



APRIL
19
2026

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:35

**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
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.

No 6:00 pm Mass During the Summer

The last 6:00 pm Mass of this season will be Sunday, May 3. The Mass will take a summer break and resume in the fall with renewed spirit and energy!

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.

Presider Schedule for April 25–26

Saturday, April 25

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, April 26

8:00 am: Fr. John Regan

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzone

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

6:00 pm: Fr. John Regan, Deacon John Freund

Presider schedule subject to change.

Christian Meditation

Join in Christian Meditation Mondays 6:45–7:45 pm at the Chapel of St. Patrick's Residence (across the parking lot from St. Thomas). You are welcome to join any time.

A group from St. Thomas has been meditating there for seven years. We sit in quiet for 20 minutes, take a quiet meditative walk, then sit for another 20 minutes. This is a time to pause, to be in silence and to allow God some space within us. Meditation helps us grow in relationship with God, with Spirit, with each other. It can help with anxiety, depression and letting go of many thoughts and concerns and can also draw us closer to that "peace that is beyond all understanding."

Everyone is welcome to attend weekly or whenever they choose. If there are any questions about meditation or our group, please contact Mary Doolen at 630.379.8283 or Mdoo109@sbcglobal.net or Larry Hjorth at 630.636.8910. We would be very happy to talk with you or share our experience.

Daily Readings



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



Alpha News

Following the grace-filled Alpha Spring Retreat on April 11, we're filled with gratitude for all who participated and for the ways God continues to work through this ministry. The group took time out for the photo above.



We're excited to share that our next Alpha session begins Monday, September 14, with registration opening August 10.

All past Alpha participants are warmly invited to a reunion gathering on August 10 – a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and celebrate your journey.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Invitation Sunday on August 23, and consider inviting a friend, family member or neighbor to experience Alpha.

Fr. Peter's heartfelt prayer is that every parishioner takes part in Alpha. It's for everyone – no matter where you are in your faith journey – and offers a welcoming space to grow closer to God and one another.

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: Edgar and Andrea Reynoso and family and Michael and Maria Prekop

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



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The St. Thomas Ministry Fair is Coming — And You're Invited!

In the weeks leading up to the fair, you'll see inspiring quotes and short videos highlighting the many ministries that bring our parish to life. This week's feature comes from our Music Ministry — scan the QR code to watch and listen to the beautiful music that contributes to inspiring liturgies and helps lead us in prayer each week.



As parishioner Penny Fruechte beautifully reflects, "Sharing the Word with others and sharing our stories together deepens our faith and connections. We are blessed with a leader who shares her knowledge and insights which leads us to see how the Scripture we're studying is so applicable to our lives and world events. Bible study is a blessing."

These glimpses are just the beginning of the many ways you can believe, belong and make a difference here at St. Thomas.

Join us for fun, fellowship and a celebration of our amazing ministry teams:

- Saturday, May 16 | 5:30–6:30 pm
- Sunday, May 17 | 8:45 am–1:30 pm
- Parish Gym

Come explore where your gifts might fit, meet fellow parishioners and enjoy:

- Food and family-friendly fun
- A children's game area
- Free blood pressure screenings
- A \$1 book sale
- And so much more!

Whether you're looking to get involved or just curious to learn more, there's something for everyone. We can't wait to see you there — all are welcome!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Fr Jim Curtin by Cheryl and Ron Witkowski
Special Intention for Jim Cotton by Diane Lord
- 8:00 am †Juan Luviano by Deacon and Carolyn Cuzzone
- 9:30 am †Chuck Buckman by Marie
†Kevin Bauler by Joan Tabaka
- 11:15 am People of St. Thomas
- 6:00 pm †Michael James and Coletta O'Brien by Aunt Megan McGeary

Monday, April 20, 2026

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ernesto Lopez by Amy De Guzman

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am Special Intention for Linda Bailey by Phyllis Cliff

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †The Geevarghese Family by Kathy Geevarghese

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †James Vail by Kathy Edmunds

Friday, April 24, 2026

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ben Rosales by Chari Rosales

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Saturday St. Mark, Evangelist

- 8:30 am Residents of care facilities in our parish
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Mike Hague by The Shenkwiler Family
†Chuck Buckman by Tom and Nancy Kuhl

Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am †Oswald Noronha by Noronha Family
- 9:30 am †Kevin Bauler by Joan Tabaka
†Judie Boyla by Kathy and Bob Updike
- 11:15 am †Michael Crowell by Jean and Ron Delaney
- 6:00 pm People of St. Thomas



FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E CORNER

Let's take a look at some additional words and actions from Jesus that can help form us as Christian disciples. The gospels are filled with the encouraging words of Jesus that follow the theme of harboring no fear. This comes in a variety of forms: "take courage" (Mark 6:50);



"do not be afraid" (Matthew 28:10); "do not worry about your life" (Luke 12:22); "do not worry about tomorrow" (Matthew 6:34). In fact, there are hundreds of references throughout scripture that essentially tell people to not be afraid. Why is this so prevalent in scripture?

Why does Jesus reprise this advice? There are many legitimate things to be afraid of. But we humans fear a lot of things we don't need to, because they never actually materialize or they are out of our control and not worth worrying about.

Jesus wanted people to focus on the bigger picture, as he did. So he told them "do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul ..." (Matthew 10:28). This is part of what we are still celebrating in this current Easter season. Jesus wanted people to remember that their lives were of great value, no matter what their society told them or how they were treated. That's why Jesus called his disciples "friends" (John 15:15). Their lives mattered to God, who would keep them in his name (John 17:11). Can we convince ourselves to remember that ultimately God is in control of everything?

Evening with Author Grant Avery

Faith and Science: Awe, Silence and the Search for Meaning

Join us Monday, April 27, from 7:00–8:30 pm for a unique and inspiring evening with author Grant Avery whose upcoming book, *Messages from a Quiet Land*, explores the intersection of faith, science and the human search for meaning.

Grant spent 501 days living and working in Antarctica, where moments of profound beauty and silence opened the door to deeper spiritual insight. Through personal stories and reflection, he will share how experiences of awe, quiet and wonder can lead us to a greater awareness of God — even in the midst of our busy and distracted lives.

This evening will include two short presentations and time for questions and conversation.

All are welcome — especially adults, young adults and older teens who are interested in the relationship between faith and science and the search for deeper meaning in life.

Come and discover how God can be found in both the quiet moments and the wonder of the world around us.

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.

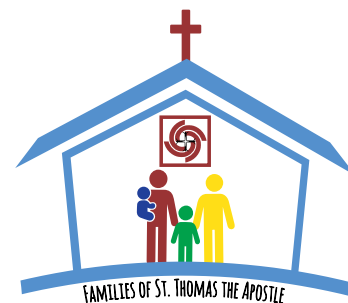
Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

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.



Little Sheep Club

We have rebranded our church nursery as the Little Sheep Club, and it is open every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass. Children walking age 1 to age 4 are welcome to join their little peers to play while parents/guardians worship in the Church. No pre-registration required. Any questions, or if you would like to join this ministry, please reach out to Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org.

First Communicant Letters to St. Thomas the Apostle 2026

Dear St. Thomas Church...

In a few weeks I will be making my first Communion. I am very happy. If you could say a prayer for me the day would be even more special. Thank you.

I am about to get my First Communion in May, and I am very excited to receive the body of Christ for the first time. Both of my siblings have already received it at church many times, so soon my whole family will receive Communion. Please pray for me as I'm getting ready for my First Communion. Thank you!

I'm excited for my first communion. It's on April 27th I want to do good. Please help me. Thank you St. Thomas

I am very excited and happy for my Holy Communion and pray for me and give me wishes for my Holy Communion. Thank you!

This year I'm having my First Communion. I am happy and scared. I am happy because it sounds fun and I'm getting closer to Jesus. and I'm scared because I could mess up. Please pray for me. Thank you.

I am getting my holy communion in April 27th. Please pray for me.

I am getting my First Communion in April, and I am excited. My brother and sister both take Communion at mass and now I will get to too! I am also worried because I think I am going to make a mistake. Please pray for me so I do well. Thank you for your support.

My First communion is in May. Please pray for me.

I love the church. I love the people.

Thank you so much for praying for me I'm excited (a little).

Thank you for thinking of me. I'm getting ready for my First communion. I am excited for it.

Thank you so much for praying for me. I have been having a great time at St. Thomas. So God bless you and God bless this church.

Thank you for letting me come to your church. I am happy that you prayed and are praying for me. I really appreciate it.

I am so excited for my first communion. Thank you for praying for me.

Thank you for my life. It's exciting to receive the body of Christ. I hope peace remains in your days.

Today it is the last day of church and I pray every day.

In two weeks is my First Communion. I am really excited and nervous can you pray for me please.

I am excited for my first communion.

This year I am making my holy communion I am really excited but also a little bit nervous Please pray for me that it goes well and I will pray for you too. I can't wait to receive the body of Christ.

I am so excited for my first communion but I am a little nervous too. I am excited for summer Please pray for us as we go through first communion. I will pray for you too.

I'm very excited 1st holy communion on May 3 and do the reading on my 1st holy communion. I like when people do the reading and this year I'll be good if I do bad I will be very sorry. :)

I am very excited for 1st communion I am also scared for communion. I love the taste of Eucharist bread I pray for everyone that is scared for communion.

I am really nervous for my first communion but I'm excited and I am really excited for next year.

I felt bad for Jesus because He was on the cross in Pain. He didn't have to do that, but we love him back, because he did that for us. Also we thank him for doing that. We wish we can do something kind back We wish he can come down from heaven. And God gave us his Body and Blood. He gave us a beautiful Earth with flowers, trees, and clouds. Christmas Eve is Jesus Birthday. Easter is his lucky day. He died on Easter. We love Jesus and God. Everyone loves them. We are not happy when the guards put Jesus on the cross. It's not fair for Jesus! But he did that for us anyways. Because they gave us hope and love.

I am getting my First Communion at the end of April and I am really looking forward to celebrating this important sacrament. I've enjoyed watching my parents and my older brother receive communion at mass and it has made me even more excited! Please pray for me as



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.



High School Students – Steubenville 2026 “Worthy”

We are gathering a group to attend the Steubenville conference at Benedictine University in Lisle, June 26-28. This overnight event helps teens to encounter the love of Christ and is open to students finishing grades 8-12. Email Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org for more information or to express interest.

Confirmation Prayers

Congratulations to our High School students who were Confirmed Saturday, April 18. Please keep them in your prayers: May their hearts be filled with wisdom; may they feel God’s presence guiding them; may they be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to share God’s love with others.

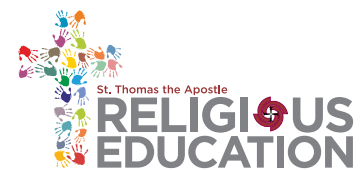
High School Nights

All students in grades 9-12 are welcome on Thursday nights at St. Thomas from 7:00-8:30 pm to connect with other teens, pray, play games, have snacks and hang out. Please reach out to Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org with any questions, suggestions or feedback about our High School programs. Feedback is especially welcome as we plan for next year.

Middle School Faith Formation

Classes are finished for the year. Thank you to all of the catechists, aides and assistants in the program who dedicate their time to accompanying our youth in faith!

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



CREW May 3



Our last gathering of the year is Sunday, May 3, from 4:15-5:45 pm in the Gym. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome as we **C**onnect with each other; **R**eflect on our faith; **E**nergize with food and games; and **W**itness through kindness and

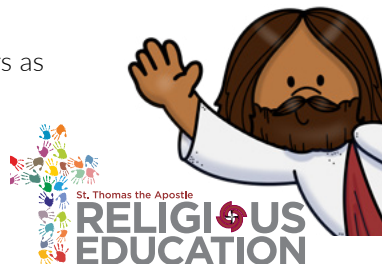


involvement at the last 6:00 pm Mass of the year. RSVP by scanning the QR code.

First Communion News

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.

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



Elementary Religious Education

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!

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.

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



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

Thank you for your support of this year's Lenten Project. As of April 10, donations totaled \$22,977. The OSJ office will provide a final donation total once the information is available. Thank you for providing St. Agnes a place to gather. Your generosity is a beacon of hope to St. Agnes and allows them to be a beacon of hope to the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

An Earth Day Reflection ... Earth Examen of Consciousness

I pause to recall that I am in the presence; ... of our Creator God who looked with pleasure on everything God had made; ... of Jesus who delighted in the flowers of the field and the birds of the air; ... of the Spirit of wind and flame, the energy that fills the cosmos.

- I ask for the grace to see creation as God sees it – both with delight in its wonders, and with a heart broken by the cries of Earth and of the people suffering the disastrous impact of climate change.
- I recall some moments when I delighted in creation today – e.g. in a sunrise, a flower, an animal companion, in an experience of human goodness.
- I recall with gratitude some moments when I chose to live in loving relationship with creation – e.g. when I was careful in my use of water or electricity, when I made healthy food choices for myself and for Earth.
- I pray for the grace of conversion for the moments in my day when I failed to live in loving relationship with creation – e.g. when I was too rushed or busy for wonder and awe; when I was wasteful or thoughtless, when I failed to treat people and other creatures with respect.
- I look with desire and hope toward tomorrow. What is one thing I might choose to do to live in deeper harmony with God, myself, other people, all creation?

This Earth Examen of Consciousness was adapted from a prayer written by Fr. Terrence Moran for the Land Ethic Committee, Sisters of St Joseph of Peace.

Garden Donations for Care Pantry

Thank you for the beautiful garden produce that you donated to our pantry last year. We will soon be offering the same opportunity for produce donations on future Care Pantry distribution days. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming bulletins. In the meantime, consider adding a plant dedicated to Care Pantry donations as you plant your gardens. Our pantry families truly appreciate receiving fresh produce.

Soup and Bread Night Results

The Lector Ministry sponsored their 31st Soup and Bread Night March 25. Special thanks to the Lector Ministry for continuing this meaningful Lenten tradition and thank you to AJ Albinak from the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights for delivering a powerful talk and opening our eyes to the plight of unaccompanied children at the border. It was an evening of great soups, delicious breads, meaningful sharing and prayer.

The free will donations totaled \$6,800 and will benefit the Young Center. Thank you to those who attended, brought soup/bread, donated and helped to make the evening very special!

Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip 2026

There will be an information meeting for those considering a Habitat mission trip Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center. This year's trip is planned to depart Sunday, June 14, and return Saturday, June 20. The cost per person is \$275. The fee covers expenses for gas, all meals in Mississippi and your lodging. There is no need to be concerned about your construction skills because there will be someone there who can help you or teach you. A Habitat for Humanity mission trip is so much fun ... consider being a part of this year's trip.



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.

OSJ Ministry Opportunities

Soon we imagine, with God, this circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away."

~ Gregory Boyle, Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion

On May 16 and 17, you will be invited to stop by the gym and visit the Ministry Fair. This will provide a chance for you to learn more about all the ministry opportunities at St. Thomas, including the ministries in the areas of outreach and social justice.

The Outreach Justice Ministries include the Care Pantry, Care Pantry Garden, Habitat for Humanity, Haiti Twinning, Lakota Nation Relationship, Hesed House PADS (Aurora), Couriers of Compassion Prison Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Transition Housing Ministry, PATH Jobs Ministry, Art Fair Committee and Golf Outing Committee.

The Social Justice Ministries include DuPage United, Housing Alliance, Immigration/Refugee Initiative, Pax Christi, USA, Respect Life Ministry, St. Nicholas Relationship, Inclusive Justice Initiative and Care for Creation.

All of these ministries offer a chance to reach out to those who are marginalized and to meet Christ there. If you would like more information about any of the outreach and social justice ministries, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123 or Nicole Hankes at nhankes@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x113 for more information.

Thank you for many ways you help us to form a circle of compassion.

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 diojoliet.org or rachelvineyard.org.

Her Story, Holy Story – A Thank You

Throughout Women's History Month, our parish community was invited to reflect on the women who have shaped our faith – mothers, grandmothers, teachers, mentors, saints and friends. Through your participation in our "Her Story, Holy Story" bulletin board, you helped bring to life a powerful witness: that faith is so often passed on through relationship, example and love.

Each name shared tells a sacred story. Together, they form a tapestry of courage, compassion, wisdom and quiet strength – reminding us that God works through the lives of ordinary and extraordinary women alike.

Thank you for taking the time to honor the women who have guided you closer to Christ. May their witness continue to inspire us, and may we, in turn, be a source of faith and encouragement for others.



Easter Reflection from Pax Christi

"We know that Jesus did not come back to life with a message of vengeance or a desire to demonstrate his power by inflicting suffering on those who harmed him. His power was already fully on display, and his Easter message was to send his disciples to proclaim peace and forgiveness.

Who could forget Pope Francis' plea for peace throughout the world last Easter, the final full day of his life? And Pope Leo began announcing peace as soon as he was presented to the people as the new Bishop of Rome. The work of peace is not easy, but we are already guaranteed success. Christ is Risen! Indeed he is risen! And he sends us forth as ambassadors of his peace!"

~Taken from "Peace Compels Us", Easter, April 5 reflection



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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

Spiritual Direction

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

PrimeTime

April 21, 10:00 am, Lighthouse Music Therapist Mary Helen Ekstam

Feast of St. Dymphna Mass

Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm

Grief Support

Call 630.355.8990, x124 for information

May 13 "Hope Café"

10:30 am-12:00 pm Resource Room

St. Thomas Ministry Fair

May 16 and 17 after all Masses Stop by our table for a gift!

Blood Pressure Screening

At the Ministry Fair May 16-17

PrimeTime

May 19, 10:00 am, End of year Celebration!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 21, 10:00 am Emmaus Room

PrimeTime April Event

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.



Wholly Holy: Movement Matters

Movement is Magic: it increases life-giving oxygen to all of your cells, and removes toxins and waste.

Movement is Medicine: it is linked to improvement in many diseases such as heart disease, autoimmune disease, osteoarthritis, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, low back pain, and it keeps joints fluid.

Movement impacts Mental Health: it is linked to improvement of stress, depression, dementia, Alzheimer's, sleep, anxiety and ADHD.

Movement creates Momentum: it initiates a powerful feedback loop that positively affects your brain, creativity, sense of well being, sense of self and connection to Spirit.

Movement is Music to your body so "praise the His name in the festive dance!"

~Psalm 149:3

Good News: Movement does not require "exercise!" It can simply mean, for example, walking, stretching, taking the stairs, vacuuming, standing on one leg for several seconds and playing any sport!

"Keep squeezing drops of sun ... from the most significant movements of your holy body."

~Hafiz

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 March 2026					
Envelopes and loose cash					\$64,855
Credit card online giving					\$24,614
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)					\$46,726
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts					\$30,387
Sunday Collection Offering – March 2026					\$166,582
Sunday Collection Goal – March 2026					\$162,509
Above/(Below) Goal for month					\$4,073
Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 3/31/26					\$1,577,057
Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 3/31/26					\$1,614,786
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 3/31/26					(\$37,729)
2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 4/7/26					
	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 vs 2025 YTD	2025 Final	2025 Final vs 2026 YTD
Parish Appeal Goal*	\$178,100	\$170,100	\$8,000	\$170,100	\$8,000
Parish Amount Pledged	\$159,238	\$152,283	\$6,955	\$240,755	(\$81,517)
Unpaid pledges	\$23,034	\$48,571	(\$25,537)	\$5,826	(\$17,208)
Paid to Date	\$136,204	\$103,712	\$32,492	\$234,929	(\$98,725)
Number of Appeal Donors	428	468	(40)	597	(169)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal) Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal				\$45,380	
*Our annual goal for the CMAA is higher this year than for 2025 because St. Thomas Sunday giving is up. Thank you for your generosity!					

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 20, 2026

6:30–8:30 pm Middle School Catechists, Lighthouse
 7:00–8:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Center
 7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
 2:00–3:30 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
 3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir Church
 7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church
 7:00–8:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:00–8:00 pm OSJ Council, Senior Center
 7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse
 7:00–8:30 pm Genesis Rehearsal, Church

Friday, April 24, 2026

6:45–8:15 pm CREW, Gym

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Judea
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
 4:30–5:30 pm First Communion Mass, Church

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel
 11:00 am–12:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class, Judea
 11:15 am–12:15 pm First Communion Mass, Church
 1:30–2:30 pm Baptism, Church

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Funerals: Call Lori Culberson, x120, for pre-planning or immediate need.

Religious Education: Call 630.355.8980 x109 for PreK–5; x121 for grades 6–8; and x117 for high school.

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Counseling Resources: Call 630.355.8980.

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