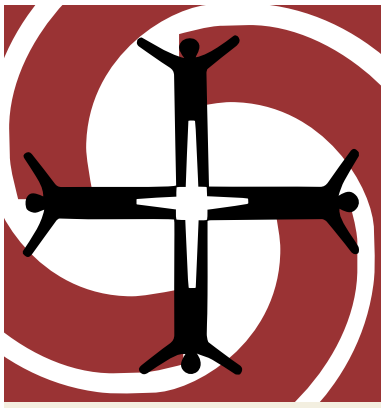




JULY
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2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"If you pull up the weeds you
might uproot the wheat along
with them."*

Matthew 13:29

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.*



Every project, big or small, is part of creating
a welcoming home for our parish community.

Recently, the St. Thomas parking lot
got a fresh seal coat and new striping.

Welcome to St. Thomas!



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

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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.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Thomas the Apostle invites you to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Sunday, July 26, at 9:00 am in the chapel.

As a Catholic community of faith, we have the Holy Sacraments to give us strength, nourishment and healing. Anyone, of all ages, can benefit from the sacrament of anointing — as many times as needed! There are no limits to anointing, as we are all in need of healing of various troubling conditions — physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. Please join us for this special celebration.

Presider Schedule for July 25–26

Saturday, July 25

4:30 pm: Fr. John Regan

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am: Fr. John Regan, Deacon John Freund

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

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

No 6:00 pm Mass

Presider schedule subject to change.

Daily Readings



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

Liturgical Minister Trainings

Are you being called to serve in a Liturgical Ministry? Below are the training dates for those interested in becoming Hospitality Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please consider answering the call to serve! Contact Scott in the Liturgy Office to RSVP.

Hospitality Minister Training (you only need to attend one)

Sunday, August 2, at 12:30 pm in the Church

Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 pm in the Church

Eucharistic Minister Training (you only need to attend one)

Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 pm in the Church

Sunday, August 16, at 12:30 pm in the Church

No 6:00 pm Mass During the Summer

The 6:00 pm Mass is taking a summer break and resume in the fall with renewed spirit and energy!

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!

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

Mass in the Grass with John Angotti — Saturday, August 29.
Food, games, fun, music and Mass — for the entire family!





St. Thomas the Apostle
Homily Series

Our Homily Series on Discernment continues this weekend, with the first part happening now and the second part taking place this fall. Join us!

Discernment — Noticing God's Guidance in Our Lives

Life is filled with choices, questions and moments of uncertainty. In this Homily Series, we will explore the Christian practice of discernment — learning how to listen carefully for God's voice. Together, we will reflect on this intentional process and explore how discernment can help us move forward with greater clarity, peace and confidence in God's loving care.

Part 1 (Summer)

- July 18–19: Gather Wisdom

To deepen our understanding of discernment, join us for continuing the conversation this Saturday, July 18, at 5:40 pm in the Lighthouse. Pizza will be served.

Discernment Through the Lens of Ignatian Spirituality
Presented by Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ

Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, speaker, author, retreat leader and campus minister at Loyola University Chicago. He is known for his popular "One-Minute Homily" and "One-Minute Jesuit" video series.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for Part 2 of Discernment:

Part 2 (Fall)

- November 7–8: Prayerfully Decide
- November 14–15: Review and Refine

Homily Series seeks to:

- Welcome newcomers to St. Thomas through personal invitation.
- Deepen discipleship by focusing together on a shared theme.
- Strengthen our community with opportunities for connection.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Paul Pattermann by Kay and Dick
†Nick Furibondo by Van and Lori
- 8:00 am †Greg Cork by Mary Malone
9:30 am †Mary Ann Alberts by Mary Postellon
11:1 am †Dennis Doll by Barbara Doll

Monday, July 20, 2026

- 8:30 am †Ernesto Lopez by Amy DeGuzman

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

- 8:30 am †Helen Short by Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

St. Mary Magdalene

- 8:30 am †Anna Bryja by daughter Barb

Thursday, July 23, 2026

- 8:30 am †Deacon Will Worden by Ann Worden

Friday, July 24, 2026

- 8:30 am Healing for Lynn Cruz by Dad

Saturday, July 25, 2026

- 8:30 am †Jack Shubat by Kathy Edmunds
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Kamal Hafti by Margie and Mike Myers
†Marilyn Kasperick by Mary Postellon

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

- 8:00 am †Ray Murphy by The Murphy Family
9:30 am †Leo Foley
Justin and Sarah Welke Wedding Anniversary by Mary Welke
11:15 am People of St. Thomas

Alpha

Alpha is gearing up for Fall — and we want YOU with us.

Mark Your Calendar

- August 10 — Fall Alpha registration opens
- Monday, September 14 — First Alpha Session, 6:30–8:30 pm in the Lighthouse

Questions? Reach out anytime to AlphaStThomasNaperville@gmail.com.



Reminders and Resources for Part 1 of the Homily Series:
Discernment — Noticing God’s Guidance in Our Lives

Discernment is “the process of intentionally becoming aware of how God is present, active, and calling us... so that we can respond with increasingly greater faithfulness.”

— Sr. Elizabeth Liebert

WEEK 1: Prepare the Heart

Discernment begins by creating space to listen.

“The human heart plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.” — Proverbs 16:9

Spiritually

- Seek an openness to God’s will.
- Pray to desire what God desires.

Practically

- Clarify the question you are discerning.
- Identify the real options before you.

Matthew 13:1–23 — The Parable of the Sower

Jesus names four kinds of ground: compact, rocky, thorny, and good. The seed (word of God) is the same in all four contexts, but its growth depends upon the soil. We are to till the soil of our interior life so that God’s voice can be received and take root.

Throughout Scripture, we often see Jesus withdrawing to quiet places to pray before making significant decisions (e.g., beginning public ministry, choosing apostles, etc.). He demonstrates that discernment begins with solitude, silence, and attentiveness.

Practice preparing the heart

- Slow down and spend time alone with God. Be humble, honest, and open about your fears, desires, attachments, and limitations. Surrender them to God’s care.
- Clarify the question you are discerning. Sometimes a complex issue needs to be broken down into smaller pieces so we can focus on one part at a time.

Discernment sometimes involves a genuine dilemma, choosing between undesirable options. (e.g., Which course of treatment do I choose — aggressive chemotherapy with pain and uncertain results, or palliative care for comfort not cure?). Discernment is not necessarily about happiness or certainty, but about moving toward a deeper peace.

WEEK 2: Gather Wisdom

After preparing the heart, we widen our lens to gain greater insight.

Interior Wisdom

- Pray with the question.
- Notice desires, fears, and values.
- Pay attention to what brings peace, energy, and life.

External Wisdom

- Gather practical information and facts.
- Seek counsel from trusted mentors.
- Consult Scripture, Church teaching, and the realities of your circumstances.

Discernment is not rushed. It takes time to notice patterns. Wisdom emerges gradually.

Matthew 13:24–43 – The Wheat and the Weeds

The farmer faces a challenge: the wheat is entangled with weeds. Rather than act prematurely, he waits in order to distinguish what is life-giving from what is not. So it is with discernment. Patience is required for the harvest of clarity, to reveal the next step.

Throughout his life, Jesus modeled what gathering wisdom looks like. He prayed, immersed himself in Scripture, listened to others deeply, retreated into solitude to attune to God without distraction, exercised great patience, and trusted God's timing.

Practice gathering wisdom

- Pay attention to the interior movements while also looking at external information. Pray, gather data, and talk to trusted mentors.
- Patiently sort through the wheat and weeds: What is life-giving? What is not? Sometimes these look very similar at first, so resist rushing the process.

“...knowledge, experience, emotion, will. These are some of the indispensable elements of discernment; Discernment... involves hard work... We do not find set before us, pre-packaged, the life we are to live. No! We have to decide it all the time, according to the reality that comes. God invites us to evaluate and choose: He created us free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding.”

— Pope Francis

Online Resources:

- “Deciding Like a Jesuit” by Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGQSa5zYzro&list=PLCdChYtOSWBiTpodtEhGGIWDpZxr7-foZ&index=1>
- The Ignatian Examen — <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/the-ignatian-examen/>
- Suscipe, the Radical Prayer — <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayers-by-st-ignatius-and-others/suscipe-the-radical-prayer/>
- Discernment Prayers — <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/discernment>

Books:

- *The Way of Discernment: Spiritual Practices for Decision Making* — Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM
- *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living* — Timothy Gallagher, OMV
- *Saying Yes: Discovering and Responding to God's Will in Your Life* — Albert Haase, OFM
- *Inner Compass* — Margaret Silf
- *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* — Henri J. M. Nouwen
- *When the Heart Waits* — Sue Monk Kidd
- *Discern: Listening for God's Whispers* — Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ

Mark your calendars for Part 2 of this series:

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FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E. CORNER

Have you ever been asked to explain the basics of Catholicism to someone and you didn't know where to begin? Not surprising. Have you ever been confused about something the Catholic Church teaches? Most likely. Our Church is about 2,000 years old. That's a lot of history to unpack. So much of our theology, doctrine, guidelines and practices have evolved over all those centuries. Is it even possible to understand it all?



If we haven't pursued ongoing learning about our faith throughout our adulthood, we might be stuck at a very rudimentary level of understanding of Catholicism. That's why this column — C.A.R.E. Corner — exists. C.A.R.E. stands for Continuing Adult Religious Education. Every week, one little corner of our bulletin offers a two-paragraph, quick read in an attempt to inform and transform our understanding. With our adult intellect and life experience, we can continue to mature in our Catholic Christian faith. We all stand in need of ongoing catechesis. So this column is going to take us back to the basics. Join us weekly as we begin to tackle Catholicism 101.

The Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet

In September, the Biblical Institute is registering new students for:

- Year 1 classes at The Blanchette Center (Romeoville)
Tuesday evenings 7:00–9:00 pm
- Year 2 classes at St. Michael Catholic Church (Wheaton)
Thursday evenings 7:00–9:00 pm

This is a comprehensive program covering every book of the Bible with an emphasis on both scriptural scholarship and the faith development of the program's participants. The Year 1 focus is Old Testament Foundations; Year 2 will be New Testament Foundations.

Classes begin mid-September. Register online or by phone before the September 30 deadline. For more information or to register, go to www.mayslakeministries.org. Click on Programs to go to the Biblical Institute page or call 630.852.9000.

Celebrating St. Clare of Assisi

Celebrations of the Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi, beloved follower and associate of St. Francis, will take place between the beginning and middle of August. Save some room in your calendar to participate in some or all of these events:

Weekend of August 1–2

Novena to St. Clare — a booklet for prayer available soon

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 pm

Explanation of the artwork of the San Damiano Crucifix

Thursday, August 6, 12:00–12:30 pm

Meditation on the San Damiano Crucifix

Friday, August 7, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

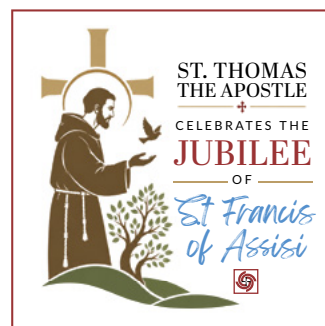
Tuesday, August 11, 8:30 am

Memorial Feast Day Mass of St. Clare

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 pm

Discussion of the life and writings of St. Clare

Stay tuned for information on the Jubilee Celebration of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4.



Stay Connected with St. Thomas All Week Long!

Follow us on Facebook at [St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville) 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!

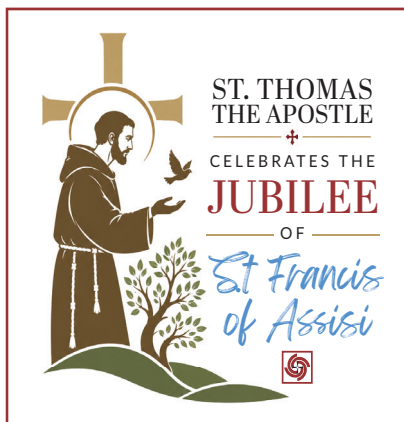




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- **August 1–11**
Novena and Personal Retreat (Booklet Guide)
- **Wednesday, August 5 | 7:00 pm | Chapel**
The San Damiano Crucifix: Reflection on the Artwork
- **Thursday, August 6 | 12:00–12:30 pm | Chapel**
Meditation of the San Damiano Crucifix
- **Friday, August 7 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm | Chapel**
Adoration of the Eucharist
- **Tuesday, August 11 | 8:30 am**
Memorial Feast Mass | Chapel
- **Tuesday, August 11 | 9:00 am**
Reception and Discussion | Gathering Area
- **Tuesday, August 11 | 7:00 pm**
Reception and Discussion | Lighthouse



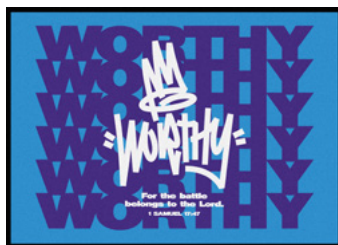
For the August 5 Reflection on Artwork, kindly RSVP to REAdmin@stapostle.org or call 630.355.8980, x118.

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Steubenville Participants

We welcome back our teens who have just returned from the Steubenville Joliet Conference, exploring the theme of Worthy, and encountering the love of Christ. We pray that the enthusiasm of the weekend stays with them, and that with the Holy Spirit they are moved to share that enthusiasm with others.



Tuition Angel Donations

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we invite parishioners to consider becoming a Tuition Angel and helping support St. Thomas families. Your generous donation can make a meaningful difference by easing the burden of tuition for students whose families are facing financial hardship. Every gift, large or small, helps ensure that children in our parish community have the opportunity to receive a faith-filled education and continue growing in their relationship with Christ.

If you are able to contribute or would like more information about supporting our Tuition Angel program, please contact Jenni Kennedy at readmin@stapostle.org. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Share your Faith!

The presence of caring adults and teens makes a lasting impact on a child's faith journey. Help is always needed in Faith Formation — whether serving as a parking lot attendant, greeting families, assisting as a catechist or aide, or stepping in as a substitute when needed. High School classes meet Sunday evenings, while Pre-K–8th grade classes meet Saturday mornings or Tuesdays. Please reach out to Jenni Kennedy at readmin@stapostle.org to express interest or with any questions. We'd love to hear from you!

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education from children Pre-K through High School for the 2026-27 school year, is now open.

Register your child(ren) now to secure their spot. Classes are offered Tuesdays and Saturdays for children Pre-K-8th grade, and Sundays for High School Confirmation preparation. Register online through our website or use the QR codes.

No matter your age, there is a place for you to grow in faith at St. Thomas. Please reach out to Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org or Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org if you have specific questions or want to join and are not sure where to begin.

All are always welcome.



Pre-K-8



High School



We're Hiring!

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



For the full job description, please scan the QR Code, check the St. Thomas website, or reach out to Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org.



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.



Magnifica Humanitas Pope Leo XIV's Vision for the Future



*"What
direction
shall we
choose as
people and
as a human
community?"
~ Pope Leo
XIV*

Join us for the second part of our two-part summer series exploring Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. In this powerful document, Pope Leo invites us to reflect on two possible futures — one shaped by technology and artificial intelligence, and the other grounded in the dignity and potential of the human person. Through small group discussion, we will consider how faith can guide our choices and shape our shared future.

Join us Tuesday, July 21,
from 7:00–8:30 pm. Contact
readmin@stapostle.org or call
630.355.8980, x118 to register.

*This opportunity is hosted by Adult
Faith Formation and the Office of
Outreach and Social Justice.*

Standing with Haitian Families

In the wake of recent Supreme Court decisions affecting Temporary Protected Status (TPS), hundreds of thousands of people — many from Haiti — now face an uncertain and troubling future in the United States.

The faith community of St. Thomas has been blessed to witness the faith, hard work and resilience of the Haitian people, especially our brothers and sisters in Duchity. We have seen their beautiful faces, and through the words of Fr. Frantzdy, we have heard stories of the unimaginable hardships so many continue to endure in Haiti.

Bishop Brendan Cahill of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us of the moral stakes: "Revoking the legal status of hundreds of thousands of people ... creates a moral crisis when returning to their country of origin is not a safe or reasonable option. ... We as a nation cannot turn a blind eye to such an injustice."

For Haitian families — many of whom have lived, worked and worshiped in our communities for years — this decision brings urgent concerns about safety, family unity and human dignity. The Church continues to call on leaders to act with compassion and courage and to seek solutions that uphold the dignity of every person.

As a parish with a long-standing relationship with the people of Haiti, and as a parish committed to outreach and social justice, we invite you to:

- Pray for those at risk of displacement and for wise, humane leadership
- Learn about the realities facing Haitian migrants
- Stay engaged as opportunities arise to advocate and support those affected

For those who wish to take action, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers a way to contact the U.S. Senate and urge leaders to protect our Haitian neighbors: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/138390/Respond>

"Forcibly sending families to dire conditions is a legacy all leaders should seek to avoid," Bishop Cahill urges. May we respond with faith, compassion, and a renewed commitment to stand with our brothers and sisters in need.

Catholic Social Teaching: A Refresher

Catholic Social Teaching is one of the Church's great treasures: a way of seeing the world through the lens of the Gospel and responding with love, justice and mercy. It reminds us that our faith is not meant to stay inside the walls of the church. The Eucharist we celebrate sends us out to care for our neighbors, protect human dignity and work for the common good.

The U.S. bishops often summarize Catholic Social Teaching in seven themes: Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity; and Care for God's Creation.

Catholic Social Teaching is not a political platform or a checklist. It is a Gospel-shaped way of life. It asks us to pray with open hearts, form our consciences, listen to those who suffer and act with courage and compassion.

As we continue to be the faith community of St. Thomas, may Catholic Social Teaching refresh our vision and renew our commitment to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. This week, consider one simple question: Who is God inviting me to notice, serve, defend or accompany?

For more information, please see stapostle.org.

Habitat 2026

The St. Thomas Habitat for Humanity team returned home safely after a meaningful week in Tutwiler, Mississippi. During their time there, the team worked on Houses 49 and 50. At House 49, they added finishing touches to the bathroom and kitchen and installed hardware throughout the home. Next month, House 49 will be turned over to the homeowner,



making a long-awaited dream come true.

One of the most exciting parts of the week was the work our Habitat team completed on House 50. Before the team arrived, a storm had damaged the

roof tarp. Our volunteers were able to repair the tarp and then completely roof the home. Throughout the week, they worked alongside the homeowner, making the experience especially meaningful.



The team included Mary Ann Rempe, Bob Hartmann, Marcia Hartmann, Thuc Vu, Maria Prekop, Michael Emmert, Doug Surch, Maria McAdams, Caden McAdams and Macy McAdams.

We are grateful for the generosity, hard work and faith-filled witness of our Habitat volunteers. Their service continues to make a lasting difference for families in Tutwiler, and we look forward to sharing more updates as these homes are completed and welcomed by their new homeowners.

The dates for Habitat 2027 are finalized. Mark your calendars for June 13–19 and plan to be part of the St. Thomas Habitat 2027 team.

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.*



Back to School is Here!

We are now collecting new school supplies on behalf of Care Pantry children. Please purchase items from the list below and drop them off in the clearly marked collection bin in the Gathering Area between now and August 3. Contact Nicole Hanks at nhanks@stapostle.org with questions. Thank you for helping the children of our pantry families prepare for the upcoming school year!

- Pencils – #2-packs of 8 to 12
- Black Pens – packs of 10 to 12
- Colored Pencils – packs of 12
- Glue Sticks – packs of 2
- Notebooks – Wide Ruled or College Ruled (70–100 sheets). Please only plain colored covers.
- Paper – Wide Ruled or College Ruled (70–100 sheets)

Garden Donations for Care Pantry

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. The upcoming pantry distribution dates are July 21 and August 4. 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.



PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

Nancy Kratz, Ph.D., *Director*,
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Jane Zimmerman, *Pastoral Care Associate*,
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Fifty Plus

PrimeTime Christmas in July

All are Welcome Tuesday, July 21, as we join the St. Thomas Middle School students to create ornaments for our Lighthouse Christmas tree honoring the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. All crafting abilities welcome!

Drop in between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm in the Lighthouse, then stay for a pizza lunch. No registration required! Bring a friend!!

Please contact Phyllis Wempe if you have questions at PTregistration@hotmail.com or 630.728.3227.

What it Means to be a Knight

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and put charity and community first.



The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are actively recruiting for the new calendar year. For more information, please contact St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Membership Director Jose Guajardo at josemg@mindspring.com or 312.925.7981.

On Life's Journey

July 24 is International Self-Care Day

Jesus taught us about self-care, often going off alone after preaching, to pray and rest. Take the month of July to reflect on your self-care options. Consider:

- Reflecting on your daily habits. Set simple, achievable self-care goals — whether that's drinking more water, moving more or setting boundaries.
- Sharing your self-care routine or tips on social media to inspire others.
- Attending a wellness workshop, a retreat, class or webinar on nutrition, mental health, fitness, mindfulness or prayer.
- Take time to rest, unplug and reset — make the day a personal retreat from busyness and burnout.

Community Resources

Did you know?

The Naperville Police and Fire Department have several resources available to assist with a safe response to a mental/behavioral health crisis.

- 911 is the preferred number for all emergency calls.
- 988 is the National Suicide and Crisis line that connects you with a mental health professional to talk with. This is NOT a service to use in an emergency. Please dial 911.
- Smart911.com: Set up a profile on this national database and in case of an emergency, the police can pull up information about your loved one such as diagnoses, physical disabilities or medications.
- Mobile CTI: Is a Naperville service used by the Police department Monday-Friday from 1:00–10:00 pm. In response to a 911 call for a mental health crisis, a police officer and a counselor will be dispatched to the scene to triage the situation.
- The CART program (Community Advocate Response Team), managed by the Fire Department, provides for specially trained EMTs to respond to a mental/behavioral health crisis. This team works jointly with the Police Department to respond to 911 calls.
- Caring Hands is a database managed by the Naperville Police Department. This program provides first responders with critical information about you or loved ones with developmental, cognitive, mental, medical and/or physical disabilities who may require special assistance during an emergency or nonemergency situation. See the City of Naperville website at naperville.il.us/ for more information and to download the form.

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 May 2026					
Envelopes and loose cash	\$57,196				
Credit card online giving	\$21,469				
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$46,282				
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$44,403				
Sunday Collection Offering — May 2026	\$169,351				
Sunday Collection Goal — May 2026	\$142,680				
Above/(Below) Goal for month	\$26,671				
Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 5/31/26	\$1,885,184				
Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 5/31/26	\$1,909,137				
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 5/31/26	(\$23,953)				
2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 7/5/26					
	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	\$191,257	\$190,076	\$1,181	\$240,755	(\$49,498)
Unpaid pledges	\$16,146	\$24,692	\$8,546	\$5,826	(\$10,320)
Paid to Date	\$175,112	\$165,384	\$9,728	\$234,929	(\$59,817)
Number of Appeal Donors	501	534	(33)	597	(96)
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, July 20, 2026

7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

9:30–11:30 am PrimeTime Christmas in July, Senior Center

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

6:45–8:15 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, July 23, 2026

9:15–11:00 am Summer Book Club, Senior Center

6:00–8:30 pm High School Bible Study Event, Youth Center

Friday, July 24 2026

Saturday, July 25, 2026

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

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, July 26, 2026

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

1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church

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