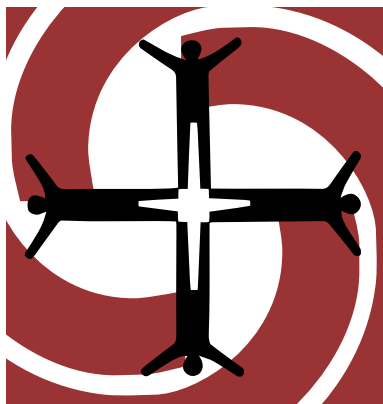




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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

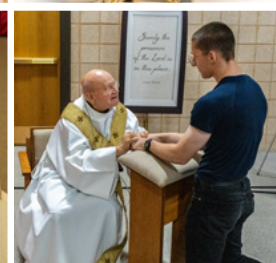
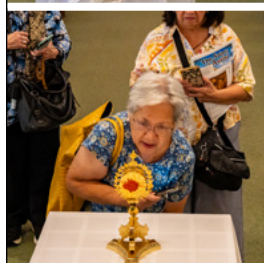
As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday-Saturday
followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am 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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Liturgy and Music News

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

Voices of Faith Returns

After a much-deserved summer break, Voices of Faith — St. Thomas' large adult choir — will return to the 9:30 am Mass in September! The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and provides beautiful music for the 9:30 am Mass, as well as special liturgies and concerts throughout the year. Voices of Faith is truly a family: we pray together, sing together and care for one another so very well. If you love to sing or play an instrument and are looking for a place to share your gifts, grow in faith and become part of a wonderful community, we would love to welcome you! Please contact the Liturgy Office for more information.

Youth Choir

The St. Thomas Youth Choir, open to children in grades 2–7, will soon come together for a new season of music and ministry! The choir offers a wonderful opportunity for children to take a more active role in the liturgy while developing vocal technique, musicianship and confidence. For more information or to register, contact Jessica Koch in the Liturgy Office.

Daily Readings

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

6:00 pm Mass Returns Sunday, September 27

St. Thomas' Sunday Night 6:00 pm Mass resumes September 27 ... and we need you! This is a very upbeat, lively Mass geared for youth and the young at heart. We are in particular need of middle school and high school aged teens to be lectors, hospitality ministers, singers and musicians. If interested, please contact Scott or Lori in the Liturgy Office.

Armchair Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Based on his 34 pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Fr. Bob is offering an armchair pilgrimage featuring slides, songs, explanations, lunch and Eucharist— no passport needed.

The event will be held Wednesday, October 21, from 9:30 am–3:00 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center. Register at www.carmelitespiritualcenter.org or 630.969.4141.

Mass in the Grass Thank You!

An incredible event like Mass in the Grass doesn't just happen! It takes countless hours of preparation and hard work to pull off this labor of love. In particular, gratitude is extended to:

- The Parish Life Committee for organizing the event.
- John Ball, Larry Hjorth, Ron DeNicolo and the Knights of Columbus for assisting with the setup.
- John Haspert and Van Culberson for coordinating the sound.
- Belgio's Catering for the delicious, buttery popcorn and Amy Audiffred for the Kettle Corn.
- Jessie Sappington for donating the Balloon Arch.
- The faith formation team for coordinating the children's games.
- Liturgical Ministries, Welcome Ministry.
- And so many more staff members and volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make this our largest yet!





Coming Soon

Disciple Maker Index Survey

St. Thomas the Apostle is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.



The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities. That is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Thomas the Apostle. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from October 4–November 8. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and will enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Alpha Starts Monday, September 14

Alpha is a welcoming space to explore faith, build community and have meaningful conversations about life and Christianity. Whether you're new to faith, seeking answers or looking to connect with fellow parishioners, Alpha is a place where friendships grow and faith deepens. **Childcare is available for parents who need it.**



Scan the QR code to sign up or email AlphaStThomasNaperville@gmail.com with questions.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
†Patty Jean and Rudy Struchil by Kay and Dick
†Tim Danahy by John and Mary Pat DeYoung
- 8:00 am †Yvette and Lancy Valldars by the Noronha Family
- 9:30 am †Geevarghese Family by Kathy Geevarghese
†Kevin Bauler by Kathy Mangan
- 11:15 am People of St. Thomas

Monday, September 14, 2026

The Exultation of The Holy Cross

- 8:30 am †Russell Urry by Nestor and Auring Galimba

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:30 am †Alan Sederis

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 8:30 am †Robert and Marilyn Cornell by Ken and Mary Fivizzani

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Saint Robert Bellamine and Saint Hildegard of Bingen

- 8:30 am †Rosemarie Kosik by Char Boyd

Friday, September 18, 2026

- 8:30 am Assisted Living Parishioners of St. Thomas

Saturday, September 19, 2026

- 8:30 am †Ricardo and Leonor Eduvas by Buddy and Mely Mallorca
- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
People of St. Thomas

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Greg Cork by Family
- 9:30 am †Tim Updike by Bob and Donna McLaughlin
†Bill Gayde by Van and Lori Culberson
- 11:15 †Barbara Jungiewicz by Family

Presider Schedule for September 19–20

Fr. Peter Infanger will preach all Masses.

Presider schedule subject to change.

Special thanks to Tim Mikeska for some of the cover images.



FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E CORNER

Our Catholic Church teaches that we humans were made in the image and likeness of God (see Genesis 1:26). And like the triune God, we are also relational. Humans are social creatures who are connected to one another and who flourish best in community. We truly do need

one another. Each of us was physically born into a human family and those families make up the citizenry of the larger civil society. As members of that society, we are called to participate in the governing bodies that we humans have organized to help sustain all of us. But as Catholics, we are also members of the Catholic Church, which is a divinely instituted society, and we are expected to participate in that body as well.

We often refer to our Church as the "Body of Christ." And as the Body of Christ, we are a living body, expected to provide authentic care for the whole person, just as Jesus did in his time on earth. Since the time of Jesus and throughout the ensuing centuries, the Catholic Church, as a living body with Christ as her head, has been a nurturing presence and a major global provider of hospitality, health care, education, scientific advances and great works of art, music, architecture and things of beauty. How did we come to take on that role? Stay with us.



St. Thomas Young Adults

Alpha registration is now open. Join us Monday nights to explore faith, ask questions and build community at a table with other young adults.

Scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org to register. If you have questions, please email AlphaStThomasNaperville@gmail.com.



Would you like to gather together to pray, learn from scripture, tradition and each other? We would like to form a young adult small group for the 6-week Journey of the Sacred – St. Francis of Assisi small faith group experience. Email REAdmin@stapostle.org to express interest!

School of Prayer

For the upcoming School of Prayer Wednesday, September 16, Deacon Joe Cuzzone will present the Liturgy of the Hours, an honored tradition of marking selected hours of the day with prayer, psalms and readings. Mandated for ordained clergy, its practice is also encouraged as Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for laypeople.



Get acquainted with this beautiful meditative form of prayer at either 10:00 am or 7:00 pm in the Senior Center.

The Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi

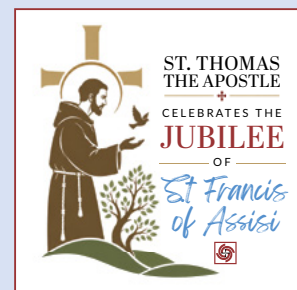
St. Thomas continues the ongoing celebration of the Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi with the following events:

Journey of the Sacred: Small Group Opportunities

- Wednesdays, September 23 to October 28

Celebration of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

- Saturday, October 3 | 4:30 pm | Church Vigil Mass for Saint Francis followed by a reception in the Gathering Area
- Saturday, October 3 | 6:15 pm | Church Transitus Commemoration
- Sunday, October 4
Donut Sunday with "Learn More, Pray More, Do More" stations
Mass for Saint Francis at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm
Blessing of Pets at 1:00 pm in the Labyrinth





St. Thomas the Apostle presents School of Prayer

*Pray Always.
Pray All Ways.*

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours

Wednesday, September 16

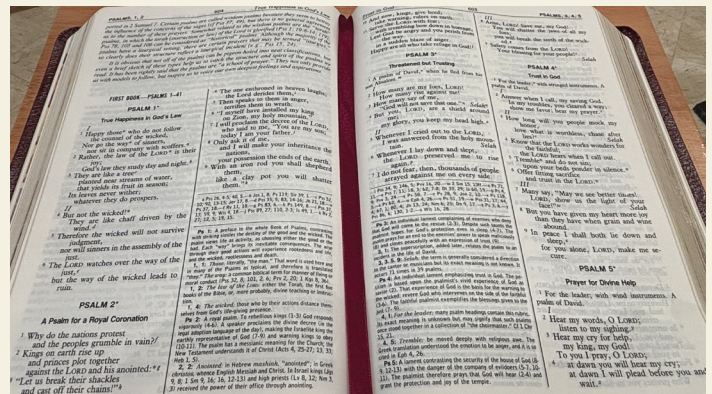
10:00 am and 7:00 pm | St. Thomas Senior Center

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 September, Deacon Joe Cuzzzone will lead us as we pray the daily prayer of the church, also known as the Divine Office, and review how this form of prayer has evolved while staying true to the ancient tradition.

This program will be offered twice on Wednesday, September 16, 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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High School Students

All high school students are welcome Thursday, September 24, from 7:00–8:30 pm in the St. Thomas Gym for a night of prayer, snacks and games. This is open to all students in grades 9–12.

There will also be an opportunity to sign up for a 6-week Journey of the Sacred – St. Francis of Assisi small faith group experience. In these groups we will gather to pray, continue learning from Scripture, tradition and each other.

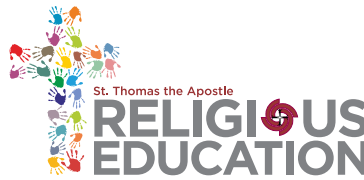


We Are Going To Have A Great Year!

Let The Fun Begin!

Saturday, PreK–5th grade classes have already begun at All Saints Academy!

Tuesday, PreK–5th grade classes will begin September 15 here at St. Thomas.



We Miss Your Child!

We are still accepting late registration, but hurry and get your child registered. We don't want your child to miss out. The options for elementary-aged students are Tuesday 4:30–5:45 pm at St Thomas or Saturday 8:30–9:45 am at All Saints Catholic Academy. Email Jenni Kennedy at REAdmin@stapostle.org for enrollment information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins next Sunday September 20. This is for students PreK–3rd grade during the 9:30 am Mass. Children will hear the readings in grade level appropriate language. Please join us next week.

We are Hiring!

We are still seeking a vibrant, committed, and passionate Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry to embrace the teens of St. Thomas community and lead the next generation of Catholics to grow in their faith and become lifelong disciples of Jesus.

The candidate will foster a welcoming, safe and Christ-centered environment where teens can deepen their relationship with God, ask meaningful questions, experience a true sense of belonging and meaningfully prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The ideal candidate has the heart for ministry and the organizational skills combined with strong communication skills to lead and oversee a dynamic Faith Formation program preparing teens for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org for the full job listing.



Faith Formation

Elementary

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 12, 19, 26

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 15, 22, 29

Please reach out to Alison Chandler at achandler@stapostle.org with any questions, suggestions or feedback.

Middle School Faith Formation

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 12, 19, 26

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 15, 22, 29

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

Confirmation Preparation

Upcoming Small Group Sessions:
September 13, 27

Year 1 students

we are looking forward to an evening of team-building Sunday, September 20.

Year 2 students

Sign-ups for your Life Retreat will open soon.

Watch your email for signing up for these important events!



OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Voting is Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a responsibility to speak out when systems and situations do not uphold the fullness of our inherent human dignity.

Lift up your voice by exercising your right to participate in our society and use that voice responsibly by advocating for policies that protect human dignity. The best way to exercise your right to participate in our society is to vote! Voter registration information and other useful information can be found at the following websites:

- Vote411.org
- dupagecounty.gov
- willcountyclerk.gov
- BallotReady.org

If you have a problem getting to the polls to vote, please contact Pax Christi/St. Thomas by contacting Pax Christi members Nancy Oetter at nloetter@comcast.net or Mary Ann Rempe at marempe630@hotmail.com.



International Day of Peace Prayer Service September 20

Each year, the International Day of Peace invites people around the world to recommit themselves to nonviolence, compassion, and peace. This year's theme, "Invest in Peace — For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day," honors the everyday people in schools, neighborhoods, and local communities who help build a more peaceful world.

The International Day of Peace is observed September 21. To honor this day, we will gather for a short prayer service Sunday, September 20, after the 11:15 am Mass, around 12:30 pm, at the Peace Pole. Please join us as we pray for and envision a more just and peaceful world.

Sacred Earth ... Sacred Lives Saints Who Loved Creation

Each week, during the Season of Creation, one Saint with a deep reverence and love for Creation will be highlighted in our weekend bulletin. This week, St. Clare of Assisi provides our inspiration.

St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) was a German Benedictine nun, mystic, writer, musician and theologian who had a deep appreciation for the beauty and goodness of God's creation. She saw the natural world as a living expression of God's presence and creativity. For Hildegard, creation was filled with "viriditas," a Latin word she used to describe greenness, vitality and the life-giving power of God. She believed that plants, animals, the earth, water and the human person were all connected within God's creation. Nature was not simply something to use; it was a gift that revealed divine wisdom and called people to live in harmony with the world around them. Hildegard reminds us to see the earth with wonder and gratitude, to respect its delicate balance and to recognize our responsibility to care for the world God has entrusted to us. Her vision encourages us to discover God's presence not only in prayer and worship, but also in the beauty and life of creation.

You can also find a display of these Saints on a bulletin board in the main hallway.

Umbrellas for Peace: A Creative Celebration of Hope

There are still a few umbrellas available for decorating. Stop by the Gathering Area after Mass to pick up an umbrella and decorating suggestions. Decorated umbrellas are due back September 16. Please return to the Welcome Desk or to the OSJ Office.

Children's Coat and Hygiene Product Collection For St. Agnes in Manderson, South Dakota

Collecting Through Last Weekend in September

This year's Lakota coat and blanket collection focuses on the needs of the children on the reservation. Specific items that many of the children need at this time include:

- Children's coats only, sizes infant to 18/20, can be new or gently used, boys and girls
- NEW underwear, all sizes from 5 to 18/20, boys and girls
- Hats, gloves, scarves, can be new or gently used
- Socks, all sizes from 5 to 18/20, new or gently used, boys and girls

Diapers and hygiene products have also been requested. For smoother transport, we are requesting that monetary donations be made in lieu of actual hygiene products. To donate, please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle OSJ with Lakota in the memo. Checks can be given to Peggy or Nicole in the Outreach and Social Justice office. The collection ends Sunday, September 27. Delivery to St. Agnes will be September 29. Please place your donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Holiday Card Collection and Signing for Incarcerated Persons

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

St. Thomas Couriers of Compassion is partnering with Companions Journeying Together to collect unsigned Christmas cards and postage stamps and to invite volunteers to sign cards for persons incarcerated in Illinois prisons. This project helps those incarcerated strengthen family bonds and adds some holiday cheer.

Please place donated cards and stamps in the Couriers basket in the Gathering Area from September 12 through October 19. Guidelines:

- If donating, place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes.
- Donated cards must be unsigned and not have any glue, glitter, paint, crayon, adhesives, ribbon, cloth, stickers or string. No Mass or Novena cards.

Card Signing: Tuesday, October 20, 9:30–11:30 am at the St. Thomas Senior Center. Treats and coffee/tea provided.

To sign up or learn more about Couriers of Compassion prison ministry, contact Suelynn Hanegraaf at 630.400.3400 or suelynn111@gmail.com or Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, x123. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Extraordinary Generosity!

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to our Duchity Safe Environment Collection. Our goal was to raise \$7,500 to support this important ministry. You gave an incredible \$30,156! In addition to providing safe environment training for the children of Duchity, the additional funds allow Fr. Frantzy to implement other measures to keep the community safe.

Transitional Housing Family Graduates

St. Thomas' Transitional Housing ministry began supporting a mother and daughter in August 2024. After completing the program, our Transitional Housing mom has moved into her own independent living situation.

During her time in the program, she completed the four Steps to Success, participated in parenting workshops and counseling, and worked with our employment team. She also strengthened her budgeting skills and became very resourceful. Her financial accomplishments include:

- Salary increased from \$41,136 at the start of the program to \$60,000 at the end of the program.
- All consumer debt was paid off.
- Savings grew from \$0 at the start of the program to \$37,921 at the end of the program.
- Credit rating improved from 587 at the start of the program to 691 at the end of the program.

As these accomplishments show, she was very successful in the program. While she made tremendous financial progress and built meaningful savings, her growth went far beyond numbers. Throughout the program, she grew as a mother and as an individual. She gained confidence, strengthened her ability to make decisions for her family, and developed the skills needed to live independently. A big part of that growth came from knowing she had people behind her whom she could truly trust.

Thank you for giving this Transitional Housing family a safe and consistent foundation while she learned that she could do it on her own. She is leaving the program with greater confidence, independence and belief in herself. This is the lasting impact you helped make possible!



Oktoberfest ... Save the Date

Join the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus for a fun-filled Oktoberfest evening with good food for a good cause.

Date: Saturday, September 26

Time: 5:00–7:00 pm

Place: St. Thomas Gym

Tickets purchased in advance: \$17

Tickets purchased at door: \$20

Children under 10: \$12

Menu: Bratwurst, pork loin, sauerkraut, potato pancake, applesauce, soft pretzel, mixed vegetables and dessert.

Advance tickets can be purchased at weekend Masses September 12–13 and 19–20. You can also reserve your meals online, before September 25, at stapostle.org.

Nature Immersion Experience September 15

Join us September 15 at 6:00 pm for a prayerful Nature Immersion experience at the Labyrinth behind the Church. This special time of reflection will be led by a certified naturalist and member of the Care for Creation Ministry. All are welcome to come, pray and experience God's presence in creation.

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 September 15, October 13 and October 27. 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

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Fifty Plus

PrimeTime September Event

Welcome Back! The PrimeTime 50+ returns September 15 at 10:00 am with a special presentation by St. Thomas parishioner Jack Wilson-Beals. After growing up as the son of Baptist missionaries in the Philippines, Jack entered the Catholic Church March 26, 1989, and became a member of St. Thomas with his wife, Karen, November 6, 2023. Much of his life has been dedicated to working with refugees, immigrants and other vulnerable populations. International traveling is one of his greatest passions.

Over the past year, Jack's travels have taken him to Zambia, Malawi and most recently, Haiti. He looks forward to sharing these experiences with you, offering a window into his adventures with fellow Catholics in these countries — a journey that highlights both incredible beauty and profound wretchedness.

Lunch will be served after the presentation and includes sloppy joe sandwiches, mac and cheese, coleslaw and apples. Please email Phyllis Wempe at PTRegistration@hotmail.com or call 630.728.3227 to register.

Bring a friend. All are welcome!

Rosary Ministry

Join us for the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally October 10 at 12:00 pm.

For details on the event and to receive the Naperville prayer packet, email fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com or call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Ministry News

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 am in the Emmaus room. Come share your summer stories and creating. All are welcome.

Ministers of Care

The Ministers of Care Ministry continues to provide compassionate care to our parishioners. Our team provides individual and group Communion in the community. Contact Gary Rufo at 630.355.8980, x124 if you or someone you love becomes homebound, moves to a local assisted living facility or is hospitalized at Edward Hospital and would like to receive Communion. Please contact us if you are interested in joining this meaningful ministry.

A Loving Look at Loss

Grief Support Group

What is grief but love persevering. As we allow ourselves to feel the depth of our grief it increases our capacity for love.

"Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Registration is open for the next session of the St. Thomas Grief Support Group, "Grief to Growth." The session begins October 11 and runs for six weeks on Sundays from 10:45 am–12:15 pm in the Resource Center. For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Kratz, Ph.D., Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x104 or nkratz@stapostle.org. You can also see the Pastoral Care Grief Support webpage at stapostle.org for details.



HOPE Café

The next drop-in HOPE Café is Wednesday, September 23, from 10:30–12:00 pm. Join spiritual director Jane Zimmerman and take some time to quiet your heart and mind in fellowship with others who are traveling this journey of loss. Please contact Jane at jzimmerman@stapostle.org for more details.

On Life's Journey

Me? Worry?

Worry is *nonproductive* thinking about a problem, or an uncertain or unsatisfactory future for yourself, someone, or something you care about. Behind the worry are:

Beliefs: What beliefs do you have that contribute to a worry? Are your beliefs completely true?

Attitudes: What slant, opinions, or persuasions do you have that influence the worry?

Emotions: What emotions arise when you worry? Can you feel the emotions in your body?

Each belief, attitude and emotion has an underlying belief, attitude, or emotion, all of which affect your health, either positively or negatively. However, self reflection and awareness can help with thinking more clearly, expanding perspective, and calming emotions. Where do you want to put your energy?

"However much you worry, can any of you add one single cubit to your span of life?" Matthew 6:27

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 August 2026

Envelopes and loose cash	\$57,824
Credit card online giving	\$21,071
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$45,972
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$17,727
Sunday Collection Offering – August 2026	\$142,594
Sunday Collection Goal – August 2026	\$156,251
Above/(Below) Goal for month	(\$13,657)
Sunday Collection 7/1/26 through 8/31/26	\$290,389
Sunday Goal for 7/1/26 through 8/31/26	\$302,683
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 8/31/26	(\$12,294)

2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 8/30/26

	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	\$199,633	\$196,064	\$3,569	\$240,755	(\$41,122)
Unpaid pledges	\$11,885	\$18,491	\$6,606	\$5,826	(\$6,059)
Paid to Date	\$187,749	\$177,573	\$10,176	\$234,929	(\$47,180)
Number of Appeal Donors	514	558	(44)	597	(83)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal) Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal	\$6,754			\$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, September 14, 2026

6:30–9:00 pm	ALPHA, Lighthouse
6:30–9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus, Gym
7:00–8:30 pm	Baptism Class, Senior Center

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00–11:30 am	PrimeTime, Lighthouse
9:00–10:00 am	Care Pantry Distribution, Outside
2:00–3:30 pm	Buildings and Grounds, Judea
4:30–5:45 pm	RE K-5, Ministry Center
6:15–7:30 pm	RE 6-8, Ministry Center
6:30–8:30 pm	Welcome Committee, Emmaus

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:15–11:15 am	Wednesday Bible Study, Lighthouse
10:00–11:00 am	School of Prayer, Senior Center
10:30–12:00 pm	Hope Café, Resource Center
4:00–5:00 pm	Golf Team, Judea
4:30–6:30 pm	Minister of Care Training, Youth Center
6:30–8:30 pm	Deaf Community, Emmaus
7:00–8:30 pm	PPC, Lighthouse
7:00–8:00 pm	School of Prayer, Senior Center

Thursday, September 17, 2026

7:00–8:30 pm	High School Team, Youth Center
7:00–8:30 pm	Stewardship Committee, Judea

Friday, September 18, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:00–10:30 am	Saturday Men's Group, Judea
8:30–9:45 am	RE PreK-8 All Saints Catholic Academy
3:30–4:15 pm	Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 am–12:30 pm	Donuts, Gym
9:30–10:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
1:00–2:00 pm	Baptism, Church
4:30–8:30 pm	High School Year 1 Team Building, Ministry Center

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Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm
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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.

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