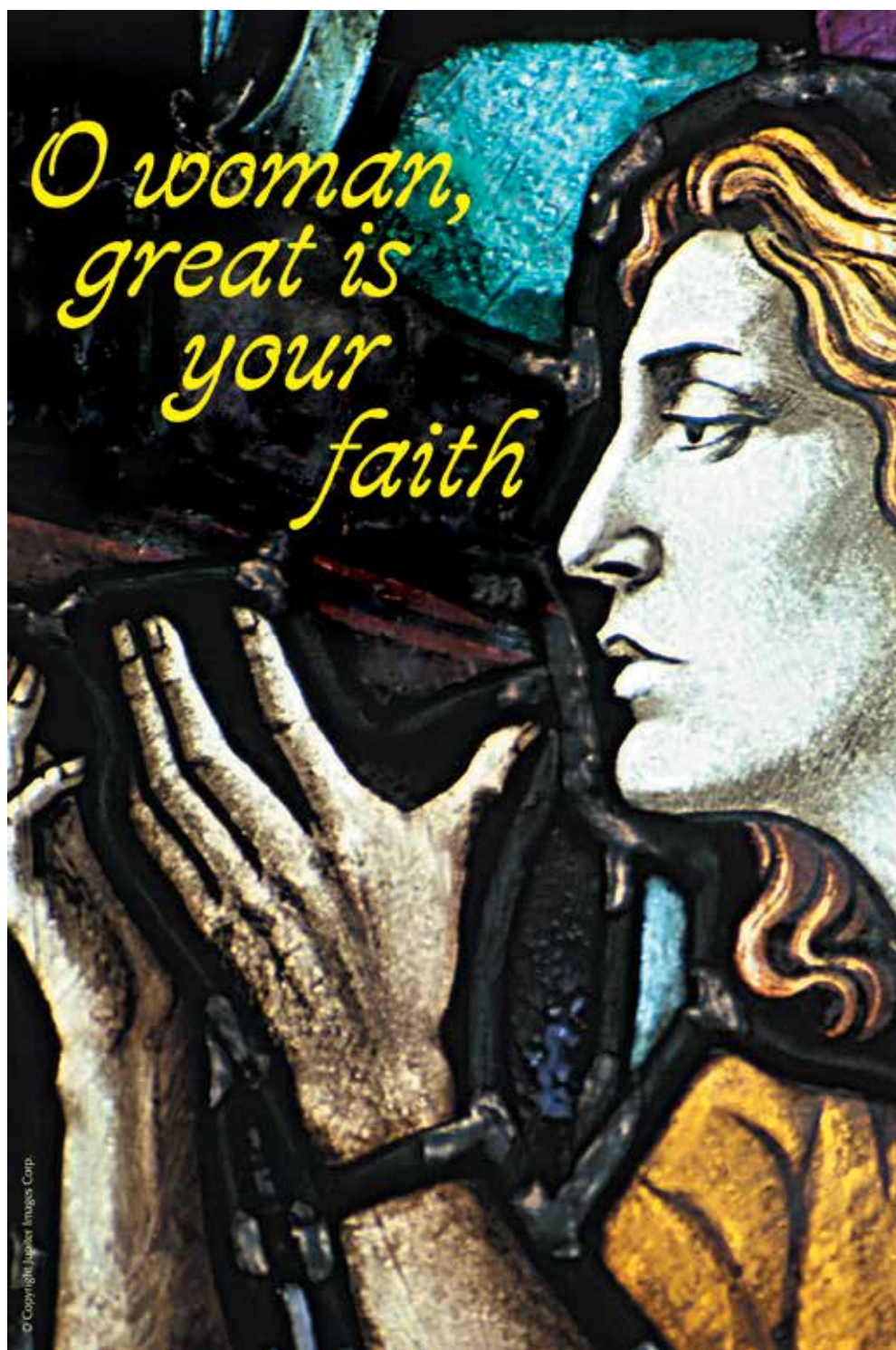


# St. Thomas

AUGUST 16, 2020 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, *Parochial Vicar*

\*indicates part-time staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

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

St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti

St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian Reservation, Manderson, South Dakota

St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

### Our Parish School:

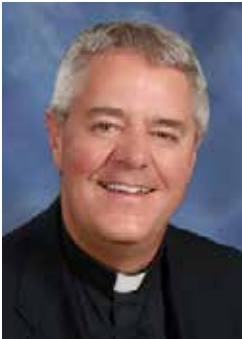
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# in the word



with  
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

In last week's gospel account of Jesus walking on water, He tested Peter's faith by inviting Peter to walk with Him. But when he saw how strong the wind was, Peter gave up trying to imitate his Lord and began to sink. Today we see another example of Jesus testing someone's faith when He seemed not to be interested in listening to

the cries of a mother on behalf of her sick daughter. Unlike Peter, the mother did not give up. She stubbornly, and successfully, argued with Jesus to grant her this special favor.

The word stubborn often has a negative meaning for some; that a person is so stubborn, he/she won't listen to reason and refuses to change his/her ways. Yet, when you think about it, we worship a stubborn God, our God who stubbornly refuses to abandon us no matter how often we sin. When we come to God with sincere hearts and ask for His mercy, God will stubbornly continue to forgive us whenever we ask.

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

*Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.*

— Isaiah 56:1

### 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](http://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](http://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 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

There is a fine line between “persistence” and “nagging.” Nagging is about getting what we want — being turned toward ourselves. The faith-filled persistence in the gospel arises from being turned toward the good of others. The Canaanite woman in the gospel persists in her request because she never loses sight of the end she seeks: the healing of her daughter. Like the woman in the gospel, our faith must be great enough to overcome barriers.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12  
**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;  
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

## A Prayer for Our Parish

*With open arms,  
You welcome all who call on Your name —  
who acknowledge You as Lord,  
and look to You in faith.  
No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love.  
And so we come to offer You our worship —  
to declare that You are our God,  
and that we are Your people,  
called and chosen by You from the very beginning.  
Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit  
open our eyes to see You here;  
open our minds to receive Your truth,  
and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise.  
For You alone are God —  
worthy of all praise,  
now and to the end of time.  
Amen.*

## Presider Schedule August 22–23

### Saturday, August 22

4:30 pm – Fr. Philip Danaher

### Sunday, August 23

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, August 17, 2020

8:30 am Mass

### Tuesday, August 18, 2020

8:30 am †Griffin McCarthy, by Family

### Wednesday, August 19, 2020

8:30 am †Manuel Butch Gutierrez, by Family

### Thursday, August 20, 2020

8:30 am †Thomas J. O’Grady, by Tom and Mary Clare O’Grady

### Friday, August 21, 2020

8:30 am †Erik Severson, by The Dunning Family

### Saturday, August 22, 2020

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
For the People of St. Thomas

### Sunday, August 23, 2020

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Tom Kearney, by Pastoral Care (Jan, Felicia, Susan and Diane)

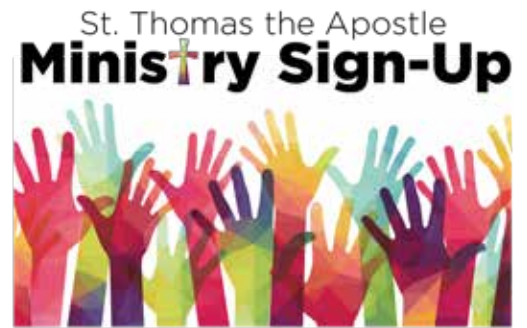
9:30 am †John McNicholas, by Ken and Irene Wojcik  
†Johnathan Weiger, by Parents

11:15 am †Danuta Cichočka, by Agata Chalupka and Family and Mariola Shelemej and Family

## 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](mailto: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.

## Thank You Bishop Conlon

My brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Joliet:

The Diocese of Joliet sends its continued thanks to Bishop Conlon for nine years of service. As many of you know, a Mass of Appreciation has been scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on August 21, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Due to local, state and diocesan event restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Mass will be very limited. The event will be live-streamed from the Cathedral through our YouTube channel.

We have created an online Guestbook for those wishing to send their private messages of thanks and appreciation to Bishop Conlon for his years of service.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/thankyoubishopconlon>

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ Richard E. Pates'.

### Most Reverend Richard E. Pates

Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Joliet



# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

We continue to work our way through the **challenges** to our Catholic Church throughout its long history. As we've seen, the first four centuries of our common era were rife with heresies and efforts to contest and change the basic tenets of the faith. Fortunately our Church leaders hammered out their Christian theology, incorporated that into the creeds and passed on the faith accordingly. One of the champions of those efforts was St. Augustine. Another was St. Jerome. Our Church leaders canonized the Bible at the Council of Rome in the year 382. The Bible we have today contains the same list of writings. Our Church has never added to the list nor eliminated any of those inspired texts that were established as the standard in the fourth century.

St. Jerome took on the **challenge** of translating the entire Bible into Latin, which was the common language of the Roman Empire. To do so, he had to learn Hebrew in order to translate the Old Testament and Greek in order to translate the New Testament. This became the ultimate work of his life and his primary legacy. No wonder he said "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." In later centuries, Biblical scholars took up the **challenge** to translate the Bible into multiple languages in order to make the sacred texts available to be read in the vernacular of peoples all over the world. The Bible remains the number one best-selling book of all times. And we still look to our Church's Biblical scholars to guide us with regard to legitimate translations and interpretations of sacred Scripture.

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

## From the New Director of Elementary Religious Education

Hello Everyone,

I am excited about our elementary RE program this year! Please read this as it mentions important changes to RE classes. The Religious Ed. classes will start soon on September 12 or 15 so if you haven't registered, please get this on your to do list soonest. It really helps for planning purposes.

Please know, this year's classes follow the State of Illinois safety regulations. They are also being reviewed and approved by the Diocese of Joliet.

The safety of you and your children is most important to us. You are an integral part of the St. Thomas family. St. Thomas Religious Ed. is an extension of our faith family, where children learn that Jesus loves everyone and one is never alone.

**RE Class Tuesday** 4:30–5:45 pm

**RE Class Saturday** 8:30–9:45 am

- Outside Initially on St. Thomas the Apostle Grounds
- Tuesday Inside at St Thomas the Apostle Church Ministry Center
- Saturday Inside at All Saints Catholic Academy

Another option is homeschooling your child(ren) where you are the teacher. You will receive a book and other supporting material as well as a regular check-in on your child's progress. I look forward to our exciting Religious Ed. journey together. Please feel free to contact me so that I may address any of your concerns.

**Lorraine Katz**  
Elementary DRE  
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St. Thomas the Apostle

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Be sure to go to the St. Thomas website at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) to watch a short video Lorraine put together introducing herself to St. Thomas.

## 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.

Your gifts are needed! We could use your help in the following ways: elementary grade catechist, elementary grade aide, middle school (in-person) catechist for Saturday morning classes and middle school Zoom catechist. Our RE year begins soon. Please consider volunteering.

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## Do You ZOOM?

Middle school religious education will be offering Zoom RE classes. Although many middle school catechists have taught RE for several years and are passionate about their ministry, the challenge will be to take that faith and passion online. If you have expertise on the Zoom platform and are willing to be a resource person sharing, with us, tips and tricks for Zoom, your help is needed. Please contact Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123 to offer your assistance.

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## 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.

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## 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.”

The COVID pandemic has allowed for some new and different ways to minister to and with middle school students. There is currently a need for an in-person Saturday morning 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechist. If you are hesitant to be in a group of students, you can still minister to middle school students by being a catechist for a Zoom middle school RE class. Like Christine says, it is an amazing journey. If you EVER thought 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.

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## 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.virtusononline.org](http://www.virtusononline.org), click on the FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, follow the on-screen instructions. For assistance, please contact [SafeEnvironment@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:SafeEnvironment@dioceseofjoliet.org).

## Teens with Character Peace Activity

August 6 and 9 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. At our recent Teens with Character meeting, middle school students explored thoughts on peace and how we can be people of peace in our world, in our schools and neighborhoods, and in our hearts. We concluded by writing thoughts and prayers for peace and hanging them on our St. Thomas Peace Pole.

*“God, Father and Mother of this world, we pray that you would inspire us to create a peaceful world . . . Make us a peaceful people in a peaceful world. Amen.”*

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns,  
prayer for an end to nuclear weapons



## Question of the week ...

What healing do you ask of Jesus?



## 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
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Jiselle Cuautli	Piper Mertz	Avery Summers
Evan Czochara	Adrian Michalak	Luna Tabares
Logan Dixon	Paula Molina	Jasmine Tamayo
Audrey Dolter	Austin Nguyen	Taylor Tenebehn
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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](http://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 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 Jeyes and God.

I feel so exited 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.

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

## From the Office of the Parish Nurse: Healthy Posture Tips: Computer Use

Many of us sit for hours in front of computers on kitchen counters, dining tables and even coffee tables. Many of us also experience chronic back and neck pain as a result! Ergonomic chairs and home work spaces can be expensive. Here are some low-to-no-cost tips on how to “MacGuyver” existing furniture for better posture and back health.

According to Physical Therapist Carrie Hall, “You want a chair that has a relatively high back, adjustable armrests and has a seat depth to support your thighs. The height of the chair back is to remind you not to lurch your torso and head forward. Try to keep your back against the chair back and your head centered with ears between shoulders.”



### Other tips include:

- Lumbar support is key. If your chair doesn't have it, roll up a bath towel and place it behind your lower back.
- Hall recommends armrests to reduce the pull of arms on the neck. If your chair's armrests aren't adjustable, try raising or lowering the seat. If the seat isn't adjustable, add a pillow or place sturdy blocks under the table legs.
- Arms should be bent at 90 degree angles and kept near the torso. Hips and thighs should also form 90 degree angles.
- Set feet flat on the floor. If needed, support them with a footrest or stacked books. Avoid crossing the knees or ankles.
- Computer screen height should be at eye level, with the keyboard and mouse at elbow level. Therefore, don't set a laptop on your lap! Elevate it to eye level and use a separate keyboard. Stand up to reach anything that can't be comfortably reached while sitting.
- Get up, stretch and walk around every 30 minutes! Your body will thank you.

Source: Carrie Hall, PT, MHS is president of Movement Systems Physical Therapy.

## 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  
630.355.8980, x124  
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# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

## Summer Mission Appeal

Ertha Papillon was our “virtual” mission speaker. 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. For more information, contact Mike Ryder at [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x121.

### 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)



**Ertha’s Orphanage Children ... Thumbs Up!**

## Waterleaf Miracle of the Month

“Dana” came to Waterleaf very conflicted about her pregnancy. She needed to make her decision about this baby before telling her parents about the pregnancy.

Her mother had an abortion years ago and told Dana that she still regrets it. To add to Dana’s stress, she lost her job and likely her insurance as well. Along with her husband “John,” they made an appointment at Planned Parenthood to have an abortion. When they arrived, she could not go through with it. She left after an hour, tormenting over how to tell John of her decision. Their relationship was already strained. Dana expressed her sadness that this pregnancy seemed to be the final straw that would end her marriage. Her sister, however, let Dana know of her support and attended her most recent ultrasound at Waterleaf with her. The two of them were excited about the images of the baby that was quite active.

“I just made my decision to continue with the pregnancy. This ultrasound helped. It’s the right decision.”

Dana is currently working with Waterleaf’s Aspire Education and Resource Center to get the community and insurance resources she will need to have her baby.



## Outreach & Social Justice Office

If you are in need of help or if you are aware of anyone else in need of help, please call or email the OSJ Office. Do not hesitate to contact us in these challenging times. The SPIRIT is with you!

Mike: [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org)

630.355.8980, x121

Anne: [aschultz@stapostle.org](mailto:aschultz@stapostle.org)

630.355.8980, x113

## Housing Alliance Ministry

*The St. Thomas Housing Alliance Ministry has been advocating for more affordable housing in Naperville for at least four years. The Alliance has been working with the Naperville Housing Advisory Commission (HAC), participating in meetings and meeting with individual commission members and City Council members.*

### Small Step Forward for Affordable Housing

Naperville has been in violation of an Illinois law requiring 10% affordable housing for many years. The city is currently at 7.5%. The Housing Alliance worked with the Housing Advisory Commission to identify eight recommendations that were advanced to the City Council and considered at the August 4 City Council Meeting. After some debate, the Council agreed to convene a workshop on the recommendations in September.

Housing Alliance members Carol Ann Fisher and Dee Huie spoke during public comment in favor of accepting and implementing the recommendations. Excerpts from their comments are below. To see their complete talks and the eight recommendations, go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and type "affordable housing" in the search window.

### Carol Ann Fisher Excerpt

*Recent discriminatory events and social unrest have motivated citizen marches and many encouraging statements from this City Council.*

*However, the City Council needs to do more! As we take a critical look at how groups of people are mistreated by our institutional processes and segments of our society, we cannot ignore the housing crisis that negatively affects these same groups.*

*These eight recommendations address housing issues that have prevented Naperville from providing the minimum affordable housing stock required by the state of Illinois. We have to act on affordable housing now!*

### Dee Huie Excerpt

Implementing an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (IZO) is the recommendation that draws the most attention. AN IZO requires that developers include some percentage of affordable housing in any housing development or pay an in-lieu of fee to be used for other affordable housing efforts.

*Such ordinances have been enacted successfully in numerous jurisdictions to make meaningful inroads into shortages of affordable housing. Adopting IZOs does require time and commitment, but with NO requirement in place, developers will continue to resist affordable housing. Other localities adopting IZOs have NOT seen developers abandon the scene. If we want meaningful action behind the words that "Naperville is a welcoming community for all," then requiring developers to build housing for a range of wage-earners is necessary.*

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## 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.



# St. Thomas Lenten Project REVIVAL!

Due the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no opportunity to collect donations for Bethany House. We are reviving the 2020 Lenten project in August.

## Welcome the Stranger



### Bethany House of Hospitality

Provides housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence

**GOAL \$7,000**

#### Please make a donation, as you are able

- Little Brown Boxes (basket at Mass exits, drop off at church Mon – Fri, 9:00 - noon)
- Check “St Thomas OSJ” with “Bethany House” in memo. (basket at Mass exits, drop off at church Mon – Fri, 9:00 – noon, mail to St. Thomas OSJ)
- On-Line Donation <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1479/DirectDonate/76402>  
Be aware that a credit card processing charge of 3.4% will be deducted from donation.

#### Elizabeth’s Story

Imagine you are 18 years old and have spent fully half of your life searching for a safe and welcoming place. Elizabeth fled the Democratic Republic of the Congo at nine years old to escape a brutal civil war ... and after refugee camps in Angola and Brazil, she finally arrived at Bethany House. She is working on her high school diploma and has just received a work permit. Efforts to find her family left in Angola have been unsuccessful, but Elizabeth holds out hope. For now, the people at Bethany House are her family.

#### “Oh. I’m Free!” Mary’s Story

What does Bethany House mean to Mary? “Oh, I’m free!” BHH works so these young immigrant women can be free of a traumatic past ... free to dream widely, and sometimes wildly, about their future. Mary has lived at BHH for six months. She works a full-time factory job. She saves her money for driving lessons and a future apartment. She prepares to take the GED tests. “I can do things that I was never able to do in my past life.”

# Stewardship and Administration



If you have access to St. Thomas' Facebook page or our website, one of our small musical groups, the Sojourners, has posted a beautiful rendition of "At the Name of Jesus," by Ed Bolduc. It is a wonderful example of people using their time and talent to produce and perform a hymn that we have heard during Mass. It is helping us feel connected.

Another example of using the gifts that the Lord has given us was demonstrated this month as we celebrated First Holy Communion with the children of our parish. A lot of time and thought was given to celebrating a special time for our children, even though we had to make it look a bit different.

Time and talent can also be useful in streaming our Sunday Masses. There is still a need for a team of videographers and editors to facilitate that. Call Jim Clauer to inquire.

Thank you for using your gifts of time, talent and treasure during these trying times. And thank you for continuing to find new ways to use those gifts.

## Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

August 2, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$11,887
Credit Card On-Line Giving for July	\$16,004
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,647
Total for the week	\$33,538
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$160,126
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$32,025
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$168,446
Over/short of goal to date	(\$8,320)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	9%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,591,707

This week, the Sunday collection is \$8,320 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$310 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$135,444
Percent of Goal pledged to date	77.57%
Unpaid pledges	\$21,829
Paid to Date	\$113,615
Percent of goal paid to date	65.07

## Help Wanted

Please see the St. Thomas website at [www.stapostle.org](http://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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