

# St. Thomas

JULY 12, 2020 — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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**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:

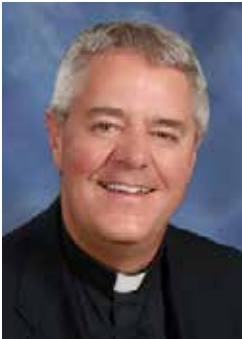
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# in the word



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fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

Today's gospel begins with "On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables." While it was not rare for Jesus to teach outside, He had also taught in synagogues. However,

prior to today's gospel scene, Jesus had healed a man on a Sabbath inside a synagogue, an action which angered the Jewish leaders who, according to Matthew's gospel, "went out (of the synagogue) and took counsel against him to put him to death." Opposition toward Jesus is already forming. Perhaps He was no longer welcomed to teach where the Jews came together to worship God which was why we hear that He taught by the seashore. While He seemed to be popular with the general population of Jews, Jewish leaders found His words and actions to be abhorrent.

However, was Jesus really that popular with the ordinary Jewish man and woman? Yes, He drew crowds, but why? Jesus was well-known as someone who healed the sick. Did most come to Him to be healed, only to return to their homes and never have anything more to do with Him again? All four gospels describe how Jesus miraculously fed over 5,000 with only a few pieces of bread and fish. Where were those 5,000 when Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate on Good Friday? Where were they when Jesus was crucified? It seems that, after being the beneficiaries of Jesus' miraculous power, they forgot Him.

As it was probably very discouraging, even heart breaking, for Jesus to be forgotten, there are times when people wonder if God has forgotten them. I wonder if we expect instant joy, an instant positive response to God when we pray to Him. Are we willing to wait as the farmer who planted seeds did in Jesus' story? Seeds don't produce right away. It takes time and patience.

Sometimes it takes time and patience to see God's loving actions, the same time and patience God always has for us on our journey to His kingdom.

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

*You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.*

— Psalm 65:12

### Liturgy Schedule

#### Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday – Friday

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

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

*Both weekend Masses will also be livestreamed 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

Today's readings focus on the power of God's word for those who actually embrace it. The promise is that God's word can make a difference in our lives — if we are open to it. May the seeds of God's word take root in our lives.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21;  
Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

## Prayer

*Lord of the harvest,  
we rejoice in the bounty of your world;  
we thank you for the rich harvests it produces.*

*As we do so,  
we remember those who do not have enough,  
the thousands who are daily dying of hunger.  
We pray for those who have more than they require,  
for ourselves and our churches.*

*Show us what needs to be done,  
and how to share the world's harvest more fairly.  
Teach us to value people more than things.*

*Above all, help us to set our hearts  
on your kingdom of love and justice,  
and to seek to do your will here on earth,  
as servants of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*~ from A Treasury of Prayer*

## Presider Schedule July 18–19

### Saturday, July 18

4:30 pm – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

### Sunday, July 19

9:30 am – Fr. Philip Danaher

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

*Please note, because we currently only have two weekend Masses, all the weekend intentions will be read at both Masses.*

### Monday, July 13, 2020

8:30 am

### Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:30 am †Vito Battisto, by The Battisto Family

### Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:30 am

### Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:30 am

### Friday, July 17, 2020

8:30 am †Jeane Marie Glynn, by Leonard and Carole Prystalski

### Saturday, July 18, 2020

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Paul Patterman, by Dick and Kay

### Sunday, July 19, 2020

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am

9:30 am †Johnathan Weiger, by Parents

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

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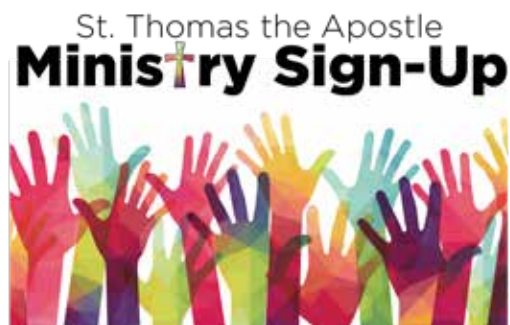
We've learned from St. Paul that many of the early Christians dealt regularly with ostracism from their neighbors and friends and that resulted in emotional and financial **hardship**. We know that eventually Jewish Christians were kicked out of the synagogues and cut off from their Jewish communities. We've also learned that from early on, there were many traveling missionaries preaching different gospels. Paul called the Galatians to task for believing the different ideas of other preachers who came to them after Paul had (see Galatians 1:6-7). He called them "stupid" for believing a different gospel, even though there wasn't another one (see Galatians 3:1-3)!

Paul also took the Corinthian Church to task for dividing into different camps and throwing their loyalty to different leaders (see 1 Corinthians 1:10-17). Keeping this new Christian message unified was a **battle** from the start, especially as it began to spread throughout broader regions of the Roman Empire. In all reality, our Church has been **challenged** to keep the Body of Christ unified and the good news of Jesus Christ spreading for the past 20 centuries. In the weeks ahead, this column will continue to take a look at some of the **adversities** that arose in the ensuing years.

### 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!



### Patti Dougherty Day is Coming!

As many of you know, Patti Dougherty, our Director of Religious Education, will be retiring on August 1. As a way to honor and thank Patti for her many years of ministry and service to St. Thomas, we are declaring Monday, July 13, to be Patti Dougherty Day at St. Thomas. Be sure to check out details below for ways to thank Patti and to wish her well.

#### Drive-by Reception in Celebration of Patti



To allow St. Thomas a chance to express appreciation of how Patti has impacted our faith community, you are invited to a drive-by reception in her honor. The reception will take place in the St. Thomas lot on Monday, July 13, from 3:00–4:30 pm and from 6:00–7:30 pm. Come by and wish Patti well.

#### Let's Give Patti a Hand ... a Special Thank You from the 'Children' of St. Thomas

If you have children who have gone through religious education, or made their first communion or first reconciliation here, or if your children attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word, you have been touched by Patti. If your family has enjoyed a Donut Sunday, or a parish picnic, you have been touched by all that Patti did behind the scenes.

The children of St. Thomas mean the world to Patti and have always been the focus of her ministry here. One of the ways that was evident was the handprints of first communicants that we would see around the building. As a special thank you from the children (or those who once were children here!), we are asking that you trace your handprint and write a special thank you message to Patti on your handprint. You can give it to her at her drive-by reception on July 13.



Let us all give Patti a hand!

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

## Striving to be Missionary Disciples

Pope Francis has challenged Catholic young people around the world to be missionary disciples. If this had been a normal year, there would have been a group of middle school students heading to St. Joseph, Michigan, for a week of service and learning as part of the Just5Days experience.

Even though the mission trip experience can't happen this year, our youth have continued to be of service and lead lives of faith. And they still need our support.

How can we support our youth as they strive to grow as disciples of Jesus? Affirm the gifts that you see in our young people. I am constantly touched by how amazing our young people are, how full of energy and hope they are and how they want to make the world a better place. Like all of us, though, they gain confidence from encouragement.

And, continue to pray for our young people, that the light of faith may burn brightly in their lives for they are St. Thomas!

## High School and Young Adult Opportunities

Stay connected with the Youth Ministry Office by signing up for emails and participating in the weekly Zoom meetings. For more information, please email Dorothy Grantham at [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org). Likewise, Young Adults can email Dorothy to be added to the Young Adult Ministry GroupMe,

## Question of the week ...

This week name the times your eyes and ears are open to God.



## Religious Education Registration

It's finally coming! Registration materials for the 2020–2021 religious education year (pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be available the week of July 6. You will receive an email when the registration packet is uploaded to the St. Thomas website. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

## Scripture Safari “Family” Style: Hidden Gifts

Everything is different this year, including Scripture Safari, our Vacation Bible School. Due to COVID-19 and the inability to keep children, and our youth and adult volunteers, totally safe, we are offering instead a Family event where you monitor your own family's safety outside. You will be able to choose an outdoor session offered on Monday or Tuesday, July 27–28, with three different time frames. Wednesday and Thursday are the rain dates.

For families, we will have fun faith activities **OUTSIDE** and around our campus, called Scripture Safari Family Style: Hidden Gifts. This is for all ages in your family, as once you arrive, there will be the ability to pick the activities that appeal most to your family, guided by the adult volunteers, who will help you with physical distancing.

Sign-up will be through SignUpGenius allowing you to pick your choice of day and time. The fee of \$5 per family, payable at the entrance table, covers basic supplies and takeaways. Each session will run for an hour and a half, with only 10 families at each session. We will physically distance families around the outside of the church building, and plan our activities in a way to avoid sharing of materials or sanitizing in between. Keep in mind bathrooms are available for emergency use only.

Please remember, sign-up is for families with a parent or caregiver over 18 in attendance to monitor your family's safety.

We have households, with their adult and youth, volunteering at stations. The adult in the household will keep their family's safety in mind. Sadly, there will not be other youth volunteers this year and they will be sorely missed but the priority is to keep everyone safe during this pandemic. If your family, along with an adult, would like to volunteer, please let us know!

The link for this event will be emailed out on July 9. If you did not get an email about this already and want to sign up, please email parishioner, Ann Cotner, at [aecotner@yahoo.com](mailto:aecotner@yahoo.com) for the link to be sent to you on July 9. If you find that all sessions are full, please let us know. We will add more sessions, weather permitting.

We hope you are interested in this family faith activity and will mark your calendar now for these dates:

**Thursday, July 9** Watch for emailed link to Sign Up Genius and sign up for a session:

**Monday, July 27** 9:00–10:30 am OR 12:00 pm–1:30 pm OR 6:00–7:30 pm

**Tuesday, July 28** 9:00–10:30 am OR 12:00 pm–1:30 pm OR 6:00–7:30 pm

## An Incredible Journey Awaits!

Christine Ramirez served as a middle school catechist for two years while she was in high school. When writing about the experience, she reflected, “Thank you so much for allowing me to be a middle school catechist. These past two years have been an incredible journey and experience.”

Because middle school RE uses All Saints school space, it is not yet certain what restrictions will be in place for middle school RE classes this fall. With the potential for smaller classes, more middle school catechists are needed. Like Christine says, it is an amazing journey. If you EVER thought about ministering as a catechist, helping to form the faith of amazing young people, NOW is your chance!!! There are hopes and dreams for middle school faith formation that can only be realized with your help. For more information and to volunteer, contact Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123.

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

## From the Behavioral Health Ministry: Begin Your Day Mindfully

An extra habit in the morning may set a positive tone for the rest of the day: a mindful morning routine. This means purposefully doing something that nourishes you, and paying attention while you do it. It's more than a "nice" thing to do for yourself. It can be empowering.



Studies show that practicing mindfulness on a regular basis can reduce stress, sharpen concentration and help people resist unhealthy behaviors. Early mornings are an especially good time to work your mental muscle. "We're most raw and impressionable as we make our way from sleep to wakefulness," says Stephanie Wijkstrom, CEO and founder of Counseling and Wellness Center of Pittsburgh.

Shauna Shapiro, professor of counseling psychology at Santa Clara University in California, says a meditative practice can be as simple as setting an intention or a 5 to 10 minute session guided by an app (like Stop, Breath & Think or Headspace). Almost any kind of physical movement like yoga, running or gardening can be part of a mindful routine. Positive journaling can also be a mindful routine.

Shauna has developed a guide for her mindfulness, Good Morning, I Love You.

Start with self-compassion

- When you wake up place your hand on your heart. Focus on your palm. Feel your heart pulsing through the chest.
- Take a moment to receive this tender gesture of self-care. Greeting ourselves with love can transform our lives and the lives of others.
- When ready, take a breath and say, "Good morning. I love you, (name)." Notice how this makes you feel
- Now send this blessing out, offering the phrase "Good morning I love you" to anyone who comes to mind.

Source: *Health*, May 2020 [health.com](https://www.health.com)

## Blood Drive Update

**COVID-19 Can challenge us  
but not defeat us!**

Because we won't be open to hosting an event in the gym on July 14, we had to find another way to make sure we could keep our drive alive.

Naperville Park District can safely accommodate our Blood Drive but not on our original date. Our new date is:

**Saturday, July 25, 2020**

**9:00 am–2:00 pm**

**Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center  
305 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville**

Due to the change in both date and location, we are asking you to sign up on the Versiti website for this drive only!

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE.

Every donor must wear a mask.

Any questions, contact Diane McQueen at 630.355.8980, x101 or [dmcqueen@stapostle.org](mailto:dmcqueen@stapostle.org)

Please continue to help us save lives!

**BLOOD DRIVE**

## From the Office of the Parish Nurse Maintaining Bone Health

Physical activity and a healthy diet, rather than supplements, are the top ways to preserve bone.

### Take Charge!

Try these tips to maintain healthy bones:

- Be Active! Daily weight-bearing activities, like walking or hiking, help retain bone mass and encourage bone growth. Strengthening exercises build muscle to help strengthen bone and minimize the risk of falls.
- Aim for 1,000 to 1,200 mg of calcium a day from foods like dairy products, fortified beverages, leafy greens, canned salmon and tofu set with calcium.
- Take vitamin D and calcium supplements only if a doctor recommends it and avoid high doses.
- Eat five to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day. This may help your body maintain acid-base balance, minimizing bone breakdown.
- Strive for one or more servings of vitamin K rich green leafy vegetables each day to minimize the risk of fractures. Talk to your doctor if you are on anticoagulant medications.

Resource: Adapted from: *Tufts University*  
*May 2020 Health and Nutrition Letter*

# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

*The US Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking us to educate ourselves on the DREAM act and take action to advocate with our state Senators for its passage. Since the Senate goes into recess August 1, this is the last chance we have to address this issue in this session of Congress. If you would like to send this Action Alert electronically to your senators go to: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/join-us/>*

~St. Thomas Immigration Initiative Ministry



## Please Protect DACA Recipients

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has ruled on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While SCOTUS allowed DACA to continue, the Administration can still attempt to end DACA at a later date. As a result, DACA immigrant youth are safe for now, but could be at risk for deportation in the future. We must not allow this to happen.

Most DACA recipients have spent the majority of their lives in the U.S., many have families and all of them contribute to American society as taxpayers, consumers and community members. Additionally, there are 62,000 DACA-eligible healthcare workers involved in the COVID-19 response.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act, H.R. 6, one year ago. H.R. 6 would give a path to citizenship for Dreamers. Now, in the wake of SCOTUS' ruling, the U.S. Senate must act in order to protect Dreamers from the risk of deportation and family separation. The USCCB supports the DREAM Act, which includes a path to citizenship, and sent a letter to each Senator asking that they support S. 874, the DREAM Act of 2019. Additionally, USCCB supports efforts to introduce a Senate companion to H.R. 6.

As Catholics, we affirm the inherent dignity of every person. The U.S. Catholic Bishops urge you to express solidarity with Dreamers and ask you to contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

### Take Action

Urge your U.S. Senators to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, which would protect Dreamers and provide a path to U.S. citizenship. Also urge your Senators to introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act. Please send the following message to your Senators:

*Dear Senator,*

*As a member of the Justice for Immigrants (JFI) coalition of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I urge you to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, a bipartisan bill that would protect Dreamers and provide these immigrants with a path to citizenship. I also ask that you introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.*

*The Catholic Church strongly supports Dreamers and their families. Dreamers are working and contribute \$52 billion annually to our economy. They are a part of our Church and valuable parts of our communities. Thank for your consideration.*

The time is now to use your voice to protect DREAMERS!

## SVDP and St. Thomas Cares Thank You

Back in October 2019, Tenessa, single mother, called our Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry for help to be able to move into an apartment. SVDP did a home visit and determined that Tenessa had enough income to make the monthly rent but only \$500 of the needed security deposit. SVDP helped with \$300, St. Thomas Cares contributed \$300, and Loaves & Fishes CARES provided the final \$400. Recently Tenessa sent the following thank you.

*Dear St. Thomas,*

*My name is Tenessa and your church helped me and my daughter when we were homeless and living in Motel 6. We needed help moving into our apartment. So I am writing this letter to say thank you for your generosity and kindness.*

Currently our SVDP Ministry is in need of home visitors (currently all home visits are virtual – phone). Teams of two visitors work together with each friend in need. Experienced home visitors provide training and mentoring. Please consider giving this ministry a try. No immediate commitment required. For more information contact Mike Ryder in the OSJ Office at [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x121.

## Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations Successful

On Tuesday, June 23, Care Pantry volunteers accepted drive-thru food donations for two hours in the morning and one hour in the evening. Specific items that could not be purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank were requested. The event was a great success! 67 vehicles brought donations



totaling 428 bags of food. The food was quarantined in the Senior Center for five days before being shelved and distributed. Below is a note from the major donor.

*"To give is to get" – is the way of life for many Asian Indians cutting across lines of religions and sects. So, during these testing times, when we saw continual struggles of families, our inner motto came calling. Friends from the Indian Community got together and set off to be able to give and provide much-needed food assistance for families with children.*

*We learned from our good friend Mervin Monteiro (a St. Thomas parishioner) about the incredible service St. Thomas Church is doing for financially struggling families and immediately felt for us to be part of the Church's noble causes."*

Mervin and two of his friends brought a van full of food. A conservative estimate is the van contained the equivalent of 220 bags of food! Thanks to all who were able to participate. The current plan is to continue drive-thru donation drives once a month.

## DuPage United Spring Newsletter

*St. Thomas is a founding member of DuPage United, a non-partisan organization of DuPage County churches, mosques, synagogues and other non-profit organizations. For more information go to [www.DuPageUnited.org](http://www.DuPageUnited.org).*

If there is one thing I can unequivocally say about "What is New in DU?" It is obviously the COVID-19 Pandemic. It may not just "Stop," but we have, and are, developing ways to deal with it. Of course the events of 2020 did not stop there. The killing of one man, George Floyd, in Minnesota, seemed to be a death that created a critical mass in the country regarding racial and social injustice. DuPage United is not directly involved with a protest movement, but we are involved with Social Justice and continue to do so.

One of the major changes is ZOOM meetings for the various Leaders Meetings. Although this has required some adjustment for many of us, it works! I find there is something that can be even more personal, intimate, as we see each other in our home environments.

### Our ongoing activities:

- Meeting with Jeff York, Chief Public Defender of DuPage County, who is very interested in working together with DuPage United on decreasing incarceration for mental illness; and is working with MICAP, the Mental Illness Court Alternative Program, which reduces incarceration and recidivism.
- Meeting with Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon, who seems interested in working with us on mental illness and social justice.
- Beginning a campaign of meeting with DuPage County Board members to describe what DU is and to develop relationships
- Teamed up with our sister organizations and the Community Purchasing Alliance to engage hospitals and government to track the need for masks and PPE supplies, as well as to encourage 3M's CEO, Mike Rowan, to curb price-gouging by their N95 mask distributors; and engaged with the Illinois Attorney General, Kwame Raoul.
- We continue to work with Law Enforcement to encourage Crisis Intervention Team training. Thus far over 1,000 officers have been trained in Illinois and it is ongoing.

*David Rinaldi, Church of the Holy Nativity, Clarendon Hills*

## Farewell to Pro-Life Facilitator Nancy Trattner

*Nancy has been the Pro-Life Ministry facilitator for 27 years by her estimate. Below is a farewell message from Nancy. We in the OSJ Office will miss her kind and gentle ways that belied her passionate belief and actions advocating the culture of LIFE.*



Dear St. Thomas Pro-Life Friends,  
I joined the Pro-Life group at Saint Thomas (formally Roses) right after we moved to the parish — I'm guessing somewhere around 1987. I was given the facilitator role about 5 or 6 years after that. I guess what I'm saying is I don't know exactly how long I've been doing this (27 years?), but I'm happy to report I am passing the baton to my friend Eileen McGleam. Eileen as you know has been in our group for many years. She is kind and gentle. And articulate. And full of wisdom. Eileen is a genuine and loving person and I know she will take great care with this ministry.

I have loved getting to know you all through the years — the work we did together:

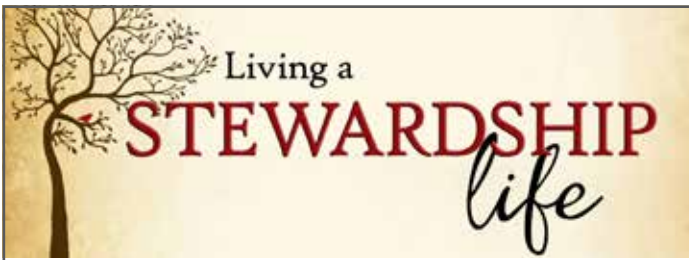
- Swaddling projects
- Speakers on Pro-Life weekend
- Baby bottles
- The 4,000 crosses
- The 4,000 lights display
- Movie nights
- Religious education/journey night talks
- The annual Mother's and Father's Day gifts we handed out and the greeting cards we sold
- Countless bulletin articles and inserts
- Political advocacy petitions
- Prayer petitions
- Interdenominational prayer services
- Ministry planning meetings
- The 2,300+ emails in my pro-life mailbox (and those are only the ones I saved!)

This ministry has made me rich because of you — I have loved working with you all. My husband, Mike, and I are moving to Wisconsin September 1. I'm really looking forward to this next chapter of our life and to the adventures I know it will bring. But I will miss you. God bless you. I love you.

Nancy

*As we say farewell to Nancy, we also welcome Eileen McGleam as the new Pro-Life facilitator. Eileen has a long been active in the Pro-Life Ministry. She is the Director of Project Love, the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life.*

# Stewardship and Administration



“What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Stewardship

## Last weekend’s stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

June 28, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$0
Credit Card On-Line Giving	\$17,718
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$9,040
Total for the week	\$26,758
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,856,406
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$35,700
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,919,996
Over/short of goal to date	<b>(\$63,590)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,920,000
\$ of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	97%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$63,594

This week, the Sunday collection is \$63,590 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$175 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$133,099
% of Goal pledged to date	76.23
Unpaid pledges	\$24,222
Paid to Date	\$108,877
Percent of goal paid to date	62.36

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Please take the time to read the ads which make this bulletin possible. Help support these businesses, especially during this time, as they support St. Thomas the Apostle. Mention the bulletin when you patronize their establishments.

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## Please Continue Giving During COVID-19

We are reopening St. Thomas slowly under guidelines set for by the CDC and Diocese of Joliet. We are still limited to the number of worshipers and understand that many are unable to join us as they are in the at risk population or they simply aren’t comfortable yet. There are two easy to use options to continue giving so you can support St. Thomas during this time:

### 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

You can also 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. We continue to pray you are healthy and remain so until we can ALL joyfully celebrate Mass together again.



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