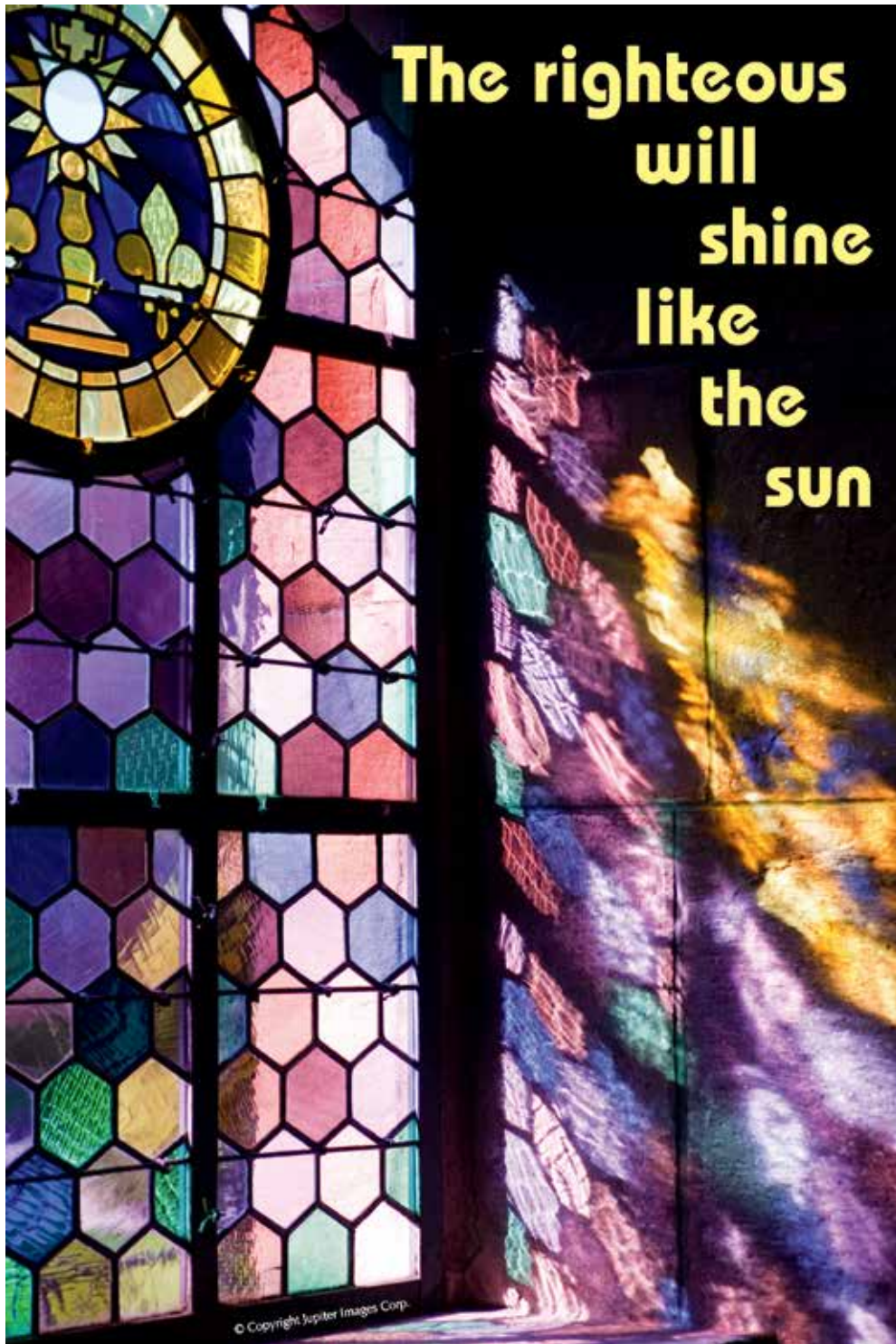


St. Thomas

JULY 19, 2020 — SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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:

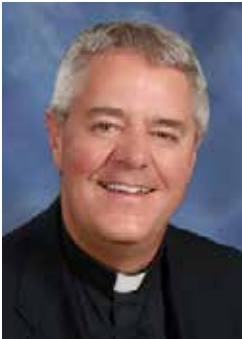
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in the word



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Dear Parish Family,

We live in an “instant” age. We no longer have to wait until we arrive at home or work, or look around for a pay phone to make that important phone call. We carry cell phones to make a call in an instant. We don’t have to wait in line to buy movie tickets or get boarding passes for flights. We don’t have

to wait until the dinner hour or 10:00 to see what’s going on in the world. We have computers that will do all of that — and more — for us in an instant.

Unlike the “instant” world we live in now, Jesus knew that the community which He was sent to build would not be something which would grow in an instant. He lived with us to plant the seeds. He knew that the Church would grow like the examples He used in the gospel, as the largest of all plants, as a large batch of bread. But just as it takes time for seeds to become large plants and yeast to become bread, we have seen how it has taken time for the Church to grow.

Our Lord planted the seeds for His community to grow, a growth which happened because His followers throughout the ages were faithful to His Word.

With God’s help, may we continue to be faithful to His Word as He commands us to do our best to bring about an end to evil in all its forms.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

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

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 35th 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

The impulse of the first parable in today's gospel is to pull the weeds. The impulse during our whole Christian living is to be impatient with ourselves as we grow in our discipleship, meeting challenges and temptations along the way. Part of living the paschal mystery is to be patient with ourselves, especially when we have failed. The mercy, forgiveness, leniency, justice and patience of God encourages repentance (first reading). Even our mistakes are ways that we have "ears . . . to hear" and learn better the ways of God. God's final judgment comes at the "end of the age" when, hopefully, all of us have lived the ways of patience and faithfulness and have borne fruit. As we grow into being God's kingdom, as we learn better to live our birthright, as we grasp more fully what God's will is for us in our daily living and respond faithfully, we become more like the firstborn Son, more like worthy citizens of the "kingdom of heaven."

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Readings for Today

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Prayer

*We pray:
justice for the falsely accused
freedom for the wrongly imprisoned
healing for the tortured or abused
care for the orphan and widow
concern for the refugee and dispossessed
and above all*

forgiveness for our emotional detachment.

May we weep as you weep

love as you love

and not be afraid to be angry

for the sake of your children

wherever they might be.

Amen.

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Presider Schedule July 25–26

Saturday, July 25

4:30 pm – Fr. Philip Danaher

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

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 20, 2020

8:30 am †Marge Foley, by Gene Foley

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

8:30 am †Benjamin Parrilli, by The Parrilli Family

Thursday, July 23, 2020

8:30 am †Francis E. Pratt, by Kathryn M. Pratt

Friday, July 24, 2020

8:30 am †James Baird, by The Haidu Family

Saturday, July 25, 2020

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Jerry Johnson, by Mom and Dad

9:30 am †James Baird, by Elle Baird and Family

†Salvatore Romano, by Dolores Romano

11:15 am †Anne Battisto, by The Battisto Family

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

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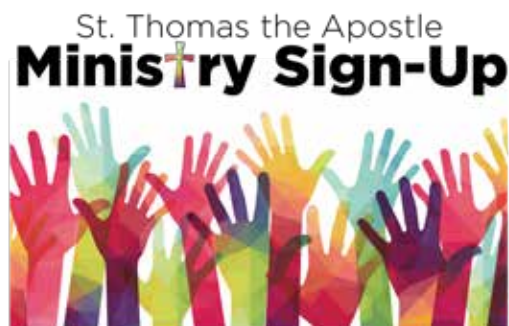
St. Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy (3:12) that “all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” As Christianity began to take hold in the first century, the years that followed brought numerous **conflicts**. The first systematic **persecution** began in the year 64 AD by Emperor Nero. After much of Rome was destroyed by fire, Nero blamed the Christians. History points to Nero himself as the instigator of that fire for the purpose of urban renewal. But that particular wave of **persecution** took out two of the major leaders of the Christian movement: Peter and Paul. And the loss of those two pillars certainly posed **challenges** for the future of the fledgling Church.

But our Church has always had a remnant: those who completely trusted in Christ and committed to serving him no matter the cost and no matter how great the **odds** that seemed to be **stacked against** them. In that same second letter to Timothy, (4:3-4), Paul had written “the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths.” That was certainly true of the cultures in which the early Christians had to survive. But if we didn’t know Paul wrote that in the first century, we might think he was referring to our situation today!

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 A Huge Success!

Thanks to the wonderful St. Thomas faith community for helping give Patti a hand on Patti Dougherty Day. Many thanks to Patti for the handprints and heartprints she’s left on all of us. Patti, our Director of Religious Education, will be retiring on August 1.



Patti and Bill Dougherty with their daughters Bridget (left) and Brittnye.



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 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.

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.

Religious Education Registration

Religious education registration materials for the 2020-2021 year are available online at <https://www.stapostle.org/religious-education/registration-forms/>. Return registration by July 20. Early registration helps us in our planning.

It's ministry sign-up time! Consider signing up for a ministry as a catechist or volunteer for religious education. Your gifts are needed!

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 or 630.355.8980, x123.

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, Tuesday or Wednesday July 27, 28 or 29 with various time frames. Wednesday/Thursday are the rain dates. Email parishioner Ann Cotner at aecotner@yahoo.com for the sign-up link, which has additional information.

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.camprock.me.
- Questions:** Contact John Lamperis at john@camprock.me.
- Activities:** Prayer, Bible study, Mass, swimming, canoeing, archery, campfire, indoor gym and climbing wall, hiking, sports, music, skits, crafts

Question of the week ...

Pray to God to guide you when it is hard to know what is right or good.



Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Ertha's Virtual Visit

Weekend of August 1-2

Each Summer St. Thomas hosts a mission speaker. This year's speaker was to be Ertha Papillon who founded and directs an elementary school and an orphanage in Trois-Bois, Haiti. She is a leader in our Haiti Twinning Parish in nearby Duchity. The virus has prevented her from being here in person. However, she will visit virtually via a video. Ertha has visited often and is always graciously received. For those who may not know her background and for new parishioners, below is her story.

Ertha founded a school (1998) and an orphanage (2006) to serve the impoverished, malnourished and orphaned children in her Trois-Bois community. Ertha did not seek this mission. She knew that God had prepared her for this journey to help these children grow in body, mind, and spirit.



Ertha's Orphanage Children — Thumbs up!

In her early years, Ertha was schooled by Catholic Sisters, who taught her to become a good, devout Catholic. They taught her to teach, to lead others in song, to sew and to serve our God in all ways ... always. Ertha was further educated in Port-au-Prince and became a nurse. While there, she worked for a short time at a hospital with Mother Teresa. She was moved by Mother Teresa's selfless acts of love and her inner joy of serving God. When Ertha returned to her parish, Ste. Marie-Madeleine, she began serving others in any way God asked her to serve. As God's plan has been revealed, no matter how difficult the road, any pain has been overridden by joy! Good Fridays are always followed by Easter Sundays.

In 1998, Ertha began teaching impoverished children in front of her home. She taught them during "play time" and gave them a snack. A few children became 35 children and then 85! Parents and children experienced the "hope" and the "joy" that was coming alive through Ertha's caring spirit and her skills. In 2001, a school was built with labor from the community, and funds donated by a "passerby" from an area NGO and from the personal funds of St. Thomas Pastor Don Kenny. Today, Our Lady of Perpetual Help has 305 students (Pre-K to Grade 6) with a consistent 99% pass-rate on the 6th grade national tests. Haiti's average is about 50%. St. Thomas annually helps provide funds for quality teachers through the Sponsor-a-Child program.

In 2006, a grandmother brought a newborn to Ertha, as the child's mother died during childbirth, which is very common in Haiti. Soon after, another mother died delivering twins, and Ertha was entrusted with their care as well. Ertha realized that God wanted her to start an Orphanage. God knew the children under her direction and care would be truly loved. The Orphanage today has 20 loved children.

The 2010 Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, created great challenges and hardships for the school and orphanage, but God's hand was always guiding the way to the next step. God would always send someone to help a little ... someone to pay some salaries for the teachers or the orphanage caregivers ... an NGO organization to put a new roof on the buildings and contribute toward books and some desks ... St. Thomas helped purchase new mattresses for the orphanage children and has supported food for the children through a number of Lenten projects. This was all God's plan entrusted to Ertha to carry out.

God always brings people together to lighten the load in some way. Ertha Papillon has used God's grace in her life to help the precious children in Haiti. Ertha's unconditional faith reminds us that God is truly in charge!

Food Donations for Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations Accepted Tuesday, July 21 from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm

The “Drive-Thru Donations” days have been a great success. Thank you! The plan is to accept drive-thru donations once a month.

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, July 21 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 Fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Jiffy Mix
- Jello
- Boxed White or Brown Rice
- Soup
- Paper Products — Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper

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 5 days before being shelved and distributed.

DuPage County Back to School Fair

Catholic Charities of Joliet is sponsoring a Back to School Fair for low-income households in DuPage County. The fair is Wednesday, August 5 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2105 Manchester Road in Wheaton.

Online pre-registration is required. Register at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Registrants will receive a ticket and a specific time to attend the fair. To comply with social distancing, participants will drive through to receive the school supplies.

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DUPAGE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Preparing students from low-income households in DuPage County for a successful new school year!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2020
11:00AM - 6:00PM
DUPAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
2015 MANCHESTER ROAD, WHEATON**

IMPORTANT CHANGES THIS YEAR:

- Participants will drive thru to receive school supplies (to comply with social distancing).
- Online pre-registration is required at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Registrants will receive a ticket and a specific time to attend the Fair.

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Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



Waterleaf Miracle of the Month

After taking an over-the-counter pregnancy test, “Angela” was surprised to see it come back positive. She and her boyfriend, “Don,” have a 2-year-old son together and another baby was not in her plans. She came to Waterleaf for an ultrasound saying, “I just needed to see so I can make my decision.”

While meeting with her Waterleaf advocate, she shared that having an abortion would affect her emotionally and she feared other side effects as well.

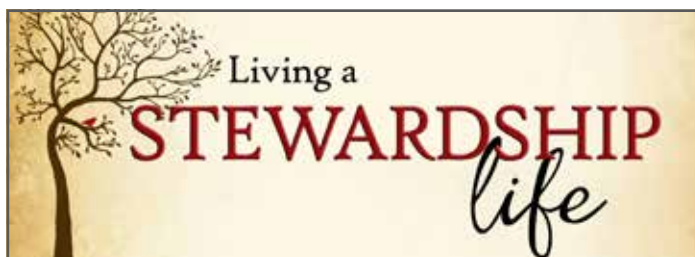
After her first ultrasound, Angela seemed undeterred and said “I’m leaning toward terminating. There is just a lot going on right now.” However, she and Don agreed to return for a second appointment.

During the second ultrasound they were both quiet and suddenly the baby began to move around. The sonographer said, “The baby is dancing.” Angela asked, “Are they not supposed to move at this time?” and the sonographer responded, “They move all the time, but you will begin to feel it around 15 weeks.” Angela was given pictures of the ultrasound, which she took home.

They scheduled a third appointment and at that visit, Angela and Don decided to parent this baby. They stated amazement at how much growth occurred since they last saw the baby. They laughed as they watched their very active baby jumping on the screen. Angela is now working with a resource specialist in the Aspire resource program to make sure she has insurance and doctor care for a healthy pregnancy.

Keep Waterleaf and their patients, like Angela, in your prayers. Your support brings the gift of life.

Stewardship and Administration



How do we use our time, talent and treasure wisely and for the good of each other? Look for those who are doing just that. Who is setting a good example? We don't have to look too far at St. Thomas. There are many who set that example.

Patti Dougherty, our elementary religious education director, is one who has used her time and talent for the good of the children of our parish. She retires this month after serving 20 years. We have watched her as she has enthusiastically guided children and teachers in the ways of our faith. Her time has been spent developing programs for the children, whether it is weekly instruction or Scripture Safari. We have watched her lead the children out of Mass for their own children's liturgy, always engaging the children to follow her. To organize programs and people takes a special talent and God has guided her to do that warmly and patiently. She has used her gifts well and we wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life.

It probably happened that Patti heard a call to volunteer in a ministry at St. Thomas years ago. Not everyone will become a director, but everyone is called. Consider using your gifts and volunteer for a ministry. You can access the volunteer form on our website. Take advantage of using the gifts that God has given you.

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 5, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$17,564
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$12,766
Total for the week	\$30,330
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$30,330
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$30,330
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$33,569
Over/short of goal to date	(\$3,239)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
\$ of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	2%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,715,270

This week, the Sunday collection is \$3,239 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$597 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$133,174
% of Goal pledged to date	76.27
Unpaid pledges	\$23,972
Paid to Date	\$109,202
Percent of goal paid to date	62.54

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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