

TRIVIA QUESTIONS ON ST. THOMAS

1. What is the common theme of the design of the Altar, ambo, celebrant's chair, Tabernacle and sanctuary lamp chair?

Answer: All humankind is giving praise to God

2. Where was the suspended sanctuary Christ figure made?

Answer: Ortisei, Italy

3. Who was the first pastor of STA?

Answer: Fr. James Curtin

4. Where was the first Mass of the parish celebrated?

Answer: Thayer Hill Middle School, Brookdale Road, Naperville

5. Where did the original organ of STA come from?

Answer: The Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

6. How large was the biggest choir ever assembled at STA?

Answer: 100

7. Who was the first music director at STA?

Answer: Anne Meuser

8. What is the significance of the rose windows?

Answer: Symbol of Christ rising in the East

9. On what date did STA officially become a parish?

Answer: June 19, 1984

10. How many parishes currently support All Saints Academy?

Answer: Five – Sts. Thomas, Margaret Mary, Elizabeth Seton, Our Lady of Mercy,
And Holy Spirit

11. What year did the Haiti Twinning Project start?

Answer: 1998

12. Who was the first Deacon at STA?

Answer: Deacon Will Worden

13. What is the common thread about the stained-glass windows at STA?
Answer: The upper portion depicts a message of Scripture; the lower section Reflects either a present-day application to our lives, or the early history of Naperville
14. When was All Saints Catholic Academy established?
Answer: Fall 2005
15. Who was the Bishop of the Joliet Diocese when St. Thomas was Dedicated?
Answer: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch
16. When was the dedication of STA?
Answer: September 13, 1986
17. How many years were the Masses celebrated at Thayer Hill School?
Answer: 2 years – 1984 and 1985
18. What year was the Ministry Center dedicated?
Answer: June 7, 1991
19. What was the name of the STA quarterly magazine?
Answer: Today
20. Who are the people sitting on the sofa in one of the stain glass windows by the Choir?
Answer: Fr. Jim Curtin
21. How many families were registered in 2005?
Answer: 3477
22. What was the parish celebration in October 1996?
Answer: STA Fall Festival
23. Who was the first Associate Pastor of STA?
Answer: Fr. Chuck Gemskie
24. Who was the first Director of Religious Education at STA?
Answer: Sr. Rosemary Lynch
25. What is the name of the place where the Holy Oils are kept?
Answer: Ambry

26. When was the first Mass celebrated at Thayer Hill Middle School?
Answer: June 30 & July 1, 1984
27. How many families started the parish?
Answer: 300 families
28. St. Thomas is the patron saint of what profession?
Answer: Architects
29. Who was the Christian Rock Composer who did a 2-year commitment as a visiting Guest artist at STA?
Answer: John Angotti
30. How many dogs have resided at STA rectory and what were their names?
Answer: 2 dogs – Lucky and Heidi
31. Who was the artist who sculptured the STA statue?
Answer: Kathy McGuire and this was the first sculpture she ever did
32. Where did the 14 Stations of the Cross come from?
Answer: Italy
33. What is the name of the small Christian Community groups that met throughout the year?
Answer: Gatherings
34. Where was the first STA social event held?
Blackwell Forest Preserve
35. Where did the pastor live before the rectory was built?
Answer: Plum Hollow Court in Cress Creek
36. Who paid for the building of the rectory?
Answer: Harold Moser
37. What parish did most of the founding members of STA come from?
Answer: Sts. Peter & Paul
38. Fr. Jim Curtin taught at what school before becoming a Diocesan Priest?
Answer: Marmion Academy
39. What game did Fr. Jim Curtin and Fr. Bob Calaresi compete against each other?
Answer: Racketball

40. Who donated the Chapel Altar?
Answer: Fr. Jim's brother, George Curtin
41. How many areas does STA sit on?
Answer: 10 acres
42. What is the unofficial theme song of STA?
Answer: Surely The Presence
43. What year were the STA Commissions implemented?
Answer: Fall 1999
44. Who created the outdoor Stations of the Cross?
Answer: Don Castro
45. How many pastors have been at STA?
Answer: Six
46. What are the names of the priest who have been pastors at STA?
Answer: Frs. James Curtin, Don Kenny, Joel Fortier, Don Mc Laughlin, Phil Danaher, and Peter Infanger
47. Which pastor initiated the Pastoral Care Department?
Answer: Fr. Joel Fortier
48. What two Broadway shows were produced by the people of STA?
Answer: Godspell and Joseph the Technicolor Dreamcoat
49. How many large stained-glass windows adorn our Church?
Answer: Eleven
50. Who was the first Youth Minister at STA?
Answer: Shirley Kelter
51. Who was the first nun to come to STA?
Sr. Ann James Murray
52. Where did the committees meet to form STA?
Answer: Plum Hollow Court in Cress Creek
53. What was the last brick wall of the Church to be constructed?
Answer: Top part of the sanctuary behind the Altar
54. What was the shape of the original speakers in the Church?
Answer: The horn