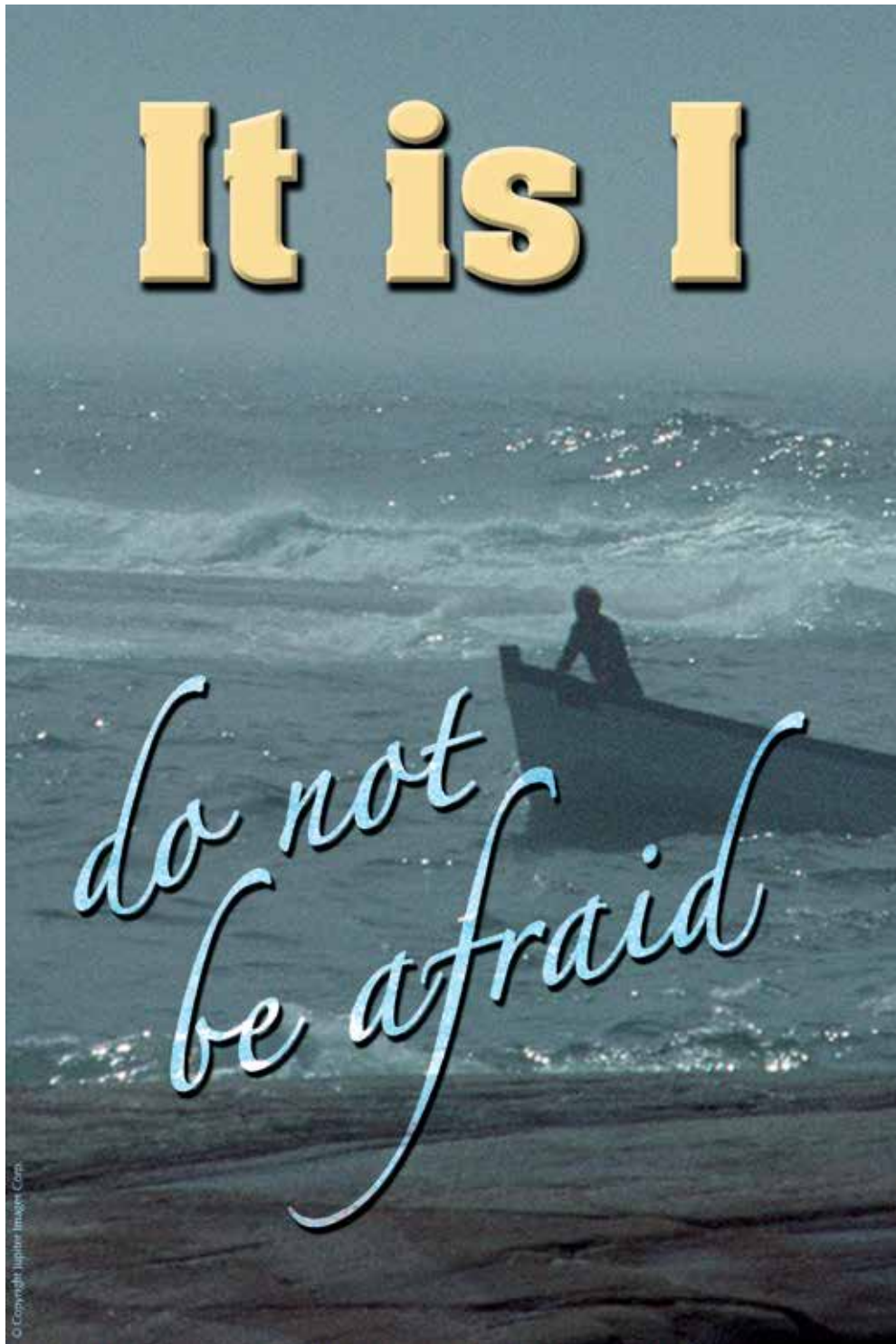


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AUGUST 9, 2020 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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:

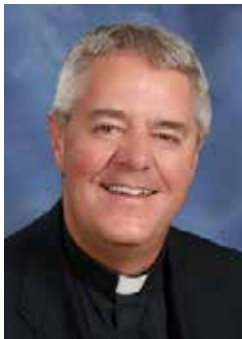
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in the word



with
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

Many of us remember the first time we tried to ride a bike without training wheels. We fell. We got up, many times with a parent's help, kept trying, and maybe kept falling until we finally got on and kept on going. But if we had we not even tried to ride the bike after falling the first time, we would've never been able to ride.

All four gospels describe the time when the disciples saw Jesus walk on water. Only Matthew writes that, at Jesus' invitation, Peter also walks on water but only for a short time. That he did it at all is an amazing feat itself!

But Peter fell in the water. Jesus came and picked him up. Peter fell again when he denied being Jesus' follower three different times. Jesus picked him up again by forgiving him.

Life is a series of falls, whether it be in relationships with others, tough economic times, sickness or death of a loved one. Our Lord stretches out His hand to pick us up, as He did with Peter. All He asks from us is what He asked from Peter, to have faith.

Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Usually it is a holy day of obligation but, because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Since we are unable to have morning Masses on Saturdays because we do not have enough volunteers to help with the check-in process for Masses, we will not have Mass for the Assumption that Saturday morning. The Saturday evening Mass will be for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday – Friday

In addition, the St. Thomas Deacons record a Daily Prayer Service that is available to watch on demand at www.stapostle.org

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

Reconciliation

St. Thomas has resumed offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass. Reconciliation will be from 3:30–4:15 pm in the Galilee Room. Please check the website for full details.

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 readings today all deal with faith in God's power and Presence on our behalf. Elijah discerns God's Presence in the most insignificant phenomenon. In the Gospel, Peter experiences Jesus pull him up from waves of sure death. No matter how crushed our spirit is, no matter how hard it is to discern the Presence of God, no matter how grave the danger we are in, or how weak our faith is, God is always present and acting to save us.

Readings for Today

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63];

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;

Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Presider Schedule August 15–16

Saturday, August 15

4:30 pm — Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am — Fr. Philip Danaher

11:30 am — Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

(Note that 9:30 am and 11:30 am will be First Communion Masses, so available seating will be more limited.)

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, August 10, 2020

8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Saint Claire, Virgin

8:30 am †Philip Roddy, by Steve and Kristen Schneider and John and Kristina Boytim

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

8:30 am †Simon E. Mallorca, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Thursday, August 13, 2020

8:30 am †Jo Kuffner, by Gene Foley

Friday, August 14, 2020

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:30 am †Robert Bartusiak, by wife, Mary

Saturday, August 15, 2020

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Bill Mann, by Audrey Easton

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am †Griffin McCarthy, by Family

†John McNicholas, by Laura and Edwin Trusk

11:30 am For the People of St. Thomas

A Prayer for Our Parish

Bread of angels, we receive you; with us now abide.

Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside.

*Cup of Mercy overflowing, fill us with your grace;
wine of passion, O Son begotten, we flee to your embrace.*

*Word incarnate, dwell within us; pierce our hardened hearts.
Tender Jesus, Love so gentle, never let us part.*

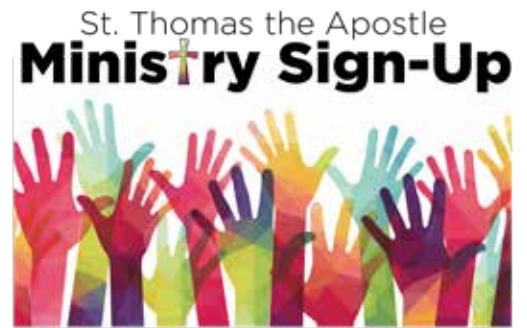
*Though unworthy, we receive you, sacrament divine.
Bread of angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine!*

*"Bread of Angels" English text, Curtis Stephan.
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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!



Exciting New Ministry Opportunities!

With COVID-19 we have had to re-imagine and revamp many things we do with Liturgy as our primary way of reaching parishioners is now via the internet. We began recording Masses beginning Sunday, March 22, and now are livestreaming our two weekend Masses for people to be able to watch from home live or watch at their convenience. Thanks to a generous donation, last weekend we began using a new professional camera that allows us to zoom, pan and show the congregation to provide an even better sense of connection for those watching at home. With this new technology comes the need for additional help. There are two new ministry options that are outlined below. If you would be interested in helping out with either of them, contact Jim Clauer, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 630.355.8980, x111 or jclauer@stapostle.org. One-on-one training will be provided. Both of these ministries would also be great for teens who know and enjoy technology.

Camera Operator (Videographer)

The main responsibility of this ministry is to operate the camera during Mass. You will zoom in and out, pan the camera to the correct area of focus during the Mass. If you have ever used a camcorder, you will have no trouble doing this, as it is basically all the same. There will be a minor secondary responsibility of starting and ending the livestream on the computer.

Multimedia Coordinator

The main responsibility of this ministry is to handle the slides we project on the screen before and during Mass. They will close out the pre-Mass slide show and queue up the slides we use during Mass. And then manually advance the slides used during Mass in-sync with the congregation using a wireless remote. On some occasions it may also mean playing a video. Basic PowerPoint knowledge is helpful, but not required.

Blessing of Pregnancies

We will have a blessing for all expectant mothers and families on Saturday, August 15 at the 4:30 pm Mass. All those who will be welcoming little ones into their homes are invited to attend.



Stay Connected to St. Thomas

Check out the latest on the St. Thomas website at www.stapostle.org

Follow St. Thomas on Facebook

Download the St. Thomas App for your phone

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

As we saw last week, it took our Church centuries to work out its theology about Jesus. In the meantime, some false **claims arose** and serious **dissensions** ensued. We mentioned the Gnostics last week. Such teachings were diverting believers from the one, true gospel perpetuated by the historical Church. The faith was being **eroded** and the ruptures were **wounding** the Body of Christ and **separating** people from full communion with the apostolic Church established by Christ. We refer to such claims as heresies. And there were a lot of them.

For example, the Docetists claimed Jesus was God, but not human — he only appeared to be human. That denied the humanity of Christ in spite of the fact that the apostles had lived and traveled with a very human Jesus and had witnessed to Jesus' physical suffering. The Arians on the other hand denied that Jesus was God. When the Nestorians came on the scene, they believed Jesus had been two different persons rather than one person with both a human and a divine nature. Later, the Monophysites taught that after Jesus was born, his human nature was absorbed into his divine nature, so he really only had one nature, which was divine. Heresies attempt to make the faith more acceptable to human reason rather than rely on God's truth. A variety of claims about Jesus Christ continue to **challenge** our Church today.

Preview Our Diocesan Bible School

The acclaimed Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for two sites this Fall at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 1 classes on Saturdays 9:00–11:00 am and at The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet) for Year 2 classes on Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 pm. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

Three Preview Nights will be held in August and September.

- August 12, 9:00–10:30 am, Our Lady Of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- August 26, 7:00–8:30 pm, The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet)
- September 12, 9:00–10:30 am, Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- Recorded Zoom Preview – go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class! For more information, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj or call 815.221.6147.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Catholic Bible Study for Adults



A program of the
Office of Adult Formation
Diocese of Joliet

Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

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 forms as soon as possible. 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!

All Catechists Meeting: Chasing Joy

Elementary, middle school, high school and adult catechists are invited to start the year together by attending the All Catechists Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, from 7:00–9:00 pm. Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson will present “Chasing Joy.” Terry’s art is the written and spoken word. Through storytelling, poetry and humor, Dr. Nelson-Johnson challenges us to enter more deeply into the mystery of grace, the mystery of spirit, the mystery of God. If Joy is one of the most important gifts that we have to offer the world as Christians and catechists, let’s spend some time together to consider how we might more fully, authentically live in the midst of it, always. The location of this meeting, and whether it will take place in person at St. Thomas or via a Zoom gathering will be determined in mid-August. In the meantime, mark your calendars for August 25.

Protecting God’s Children Online workshop

Have you ever thought about taking the workshop, Protecting God’s Children? Through October 31 this workshop is offered online for all volunteers over age 18. If you want to volunteer with our youth, consider taking it now. Go to www.virtusonline.org, click on the FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, follow the on-screen instructions. For assistance, please contact SafeEnvironment@dioceseofjoliet.org.

A Message to Young People: You are the Now of God

In the closing Mass homily of World Youth Day in 2019, Pope Francis encouraged and challenged young people. He spoke to them saying, “You, dear young people are not the future but the now of God. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you ... We are on a journey, keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it. Do not forget that you are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime’; you are the now of God.”

High School Registration for 2020-2021

Registration packets for 2020-2021 High School Faith Formation Journey program are now available. Forms may be downloaded online at www.stapostle.org/st-thomas-confirmation-program/. Hard copies may be picked up in the Gathering Area. Registration is for a year-long commitment in the two-year program preparing teens to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation First and Second Year Groups will meet at St. Thomas the Apostle. Safety precautions are being taken with hand sanitizing, temperature checks, face masks and social distancing. Contact Dorothy if you are interested in other options for Faith Formation for Confirmation. There are also other opportunities offered as well for teens if they have already been confirmed, or are not interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time. The registration deadline is August 15. Contact Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org with questions or for more details.

High School Ministry Schedule at a Glance

August 15

Deadline to turn in first year service hours

August 21

High School Confirmation Program Registration Deadline

Question of the week ...

Whom may you give a helping hand to this week?



Congratulations to Our First Communicants of 2020

The Faith Formation/Religious Education Office would like to extend their heartfelt "Thank You" in appreciation to those who have served with the formation of our children's faith, especially those who helped with this celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Gratitude is extended to Jim Clauer, our Director of Liturgy and Music; to Samantha Delke, Associate Director of Liturgy and Music; our musicians for their beautiful music; to our Sacristans, Greeters and Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and especially the children and their parents.

A special "Thank You" to our Pastor, Fr. Philip Danaher; Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal, Parochial Vicar; and Fr. Bob Colaresi, Weekend Associate; our Deacons: Michael Barrett, Jim Breen, Joe Cuzzone, Larry Kearney, Chuck Lane and Patrick Lennon; All Saints staff and St. Thomas staff; Tricia Serna, our Second Grade Coordinator; Marge Coronado, our Faith Formation Assistant; and the Catechists and Aides who have given of their time and love and have shared their faith with these First Communicants.

May we all grow closer to the Lord through the gift of Eucharist,
Patti Dougherty and Lorraine Katz

Elisa Alonso	Alexa Heuer	Melia Ramirez
Molly Asch	Noah Jones	JenCarlos Recendiz
Norah Shae Bocher	Gabriela Jungiewicz	Rianaa Rufus
Garrett Boukal	McKayla Klein	Thomas Scarborough
Luke Brindisi	Aidan Lee	Hanna Schnell
Kelly Bullock	Evelyn Lopez	McKenna Sepek
Alex Cervantes	Crosby Luken	Sophia Sharma
Andre Cervantes	Grace Mamo	William Shields
Benito Chavez	Lily Mamo	Danny Silk
Avery Clark	Zoey Martin	Don Henry Smith
Hudson Coffey	Claire McNulty	Alexander Soriano
Alan Cortes	Abigail Merck	Hailey Soto
Jaime Cuautli, Jr.	Dante Merino	Molly Suhar
Jiselle Cuautli	Piper Mertz	Avery Summers
Evan Czochara	Adrian Michalak	Luna Tabares
Logan Dixon	Paula Molina	Jasmine Tamayo
Audrey Dolter	Austin Nguyen	Taylor Tenebehn
Bennett Ernst	Averie Nikiel	Scarlett Teran
Evangeline Ferguson	Charles Nucum	Caden Thanasriphakdeekun
Ava Ferrao	Kelsey Nucum	Julianne Thomas
Isabella Freeman	Malley O'Donohue	Jack Urban
Matthew Galise	Melissa Ogoudou	Addie Valle
Joey Geraci	Jameson Pasterick	Owen Voller
Josie Given	Sophia Patt	Emma Ward
Ana Guajardo	Fiona Paul	Zachary Wojtowicz
Sydney Hansen-Chang	Carmen Pecoraro	Lucas York
Ella Hanson	Johan Perez	
Sam Hawk	William Pociask	

First Eucharist Celebrations

St Thomas joyfully celebrates First Eucharist with our young parishioners throughout August. While we have some extra Masses scheduled to accommodate the First Communicants, along with their immediate family and an additional four guests, some Masses may have limited seating tickets available. Please feel free to join us at one of the following First Communion Masses. Tickets will be available the Thursday before each Mass through our website www.stapostle.org. We ask that you remember in prayer our First Communicants as their special day approaches. May God bless them as they meet Jesus in this most holy sacrament.

Saturday, August 8	10:30 am Mass
Sunday, August 9	9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass
Saturday, August 15	10:30 am Mass
Sunday, August 16	9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass

Dear Parish ...

When I get my first communion I will promess never to doubt God or Jesus or Mary.

I am so excited for my ferst communion this is a honor to git my ferst communion! I doubt I am going to tack it back

I am happy. Please pray for me.

I am veary exited to make my first communion at church! Thank you for letting me do religious education!

I am excited for my holly communion and I'm ready to serve God. Our father.

I church! I love you! Church is asum :)

I am very exided for comeuinyin and nervis but I kow I will have a good time.

I am exited that I get to do my first communion and taste the body of Christ and the blood of Christ.

I can't wait to tast the bared and wine. pary of me.

My whole family is going to be proud of me.

I love my dress and shoes. I feel happy and nerves to go. But I'm doing this to meet Juees and God.

I feel so excited when I sing this little light of mine. I am so exsited for the party!

I am exsided because I am going to be closer to God.

I feel that im going to be happy because I love my dress and shoes. I happy that I get to have the wine. I happy that im going to get the blesed bread.

I am proud to receive the body of the Christ.

Scenes from Scripture Safari Family Style

Scripture Safari, our Vacation Bible School, was a little different this year. Due to COVID-19 and the inability to keep children, and our youth and adult volunteers, totally safe, St. Thomas offered an outside Family event last week. We've included a few snapshots from the event.



Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Office of the Parish Nurse SAVE THE DATE

Remember ... Bullying: Facing the Bully Without & Within

The Wellspring presentation, Bullying, Session III, is coming back to St. Thomas the Apostle this summer. This session, Standing Strong Against Bullying, will provide participants with the skills and greater awareness to deal with the bully without and within, especially in the workplace.

This session will be co-led by Dr. Charlotte Dillon, a clinical psychologist who teaches that how we treat one another is a core value of Christian discipleship, and Dr. Beth Plachetka, a licensed clinical social worker, speaker and professional educator. Wellspring Educational Events are co-hosted by the Adult Faith Formation and the Pastoral Care Department of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Bullying: Standing Strong Against Bullying

A Zoom digital webinar

6:30–8:00 pm, August 18, 2020

Reservations Required to receive the Zoom account information for your media devices. To find out more, call Felicia Lawlor, Faith Community Nurse, at 630.355.8980, x104 or flawlor@stapostle.org.



From the Behavioral Health Ministry Teletherapy



In Chicago and across the country, the pandemic and the accompanying social isolation have spiked symptoms of mental health illness for some. Nearly half of American adults reported that their mental health has been negatively impacted due to worry and stress over the virus, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

Gabe Howard, a mental health advocate, said that while he's glad there's an increased discussion about mental health issues, he feels that people suffering from severe mental illness are being left out of the conversation. "A lot of the focus is on how are we going to survive mentally through this process ... not on how do we help people with schizophrenia through this process? How do we help people with bipolar through this process?"

For some struggling with mental health issues, teletherapy has been an option. Micah Ioffe, a psychologist in Chicago, says, "That's been a wonderful way of working with clients who get stuck in their home setting, whether that's repeated hand washing or avoiding certain activities, we can be there with them."

If you feel you or someone you love would benefit from teletherapy please contact Jan Olah in Pastoral Care for consultation at 630.355.8980, x124.

Source: Nicole Stock, Chicago Tribune, Sunday, July 5, 2020, nistock@chicagotribune.com



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

Health Resource

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

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

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

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Summer Mission Appeal

Ertha Papillon was our “virtual” mission speaker last weekend. Her video, which includes the children from the orphanage playing soccer and singing the Magnificat, can be viewed on the St. Thomas website home page by clicking on Ertha’s picture. Below are excerpts from the OSJ homily reflection highlighting the needs for the school and orphanage. For more information, contact Mike Ryder at mryder@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x121.



Ertha’s Orphanage Children ... Thumbs Up!

If you would like to help Ertha with a donation, there are two ways

1. Checks can be written to “St. Thomas OSJ” with “Ertha” in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563)
2. The shortcut to donate on-line is <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1479/DirectDonate/76238>. Be aware that a credit card processing charge of 3.4% will be deducted from your Ertha Mission Appeal donation.

Mèsi anpil (Creole: Thank you very much)

OSJ Homily Reflection (Excerpts)

The disciples said to Jesus, “This is a deserted place . . . dismiss the crowds so that they can go and buy food for themselves.” I would guess that many in the crowd did not have the means to buy food for themselves. Jesus replied to his disciples, “give them some food yourselves.” And behold the small amount of food they gave was blessed by Jesus and fed the multitudes.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to reach out to others and give what is needed, and what we give is blessed, and the good it does is magnified far beyond the original value. The summer mission appeal is an opportunity to give what is needed.

Ertha Papillon is a leader in our Twinning community in the mountains of southwest Haiti. She was schooled by Catholic Sisters, who taught her to teach and to serve our God in all ways. Ertha was further educated and became a nurse in Port-au-Prince where she worked with Mother Teresa. She was moved by Mother Teresa’s self-less acts of love and her inner joy of serving God. Ertha returned to her parish, Ste. Marie-Madeleine. She founded a school and an orphanage to serve the impoverished, malnourished, and orphaned children in her Trois-Bois community.

In the video, Ertha outlined the help that is most needed at this time. The school children often injure themselves on the rocky school grounds. Ertha would like to finish the cement paving.

The Orphanage has many needs:

- Ongoing funds for food and salaries for the caretakers are always needed.
- Finishing the second building will provide dorm space for the boys and a cafeteria. Currently all are crowded into one building.
- A security fence is needed around the orphanage.
- A graduate of the orphanage and St. Thomas High School is being partially sponsored to study agronomy. Ertha is looking for others to help sponsor her education.

In today’s gospel, the small amount of food the disciples gave was blessed by Jesus and fed the multitudes. As we, also disciples of Jesus, provide Ertha and her children with what is needed, it will be blessed, and the effects will be magnified far beyond the original value.

Answer the Highest Calling of Your Heart

John Lewis, who died July 17, was the U.S. representative for Georgia's 5th Congressional District. The civil rights leader wrote an essay shortly before his death, intending that it be published in The New York Times on the day of his funeral. Portions are included below. To read the entire essay, go to www.stapostle.org and type "John Lewis" in the search window.

"While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity.

Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was 14 when he was killed, and I was only 15 years old at the time. I will never ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he could easily have been me.

Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.

Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide."

To hear Morgan Freeman, a good friend and admirer of John Lewis, read the essay, go to

<https://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word/watch/morgan-freeman-reads-john-lewis-last-words-89332293780>

Food Donations for Care Pantry

The "Drive-Thru Donations" days have been a great success. Thank you!

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, August 18 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
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Jello
- Boxed White or Brown Rice
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap

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 five days before being shelved and distributed.



Bethany House of Hospitality

2020 Lenten Project

Bethany House of Hospitality

Continue to Fill Your Little Brown Box

Bethany House of Hospitality was and is still the beneficiary of this year's Lenten project. The current situation has prevented the collection of the little brown boxes with your donations. In these circumstances, please continue to fill the boxes with your change. Later in August, we will announce the process for the collection of the boxes and other donations.

Bethany House of Hospitality

Located in Chicago and sustained in some ways by a number of women's religious communities, Bethany House of Hospitality offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence. Bethany House residents are currently from El Salvador, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Guatemala, Somalia, Venezuela, Honduras, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

Stewardship and Administration



There are three key elements in the Preparation of the Gifts at Mass: bringing the wine and bread up to the priest, placing them on the altar and praying over the gifts. During Mass the bread and wine are the gifts. Receiving them after they become the Body and Blood of Christ makes us one with God. However, that intimate relationship with the Lord does not stop there. It is expected that we then go out to the world and demonstrate how we follow Christ. That means that we are expected to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others. Then, and only then, will "They Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

Donations can still be received for Ertha's Orphanage in Haiti. Please send them to the Office of Social Justice, designating the orphanage or go to St. Thomas' website and find information there.

Also, opportunities still are available to volunteer for a Ministry. It would be a good use of your time. See the website for details.

And, then there is an opportunity to share your talent if you are able to join the team livestreaming our Masses during the pandemic. Contact Jim Clauer for more information.

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 26, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$6,015
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$28,548
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,107
Total for the week	\$39,670
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$126,393
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$31,598
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$135,218
Over/short of goal to date	(\$8,825)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,757,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	7%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,631,440

This week, the Sunday collection is \$8,825 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$1,126 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$134,994
Percent of Goal pledged to date	77.32%
Unpaid pledges	\$22,737
Paid to Date	\$112,257
Percent of goal paid to date	64.29

Help Wanted

Please see the St. Thomas website at www.stapostle.org for complete descriptions of the job opportunities listed below.

- Part-time Music Director at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Westmont, Illinois
- Full-time Maintenance Tech at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst, Illinois
- Full-time Manager of Annual Giving and Events at the Diocese of Joliet

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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