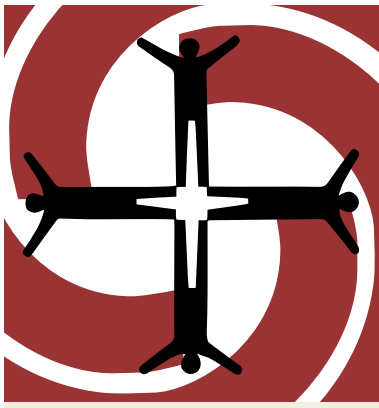




OCTOBER
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Go out, therefore, into the
main roads and invite to the
feast whomever you find."*

Matthew 22:9

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.*



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

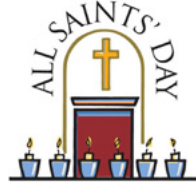
For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at sknisley@stapostle.org.

Save the Date ...

Lessons and Carols is Friday, December 11, at 7:00 pm.

All Saints

November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Sunday this year. On this day the Church honors all the saints of heaven, God's holy ones — known and unknown to us. We celebrate all the holy men and women who, throughout the ages, exemplified the faith; whose lives, in some way or another, mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ in profound ways. This solemnity honors all the saints; in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year. This day, coupled with the November 2 commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls), stands at the beginning of the month of November — a month in which we remember and pray for the dead.



All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Liturgy will be held at St. Thomas Monday, November 2, at 7:00 pm. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. You are invited to participate by bringing a candle forward during the Prayer of the Faithful when your loved one's name is called (candles provided). You may also bring a picture or memento to place on the tables in front of the sanctuary in memory of your loved one. The liturgy will be followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. For more information, call Lori Culberson at 630.355.8980, x120.



Daily Readings

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

Handbell Choir is Returning to St. Thomas!

We are seeking volunteers to ring bells for two special celebrations this season:

- **Christ the King:** Sunday, November 22, at the 11:15 am Mass
- **Baptism of the Lord:** Sunday, January 10, at the 11:15 am Mass

Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 5:00–6:30 pm

Who can join? Adults, young adults and teens are all welcome! Whether you've rung bells before, played another instrument or simply want to try something new, there is a place at the table for you!

Not able to commit to weekly rehearsals? We are also building a substitute ringer list to sub when regular members are away.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jessica Koch, Associate Director of Liturgy and Music, at jkoch@stapostle.org. Come help us make a joyful noise!

Columbus Day and the Knights of Columbus

On Columbus Day, the Knights of Columbus proudly remember the man whose name our Order bears.

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights in 1882, he chose Christopher Columbus deliberately. At a time when Catholics — especially immigrants — were often viewed as outsiders in America, Columbus was a powerful reminder that Catholic faith had been part of the American story from its earliest European beginnings. For McGivney and the first Knights, Columbus represented faith, courage, and the conviction that one could be both proudly Catholic and proudly American.

Today, Columbus is too often reduced to a one-dimensional caricature that overlooks his faith, courage, and extraordinary place in history. His voyages changed the world and inspired generations of American Catholics.

The Knights honor that legacy not simply by carrying his name, but by putting our faith into action. Here at St. Thomas the Apostle, Council 15822 brings Catholic men together in service to our parish and community. Recently, we welcomed new parishioners with breakfast, helped set up Mass in the Grass, and raised funds for the winter coat drive.

This Columbus Day, we proudly celebrate our namesake and continue Blessed Michael McGivney's vision: Catholic men living their faith through charity, unity, and service.





The Saint Thomas the Apostle DMI Survey is Now Open We Want to Hear From You!

We are off to a great start after launching October 4!

Please complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today to come together in faith to forge a renewed path that brings hope and Christ's love into our community.

All parishioners 13 and over are welcomed and encouraged to take this survey. It's easy and it only takes 10-15 minutes. Just scan the QR code to get started or visit stapostle.org/the-saint-thomas-the-apostle-dmi-survey/

Paper copies of the survey are available at the front desk for those who need one. Just fill it out and drop it off in the box provided.

A comprehensive report of the findings will be shared with you in the coming months. Your input is important as the results will serve to strengthen St. Thomas the Apostle and better prepare us for the future!

Thank you!



Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Paul and Doris Michalec by Paul Mampreian
†Mary Mampreian by Paul Mampreian
8:00 am †Yvonne by the Noronha Family
9:30 am †Kevin Bauler by Sylvia Bauler
†William Gayde by Voices of Faith
11:15 am People of St. Thomas
6:00 pm Fr. Peter Infanger by Maria Esparza

Monday, October 12, 2026

8:30 am †Kevin Bauler by Sylvia Bauler

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

8:30 am †Sylvia Dragoo by the Rembrecht Family

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:30 am †Peter Farella by Mary Wright

Thursday, October 15, 2026

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am †Edwin Arguellis by Carmelita Encarnacion

Friday, October 16, 2026

8:30 am †Dan Casey by Audrey Casey

Saturday, October 17, 2026

St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am †Jenni Anderson by Mom and Dad and Kerri
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Joe Mantranga by Voices of Faith
†Tim Danahy by John and Mary Pat DeYoung

Sunday October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Darrell Johnson by Ken Wiejaczka
9:30 am †Edyth and Joseph Caruso by Joe and Gloria Caruso
†Lloyd Novak by Tim and GERALYN DUEZ
11:15 am †Dennis Doll by Barbara Doll
6:00 pm People of St. Thomas

Presider Schedule for October 17-18

Saturday, October 17

4:30 pm — Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzzone

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am — Fr. John Regan
9:30 am — Fr. Peter Infanger
11:15 am — Fr. Peter Infanger
6:00 pm — Fr. John Regan

Presider schedule subject to change.

Homily Series

Mark your calendars and invite your friends for Part 2 of the series:

Discernment — Noticing God's Guidance in Our Lives!

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

To revisit the homily messages Prepare the Heart and Gather Wisdom, and review the Reminders and Resources, go to the Homily Series page on our website: stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/

We look forward to growing together!

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.





FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E CORNER

Because Jesus was more than human, he rose from the dead. We refer to this as his Resurrection and it was a game-changer. He appeared in resurrected form to many of his disciples. Following the completion of his mission of redemption here on earth, Jesus bodily ascended into heaven to be reunited with his Heavenly Father. There he is seated at the right hand of the Father, as a place of great honor and authority. He promised he would return again, which we call the Second Coming. Ultimately it is his responsibility to judge the world. His kingdom is everlasting.

Jesus promised his disciples that when he was physically gone, he would send them a helper, an Advocate. But not just any helper. They would be assisted by a Divine helper, the Holy Spirit. Our Creed professes that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. It was the Holy Spirit who was the power that allowed for the conception of Jesus, the power that sustained Jesus as he suffered on the cross and the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is to be worshiped and glorified, as is the Father and the Son.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 18

Start your Sunday with pancakes, good company and a great cause! All are welcome to join us in the Gym for a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by our high school teens.

This is a fun service opportunity for our teens and a chance for our parish community to support our high school ministry. Your generous donations help make it possible for our teens to attend Confirmation retreats, mission trips and conferences and to welcome engaging speakers throughout the year.

Come hungry, bring your family and friends, and help our teens continue to grow in faith and community!

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.

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.



Stay Connected with St. Thomas All Week Long!

Check out at [St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville) on Facebook and [@stthomasapostlenaperville](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasapostlenaperville) on Instagram 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.*

Praying With Mary

Wednesday, October 21

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 October, Mary Wright will lead us in Praying with Mary. 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.

This program will be offered twice on Wednesday, October 21, 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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FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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CREW

Connect – Reflect – Energize – Witness

All students in grades 6–8 are welcome to join us Sunday, October 18, from 4:15–5:45 pm for our first event of the year.

We connect by doing ice breakers; reflect on Ecclesiastes, seasons and a time for everything; energize through relay races and games; and witness by attending Mass together and bringing our energy out into the world. We end with pizza and treats.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP so that we have enough food and supplies



Faith Formation

Elementary

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
October 10, 17, 24

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
October 13, 27. No class October 20 due to a catechist meeting.

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:
October 10, 17

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
October 13

Note there is no Saturday Middle School class October 24 (but PreK-5 is meeting). All Middle School students are welcome Tuesday, October 27, from 6:15–7:30 pm to help prepare for Harvest Sunday.

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

Confirmation Preparation

Upcoming Small Group Sessions:
November 15

Journey Night: November 14 after 4:30 pm Mass

Watch for ways to get involved in Harvest Sunday!



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.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**



OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Helping Families Remain in Their Homes

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at St. Thomas responds to calls from local families seeking rent and utility assistance. While national news often speaks broadly about the economy, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers see firsthand what those challenges mean for families right here in Naperville. During the month of August, the ministry received 29 phone calls and was able to provide support to 16 families which included 19 adults and 7 children. In total, \$9,959.58 in assistance was provided, with most of those funds helping families remain current on apartment rent. Each family assisted by the ministry had conversations with St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and had the opportunity to share part of their story.

As one might imagine, the month of August placed a strain on the SVDP budget. It is because of your generosity that our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers can assist so many. If you would like to contribute toward the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul, you can donate online or by making a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the St. Thomas the Apostle faith community. Because of your support, St. Vincent de Paul can continue helping neighbors remain safely in their homes.

October is Respect Life Month

Special Prayer Opportunities

In honor of Respect Life Month, we warmly invite you to join us for special prayer opportunities throughout October. Copies of the Respect Life Novena are available to take home and use during your personal prayer time. You are also invited to pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life, with us each Saturday in October following the 8:30 am Mass.

Otis' Dream

October 18, after 9:30 am Mass in the Lighthouse

As we prepare for the upcoming November election, the Outreach and Social Justice Office invites you to join us in watching the short film *Otis' Dream*. This powerful 14 minute story follows the true journey of Otis Moss, Sr. in rural Georgia in 1946. Otis was a Black World War 1 veteran who walked many miles and faced repeated barriers simply to cast his ballot at a time when attempting to vote could be dangerous.

Otis' Dream reminds us that the right to vote has often been won at great personal cost and that participation in our civic life is both a privilege and responsibility. As followers of Christ called to love our neighbors and seek justice, engaging thoughtfully and faithfully in the electoral process is one way we live out our faith in the world. Join us in the Lighthouse October 18 after the 9:30 am Mass for the video, a short discussion and refreshments.



Holiday Cards 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 for people incarcerated in Illinois. The cards help them stay connected with family and share some holiday cheer.

Donate now through October 19 in the Couriers basket in the Gathering Area.

- Place stamps in a separate envelope — not on card envelopes.
- Cards must be unsigned and free of 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 in the St. Thomas Senior Center. Refreshments provided.

To sign up or learn more, contact Suelynn Hanegraaf at 630.400.3400 or suelynn111@gmail.com, or Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, x123.

Free Job Search Webinar: AI in the Job Search

Looking for a new job or considering a career change? PATH (People Always Trusting Him) invites job seekers to a free webinar, AI in the Job Search, with Conor Cunneen October 13 at 7:00 pm.

PATH is a faith-based ministry that helps job seekers build confidence, develop practical skills and find encouragement throughout the job-search process. Free resources include monthly webinars, résumé and LinkedIn guidance, interview coaching, networking strategies and faith-based support.

Scan the QR code to register or contact pathjobsearch@gmail.com for more information. PATH is a joint ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and The Compass Church.





Truck being packed by the Lakota Ministry for the trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation (left).
St. Thomas delivery team with Joyce Tibbits from St. Agnes



Lakota Children's Coat and Hygiene Collection Results

Thank you, St. Thomas community for your donation of 73 girls' coats, 92 boys' coats, boots, hats, scarves and gloves. This year's ask was slightly different, and although we didn't send coats or blankets to the Reservation this time around, we did collect 39 blankets and 10 sleeping bags. On Wednesday, September 30, John and Linda Zimmie arrived at the Pine Ridge Reservation to deliver 30 bags worth of donated items. In addition to the physical items donated, a total of \$5,150 in monetary donations were sent to Lakota for the purchase of much needed children's hygiene items!

Many thanks to The Lakota Ministry volunteers who sorted and packed donations for the duration of the collection, and who eventually loaded the truck when it was time for the delivery team to head out. Speaking of the delivery team, a huge thank you to John and Linda for their offer to make the trip!

Thank you for commitment to this twinning relationship.

Knights of Columbus Men's Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, October 24

Where: St. Thomas Lighthouse

What: Rosary, morning Mass, breakfast and presentation by Fr. Bob Colaresi

Cost: No cost for admission, but reservation is helpful

RSVP: Contact Diane in the Parish Office or email alan.cocconi@gmail.com

The morning begins with the rosary at 8:00 am, in the chapel, followed by morning Mass. Immediately after Mass, breakfast will be served in the Lighthouse and Fr. Bob will share his message. Come and enjoy a morning of prayer, food and faith sharing.

Support Local Pregnancy Care Ministries

Every woman facing an unexpected pregnancy deserves compassionate support, practical assistance and hope. Two local organizations dedicated to serving mothers and their children are hosting special fundraising events this October. We invite you to consider attending one of these events or supporting their mission through a donation.

Caring Network Night for Life

The Caring Network for Life event will support the life-affirming work of Caring Network, one of the pregnancy resource centers supported through our parish's Christmas Swaddling Project. Caring Network operates nine pregnancy centers throughout the Chicagoland area, providing no-cost medical services and compassionate care for women facing unexpected pregnancies. The annual Night for Life Dinner will

be held Thursday, October 22, from 6:00–8:30 pm at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. There is no cost to attend, though guests will be invited to donate to support this important ministry. Registration information can be found at <https://v4app.fundeasy.com/events/attendance/919/event>.

Women's Care Center Luxury Bingo

The Luxury Bingo event benefits Women's Care Center and promises an enjoyable evening featuring bingo, food, beverages, fellowship and opportunities to support mothers and children in need. The event will be held Thursday, October 15, at Drury Lane Event Center in Oakbrook Terrace, beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$150 per person. Registration information can be found at www.luxurybingochicago.com.

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 October 13, October 27, November 10 and November 24. 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.

Harvest Sunday Sign-Up Now Open

Harvest Sunday AND Collection at Casey's Foods



is November 1. Don't wait to sign up and secure your favorite volunteer role!

Harvest Sunday sign-up is now open and there are so many opportunities to get involved! There are still a few routes available, so be sure to secure you favorites. To sign up for all Harvest Sunday opportunities, go to stapostle.org/harvest-sunday/

Thank you for your continued support of this annual St. Thomas event that provides food to the hungry. Questions? Contact Nicole Hanks at 630.355.8980, x 113 or at nhanks@stapostle.org.



PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

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Fifty Plus PrimeTime October Event

Ever wonder about the legal questions that aging brings? Join elder attorney Mary Kay Furiasse of AZ Health and Elder Law Tuesday, October 20, from 10:00 am–12:00 pm in the Lighthouse. Mary Kay offers legal services within the concept of Life Care Planning. She'll explain trusts, POAs, how to plan for changes in life situations and other topics important as we get older.

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!



Ministry News St. Thomas Blood Drive November 14

Save the Date!
You're invited to donate and become a hero at our upcoming blood drive.



Did you know that every 2 seconds, someone in America requires a blood transfusion? From trauma patients to those battling cancer, your donation can make a lifesaving impact.



The St. Thomas blood drive will be held Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am–1:30 pm. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit stapostle.org.

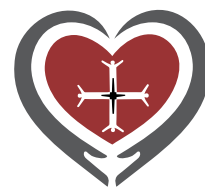
October 24–31 Celebrating Pastoral Care Week

In October, we celebrate Pastoral Care Week, which provides an opportunity for those working and serving in pastoral care to be recognized for their gifts and to celebrate our various ministries. Pastoral Care Ministries at St. Thomas are the Ministers of Care Ministry, Prime Time Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Grief Ministry, Prayer Partners, Prayer Network, Rosary Ministry, Health Ministry, Behavioral Health Ministry, and the Safety Committee.

All Pastoral Care Volunteers are invited to join us for a special blessing at the Saturday, October 24, 4:30 pm Mass or the Sunday, October 25, 9:30 am Mass in celebration of the gifts you share at St. Thomas.

We thank you for your service and your servant's heart.

~ The Pastoral Care Staff: Nancy, Jane, Gary



PASTORAL CARE
St. Thomas the Apostle

A Loving Look at Loss Grief Support Group

... My tears have been my food
both day and night,
while men ask me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

... Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why the unease within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him,
my Savior and my God.

~ Psalm 42

Registration is still 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, October 14, 10:30 am–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.

Call Jane at 630.355.8980, x108 for information.



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 September 2026					
Envelopes and loose cash	\$78,462				
Credit card online giving	\$25,921				
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$45,667				
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$49,670				
Sunday Collection Offering — September 2026	\$199,719				
Sunday Collection Goal — September 2026	\$205,003				
Above/(Below) Goal for month	(\$5,284)				
Sunday Collection 7/1/26 through 9/30/26	\$490,108				
Sunday Goal for 7/1/26 through 9/30/26	\$507,686				
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 9/30/26	(\$17,578)				
2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 10/4/26					
	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	\$228,219	\$202,683	\$25,536	\$240,755	(\$12,536)
Unpaid pledges	\$9,187	\$14,029	\$4,842	\$5,826	(\$3,361)
Paid to Date	\$219,031	\$188,654	\$30,377	\$234,929	(\$15,898)
Number of Appeal Donors	517	562	(45)	597	(80)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal) Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal	\$28,652			\$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, October 12, 2025

Building Closed after 8:30 am Mass for Columbus/Indigenous People Day

Tuesday, October 13, 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
 6:00–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Gym
 6:30–8:30 pm Welcome Committee, Emmaus
 7:00–9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

9:00–10:30 am Faith Formation Team, Cana
 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 10:30–2:00 pm Hope Café, Resource Center
 7:00–8:30 pm OSJ, Lighthouse

Thursday, October 15, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
 7:00–8:30 pm Stewardship Committee, Judea
 7:00–8:00 pm Genesis Rehearsal, Church

Friday, October 16, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 2026

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

9:00–12:30 pm Pancake Breakfast, Gym
 9:30–10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
 9:30–10:30 am OSJ, Lighthouse

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Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Form to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their form, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Form. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. For those who are able — there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Form online, please visit stapostle.org.

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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday and
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The Welcome Desk in the
Gathering Area is staffed
8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;
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Schedule subject to change.

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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 PreK–5; x121 for grades 6–8; and x118 for high school.

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Counseling Resources: Call 630.355.8980.

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