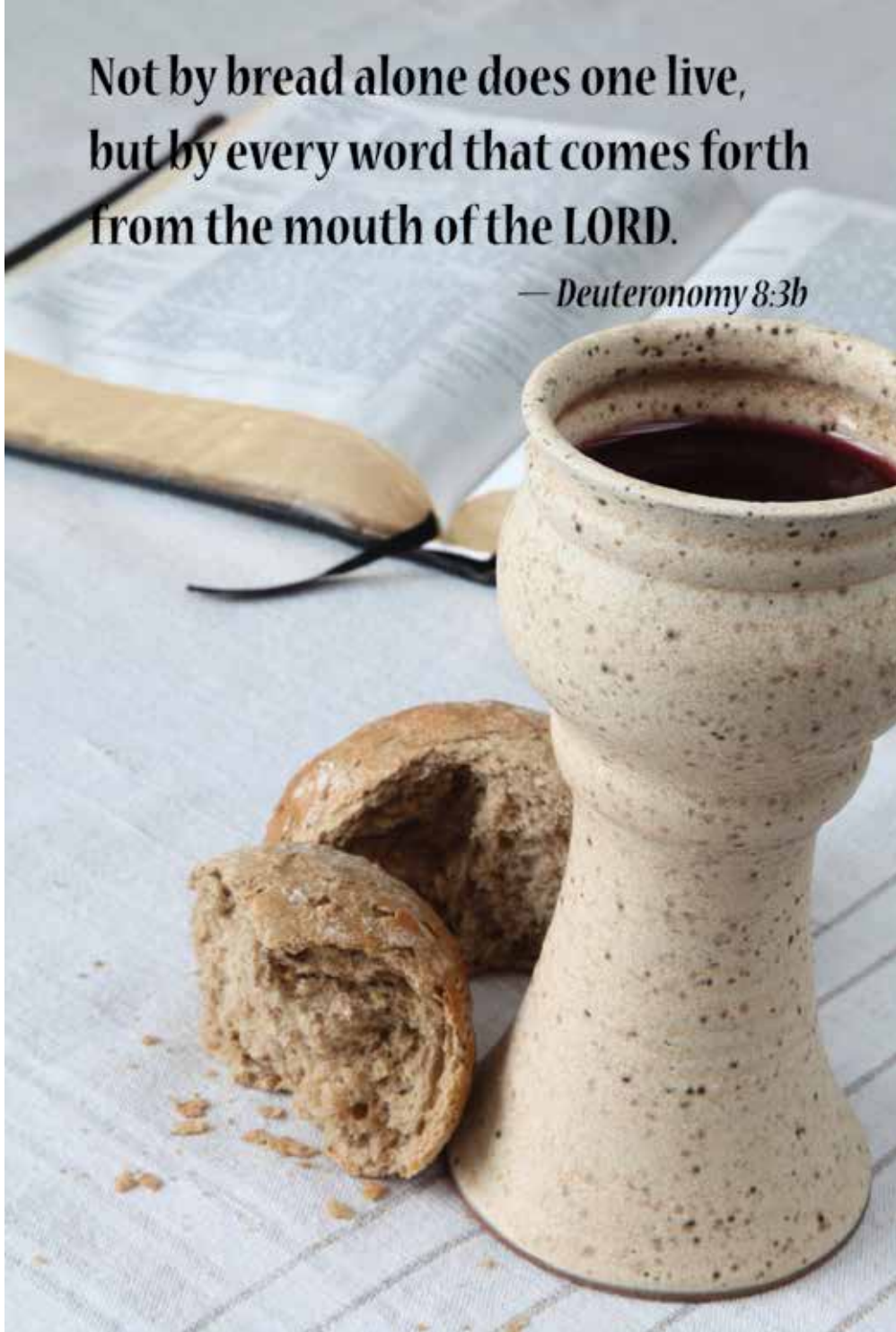


# St. Thomas

JUNE 14, 2020 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Not by bread alone does one live,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of the LORD.

— *Deuteronomy 8:3b*



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\*indicates part-time staff

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

**In the Hospital or Home Bound:** Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

**Baptism:** Baptisms are usually celebrated two to three Sundays each month at a 12:45 pm service. On selected dates, baptisms are celebrated during weekend Mass. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call Kathy Ferguson in the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

**Matrimony:** A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen to schedule.

**Religious Education:** Call 630.305.6318 to register.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

**Counseling Service:** Contact Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 630.355.8980, x124.

**Sunday Nursery:** Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. For more information call the church office.

### Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti

St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian Reservation,

Manderson, South Dakota

St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

### Our Parish School:

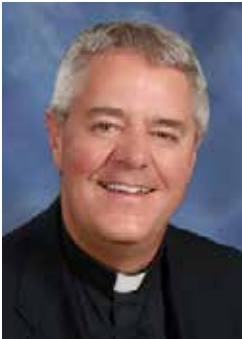
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# in the word



with  
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

God often showed His love through food. When He appeared to Moses in the burning bush, God promised to lead the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. God did not describe this land as a land with beautiful majestic mountains or flowing streams, but as a land flowing with milk and honey, symbolizing an abundance of food. In today's first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the people

how God showed His love for them by providing them with manna, bread from heaven. Chapter 25 from Isaiah tells how God will provide on the Lord's holy mountain "a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

The gospel scene takes place after Jesus had fed 5,000 people with only a few pieces of bread and fish. It was immediately after this miracle when Jesus thought that the people were going to carry Him off and make Him king. After witnessing this miracle, the people said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." This did not happen after a healing miracle. It happened after Jesus fed them.

On today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us remember the blessing of God's extraordinary life-giving nourishment within us through ordinary bread and wine. And after we have been nourished by God, let us go and remember to be nourishment to others.

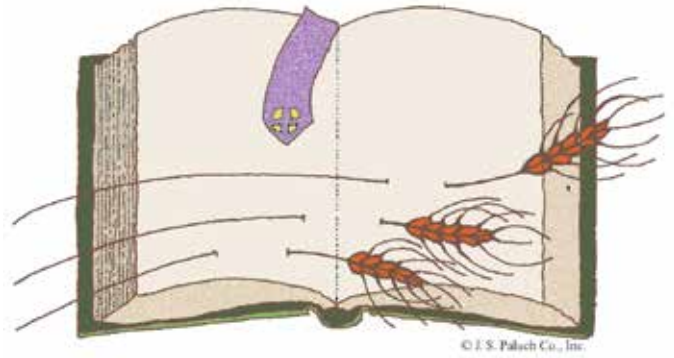
We have seen how many have offered nourishment to others in the events surrounding the murder of George Floyd; of how people who had never known Mr. Floyd prior to his death assembled in great numbers not only at his funeral, but also in peaceful protests throughout our nation. We have also seen how many have offered nourishment by helping to clean up businesses that were vandalized during violent protests.

*Our St. Thomas parish teens are also offering nourishment by asking us to make hearts with positive sayings or make Thank You cards for all on the front line; health care workers, police and firefighters. Please refer to our parish website for more information about how we can all be nourishment for others.*

As Jesus shares His life with us through His Body and Blood, so He encourages us to share His life through our words and actions with our brothers and sisters.

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 14, 2020

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— Deuteronomy 8:3b

### Liturgy Schedule

#### Daily

*No Daily Services until further notice.*

#### Weekend — Must sign up online to attend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

*Both Masses will also be live-streamed and available to watch on demand at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)*

### 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!

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call Kathy Ferguson in the General Office at 630.355.8980, x100



This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Throughout this commemorative year, we as a parish family will explore the CHERISHED, CHARGED, CHALLENGED theme through liturgy, service and study.

# Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

## Reflection on the Readings

Bread and wine were an ancient component in Israel's ritual history. Jesus infused their sharing with new meaning that has sustained the church to this day. When we regularly participate in the Eucharist, we can become immune to its unifying power for the whole world. This annual feast reminds us that it is our central liturgical act as Christians. Unity is deeply needed more than ever, and the source of that unity is literally in our hands.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

**Gospel** — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

## Prayer

*Great and Awesome God,  
You are the Great Spirit,  
The source of dreams and prophecy,  
The vision of life and love,  
The beginning and end,  
And all that we know in between.*

*Shine within us the mighty rays of your light,  
And break open the source of your mercy in our souls.  
You are tenderness and comfort,  
Our souls' most welcomed guest;  
You are the sweetness and grace we long for.*

*We ask you to heal our wounds,  
And lavish us with strength.  
Melt away the walls that keep us from being at peace,  
Guide our steps, and keep us faithful to your calling.  
Amen.*

## Presider Schedule June 20–21

### Saturday, June 20

4:30 pm – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

### Sunday, June 21

9:30 am – Fr. Philip Danaher

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

*Due to the cancellation of all Masses, the intentions below will be honored during the Mass that is being celebrated and recorded for our parishioners this weekend. The Mass will be made available on the St. Thomas website.*

### Monday, June 15, 2020

8:30 am For Peace in our Country

### Tuesday, June 16, 2020

8:30 am †Marge Foley, by Gene Foley

### Wednesday, June 17, 2020

8:30 am For Unity among All

### Thursday, June 18, 2020

8:30 am †Norma Ruth Adducci, by Al Adducci

### Friday, June 19, 2020

8:30 am †Helen Singer, by The Singer Family

### Saturday, June 20, 2020

8:30 am For all Recently Deceased

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Philip Roddy, by Steve and Kristen Schneider  
and John and Kristina Boytim

†Hugh Armstrong, by Bob, Terri and Tony

### Sunday, June 21, 2020

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am For All Fathers and Father Figures

9:30 am †John McNicholas, by Jenny Sirois

Receipients of Project Love Father's Day Cards,  
by Eileen McGleam

†Jean Couratier, by Juliette Follin

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

Our Church faces many **challenges** today. Its relevancy to an ever changing world is **called into question**. Its age-old ideas and philosophies are considered old-fashioned and out of date and are therefore contested. Many object to the standards of morality proposed by the Church. The current clergy abuse scandal is put forth as evidence that our Church structure no longer works since we cannot even control our own. And if the Catholic Church cannot impact its own members, how can it have anything to offer the rest of the world?

But all the **challenges** the Church **struggles** with today are **challenges** we have had to address throughout our entire existence. Christian teachings have been **objected to, contested, disputed** and **called into question** since the beginning of the Church's history. So that is where we will begin — at the beginning of the Christian movement. That of course takes us back 2,000 years to the time of Jesus. It's going to be a long and bumpy ride through 20 centuries of human history. So — buckle up — and meet us back here next week.

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

### Ministry Sign Up

As we have learned the past few months, even with the church building closed, there are so many ways that St. Thomas continued to be church, being the hands and feet of Christ to our faith community and in the world. We need to continue that spirit of service, perhaps now more than ever.

We need you. There are talents and gifts unique to you that are needed at St. Thomas. A wonderful way to use those talents and gifts would be to volunteer for a ministry. The brochure outlining the ministries at St. Thomas is updated and online. The actual sign-up process can also take place online. Consider sharing your gifts and talents with our faith community. We need you!



### Pray for Our First Communicants

Our First Communicants will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in September or later. Because they were unable to receive this spring, we will remember them on The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrated this weekend. We invite you to pray for these children now. The names of our First Communicants are below. Please pick a name and pray for that child or pray for all of them.

Elisa	Logan	Noah	Paula	William	Avery
Molly	Audrey	Gabriela	Austin	Melia	Felicia
Norah Shae	Bennett	McKayla	Averie	JenCarlos	Luna
Garrett	Evangeline	Nathan	Charles	Rianaa	Jasmine
Luke	Ava	Aidan	Kelsey	Thomas	Taylor
Kelly	Isabella	Evelyn	Malley	Brady	Scarlett
Alex	Matthew	Crosby	Melissa	Hanna	Caden
Andre	Joey	Grace	Kristal	McKenna	Julianne
Benito	Josie	Lily	Perla	Sophia	Jack
Avery	Graham	Zoey	Jameson	William	Addie
Hudson	Ana	Claire	Sophia	Danny	Owen
Alan	Sydney	Abigail	Fiona	Don Henry	Emma
Jaime	Ella	Dante	Carmen	Alexander	Zachary
Jiselle	Sam	Piper	Johan	Hailey	Luca
Evan	Alexa	Adrian	Kyle	Molly	



# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

## High School Community LIFE Night Zoom Meetings:

On Thursdays at 6:30 pm, throughout the stay-at-home period, we will be gathering by a Zoom meeting. If you are a teen and would like to join us, email Dorothy Grantham at [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org) to be added to the invite.

## Sunday Night YM Project Live

Join the largest Youth Group virtual meeting with great, inspirational National Speakers on Sunday Nights at 7:00 pm. Use this link to join: <https://projectym.com/live/>

## Youth Ministry Newsletters and Informational Emails

The Youth Ministry office is emailing various ideas and resources for both teens and parents to stay connected with faith at this unprecedented time. During this difficult time we are reminded that our Church does not stay just within the walls of St. Thomas. We are the Church. If you aren't receiving the Youth Ministry emails and newsletters, please contact Dorothy Grantham at [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org).

## Young Adult

There are some good faith resources online for Young Adults. Continue to check out our parish website along with resources from the Diocese of Joliet <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/index.php>

Solidarity on Tap is offering virtual meetings: "Socializing meets Social Justice on a screen!" Use this link to check it out: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/solidarity-on-tap/>

If you would like to be added to the Young Adult Ministry GroupMe, contact Dorothy Grantham at [dgrantham@stapostle.org](mailto:dgrantham@stapostle.org).

## Question of the week ...

What does it mean to you to receive Holy Communion?



## Peace and Positivity

In an effort to take a stance of peace and positivity, some St. Thomas teens collected hearts with positive sayings such as "Black Lives Matter" and thank you cards for health care workers, police and firefighters. They placed the hearts in downtown Naperville and delivered the thank you notes.

Want to help them out? They will be collecting again this weekend. Drop off hearts and thank you notes at St. Thomas this Saturday, June 13 from 4:00-5:30 pm and Sunday, June 14 from 9:00-10:30 am by the Gathering Space Doors near the bench.

You are also invited to say a prayer of peace and healing once you finish your hearts and cards.

## Religious Education Registration

Because of the uncertainty of what the school learning environment will be for this coming school year, plans for RE registration for 2020–2021 are still uncertain. As soon as viable plans for RE session can be put forward with some confidence, the RE registration packet (for grades Pre-K through grade 8) will be updated and made available to you. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

## Camp Rock 2020

- What:** Camp Rock is a 4-day, 3-night camp for middle school students sponsored by Joyful Hope Presentations
- When:** August 6-9
- Who:** Any student currently in grades 6, 7, or 8
- Where:** Dickson Valley Camp, Newark, IL (near Plano, IL)
- Cost:** \$350
- Registration:** Go to [www.camrock.me](http://www.camrock.me).
- Questions:** Contact John Lamperis at [john@camrock.me](mailto:john@camrock.me).
- Activities:** Prayer, Bible study, Mass, swimming, canoeing, archery, campfire, indoor gym and climbing wall, hiking, sports, music, skits, crafts

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

**From the Office of the Parish Nurse:**

## Fend Off Falls

Each year, falls send 2.8 million Americans to the emergency rooms. You may be more vulnerable to falls if arthritis has made your gait wobbly, says physiatrist Levan Atanelov MD, who works with individuals and institutions to reduce fall risks.

A comprehensive strategy can keep you in step.

**Tidy Up** Eliminate tripping hazards in the home by keeping clutter to a minimum. Tape down rugs, “Or better yet, throw them out,” says Dr. Atanelov.

**Lighten Up** Keeping your home well-lit can prevent stumbling over the cat or ottoman. Bathroom visits in the wee hours are a major cause of falls, says Dr. Atanelov, so keep that critical pathway illuminated with night lights.

**Get Support** Install a slip-proof bathmat and grab bars in your bathroom. Raised toilet seats and shower chairs can reduce falls, too. Staircases should be in good repair and have handrails.

**Tune In** keeping focused and alert to your environment is particularly important when you’re out and about, advises Dr. Atanelov, who says that unnoticed sidewalk curbs are a common cause of falls.

**Head Off Head Rushes** Orthostatic hypotension is a condition that makes blood pressure drop when you stand, causing lightheadedness and increasing the risk for falls by 73%, according to a review in the May 2019 issue of *The Journal of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine*. Ask your doctor if any drugs you take (especially blood pressure medications) might be causing lightheadedness. Other triggers include dehydration, so drink plenty of water.

**Better Your Balance** Regular physical activity, including strength training will help keep you upright, but balance exercises are most important for preventing falls, says Dr. Atanelov.

**Get Assessed** If you have fallen twice or more in the past year, needed medical care for a fall or feel unsteady on your feet, the American Geriatric Society recommends asking your doctor about having a comprehensive assessment of your fall risk.

*Resource: Arthritis Today/Timothy Gower*

## From the Behavioral Health Ministry: Spiritual Strength

Like building physical strength when you work out, building spiritual strength is similar but on the inside. Building your “spiritual strength” activates your spirit and connection to the divine from within, giving you the power you need to live a life of purpose and fulfillment. Even though you already may be living a fulfilling life, your spiritual exercises will make life that much sweeter.

### 7 Exercises for Spiritual Strength

1. Spend more time with loving, encouraging family and friends.
2. Go outside as much as possible.
3. Reduce distractions (TV, radio, internet, newspaper)
4. Observe your thoughts about the people around you.
5. Step out in faith.
6. Be of service to others.
7. Make prayer/meditation a habit.

Just like the feeling after a physical workout, spiritual exercise allows your energy to flow more freely, and the feelings of love and positivity will fill your being. Negative thoughts will be forgotten and negative experiences will diminish.

*Source: Power of Positivity, [powerofpositivity.com](http://powerofpositivity.com)*

## St. Thomas Pastoral Care Visits

At this time, visits are suspended because of COVID-19. Please call Jan Olah at 630.355.8980, x124 for prayer or conversation during this stressful time.

**You Are Loved!**

## Pastoral Care Resources

For Spiritual Support and Prayer,  
please contact the following individuals if you are in need of assistance:

### Counseling

Jan, Pastoral Care Office  
630.355.8980, x124  
Diane, General Office  
630.355.8980, x101

### Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

Edward Hospital has a pastoral care department with a Catholic Chaplain for an emergency anointing or a Eucharistic visit.

### Health Resource

*Parish Nurses*  
Felicia, 630.355.8980, x104  
Jan, 630.355.8980, x124

### St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

Jan, Pastoral Care Office  
630.355.8980, x124  
Diane, General Office  
630.355.8980, x101

# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

## Outreach and Social Justice Office Open for Business!

The Outreach and Social Justice Office (Mike and Anne) will be able to access email and voicemail even with the St. Thomas building closed. Due to COVID-19, there is an increase in the number of area families (including parishioners) in need of food and financial assistance. If you are in need of help or if you are aware of anyone else in need of help, please call or email the OSJ Office. Do not hesitate to contact us in these challenging times. The SPIRIT is with you!

Mike: mryder@stapostle.org, 630.355.8980, x121  
Anne: aschultz@stapostle.org, 630.355.8980, x113

## St. Thomas Cares and Care Pantry Donations

Many organizations are in need of funds to allow them to help others in this extraordinary situation. Consider making a donation as you are able.

**If you would like to make a donation to St. Thomas Cares (includes the Care Pantry), there are two ways:**

1. Checks can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "St. Thomas Cares" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville, IL 60563).
2. Go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and click "Please Give" box on the home page. Select "Click here to setup your online giving account." You have the choice of setting up an account or "Quick Give." Click the "funds" drop down list and select the "St. Thomas Cares" fund. (Shortcut url: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1479/Home/NewQuickGive>.) Be aware there is a 3.4% credit card usage charge deducted from on-line donations.

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY

*Here to Help*

## Project Love Father's Day Cards Help Moms in Need

*Parishioner Eileen McGleam is Director of Project Love, the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life.*

Normally, Project Love offers beautiful Father's Day cards at local churches. This year I am offering you an alternative opportunity to receive these beautiful cards. We will send you all the Father's Day cards that you would like in the mail.

We ask that you please send \$5 for each card. If you would like to make an additional donation to Project Love, we would be most grateful. Checks should be made payable to: "Illinois Right to Life," with "Project Love" on the memo line and sent to the address below with your order.

There are two ways to order:

- Go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and type "Project Love" in the Search Window. That will give you access to an order form as well as a selection of cards to choose from.
- Simply send your check with a note indicating the number of Father's Day cards you would like. We will select cards for you.

Thank You!

Eileen McGleam

7180 Springside Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516

**Project Love**  
*Help and hope in time of need.*

*When God Created Death*  
God took the strength of a champion,  
The marrow of a human vein,  
The greatest tool of nature,  
The crowning art of sight,  
The radiation of the sun,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The fire of the morning or spring,  
The loath of a moment's need,  
The promise of heaven,  
The depth of a fiend's soul,  
That God combined these qualities  
To form man's working sense to add,  
If man's life momentary was complete,  
And on his call to... that  
*made of soul*

*Pro-life  
Father's Day  
cards.*

*All proceeds go to Project Love.*

A program of - **ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE** *IllinoisRightToLife.org*

## George Floyd Racial Justice Prayer Service It Shouldn't Be!

A courageous and powerful personal witness from a St. Thomas parishioner, a scripture reading, a call to action, and an opportunity for reflection. These are the components of a prayer service written and produced by members of the Faith Community of St. Thomas. The "George Floyd Racial Justice Prayer Service" challenges us to reflect, to listen with discerning hearts and minds, and to act.

Give yourself the gift of 20 minutes dedicated to introspection, healing and change. Go to the St. Thomas website ([www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)) and view the prayer service video. Before participating in this virtual prayer service, take a moment to locate a candle and lighter. Open/download the enclosed worship aid.

*On Monday, June 1, the OSJ Office received an email from a parishioner. "In another time we would be able to come together to pray in response to all the unrest in our community this past weekend. St. Thomas has a history of prayer in response to what, some might feel, is political. We are challenged to show the world what we stand for."*

*That email was the catalyst for the creation of the Floyd George Racial Justice Prayer Service.*

~ OSJ Office



## Food Donations for Care Pantry

**Drive-Through Donations Accepted Tuesday, June 23  
from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm**

Thank you to all who have asked about bringing food donations for the St. Thomas Care Pantry. Our first "Drive-Thru Donations" day was such a great success that we are accepting food donations again!

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, June 23 from 9:00–11:00 am or 6:00–7:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth. As you start to drive around the building, you will see orange cones with instructions.



In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring only the items listed below.

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables/Fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Jiffy Mix
- Jello
- Side Dish/Boxed Rice
- Soup
- Cereal
- Meat Meal in a Can
- Dishwashing Liquid

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas. All food will be quarantined for seven days before being shelved and distributed.

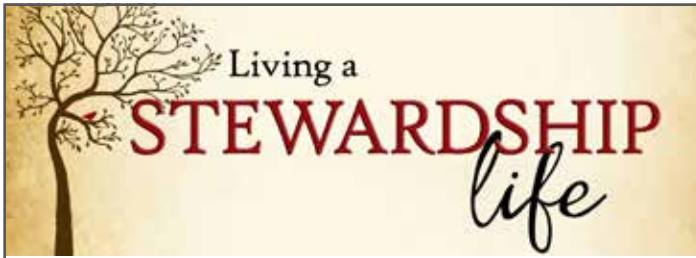
## Haiti Twinning COVID-19 Prevention

Haiti-CPR (COVID-19 Preventive Response) is a coalition of international NGOs working in Haiti, including the Parish Twinning Program. The coalition is providing information and resources to assist Haitian communities in preventing and responding to the coronavirus. The process is for Caris physicians to train a community leadership team of 10 people in preventive practices. Also provided are printed guidelines and educational resources including Creole brochures and superhero comics depicting prevention practices.

St. Thomas Haiti Twinning registered our twinning parish (Ste. Marie-Madeleine) in the program. Fr. Emery assembled a team, and on May 29, Dr. Edriss visited Duchity and trained the team. The leadership team is now moving about the Duchity area, including the seven parish chapel communities, and training others.

COVID-19 is expected to peak in Haiti in the next 2-3 weeks. The resources to combat the pandemic in Haiti are extremely limited. Please pray for the people of Haiti.

# Stewardship and Administration



*“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”*

~ St. Teresa of Avila

In light of the recent developments of the day this quote should have greater meaning for us. Christ asks us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to find a way to heal all wounds and to reach out to our community members. The community is much greater than our family of St. Thomas. As we live out our week let us pray that we find a way to be Christ’s body, hands, feet, and eyes by using the gifts that God has given us.

## Help Wanted

Check out our website at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) for more details on the following job postings:

- Full-time Administrative Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer/ Secretary of Administration in the Diocese of Joliet
- Full-time Senior Accountant in the Finance Office in the Diocese of Joliet
- Director of Adult Faith Formation/RCIA at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien
- Full-time Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

## Last weekend’s stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

June 7, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$0
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$22,723
Mailed in and stock donations	\$18,154
Total for the week	\$40,877
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,771,053
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$36,144
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,809,227
Over/short of goal to date	<b>(\$38,174)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,920,000
\$ of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	92%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$148,947

This week, the Sunday collection is \$38,174 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$525 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$126,149
% of Goal pledged to date	72.25
Unpaid pledges	\$27,549
Paid to Date	\$98,600
Percent of goal paid to date	56.47

## Please Continue Giving During COVID-19

We miss you at Mass! Our weekend Masses are cancelled in response to directives from the Diocese of Joliet to reduce the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. We pray you are healthy and remain so until we can again joyfully celebrate Mass together. There are two easy to use options to continue giving so you can support St. Thomas during the social distancing period:

### Option 1: Sign Up For Online Giving

THE EASIEST AND BEST OPTION! St. Thomas partners with Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) which gives an online interface where you can create a secure account to enter your credit card number and manage your giving.

### Option 2: Mail Your Envelopes

Even though you weren’t able to drop your donation envelopes in the collection basket, you can still mail your donation using one of the postage paid return envelopes in your envelope packet. Please note that St. Thomas continues to receive and check mail daily.

The parish address is: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563.

### St. Thomas Is Grateful For You

We are very grateful for your continuing support, especially through this health crisis, to be the vibrant and engaging faith home you come to for spiritual nourishment. Let us continue to pray for the day when we can once again lift our voices to God in praise as a community of faith.



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