one who had
arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.”*

John 20:8

**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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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.



Liturgy and Music News

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

Dancing in Easter Joy

During Lent, our entrance processions were simple and restrained, reflecting the quiet of the desert. But Easter changes everything. The silence breaks. The Church bursts into light, song — and movement. In that joy, we embrace liturgical dance as a way of proclaiming what words alone cannot contain: Christ is risen.

Sacred movement is deeply biblical. In Exodus, Miriam dances after the crossing of the Red Sea. In 2 Samuel, David “dances before the Lord with all his might.” The Psalms urge us to “praise his name with dancing.” Worship has always engaged the whole person — heart, voice and body. Dance can be a permissible corporate expression of praise as long as it is done “decently and in order” (1 Cor 14:40). The Church affirms this embodied prayer. Sacrosanctum Concilium calls for full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy — participation that includes gesture and movement. *Varietates Legitimae* recognizes that cultural forms, including movement, can reverently serve worship. In the 20th century, particularly after the Second Vatican Council, the Church reflected anew on how the arts — music, visual art and movement — can serve the liturgy with theological integrity. When used appropriately, dance is not performance; it is prayer in motion. When we incorporate liturgical dance at Easter, it is not for novelty's sake. It is an embodied proclamation of the Resurrection. The tomb is empty. Death is defeated. The Church cannot remain still. If you feel drawn to share your gifts in this ministry, we would be honored to welcome you. Please contact Scott Knisley at sknisley@stapostle.org for more information. Let us praise God with our voices — and with our very steps.

Easter Blessings

From our homes to yours, may you experience the light, love and joy of this Holy Season. We pray that Christ's peace and love flow with you gently as you experience God's embrace.

The Liturgy Office
Scott, Lori and Kay

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

Take Holy Water Home

This weekend, you are invited to come to the Baptismal font in the sanctuary and take a container of Holy Water home for your use in family prayer. Here are some ways to use Holy Water in prayer:

- When you get up in the morning or go to bed at night, bless yourself with the Holy Water to remind you that you are a Christian, protected by the Cross of Christ.
- Sign the Cross on your children's foreheads with Holy Water as you tuck them into bed at night.
- Bless the rooms of your house by sprinkling Holy Water in each room and on the doorways.

Join Us!

Has it been a while since you've graced the doors of St. Thomas? St. Thomas is a spiritual home, a place where people can form relationships, sink roots, grow and be supported in their lives and in their relationship with God and one another. Please join us, and realize that you belong to us, for you belong to Christ! Come back to us and find once again a place to bring your burdens and find love and mercy. Now and always, all are welcome here!

Eucharistic Adoration

First Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, April 12, at 7:00 pm in observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. All are welcome.

Presider Schedule for April 11-12

Saturday, April 11

4:30 pm: Fr. John Regan

Sunday, April 12

8:00am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon John Freund

6:00 pm: Fr. John Regan

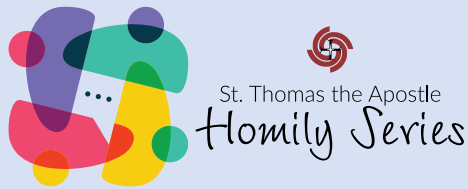
Presider schedule subject to change.



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As we celebrate the dawn of Easter, let us recognize that this is where The Radical Way of Discipleship ultimately leads us – to resurrection joy!

Of course, the path of faith is ongoing. We invite you to visit the Homily Series page on our website, where you can find the Reminders and Resources document that covers each week of the series, as well as an archive of past homilies.



“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, through The Radical Way of Discipleship, changed your mind and awakened you to resurrection life?

Homily Series seeks to intentionally welcome newcomers to St. Thomas, to deepen our discipleship by focusing on a shared topic together, and to strengthen our community through meaningful engagement.



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.

Join us for Fun and Fellowship at this year’s Ministry Fair.

- Help us celebrate our Ministries and Teams
- Learn about St. Thomas activities and where your talents might fit.
- Come for food and fun activities, a children’s game area, free blood pressure screening and a \$1 book sale!

And much more! The Fair will be held in the Gym. See you there! All are Welcome

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 6, 2026

Monday, within the Octave of Eastery

8:30 am †Walter Malinowski by Dan and Sonia Trasatt

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Edward Ziegler by Phyllis Wempe

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am Seminarians in the Diocese of Joliet

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am St. Thomas Parishioners in Nursing Facilities

Friday, April 10, 2026

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am For First Responders

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am For all Caregivers
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Joanna Vesper by Mark Vesper
†Gene Buonamici by Janice Buonamici

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 am †Niven Owings by Al and Wendy Pinto
9:30 am People of St. Thomas
11:15 am Victims of Natural Disasters
6:00 pm Teachers and Students



FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee (Mark 1:16-17), he noticed some fishermen and he called them to “Come after me” Sometimes scripture uses the language of “Follow me.” (Mark 2:14) What was he asking of these fishermen and later, of Levi the tax collector? He was asking them to look beyond their former way of life and truly embrace the godly. They probably already thought they were following the godly. They were faithful Jews who likely prayed daily, attended their local synagogue every Sabbath and made pilgrimages to the Temple on the required annual feasts. What else did they need to do?

Jesus wanted them to share in his work and that meant to elevate God to be the first priority in their lives. That’s how Jesus lived. Everywhere he went, he taught people about God. He invited them to learn God’s ways and to enter more deeply into a trusting and loving relationship with God. Jesus made a call on the lives of these men who would become his closest disciples. He invited them to learn from him and then teach and model that to others – like us. Jesus was fulfilling the call on his life to preach and teach about his – and our – Heavenly Father. That call included his sacrificial death and resurrection to new life. That is what we are celebrating today. Happy Easter!

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 10:00–11:00 am 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.

What Are You Looking For?

“Seek and you will find,” says Jesus. If you or someone you know is seeking meaning and purpose in life and might be interested in exploring the Catholic faith, the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) awaits you. Find welcome, a place to ask questions and a space to discover your own spirituality. Weekly Sunday sessions explore the Scriptures and aspects of Catholic faith – and you can begin any time. For more information or to ask questions, please contact Chari Rosales, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at 630.355.8980, x138 or crosales@stapostle.org. I look forward to talking with you.

Young Adults Welcome

Young Adults (ages 19-39) meet each Monday from 7:00–8:30 pm at St. Thomas for a Bible Study. As we begin this season of Easter, join us as we follow the disciples from Jesus’ resurrection through Pentecost. Please reach out to ym@stapostle.org with any questions.

CREW

Our next Middle School Youth Group event is Sunday, April 12, from 4:15–5:45 pm in the St. Thomas Gym. All students in grades 6–8 are welcome: Connect with others. Reflect on the Bible. Energize through open gym and team-building activities. Witness by being kind and participating in 6:00 pm Mass. We end with pizza and treats. Please register by scanning the QR Code.



Religious Education 2026–27

All are welcome May 31 in the Gym after the 9:30 am Mass as we kick off registration (PreK-Confirmation) for the 2026–27 school year. Join us for ice cream, a craft to carry us into summer and receive a \$50 discount on registration.

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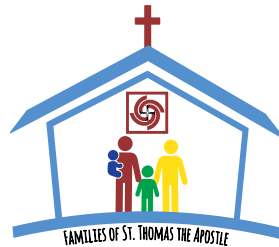


Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

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 for details.

Families of St. Thomas

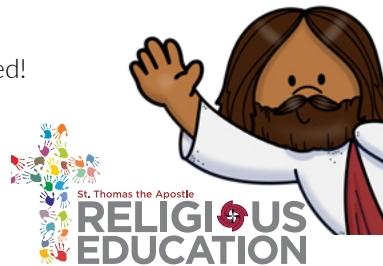
Join our Facebook group for the Families of St. Thomas. This is a space to stay connected, share events/resources, prayer requests and build community beyond Sunday. Search "Families of St. Thomas" on Facebook and request to join.

First 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

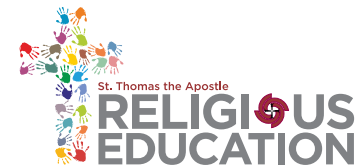
Last class April 11

Upcoming Monday Sessions

Last class April 13

Registration for next year will open in May. Please note, as you plan ahead, our Monday classes are moving to Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm, at St. Thomas.

Please reach out to Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org with any questions, suggestions or feedback.



Elementary Religious Education

Classes have completed for the year. Thank you to all of the Catechists, Aides, Helpers, and Coordinators who were involved in making it a blessed year full of learning and fun!

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 PreK 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.

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.

An Easter Message

“When we follow Jesus, the path is often through darkness to what looks to the world – to us – like failure and defeat. But when we ourselves carry the message of Jesus – when we live the life of Jesus here and now, when we, too, confront the world around us with the blessedness of those poor, those outcast, those foreigners, those women, those voiceless for whom Jesus gave his life – we carry within ourselves the promise of new life. We live the ongoing message of the Resurrection itself: What comes in the name of Jesus will not die. The darkness will not overcome it as long as we ourselves never blow out the light of Truth in our own hearts. Alleluia.” (Joan Chittister, O.S.B.)

Thank you for letting the light of Truth shine brightly in your hearts. Because of the many ways you generously give of your time, talent and treasure, the Outreach and Social Justice Office can offer hope and, at times, the promise of new life to others. You are in our prayers as we strive to continue to live the ongoing message of the Resurrection.

Happy Easter!
Peggy and Nicole

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

Thank you for your support of this year’s Lenten Project. The funds being collected will be used to assist St. Agnes Parish on the Pine Ridge Reservation, specifically to help with much needed repairs and updates to Tekawitha Hall, their ministry center.



You can return your donation box by placing the contents of your box in the glass cylinders in the Gathering Area or Narthex. If you wish to contribute by writing a check, the check should be made out to St. Thomas OSJ with Lenten Project in the memo line. Or you can donate online (scan the QR code). We hope to have donations received by April 12. Your donation helps St. Agnes Parish to continue to be a vital source of hope, support, and stability for the people of St. Agnes and those in the surrounding communities.



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 or rachelsvineyard.org.

Update from Fr. Frantzdy

During a March 12 conversation, Fr. Frantzdy shared an update on the situation in Duchity as well as news about his health. The key points are summarized below:

Health Concerns:

Fr. Frantzdy continues to experience persistent back pain. He needs to travel to Port-au-Prince for a medical scan. Due to safety concerns, the only viable route requires flying to Cap-Haïtien and then taking a helicopter to Port-au-Prince. He estimates that the transportation alone will cost about \$700.

Security Situation:

Conditions in Port-au-Prince remain very dangerous. A priest was kidnapped by gangs February 6, and his status is still unknown. Duchity remains mostly safe, though it has become increasingly difficult to identify who may be affiliated with gangs.

Education in Duchity:

Schools are preparing for their second-quarter exams. Fr. Frantzdy emphasized that St. Thomas is the sole supporter of education in Duchity, as most parents are unable to contribute financially.

School Repair Needs:

The school buildings need repairs, and many of the classroom benches and chairs must be replaced.

Concerns About Abuse:

Fr. Frantzdy spoke at length about his desire to provide abuse-prevention training for the young women of Duchity. Because the school grounds are not fenced, inappropriate and abusive behavior sometimes occurs on the property. Confronting the perpetrators is challenging, especially because they are often men and parents from the community. This situation weighs heavily on him.

Please continue to keep Fr. Frantzdy and the people of Duchity in your prayers.

Ordinary People ... Radical Servants What They Teach Us About Being Forces for Good

Across six weeks of Lent, the Outreach and Social Justice office offered six examples of radical servants. These stories of radical servants — some well known, some quietly heroic — offer a consistent and powerful message: ordinary people can transform the world when they lead with love, courage and solidarity. What did we learn from these ‘ordinary extraordinary servants’?

They teach us the power of proximity.

Fr. Greg Boyle and Bryan Stevenson both show that healing and justice begin when we draw near to suffering rather than avoid it. Transformation flows from kinship, mercy, and the refusal to judge another’s worth.

They remind us that faithfulness sometimes looks like staying.

Jean Donovan’s witness shows that radical service is not always dramatic; it can be the steady, compassionate decision to remain with those who are vulnerable — especially when it costs something.

They show that courage has no required age or status.

St. Joan of Arc demonstrates that answering God’s call depends not on earthly qualifications but on the willingness to act boldly for the good of others, even in the face of risk or misunderstanding.

They model integrity and moral courage in public life.

Fr. Ted Hesburgh’s leadership reveals that faith calls us not to retreat from difficult issues but to engage them with moral clarity. Speaking truth, pursuing justice and “staying at the table” are forms of holiness.

For more about ordinary people, radical servants, please visit stapostle.org.

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 marempe630@hotmail.com or 630.344.2992.



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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

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.

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 PRegistration@hotmail.com or 630.728.3227.



From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

One of the most profound experiences of Easter that I had was in the Spring of 2002 when I attended Paschal Vespers at the University of Notre Dame. This was my first experience completing the cycle of Easter prayer and it changed the way I thought about life (and the afterlife) forever. The best way to explain it is through the following quote from St. Augustine's Easter homily (411) that was read as a part of the service.

"Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God for it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar that possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain."

May you know the joy of Easter. Alleluia!

Wholly Holy: What Nourishment Do You Choose?

Many of us probably have a pretty good idea what is healthy to eat, and what is not. Knowing the importance of healthy eating, why do we reach for the chips or the ice cream when we're really not hungry? Is it just because they taste good, or from boredom? Or might it be that there is some anxiety that needs to be soothed ... or some emptiness that needs to be filled ... or some sorrow that needs comfort ... some lack of sweetness that begs for sugar, or some discontent that yearns to be satisfied?

Eating consciously is one way of living consciously. When we are not making conscious choices in something so nourishing as healthy food, how consciously are we making other choices? How conscious am I of what I really want or need, what I really yearn for? What is it in me that really needs soothing, or comfort or satisfaction? During Lent and the Easter season, we learn that Jesus was very much aware of what he was doing, and what he was facing. On the day of Passover, he was clear about his intention with the Passover meal (which was comprised of healthy foods according to the Jewish law), and he was clear about what lay ahead: a path that he willingly chose, and was able to do so, because he turned to his Father in prayer and trust. Perhaps when we're making our choices, we can turn to the Father in prayer and trust.

"Happy those who trust in you, O Lord." Psalm 83:13

Save the date

St. Dymphna Mass

Monday, May 11 | 7:00 pm

Monday, May 11 is the feast of St. Dymphna patroness of Mental Health.

Please join us for this beautiful Mass as we pray for all those who suffer the pain of mental and emotional illness, their friends, family, and all those who work to bring hope and healing.

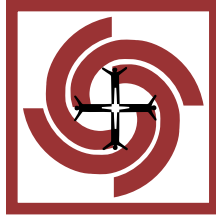
ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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

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 February 2026	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$54,230
Credit card online giving	\$24,174
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$46,731
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$42,304
Sunday Collection Offering – February 2026	\$167,439
Sunday Collection Goal – February 2026	\$162,670
Above/(Below) Goal for month	\$4,769
Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 2/28/26	\$1,410,476
Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 2/28/26	\$1,452,277
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 2/28/26	(\$41,801)

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 6, 2026

Offices Closed for Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Donations, Outside
 9:30–11:30 am Prime Time, Team, Judea
 5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Donations, Outside

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 10:00–11:30 am Faith Formation Mtg, Cana
 10:30 am–12:00 pm Hope Café, Resource Center
 6:30–8:30 pm FSFG, Galilee

Thursday, April 9, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
 9:30–11:00 am PrimeTime Christmas planning, Cana
 6:30–8:30 pm LIFE Community Night, Gym and Youth Center
 6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse
 6:45–8:45 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Church

Friday, April 10, 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30–9:45 am RE Elementary and Middle Schools, St. Thomas Church
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men’s Group, Judea
 9:00 am–4:00 pm ALPHA Retreat, Gym and Lighthouse
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
 5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:00 am–1:00 pm. Donuts, Gym
 9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
 10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel
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