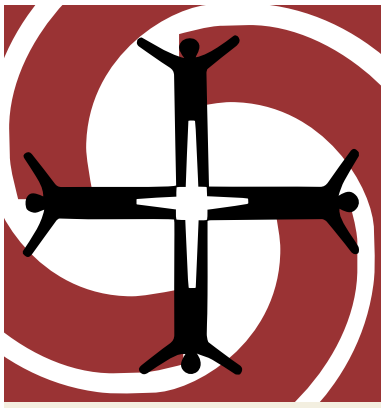




SEPTEMBER
27
2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said to them,
"Amen, I say to you, tax
collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God
before you."*

Matthew 21:31

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

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



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

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

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday: 9:00 am–12:00 pm and
First Sunday: 7:00–8:00 pm

The Sunday 9:30 am Mass is livestreamed.

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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.

6:00 pm Mass Returns this Sunday, September 27

St. Thomas' Sunday Night 6:00 pm Mass resumes this Sunday, 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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Friday, October 2, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm in the Chapel. Adoration will also take place Sunday, October 4, from 7:00–8:00 pm in the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during the Adoration October 4.

Transitus Service – October 3

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, all are invited to the Transitus Prayer Service Saturday, October 3, at 6:15 pm. Transitus is a prayerful remembrance of St. Francis' passing from this life into eternal life. Each year, Franciscan communities around the world gather on the eve of his feast to remember his final hours through prayer, Scripture, reflection and song. The Transitus invites us to give thanks for the life and witness of St. Francis and to renew our own call to follow Christ with simplicity, compassion and peace. We are especially blessed to welcome

Welcoming Our New Bishop

On September 17, Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Brendan John Cahill as the seventh Bishop of Joliet. Bishop Cahill comes to us after 11 years as Bishop of Victoria, Texas, and will be formally installed November 11.

At a recent Vespers with the priests of our diocese, Bishop Cahill gave us an opportunity to hear his heart. He spoke warmly of his family, most of whom still live in Houston, including his mother. His father died eight years ago. He also expressed heartfelt gratitude for the religious sisters and brothers who educated him and helped form his faith.

I came away convinced that Bishop Cahill will be a wonderful gift to our diocese. He is humble, deeply in love with Jesus, devoted to Mary and filled with genuine Christian joy. Like Bishop Conlon and Archbishop Hicks, he is committed to fostering evangelization and discipleship throughout the Church.



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

several Franciscan Sisters who will join us for this beautiful celebration. All are welcome to come and pray with us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

Pet Blessing October 4

St. Thomas' annual pet blessing will take place Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 pm at the Labyrinth. Bring your furry, finned or flying friend for a prayer service and blessing in honor of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. All pets are welcome.

Pet Supplies Collection

Saint Francis had a special love for animals and all of creation. In that spirit, we invite you to support the Naperville Area Humane Society (NAHS) through a donation of needed supplies or with a monetary gift.

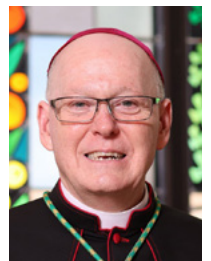
Most Needed Supplies: Clumping and non-clumping litter, Fancy Feast wet kitten food, paper towels and laundry detergent. For their full list and Amazon wish lists please visit <https://www.naperhumane.org/wish-list>

Drop-off dates: Bring wish list items during the weekend of October 3–4. Donations may be placed in the designated wire bin in the Gathering Area or brought to the Labyrinth during the Pet Blessing Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 pm. For monetary donations, please visit <https://www.naperhumane.org/donate> to make a gift.

NAHS will be pawsitively grateful for your generosity!

Bishop Cahill is especially concerned that young adults know they have a home in the Church. He wants us to reach out, listen, welcome and invite rather than judge or exclude. His ministry also reflects a deep concern for the dignity and rights of immigrants. He holds national leadership roles with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the pastoral care of migrants, refugees and travelers. In Texas, he has also supported efforts addressing psychological and mental-health needs.

Please pray for Bishop Cahill, the Diocese of Victoria and our Diocese of Joliet during this time of transition.



~ Fr. John



The Saint Thomas the Apostle DMI Survey Starts October 4 We Need Your Help!



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 Survey only takes 10-15 minutes!

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.

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.

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: Odeh Hattar and Jumana Ibrahim and family and Fabio and Vivian Pacci Poutes and family

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

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Eileen P. Redding by Mary Wright
†Tim Danahy by John and Mary Pat DeYoung
- 8:00 am †John Wiedenski Sr. by Mary Szczap and Family
9:30 am †Aggie Flynn by Delia Lopez
†Kevin Bauler by Kathy Mangan
- 11:15 am †Marilyn Cornell by Angela and Don Coar
6:00 pm †People of St. Thomas

Monday, September 28, 2026

- 8:30 am †Jean Mertens by Patti and Bill Dougherty

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 8:30 am †Aggie Flynn

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am †Bonnie Ann Faiman by Karen Dix

Thursday, October 1, 2026

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am †Mark Goralski by Peggy Goralski

Friday, October 2, 2026

The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:30 am †Andrew Dziabus by The Mallorca Family

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 8:30 am †Lois Walker by Parish Staff
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Peter Pham Cong Pham and Madeline Tho
Nguyen by Anhhong Pham

Sunday October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Stella Wiejaczka by Ken Wiejaczka
9:30 am People of St. Thomas
11:15 am †Ella Navarro and Ernesto Cruz by Daisy Cruz
6:00 pm †Jim and Mary Ann Winn by Tammy

Presider Schedule for October 3–4

Saturday, October 3

- 4:30 pm — Fr. John Regan

Sunday, October 4

- 8:00 am — Fr. Peter Infanger
9:30 am — Fr. John Regan
11:15 am — Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon John Freund
6:00 pm — Fr. Peter Infanger

Presider schedule subject to change.



FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E CORNER

We sometimes refer to our Church as the “Bride of Christ.” And we can distinguish her according to what are called the four “marks” or qualities of the Church – one, holy, catholic and apostolic. First, she is one. Our Church exists in multiple forms, but is unified as one body with many members under one God. Second, she is holy. And holy means whole, set apart for God, strengthened by Divine Spirit to pursue virtue and make her best effort to conform to the will of God and reflect God’s goodness to the world. Our Church is also catholic, meaning universal. Her loving embrace stretches across the globe, offering to all who join her the full array of Divine gifts, including the power to reconcile the divisions and tensions between her very diverse and all-too-human members.

And she is apostolic – in succession to and in continuity with the original apostles. The authority figures of our Church are charged with making sure we stay true to our origins as given by Jesus Christ. So we are governed by Bishops, who are successors to the apostles, responsible for guarding the faith, interpreting it and teaching it to every next generation. Together with the Pope, the Vicar of Christ and most visible leader of our faith on earth, the Bishops make up the Magisterium. This authoritative body makes decisions, guided by the Holy Spirit, on all the important issues facing our Church as she navigates her way through an ever-changing world.

School of Prayer

Mary Wright will lead “Praying with Mary,” the next installment of the School of Prayer Wednesday, October 21.

Choose either the morning session from 10:00–11:00 am or come for the evening presentation from 7:00–8:00 pm.

The Second Vatican Council names Mary as the Blessed Virgin and Mother of the Church. One of many Marian devotions is the Rosary, to which the month of October is dedicated. Learn the background and history of the Rosary, then pray the Glorious Mysteries and become acquainted with other ways to pray with Mary.

To assure your place please contact REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x118.

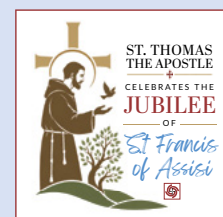


Celebrating Saint Francis

A Weekend of Prayer, Fellowship and Care for Creation

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with a full weekend of prayer, fellowship, hospitality and care for God’s creation.

- 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

In honor of Saint Francis and his love for all creation, parishioners and neighbors are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing.

The celebration will include a special prayer for pets who are sick. If your pet cannot attend, you are welcome to bring a photograph to hold during the prayer. Children may also bring a favorite stuffed animal to be blessed.

For everyone’s safety, please bring pets appropriately leashed, crated or otherwise secured. Please see page 2 for details about the pet supplies collection.

Small Faith Communities Return

To connect people more closely to God and to one another, small faith communities will be returning to St. Thomas early next year. Watch this space. Over the next weeks, we’ll look at some of the reasons why this form of relationship, shared prayer and support help us to grow as disciples of Christ.

If you are interested in helping to guide this re-launch or might like to serve as the facilitator of a group, please reach out to Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980, x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.



Called to Follow

Following Jesus — Helping Others Follow Him

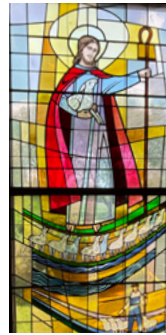
Jesus calls each of us to follow him — and to help others follow him, too.

Join us at St. Thomas Wednesday, October 7, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm, with lunch following, for a special morning of Scripture, reflection, conversation and personal stories about our journeys as disciples.

At the heart of the morning is a simple conviction: It's not programs that make disciples. People make disciples.

Come reflect on your own journey with Christ and discover how God might use you to welcome, listen to, encourage and accompany someone else. All parishioners are welcome! We'd love to fill the Lighthouse with disciples who want to make disciples.

Scan the QR code to register.



Faith Formation

Elementary

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 26, October 3, 10

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 29, October 6

Full calendar can be found on the website. It's still not too late to register for classes please contact Jenni Kennedy at REAdmin@stapostle.org, or 630.355.8980, x118 to register.

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

Middle School Faith Formation

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 26, October 3, 10, 17

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 29, October 6, 13

Mark your calendar to hear Ali Hoffman as our guest speaker October 4 followed by a Middle School Community Mass at 6:00 pm.

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

Confirmation Preparation

Upcoming Small Group Sessions:
September 27, October 4

High School Students

Join us for a 6-week small faith group experience. Meet weekly to learn from Scripture, tradition and each other in a Journey of the Sacred. Email Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org if you are interested!

6:00 pm Mass Resumes September 27

Join us for Mass, stay for a sweet reception!

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.

Please scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org for the full job listing.



Cub Scout Popcorn

Buy some delicious popcorn and support Pack 125. Popcorn will be for sale after Masses October 3–4. Thank you!

Does God Talk to Me?

All are welcome to come explore this idea with guest speaker Ali Hoffman Sunday, October 4, from 4:00–5:30 pm at St. Thomas. While Ali is coming specifically to reach our Middle School students, we are never too old to hear new ways to approach praying, hearing God's voice and reading Scripture. Join us in the Church and stay for the reception in the Gathering Area.



Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun. During the Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass, the children PreK to Grade 3 are invited to gather separately to hear the Gospel story of the day proclaimed in language, activities, music and prayer appropriate to their age. There is no registration required.

Please contact Alison Chandler at achandler@stapostle.org with any questions.



October Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, October 6, 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:

- Flour
- Tuna
- Vegetables
- Side dishes (rice or noodles in microwavable pouch, instant potatoes, etc.)
- Meal in a Can (Spaghetti-O's, stew, chili, ravioli.)
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Dish soap

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.

Holes for Hope Golf Outing

The 2027 Holes for Hope Charity Golf Outing will be held May 24, 2027, at Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora. Proceeds from the outing will benefit St. Thomas Cares, helping the parish continue to provide emergency to individuals and families.

Many volunteers are needed to make the outing a success and we need YOUR help. If you would like to serve on the Holes for Hope planning committee, please contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or Nicole Hanks at nhanks@stapostle.org.

Haiti Weekend

This is Haiti Weekend when St. Thomas celebrates our Haiti Twinning relationship with Ste. Marie Madeleine parish and the community of Duchity. Fr. Frantzdy's homily will be heard at all the Masses bringing greetings from the Ste. Marie Madeleine community. There will be a second collection. The funds collected will benefit education and the school lunch program.



Second Collection Options

- Place your donation in the collection basket during Mass.
- Checks can be written to St. Thomas OSJ with Haiti in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ.
- Credit Card: Go to www.stapostle.org and press the Giving tab.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Why All the Umbrellas?

Lamb Umbrellas for Peace is a global art project that invites children and adults to paint, decorate, and personalize umbrellas with images and messages of peace. Instead of focusing on news of war, conflict and aggression, this project encourages people to imagine peace through color, creativity, hope and love.



The umbrella is a powerful symbol because it offers shelter and protection. It welcomes everyone beneath it — regardless of race, age, gender or nationality. The canopy becomes a space for hopes, dreams, prayers and aspirations, making each umbrella both a personal expression and a shared call for peace.

More than 900,000 people in 25 countries have taken part in Lamb Umbrellas for Peace projects, creating a worldwide collection of vibrant, one-of-a-kind works of art dedicated to peace.

On October 4, as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we remember his call for each of us to become channels of peace. These beautiful umbrella works of art will grace our worship space and building as we remember, celebrate and pray for peacemakers.

40 Days for Life

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for St Thomas the Apostle Day at 40 Days for Life. Join the Knights for a prayerful vigil anytime between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm Saturday, October 3, at Waterleaf, 3055 East New York Street in Aurora.

40 Days for Life is a national Pro-Life group that sponsors two nationwide vigils per year, each of 40 days duration. Many local churches of all denominations participate.

Bring your lawn chairs and your rosary beads to pray for life with the Knights Saturday, October 3. For questions or for more information, reach out to Jim O'Brien at Jobriengroup@yahoo.com.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees "Even Just One of These Children"

On Sunday, September 27, the Church observes the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just one of these children" (cf. Mt 18:10), inviting us to place special attention on children and young people who are forced to leave their homes because of war, poverty, violence, natural disasters and other hardships.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that migrant children are not numbers, but persons entrusted to our care: "Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories and call on our conscience." His message calls us to respond with compassion, prayer and concrete acts of solidarity, especially toward those who are most vulnerable.

As a parish community, we are invited to ask: How can we make room in our hearts, our neighborhoods and our Church for families seeking safety, dignity and belonging? May this World Day deepen our commitment to welcome the stranger, protect the vulnerable and see Christ in every migrant and refugee — especially in each child.

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

Collecting Through Last Weekend in September

This year the Lakota Ministry has been asked to focus on the collection of specific children's items. These items 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. To donate toward the purchase of hygiene products, 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. Please place your donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Hesed House PADS October 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, October 1. If you are willing and able to provide food for October, you can scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org to sign up for specific items. 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, October 1 before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who can help.



Sacred Earth ... Sacred Lives Saints Who Loved Creation

Each week during the Season of Creation, our weekend bulletin will feature a saint whose life reflected deep reverence for God's creation. This week, we look to Blessed Julian of Norwich for inspiration.

Blessed Julian of Norwich was born in 14th century England. As a young woman she underwent a serious illness at 30. During prayer she received mystical visions which she called showings of Christ and his passion. After recovering from her illness, she became an anchoress at St. Julian's Church, living a life of simplicity, solitude, spiritual guidance and reflecting and writing about her mystical experiences, which later were named, Revelations of Divine Love.

In one of her visions, she writes that God gave her a small thing the size of a Hazelnut. She asked God what this tiny thing was and was told by God that, "It is all that is, lasts forever, and shall, because God loves it." Julian teaches us that God loves and delights in the tiniest seeds in the natural world and all beings in creation. One prayer of Julian which can give us comfort during turbulent ecological times such as ours is, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

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

Art and Craft Fair November 21

The 27th St. Thomas Art and Craft Fair is November 21. Artists and crafters interested in being vendors should contact Donna Ryder at dryder27@gmail.com. Vendor applications are also available in the Gathering Area.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Donna Ryder.



PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

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A Loving Look at Loss Grief Support Group

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.

An Invitation

Often grief is not a solitary event, it collects. Over time, we have lost friends, family, pets, homes and jobs to name a few. This "collective grief" is often not easy to identify until we stop to reflect on our experiences. We invite you to join the St. Thomas Parish family Saturday, October 3, at 6:15 pm, following the 4:30 pm Mass, for the Transitus Commemoration of the death of St. Francis as Fr. John Regan and the local Franciscan sisters help us reflect on and heal our collective grief.

Special Event

Fatima Rosary Rally, Saturday, October 10

2026 marks the 11th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally, Saturday, October 10, at 12:00 pm.

As we pray the Joyful Mysteries, we will join with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains created across the country to honor the 107th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances.

All past participants will agree this 45-minute Prayer Event is a most blessed experience. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from, set up along a route connecting both parishes. We'll continue to pray the Rosario en español at Station #7 for anyone interested.

Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for World Peace, Reparation of sins and Conversion of sinners. For details on the event and to receive the Naperville: prayer packet, email fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com or call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Stations

1. St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church (along Brookdale Rd. by electronic sign)
2. St. Patrick's (Residents only)
3. NWC-Raymond Dr. at Brookdale Rd.
4. NWC-Raymond Dr. at Redfield Rd.
5. NWC-Raymond Dr. at McDowell Rd.
6. NEC of Raymond Dr. and Ferry Rd.
7. Rosario en español is located at the NW corner of Curtis and Ferry Rd.
8. The NWC of Curtis and Townline Rd.
9. The NWC of Curtis and Warrenville Rd.
10. St. Irene Catholic Church (next to Activity Center along Warrenville Rd.)
11. Monarch Landing (Residents only)
12. Tabor Hills Supportive Living (McDowell Rd. (Residents Only)

Behavioral Health Ministry Care for Water

This month Pope Leo's Prayer Intention is for care of water. As clean water refreshes and sustains the body, the living waters of the Gospel can refresh our parishes where every shared burden and connection becomes a source of spiritual support, especially for those of us living with mental health challenges. Many people in our parishes who are facing mental health challenges feel isolated, parched and spiritually dry, drained of hope because of stigma. To overcome the stigma that separates us we need to take Pope Leo's words to heart and "bring the hope of the Gospel into the 'waters' of the world."

Let us pray that our parish offers welcome and understanding to those among us facing mental health challenges and are thirsting for spiritual healing and dignity.

~ International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers



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 9/20/26					
	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	\$201,563	\$201,474	\$89	\$240,755	(\$39,192)
Unpaid pledges	\$9,402	\$15,195	\$5,793	\$5,826	(\$3,576)
Paid to Date	\$192,161	\$186,279	\$5,882	\$234,929	(\$42,768)
Number of Appeal Donors	514	561	(47)	597	(83)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal) Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal	\$9,843			\$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 28, 2026

6:30–8:30 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Distribution, Outside

3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir, Church

4:30–5:45 pm RE K-5, Ministry Center

6:15–7:30 pm RE 6-8, Ministry Center

7:00–9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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

6:30–8:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Church

6:30–8:00 pm IJI, Senior Center

7:00–9:00 pm Small Group Experience, Lighthouse

Thursday, October 1, 2026

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

5:00–6:00 pm Security Team, Judea

6:30–8:30 pm High School Team, Youth Center

Friday, October 2, 2026

9:00 am–12:00 pm First Friday Adoration, Chapel

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30–9:45 am RE PreK-8. All Saints Catholic Academy

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

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 am–12:30 pm Donuts, Gym

9:30–10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center

4:00–4:30 pm Middle School Speaker, Church

4:15–5:45 pm HS Year 1 Class, Ministry Center

4:30–6:00 pm Music Rehearsal, Lighthouse

7:00–8:00 pm 1st Sunday Adoration, Church

7:15–8:45 pm HS Year 1 Class, Ministry Center

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PrimeTime October Event

Join us for our next event, October 20, at 10:00 am, as we welcome elder law attorney Mary Kay Furiasse. Mary Kay will discuss legal concerns as we age. Bring your questions as we explore coordinating life care, trusts, estate planning, legal documents and healthcare advocacy.

This is potluck month. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, entrée or dessert to serve 4-6 people. Beverages will be provided. To register please email Phyllis Wempe at PTregistration@hotmail.com or call 630.728.3227. All are welcome!





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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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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.

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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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