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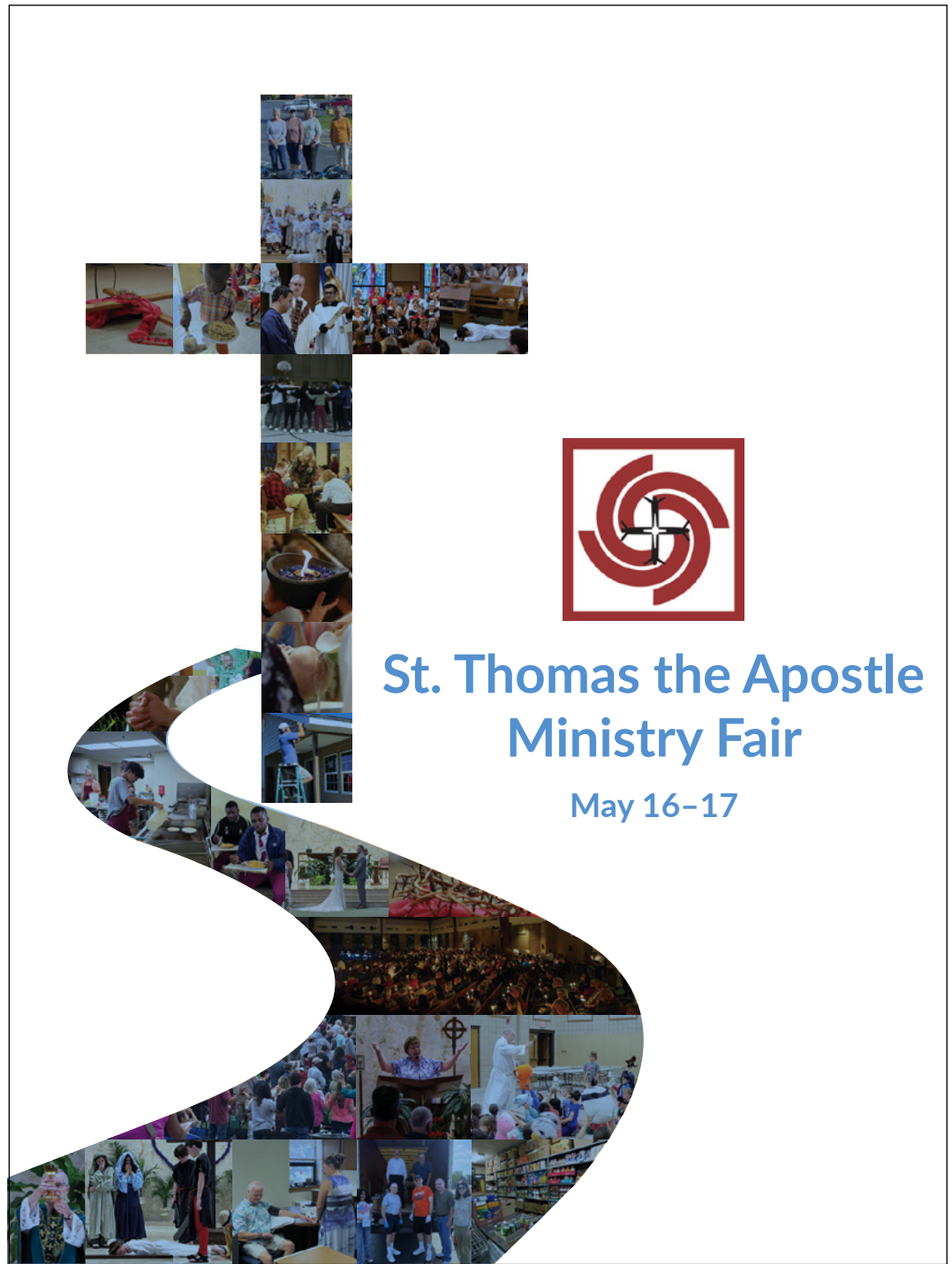
THE ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD

*[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

**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  
Ministry Fair**

May 16-17

**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 and 11:15 am

**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. No 6:00 pm Mass during the Summer months

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).

### Mother's Day Speakers

Last weekend, St. Thomas continued its long-standing tradition of having women from the parish offer a reflection at all Masses, sharing their story of motherhood. Each of the reflections are available on our website.

### No 6:00 pm Mass During the Summer

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

### 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.

### Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, May 25, St. Thomas will celebrate Mass at 8:30 am. The offices are closed and the building will be locked following the liturgy.

## Deacon Abel Luviano First Mass and Corpus Christi Procession

With great joy and gratitude, Deacon Abel Luviano will be ordained to the priesthood Saturday, June 6, at the Cathedral. *(Please note: this liturgy is ticketed and by invitation only.)*

However, our parish celebration will be Sunday, June 7, at the 11:15 am Mass at St. Thomas, where Fr. Abel will celebrate his first Mass; known as a Mass of Thanksgiving. All are warmly invited to be part of this special moment in his priesthood and in the life of our parish.

This day is also the Feast of Corpus Christi. At the conclusion to this Mass, we will continue our celebration with a Corpus Christi Procession in the neighborhood, giving witness to the real presence of Christ among us. After the procession, please join us for a reception as we celebrate Fr. Abel and this joyful day together. Come celebrate, give thanks and be part of this grace-filled moment for our parish family.

## Daily Readings



Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) for the daily readings.

## Presider Schedule for May 23–24

### Saturday, May 23

4:30 pm: Fr. John Regan

### Sunday, May 24

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. John Regan, Deacon John Freund

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzone

### No 6:00 pm Mass

*Presider schedule subject to change.*

## Opportunities to Lead Join the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and its Commissions invite dedicated individuals to help guide our parish community into the future. The PPC serves to unify all voices within St. Thomas the Apostle Community that represent various facets of parish life.



### Structure of the Pastoral Council

The PPC is formed by representatives from each of the five parish Commissions: Service and Outreach, Faith and Spiritual Growth, Parish Life, Worship and Finance.

The council also includes our parish priests and members-at-large, fostering a collaborative leadership environment.

### How You Can Help

We encourage you to consider sharing your gifts with the community by serving on one of these teams. Your involvement is vital to the growth and vibrancy of our parish.

### Get Involved

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a potential pastoral leader, please submit the name to [parishcouncil@stapostle.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stapostle.org) More details available at our Ministry Fair this weekend.



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## The St. Thomas Ministry Fair is This Weekend

What are you looking for?

What are your talents?

What do you like to do?

How do you want to serve?

The St. Thomas Ministry Fair has the answers!

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

Come explore where your gifts can shine:

- Discover how Faith Formation is teaching the next generation
- Learn how Outreach Ministries serve our local communities
- Explore Young Adult opportunities
- Visit Liturgy and Music and leave a note of thanks
- Get a sticker from Fr. Peter!
- Enjoy food, family-friendly fun and more

All are welcome – we can't wait to see you there!

### 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!

**A warm welcome to:** Antonyraj Iruthayaraj Louis and Beena Benedictaarul Phaddaeus and family and Larry, Denise, and Nicole Lemanski

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

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

*The Ascension of the Lord*

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

People of St. Thomas

8:30 am †Divine and Arthur Peria by the Noronha Family

9:30 am †Rebeca Norambuena by Paulina Jacobs

†Marge Jannotta by Joanne Wade

11:15 am Personal Intention by Marina Zilic

### Monday, May 18, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am †Mary Ellen O'Rourke by Kathy Edmunds

### Tuesday, May 19, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am Mary McCarthy for Healing

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am †Victoria Tiu Lo by Elizabeth Lo

### Thursday, May 21, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am †Edward Ziegler by Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Friday, May 22, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am †Jackie and Shawn Collins by The Collins Family

### Saturday, May 23, 2026

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 am Lynn Cruz for Healing by Ken West

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Rupert Malone by Mary

Special Intention for Jim Gettings by Diane Lord

### Sunday, May 24, 2026

*Pentecost Sunday*

8:30 am People of St. Thomas

9:30 am †Conor and John Vesper by Mark Vesper

†Chester and Irene Wojak by Ken Wojak

11:15 am Dominik Ivic by Marina Zilic



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## C.A.R.E CORNER

One distinct measure of love is the ability to forgive. We know Jesus was big on forgiveness and mercy. The world he lived in – not so much. The world we live in – not so much either. So Jesus said things like: “be reconciled with your brother” (Matthew 5:24); “settle with your opponent quickly” (Matthew 5:25); “love your enemies” (Matthew 5:44); and “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). Jesus wanted us to treat others with mercy (see Luke 10:37), which is what he did. The human powers-that-be of Jesus’ time seemed more inclined to judge people and their sins, to then bind them in those sins and hold them there in perpetuity. But are we any better at forgiveness?



Our news is filled with the many faults of our fellow humans, especially those who are public personas. Their foibles are considered to be newsworthy. We love to see rich and powerful people fall. We’re quick to condemn and slow to forgive. And once we know someone did something we find offensive, do we ever let go of that? To our minds, they tend to remain forever guilty. But Jesus said “Stop judging, that you may not be judged.” (Matthew 7:1) Judging is God’s job. But even Jesus said “I did not come to condemn the world ...” (John 12:47), yet he certainly had every right to do just that. Would we like to be judged according to the same standards of judgment we impose on others? Probably not! As Christians, we’re supposed to model mercy to the magnitude that Jesus did. Forgiveness is truly a divine attribute.

### School of Prayer

#### Praying to God as a Friend/Praying for Others

Join Jack Wilson-Beals Wednesday, May 20, as he leads us in Praying to God as a Friend/Praying for Others. We will look at Scriptural examples of praying to God as your friend and examine the biblical call to pray for others. We will also practice both types of prayer in our time together. 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.



#### The Book of Exodus in One Night

Oppression! Mass migration! Rebellion against political governing authorities! Modern day headlines or ancient human realities? This is the stuff Scripture is made of.

St. Thomas the Apostle presents The Book of Exodus in One Night Tuesday, June 2, from 7:00–9:00 pm at St. Thomas. Join us as we explore:

- The major themes of the Book.
- The importance of this story in the life of Israel.
- The plagues: natural or supernatural events?
- The trajectory of Moses’ relationship with God.
- The connections between the religious rituals and practices of our ancient ancestors in faith and those of our contemporary Church.

Please register by May 26 by emailing readmin@stapostle.org or call 630.355.8980.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION EVENT



**\$50  
OFF**

May 30-June 6  
ONLY

## May 31st

Join us in the Church  
Gym after 9:30 Mass to  
kick-off RE Registration

- Ice Cream
- Summer Craft
- Register for RE
- Receive \$50 discount  
if you register by  
June 6



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# FAQ



## **What days are Religious Education classes offered?**

### Elementary (PreK-5th)

Tuesdays at St. Thomas: 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturdays at All Saints Catholic Academy: 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

### Middle School

Tuesdays at St. Thomas: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Saturdays at All Saints Catholic Academy: 8:30-9:45 a.m.

### High School: Year 1 (typically freshman); Year 2 (typically sophomores)

Sundays at St. Thomas at 4:15-5:45 p.m. or 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Mondays at St. Thomas 7:00-8:30 p.m.

High School: Year 1: 10 sessions; Year 2, 8 sessions

## **What if I don't know my Fall Schedule yet?**

No problem! Please register for your current preference and let the RE office know it might change once your Fall schedule is confirmed. It helps so much to have registration numbers for ordering materials and planning classes specifically classrooms and teachers.

## **I want my child to receive First Communion. What do I need to do?**

Register your child for his/her grade level (Fall 2026.) The diocese requires two years of formal Religious Education before any sacrament. Standard First Communion preparation starts in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and in Spring of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children receive First Communion. We meet families where they are in their faith journey. If your child is starting preparation after 1st grade, no problem! Please note this on registration, and we will make sure your child has proper preparation.

## **When will my child be confirmed?**

St. Thomas confirms candidates in Spring of Year 2 (typically sophomore year.) The diocese requires two years of formal Religious Education before any sacrament. Year 1 (typically freshman year) is a required preparation year, and Year 2 (typically sophomore year) is the sacrament year.

## **What if I can't pay now?**

We understand, and please don't let that keep you from registering. We want to work with you. Please reach out to the RE office to discuss a payment plan or inquire about our Tuition Angel program. Also, consider volunteering! Catechists get full tuition fee waived and Aides get \$100 off tuition fee.

## **I would like to get involved with Faith Formation. How do I get involved?**

We would love to have you join our ministry! Our volunteers are critical to the success of our classes! If you would like to help, please reach out to Mrs. Goba at [cgoba@stapostle.org](mailto:cgoba@stapostle.org) for Elementary, Mrs. Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) for Middle School or Mrs. Kennedy at [REAdmin@stapostle.org](mailto:REAdmin@stapostle.org) for High School volunteer opportunities.



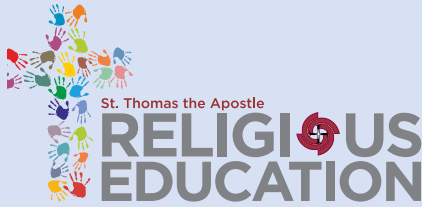


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## May 31 Religious Education Registration Event



Save the date for this fun summer event. Join us in the gym after 9:30 am Mass May 31 for ice cream, a summer craft and to register for Religious Education. A limited time \$50 discount will be offered May 30 through June 6. Mark your calendar now!



## We're Hiring!

We are seeking passionate and committed leaders to join the Faith Formation Team and serve as Youth Minister and to serve as Director of Religious Education to guide our young people through faith formation and preparation of the sacraments.



For the full job listings, scan the QR code, check the St. Thomas website, the diocese website or reach out to Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org.

## Faith Formation

We are grateful to everyone who helped to make our year of Faith Formation meaningful, from PreK–high school.

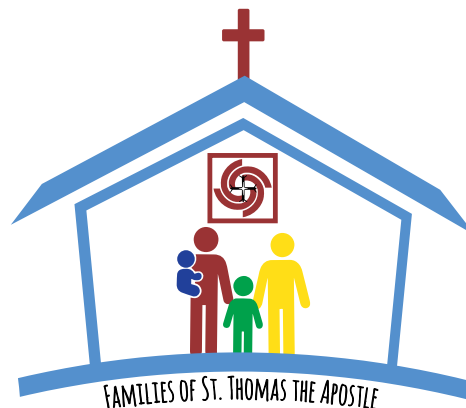
Come visit us at the Ministry Fair this weekend as we celebrate our year and also welcome new faces to our ministry.

If you feel called to grow in faith and share that faith with our students let us know! Email Jenni Kennedy at readmin@stapostle.org if you would like to get involved or have any feedback.

## Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

### Little Sheep Club

The Little Sheep Club 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.



## Stay Connected with St. Thomas All Week Long!

Follow us on Facebook at [St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville](https://www.facebook.com/St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville) and on Instagram @ [stthomasapostlenaperville](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasapostlenaperville) for uplifting messages, parish event updates, behind-the-scenes moments, ministry highlights and more. Let's continue growing together in faith and community – follow us today and be part of the journey!





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## Prayer for Selection of a New Bishop

Although a specific timeframe is unknown, a new bishop will eventually be selected for the Diocese of Joliet.

In this time of waiting, we can actively pray ...

*Gracious and loving God, you shepherd your Church with wisdom and care.*

*In this time of waiting, we place our diocese into your hands as a new bishop is chosen.*

*Send your Holy Spirit upon all entrusted with this decision. Grant them wisdom, courage and hearts attentive to your will.*

*Raise up a shepherd who will lead with humility and compassion, who will listen before speaking, who will walk with the people entrusted to his care, and who will proclaim the Gospel with faithfulness and hope.*

*May our new bishop be a voice for justice, a servant of unity, a comfort to the wounded, and a witness to the love of Christ for all people.*

*As we wait, keep us rooted in prayer, open to the movement of your Spirit, and united as one Church.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## Congratulations, Nicole and Danny!

On May 23, Nicole Hanks, the Outreach and Social Justice Partner, will marry Danny Giliberto. Nicole and Danny's upcoming wedding is a joyful reminder of God's love and faithfulness.

As Nicole begins this new chapter with Danny, we celebrate with gratitude the love they have found in one another and the commitment they are preparing to make before God, family and friends.

Nicole has been a blessing to our parish staff and community through her kindness, dedication and generous spirit. We are delighted to share in this exciting time in her life and ask our parish family to keep Nicole and Danny in prayer as they prepare for their marriage.

May their life together be filled with laughter, patience, faith and enduring love, and may their home always be a place of peace and hospitality.

Please join us in praying for them:

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for the gift of Nicole and Danny and for the love they share. Bless them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Grant them joy in good times, strength in difficult moments, and hearts always open to one another and to You. May their love continue to grow deeper each day and be a witness of your faithfulness in the world.*

*Amen.*

Congratulations, Nicole and Danny! We hold you both in prayer and wish you every blessing in the days ahead.



## Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip 2026

This year's trip is planned to depart Sunday, June 14, and return Saturday, June 20. There is still time to inquire about the trip and to register. There is no need to be concerned about your construction skills because there will be someone there who can help you or teach you. Besides helping to build a home for a family, a Habitat for Humanity mission trip is so much fun ... consider being a part of this year's trip.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Rempe at [marempe630@hotmail.com](mailto:marempe630@hotmail.com) or 630.344.2992.



## Outreach and Social Justice Ministries

This past week, the Outreach and Social Justice ministry leaders gathered to reflect on — and celebrate — the many ways St. Thomas serves our neighbors through outreach and social justice. Each ministry was invited to share one highlight from the past year. Here is what they shared:

- **Respect Life:** The generosity of St. Thomas parishioners in donating supplies for the Swaddling Project collection.
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** The number of people served and the compassion of SVdP volunteers.
- **DuPage United:** Dedicated St. Thomas parishioners working for changes in DuPage County that help and protect the vulnerable.
- **Couriers of Compassion:** 17 volunteers currently writing to incarcerated individuals (including four new volunteers).
- **PATH (Jobs Ministry):** 50 people participated in the most recent Zoom Jobs Ministry meeting.
- **Transitional Housing:** The family St. Thomas is currently sponsoring is set to graduate from the program in August — with a better job, a better credit score and a stronger position to support themselves.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** A 38-year relationship with Mississippi Habitat, offering an immersive educational experience and a deeper understanding of the challenges facing the working poor.
- **Inclusive Justice Initiative:** A recent Mass for healing and hope, along with recent listening sessions.
- **Care for Creation:** Season of Creation pilgrimages were held last September.
- **Pax Christi:** The St. Thomas peace vigil held at Pope Leo's request for prayers for world peace.
- **Care Pantry:** The overwhelming response to Harvest Sunday, enabling St. Thomas to provide food to 65–70 families every two weeks.
- **Hesed House Ministry:** Meals prepared by parishioners, helping Hesed continue to house 250–300 people each night.
- **Haiti Twinning:** An amazing response to the Haiti Weekend collection, supporting education and meals for the children of Duchity.
- **Lakota Ministry:** A winter coat, blanket and sleeping bag collection for those living on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
- **DuPage Housing Alliance:** Positive meetings with Naperville City Council members regarding affordable housing in Naperville.
- **Immigration/Refugee Initiative:** Continuing to make “Know Your Rights” information available.
- **St. Nicholas Relationship:** Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the people of St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora.

So much of this work depends on the generosity of the people of St. Thomas and incredible volunteers.. Thank you for your continued support, and for helping us build a more just and compassionate world.

### Ministry Fair: May 16–17

Stop by the Ministry Fair to learn about the many ways to serve and grow together as a faith community — especially through our Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) ministries. If you feel called to get involved, we'd love to answer your questions and share more about current opportunities. Be sure to visit the OSJ tables.

## Garden Donations for Care Pantry

We will be accepting donations from your garden beginning in June! If you have any extra produce from your garden, feel free to drop it off in the labeled container at Door E on upcoming pantry distribution Tuesdays in June, from. The upcoming pantry distribution dates are June 9 and 23. Please be sure to only drop off on said dates, from 7:00–9:30 am. Thank you for participating! The Care Pantry families are always so excited about fresh produce.

## SVdP Bin Removal

As of last week, the St. Vincent de Paul bins behind the church have been removed. We understand that these bins have been a great resource and we thank you for filling them with your generous donations for so many years!

The St. Vincent de Paul stores in our district have closed, but there are still stores operating in Aurora (911 Sullivan Rd.) and Geneva (427 South 4<sup>th</sup> St.). Other worthy donation centers include Sharing Connections in Downer's Grove, People's Resource Center in Wheaton and Westmont, Wayside Cross Ministries in Aurora and DuPage Pads in Wheaton.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Hankes at [nhankes@stapostle.org](mailto:nhankes@stapostle.org), or 630.355.8980, x133, or Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org), or 630.355.8980, x123. Many thanks for your generosity!

## The Busy Month of April

April was an extremely busy month for St. Thomas Cares and the St. Vincent de Paul ministry. St. Thomas Cares provided \$6,311.15 in assistance, including help with car repairs, a utility bill, several motel stays for homeless families and individuals, and gas gift cards. During the same period, the St. Vincent de Paul ministry received 28 calls for assistance and provided \$5,522.24, with most of the support going toward rent.

These are difficult times for those living on the margins. Thank you for your generosity and for making it possible for us to help so many.

## Lenten Project 2026 Total

The final amount collected for this year's Lenten Project totaled \$27,189.56. 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.



# 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

#### Spiritual Direction

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

#### Grief Support

Call 630.355.8990, x124 for information

#### St. Thomas Ministry Fair

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

#### PrimeTime

May 19, 10:00 am, End-of-the-Year Celebration!

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 21, 10:00 am  
Emmaus Room

#### PrimeTime

July 21, 9:00 am–12:00 pm,  
Christmas in July

## May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Skin cancer is the most common cancer and one of the most preventable. By sharing facts about the dangers of unprotected sun exposure and encouraging people to check their skin for warning signs, we can and will save lives.

### Skin Cancer Facts to Know

- Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S.
- One in five Americans will develop skin cancer by age 70.
- UV radiation from the sun and tanning beds is the leading cause.
- While people with fair skin are at higher risk, anyone can be affected regardless of age or skin tone.

### Prevention Tips: Protect Your Skin

Prevention is key. Use these skin protection strategies:

- Apply SPF 30+ sunscreen daily, even on cloudy days. Reapply every two hours or after swimming/sweating.
- Wear protective clothing including wide-brimmed hats, long sleeves and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Seek shade especially during peak sun hours (10 :00 am–4:00 pm).
- Avoid tanning beds. They emit harmful UV rays and raise cancer risk.
- Do monthly skin checks. Look for new or changing moles, spots or growths.

*From: Skin Cancer Foundation website*

## PrimeTime End-of-the Year Celebration!

Join us for our end-of-the-year celebration featuring entertainment by internationally known performer Joe Cantafio – The Rock and Roll Patriot! Joe has performed with the biggest names in music history, helped create some of Chicago’s biggest festivals and supported our veterans through The Forgotten Heroes Foundation. In 2005 he was honored with the title of Naperville’s Patriot of the Year.

Join us Tuesday, May 19, in the Lighthouse from 10:00 am–12:00 pm. Lunch will include Pete’s Market broasted chicken, salad and dessert. RSVP strongly encouraged no later than Sunday, May 17. Email Phyllis Wempe at [PTregistration@hotmail.com](mailto:PTregistration@hotmail.com) or call 630.728.3227.



## The St. Thomas Ministry Fair is Here!

Join us this weekend for a special celebration of our Ministry Teams.

Pastoral Care Ministries include the Ministers of Care, PrimeTime 50+ Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Health Ministry, Behavioral Health Ministry, Rosary Ministry and Prayer Network. Thank you to all of our wonderful ministry members!

Stop by the Pastoral Care table for a chat and a free gift!

See you there!

# ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



Thank you for supporting St. Thomas the Apostle. To learn more about online giving, please visit our website and click on the Giving tab in the top menu bar.

## Sunday Collection Report

Our Sunday Collection Report for the previous month is below. A monthly report reflects the relationship of the actual collection to the seasonally adjusted budgeted growth goal for each month and year to date.

Sunday Collection Report					
For March 2026					
Envelopes and loose cash					\$64,855
Credit card online giving					\$24,614
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> 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					<b>\$4,073</b>
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					<b>(\$37,729)</b>
2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 5/3/26					
	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 vs 2025 YTD	2025 Final	2025 Final vs 2026 YTD
Parish Appeal Goal*	\$178,100	\$170,100	<b>\$8,000</b>	\$170,100	<b>\$8,000</b>
Parish Amount Pledged	\$169,988	\$172,732	<b>(\$2,744)</b>	\$240,755	<b>(\$70,767)</b>
Unpaid pledges	\$19,617	\$34,577	<b>\$14,960</b>	\$5,826	<b>(\$13,791)</b>
Paid to Date	\$150,371	\$138,155	<b>\$12,216</b>	\$234,929	<b>(\$84,558)</b>
Number of Appeal Donors	456	498	<b>(42)</b>	597	<b>(141)</b>
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, May 18, 2026

7:00–8:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Center

### Tuesday, May 19, 2026

10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse

2:00–3:30 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea

7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana

7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Lighthouse

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:00–11:00 am School of Prayer, Senior Center

6:30–8:30 pm Deaf Community, Emmaus

7:00–8:30 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

7:00–8:00 pm PPC, Lighthouse

7:00–8:00 pm School of Prayer, Senior Center

### Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus

### Friday, May 22, 2026

### Saturday, May 23, 2026

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Judea

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel

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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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*Ex-Officio*  
Rev. Peter Infanger, *Pastor*  
David Schwalm

**Baptism:** Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call Kathy Durante or Mary Wright, x137, a few months in advance to make arrangements.

**Reconciliation:** Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment.

**Matrimony:** A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church nine months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

**Anointing:** Call 630.355.8980.

**Communion for the Homebound:** Call 630.355.8980 to receive prayer/Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

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

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

**O CIA (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.

### Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

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