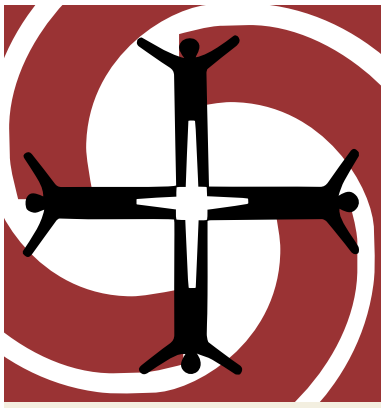




JULY  
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*[Solomon said to the Lord,]  
"Give your servant, therefore,  
a listening heart to judge your  
people and to distinguish  
between good and evil."*

1 Kings 3:9

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

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



**With grateful hearts, we thank the volunteers who lovingly care  
for our Care Pantry garden. Because of your generosity, this garden will  
continue to provide fresh produce and hope for the families we serve.  
Thank you for being Christ in the world.**



## 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](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).

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Thomas the Apostle invites you to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick this 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.*

### 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!

**Please give a warm welcome to:** Carol Lenkart; Cory Lhotka and Jennifer Brant and family; William and Kathleen Mahoney; Jean and Joseph Stubits.

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

## Daily Readings



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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, August 2, from 7:00–8:00pm in the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday, August 7, from 9:00–12:00 pm in the Chapel.

### 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!

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





We have had a great start to our series on Discernment — Noticing God's Guidance in Our Lives!

Scan the QR code to revisit the homily messages Prepare the Heart and Gather Wisdom, along with the Reminders and Resources page. You can also visit [stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/](http://stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/)



A special thank you to Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ, for offering the first of two Continuing the Conversation talks in this series. We are grateful for his thoughtful insights on discernment through the lens of Ignatian Spirituality and look forward to welcoming him back in November.

For those engaging in a particular discernment alongside this series, the time between now and Part 2 offers an opportunity to continue gathering information, reflecting and seeking both internal and external wisdom.

#### Mark your Calendars now for Part 2 of Discernment

- November 7–8: Prayerfully Decide
- November 14–15: Review and Refine
- November 14–15 at 5:40 pm: Pizza reception and Continuing the Conversation with Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ.

*Homily Series seeks to WELCOME newcomers to St. Thomas through personal invitation; DEEPEN discipleship by exploring a shared theme together; and STRENGTHEN our community with opportunities for connection.*

## 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](mailto:AlphaStThomasNaperville@gmail.com).



## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 26, 2026

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Kamal Hafti by Margie and Mike Myers  
†Marilyn Kasperick by Mary Postellon
- 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

### Monday, July 27, 2026

- 8:30 am Special Intention for Sue Cornell Ohl by Phyllis Cliff

### Tuesday, July 28, 2026

- 8:30 am †Rick Braida by Family

### Wednesday, July 29, 2026

*Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

- 8:30 am Healing for Sara Lanier by Grandpa

### Thursday, July 30, 2026

- 8:30 am †Stella Hayes by The Hayes Family

### Friday, July 31, 2026

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

- 8:30 am †Ray Murphy by The Murphy Family

### Saturday, August 1, 2026

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor*

- 8:30 am Wedding Anniversary for Joan and Joseph Noonan
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Peter Pham and Madeleine Tho Nguyen by Anhhong Pham

### Sunday, August 2, 2026

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary*

- 8:00 am People of St. Thomas
- 9:30 am †Mike Updike by Mom and Dad  
†Lloyd Nowak by Friends from Pastoral Care
- 11:15 am †Marilyn Cornell by Angela Coar and Dan Coar

## Presider Schedule

*Not available at time of printing.*

*Presider schedule subject to change.*



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

Let's begin this new series on Catholicism 101 at the beginning — starting at the top with the One we call God. We humans have always believed in some higher power which set all we see and know into motion. Ancient peoples believed in multiple gods and goddesses who orchestrated things in the heavens, which then manifested themselves on earth. But the Jews came to believe there was only one God, who was Lord of the universe. And that Lord was not just distant, wishy-washy and inaccessible. Rather, God was the author of all living things, which were declared to be good and which were created to work together harmoniously. All of creation was an expression of God's magnanimous love.

To our Jewish ancestors in faith, God was personally interested in the well-being of humans, inviting them into a special relationship which was covenantal. He would be their God and they would be his people — his representatives on earth. He would remain faithful to them always, no matter what. He would ultimately give them guidelines for right living. He would send them prophetic voices when needed to get them back on the right track. And those voices predicted the coming of a Messiah who would guide the people back to the ways of the Divine.



## Young Adults

It is time to plan the upcoming year — do you have ideas on social outings, prayer experiences, service opportunities, Bible Study topics, etc? Join us Sunday, August 2, after the 11:15 am Mass in the Gathering Area to brainstorm ideas for the year. All young adults (those in the age range of 19-39) are welcome.

Young Adults will continue to meet Mondays, July 27 and August 3, from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Thomas to be in community, pray and discuss the upcoming readings for Sunday. All young adults are welcome, no long term commitment is necessary to join in.

## 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

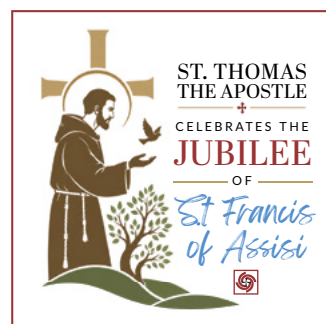
### Tuesday, August 11, 8:30 am

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/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!





St. Thomas the Apostle presents

# School of Prayer

*Pray Always.  
Pray All Ways.*

## Ignatian Contemplation

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 am and 7:00 pm | St. Thomas Senior Center

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.

In August, Ben Bocher, Ph.D., P.E., will lead us in Ignatian Contemplation. Pray with all your senses, using imagination to place yourself alongside Jesus (or any Biblical person) in a vivid scene that invites you to more closely connect with God and yourself.

This program will be offered twice on Wednesday, August 19, in the Senior Center, once at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm.



**Everyone — all ages — is invited to participate.**



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## Welcome Home, Steubenville Participants!

Our teens recently returned from the Steubenville Joliet Conference, where they explored the theme Worthy and encountered Christ's incredible love. We pray the experience continues to deepen their faith and that the Holy Spirit inspires them to share the joy and hope they discovered with our parish community.

## 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](mailto: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–8<sup>th</sup> grade classes meet Saturday mornings or Tuesdays. Please reach out to Jenni Kennedy at [readmin@stapostle.org](mailto:readmin@stapostle.org) to express interest or with any questions. We'd love to hear from you!



## Religious Education: Register by August 1

The Faith Formation Team is finalizing registrations, preparing classes, materials and Catechists. Please take a moment to register now. Having complete registration helps us to plan accordingly.

All classes, Pre-K through High School are open for registration. 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](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) or Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org).



## Celebrating Nicholas Black Elk, Lakota Holy Man

On Sunday, August 17, St. Agnes Parish on the Pine Ridge Reservation will celebrate a special Mass commemorating the death of Nicholas Black Elk, a revered Lakota holy man, catechist and servant of God. From a young age, Black Elk received spiritual visions and became widely respected among the Lakota people for his deep prayer, wisdom and care for others. Throughout his life, he prayed with and for his community, helped heal the sick, shared the Catholic faith and worked to build understanding and unity between Native and non-Native peoples. His cause for canonization is now open, inviting the wider Church to learn from his witness of faith, humility and hope.

As a visible sign of our relationship with our twinning parish, St. Agnes, St. Thomas will also remember Nicholas Black Elk at the 8:30 am Mass August 17. Information about his life and legacy will be shared, and the Mass will include special prayers in his honor. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy and to remain afterward for refreshments and community.

## Update from Fr. Frantzdy

On July 14, I had the opportunity to speak with Fr. Frantzdy and hear directly from him about life in Duchity, the faith-filled activities at St. Marie Madeleine Parish, and the health concerns he continues to carry. As always, his words reflected both the challenges facing the people of Duchity and the deep hope that sustains their community.

### St. Marie Madeleine Feast Day

The parish's patron saint feast day is a deeply important and joyful celebration for the community. In preparation, Fr. Frantzdy hosts three days of prayer, known as a "Triduum of Prayer." People come from nearby villages to join in prayer and celebration, and visiting priests and religious often stay for two to three days. Fr. Frantzdy takes this responsibility to heart, welcoming others with care and reverence despite the many demands placed upon him.

### Health Concerns

Fr. Frantzdy continues to experience persistent back pain, though medication seems to be helping him manage it somewhat. After the feast day, he hopes to travel to Port-au-Prince for an MRI and additional medical care. Although gang activity remains a concern there, Fr. Frantzdy believes he can make the trip safely. Please keep him especially close in prayer as he seeks the care he needs.

### Education in Duchity

The school year has ended, except for exams for students graduating from high school. Even during the summer break, Fr. Frantzdy is thinking about the children and hopes to make small but meaningful classroom improvements, including repairing benches for the students.

### Protecting Children

Once again, Fr. Frantzdy spoke with deep concern about his desire to offer abuse-prevention training for young people in Duchity and the surrounding areas. His current vision is a two-week session for children ages 5 to 10, with meals and lodging provided. Fr. Frantzdy would offer part of the instruction himself and invite additional instructors to help. His hope is to give children practical tools to recognize warning signs of grooming and unsafe behavior, helping them feel safer and more protected.

Please continue to hold Fr. Frantzdy and the people of Duchity in your prayers. Their burdens are heavy, but their faith remains strong. As Fr. Frantzdy said during our conversation, "Life is hard for everyone." May our prayers and support remind them that they are not carrying those hardships alone.

## OSJ Summer Reading

If you have some extra time this summer to pick up a good book (or encyclical!), the Office of Outreach and Social Justice has a few suggestions:

- *Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence: Contributions by leading peacemakers advance the conversation about what it means to practice nonviolence in a violent world.*
  - *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith by Mariann Edgar Budde: An inspirational guide to the decisive moments in life that, when navigated with faith and discernment, help us become our most courageous selves.*
  - *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence by Pope Leo XIV: The Holy Father's first encyclical reflects on human dignity, the common good, and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence.*
- May these selections offer moments of reflection, encouragement and renewed commitment to peace, courage and the dignity of every person.

## Care Pantry Garden Thanks

For the past decade or so, Lorna Perry could be found working in the Care Pantry garden behind the church. So much effort has been poured into this labor of love, and that love can be heard in her voice when she shares updates about what's growing. Although you can tell it has always been a sanctuary for her, her top priority was ensuring that the garden yielded fresh produce for Care Pantry families. After many years devoted to the garden, Lorna has stepped away to focus on her family. Thank you, Lorna, for the countless hours spent tending to this important part of our community.



In recent months, Larry Hjorth has stepped in and graciously dedicated his time to the garden. He immediately got to work so that our pantry families will have fresh herbs and produce available when it comes time to harvest. Thank you, Larry, for your dedication to the success of the garden.

## 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 August 4, August 18 and September 1. 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.

## Hesed House PADS August Food Donation Sign-Up

*St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.*



We are now asking for donations for Thursday, August 6. If you are willing and able to provide food for August, you can scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) to sign up. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area Thursday, August 6, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who can help.



## All are Welcome Immigration and Refugee Initiative Meeting

All are invited to a meeting of the Immigration and Refugee Initiative ministry Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse. This gathering will be an opportunity to connect with others, enjoy refreshments, meet Sara Drever, the new facilitator for this ministry, and explore ways our parish can support and uphold the dignity of immigrants and refugees. Whether you have been involved before or are simply interested in learning more, you are warmly welcome to attend. Please join us in this important work.



## August Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, August 11, from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

Items most needed are:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce (canned preferred)
- Jiffy Mix
- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Bar Soap
- Syrup
- Kleenex
- 18 oz Soup Cans (rather than standard 10.5 oz cans)

Thank you so much for your support! Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.

## 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](mailto: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)



## PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

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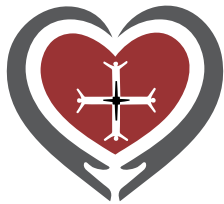
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### Fifty Plus

### PrimeTime Returns in the Fall

Prime Time returns September 22, at 10:00 am with a special presentation by parishioner Jack Wilson Beals, who will share stories of his travels. Watch for more details.



PASTORAL CARE  
St. Thomas the Apostle

### Ministry News

### Staying Connected in Faith

Are you homebound? Recovering from illness or surgery? Consider how to share your faith when you cannot be here in person.

- Request a visit from our devoted Ministers of Care for Communion and a chat.
- Pray for St. Thomas or our Prayer Network list, for our clergy and staff.
- Watch our Mass livestream at 9:30 am. You are with us in spirit!

### On Life's Journey Got Time to Pray?

*"What if I can spare only 15 minutes or half an hour?"*

If you're looking for something to make part of your prayer routine—a daily examen could be a perfect fit. St. Ignatius practiced this simple, five-step daily examen. Give it a try!

1. Bring your attention to God's presence and give thanks for it and your day.
2. Offer a prayer that the Holy Spirit may grant you the grace to recognize the Spirit's movement in your life.
3. Review your day. Notice the emotions you feel as you review the day in your mind, as well as where the Lord may have been moving in your daily life.
4. Reflect on a few notable aspects of your day. What brought you closer to God? What took you further away? What brought you joy or made you feel troubled? Is there anything for which you need to ask for forgiveness?
5. Finally, contemplate tomorrow and offer another prayer. How can you invite God into your tomorrow? Offer an "Our Father" to recognize that God's will be done.

*From the Catholic Miscellany – Diocese of Charlotte by Candace Bryant-Lester*

### A Loving Look at Loss HOPE Café

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30–12:00 pm

There are many different kinds of losses that can bring grief: the loss of a favorite pet, a special object, a friendship, a job, money, home, failure to get your heart's desire, conflict in your family and, of course, the death of someone that you love very much.



There are many different experiences that come with grief. Obviously there is sadness but also, there may be anger, guilt, loss of interest in life, doubt in God, hurt from insensitive reactions to your grief, frustration with those trying to "fix you" or who ignore your grief, a need to be alone, a need to be with others, a need to be busy. It's all real.

You are welcome to join us at the HOPE Café. As one participant said, "I was so grateful to be able to talk about it, to feel supported, and to hear others' stories." And it's an opportunity for prayer.

*"Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, there I Am."*

# 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 June 2026

|                                                                          |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes and loose cash                                                 | \$72,950          |
| Credit card online giving                                                | \$24,360          |
| Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month) | \$46,692          |
| Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts                                | \$32,374          |
| Sunday Collection Offering — June 2026                                   | \$176,377         |
| Sunday Collection Goal — June 2026                                       | \$142,038         |
| Above/(Below) Goal for month                                             | <b>\$34,339</b>   |
| Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 6/30/26                                 | \$2,061,561       |
| Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 6/30/26                                   | \$2,051,175       |
| Over/(short) of Goal Year through 6/30/26                                | <b>(\$10,386)</b> |

#### 2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 7/19/26

|                                                                                                            | 2026<br>YTD | 2025<br>YTD | 2026 vs<br>2025<br>YTD | 2025<br>Final | 2025 Final vs<br>2026 YTD |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Parish Appeal Goal*                                                                                        | \$178,100   | \$170,100   | <b>\$8,000</b>         | \$170,100     | <b>\$8,000</b>            |
| Parish Amount Pledged                                                                                      | \$196,162   | \$193,426   | <b>\$2,736</b>         | \$240,755     | <b>(\$44,593)</b>         |
| Unpaid pledges                                                                                             | \$13,977    | \$23,047    | <b>\$9,070</b>         | \$5,826       | <b>(\$8,151)</b>          |
| Paid to Date                                                                                               | \$182,185   | \$170,379   | <b>\$11,806</b>        | \$234,929     | <b>(\$52,744)</b>         |
| Number of Appeal Donors                                                                                    | 509         | 549         | <b>(40)</b>            | 597           | <b>(88)</b>               |
| Rebate to St. Thomas<br>(70% of funds raised above goal)<br>Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal | \$2,860     |             |                        | \$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 27, 2026

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

### Tuesday, July 28, 2026

### Wednesday, July 29, 2026

6:30–8:00 pm IJI, Senior Center

### Thursday, July 30, 2026

### Friday, July 31, 2026

### Saturday, August 1, 2026

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

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00–9:00 am Genesis Rehearsal, Lighthouse

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

12:30–1:30 pm Hospitality Minister Training, Church

## 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.



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## PARISH INFORMATION



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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.  
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8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;  
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9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.  
*Schedule subject to change.*

### Pastor

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### Priest in Residence

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Scott Mygind, *Finance & Administration*  
Donna Cheesebrough, *Faith & Spiritual Growth*  
Kathy Sander, *Parish Life*

#### 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 Pre-K–5; x121 for grades 6–8; and x117 for high school.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

**Counseling Resources:** Call 630.355.8980.

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