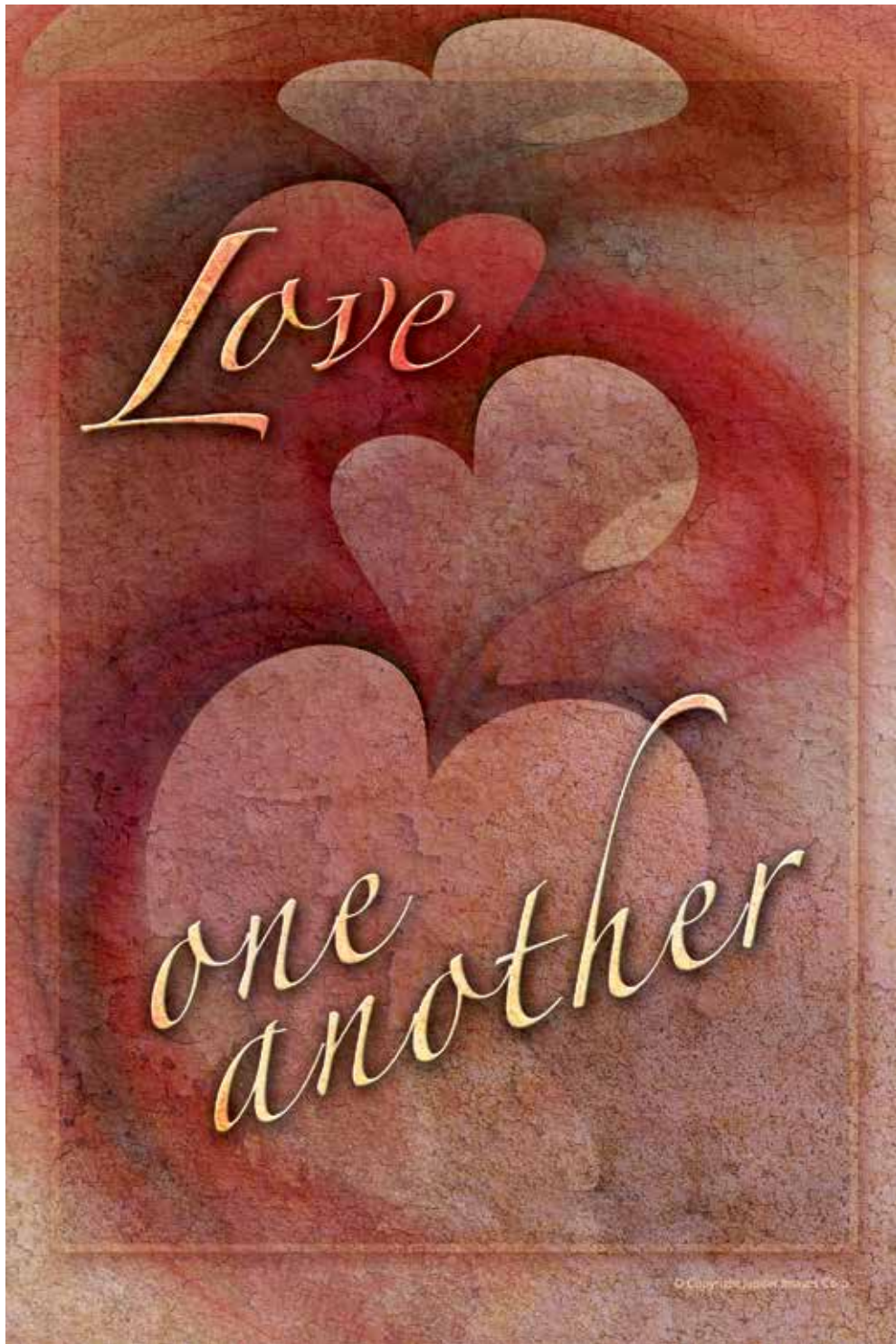


St. Thomas

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563 | 630.355.8980 (Main Office) | 630.305.6318 (Religious Education) | 630.355.0521 (Fax)

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, Monday–Thursday; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Friday

email to mainoffice@stapostle.org or visit us at www.stapostle.org

Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois • Most. Rev. Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator

Parish Staff

Priests in Residence

Rev. Philip Danaher, *Pastor*, x102, pdanaher@stapostle.org

Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, CMI, *Parochial Vicar*, x103, jkapp@stapostle.org

Priests Assisting on Weekends

Rev. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm., *Weekend Associate*, robco@robco.org

Rev. Matt Lorenz, *Senior Vicar*, Archdiocese of Chicago

Permanent Deacons

Michael (Kathryn) Barrett — 630.355.8980, x145, meabarrett@gmail.com

Jim (Mary Jo) Breen — 630.486.3133, jimb4853@gmail.com

Joe (Carolyn) Cuzzone — 630.355.8980, x224, DeaconJoeCuzzone@gmail.com

Larry (Susan) Kearney — 630.355.8980, x225, lrkearney@comcast.net

Chuck (Sue) Lane — 630.355.8980, x223, chuck.lane2@icloud.com

Patrick (Mary Jo) Lennon — 630.901.3223, presence.now@gmail.com

Liturgy and Music

Jim Clauer, *Director of Liturgy and Music*, x111, jclauer@stapostle.org

Samantha Delke, *Associate Director of Liturgy and Music*, x120, sdelke@stapostle.org

Faith Formation

Margie Marshall, *Principal at All Saints Catholic Academy*, 630.961.6125

Lorraine Katz, *Director of Religious Education*, x109, lkatz@stapostle.org

Peggy Goralski, *Director of Middle School Faith Formation*, x123, pgoralski@stapostle.org

Dorothy Grantham, *Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry*, x117, dgrantham@stapostle.org

Chari Rosales, *Director of Adult Education and RCIA*, x138, croales@stapostle.org

Marge Coronado, *Faith Formation Administrative Assistant*, x118, mcoronado@stapostle.org

Outreach and Social Justice

Michael Ryder, *Director of Outreach and Social Justice*, x121, mryder@stapostle.org

Anne Schultz, *OSJ Partner*, x113, aschultz@stapostle.org

Sally Meno, *OSJ Associate*, x137, smeno@stapostle.org

Pastoral Care

Jan Olah, *Director of Pastoral Care*, x124

Felicia Lawlor, * *Faith Community Nurse*, x104, flawlor@stapostle.org

Administration

Janet Simmons, *Finance/Business Officer*, x106, jsimmons@stapostle.org

Diane McQueen, *Gen Office Administrative Asst.*, x101, dmcqueen@stapostle.org

Kathy Ferguson, *Gen Office Administrative Asst.*, x100, mainoffice@stapostle.org

Casey Braun, * *Communications Coordinator*, x110, cbraun@stapostle.org

Elizabeth Fisher, * *Evening/Saturday Receptionist*

Mary Wright, * *Evening/Saturday Receptionist*

Mary Derwinski, * *Administration Asst.*, x143, mderwinski@stapostle.org

Sue Sportiello, * *Financial Asst.*, x143, ssportiello@stapostle.org

Marilyn DeMeo, * *Database Coordinator (T/Th)*, x107, mdemeo@stapostle.org

Bob Hartmann, * *Facility Manager*, x133, facility@stapostle.org

Parish Pastoral Council

Barbara Mambu, *Chair*

Alison Ohl

Todd Galer

Anne Scanlan

David Johanneson

Commission Representatives

Linda Bailey, *Service*

Deb Scheckel, *Parish Life*

Jeff Balsewicz, *Worship*

Susan Wood O'Leary, *Stewardship*

Mary Beth Nagai, *Faith Formation*

Ex-Officio

Fr. Philip Danaher, *Pastor*

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:

All Saints Catholic Academy

1155 Aurora Ave

Naperville, IL 60540

630.961.6125

in the word

with
fr danaher



Dear Parish Family,

We heard Jesus say that, if someone who sins against another refuses to even listen to a community which encourages that person to change his/her ways, that person should be treated as if he/she were a tax collector or a gentile — a non-Jew — those who were seen as outsiders of the Jewish community. It almost sounds like Jesus is encouraging others not to have anything more to do with anyone who

clings to their evil ways.

But how did Jesus himself treat tax collectors? Today's gospel was written by Matthew, one of Jesus' followers and who himself had been a tax collector. One of Jesus' most well-known stories is about a Good Samaritan, a non-Jew, a Gentile, who was the hero in Jesus' story of what it means to be a good neighbor when he came to the aid of a Jew who had been beaten and robbed.

We don't have to like everyone. We all know that there will always be someone we are not able to get along with. But, there's nothing stopping us from at least praying for those who, for example, seem to go out of their way to hurt us. It was also in Matthew's gospel where Jesus encouraged his disciples then, and each of us today, to pray for our persecutors. God encourages us to keep on praying for others and let God do His best to help them change their ways just as He always reaches out to us to encourage us to change our ways.

*Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, we were not able to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist during the Easter Vigil with our RCIA catechumens **Kenneth Freeman** and **Scott Rowe**. I am very happy to announce that we are now able to welcome Ken and Scott into our Roman Catholic Church through the three Sacraments of Initiation during next Sunday's 9:30 am Mass. If you are not able to participate in person, please participate through your prayers.*

*Belated congratulations and welcome to **John and Lisa Shields** who joined our Roman Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith during our First Eucharist Liturgy on August 15. Along with their son **William**, they all received Eucharist for the first time.*

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— Matthew 18:19

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 offers 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

Love and unity among all people is today's theme. In our own lives, we know how easy it is to hurt one another and how difficult it is to repair broken relationships. Healing and reconciliation are only possible when an honest exchange is brought about by the commitment of both to living the mercy, reconciliation, and forgiveness Jesus taught. There can be no room in our hearts for grudges. For the life of our world ... we must stand together and love all ... with no exceptions.

Readings for Today

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Prayer

*Christ Jesus,
we believe
that you give us a cross
as a gift
to enable us
to share in the freedom
that you alone can give.*

*Help us to let go of all the things
that keep us far from you.*

*Help us to embrace your cross
so that it may become our cross,
our gift, our hope,
and our path to new life.*

Amen.

Presider Schedule September 12–13

Saturday, September 12

4:30 pm — Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am — Fr. Philip Danaher

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 7, 2020

9:00 am †Benjamin and Julia Mallorca, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

8:30 am †Jo Kuffner, by Gene Foley

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

8:30 am †Mother of Carl Hurt, by Al Adducci

Thursday, September 10, 2020

8:30 am †Grace Takata, by Mary Wright

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:30 am †Jo Kuffner, by Gene Foley

Saturday, September 12, 2020

8:30 am †Fr. Don Ries, by Benita Williams

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Rudy and Bettyjean Struchil, by Dick and Kay

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Jim Wolff, by Mary Ann

9:30 am †Robert Collins, by Bob and Kathy Updike

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

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

Receptionist Needed at St. Thomas

Seeking one part-time individual to job share with our current receptionist for nights and Saturday receptionist duties. Must be at least 21 years of age, fluent in English (Spanish is helpful but not required) and able to work flexible hours. Good communication skills, friendly and welcoming demeanor also needed. Assist with clerical work and capable of directing in emergency evacuations and other duties, when needed. Training provided.

Submit resume to Kathy Ferguson, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville 60563, no later than September 9. Questions? Contact Kathy at mainoffice@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x100.

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

The late Middle Ages brought about the building of the great cathedrals whose marvelous stained glass windows served as picture Bibles for the illiterate peasants. Church building projects kept people employed. Great literature and art flourished. The university system came into being, initiated by the Church to educate clergy. The Dominican and Franciscan orders got their start-ups. This was the era of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas Aquinas. Unfortunately a series of weak popes over the course of the next two centuries undermined the progress of the Church.

For decades there was no resident Pope in Rome — that is until St. Catherine of Siena basically told the Pope to get back to Rome where he belonged. Though the Pope was essentially held hostage in Avignon by the king of France, ultimately the Pope actually listened and returned to Rome. But abuse and corruption had become rampant within the clerical orders. It got so bad that at one time there were three men claiming to be the legitimate Pope. But eventually all those challenges were worked through and we got back to one Bishop of Rome. But right behind all these battles loomed a real killer. Meet us back here next week to find out what happened next!

Bible Study this Fall

This Fall, we will again continue the Study of the Bible on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Wednesday class is from 9:30–11:30 am and starts September 9. We will be studying the two Books of Samuel. Samuel has a list of wonderful characters. These are Books in the Old Testament but please consider studying them. You will be able to relate to the Books of the New Testament as well as the happenings of today.

Thursday class is either 9:30–11:30 am or 7:30–9:00 pm (you choose) and starts September 10. Thursday class will be an exploration in story, song and discussion of the Book of Psalms, the 'prayer book of the Bible' that covers every human emotion and circumstance.

We welcome all newcomers. The cost is only for the book. New Members should contact Chari Rosales at croales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138.

The Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission Presents: **St. Thomas Reads: Just Mercy**

An amazing book group coming soon to your parish!

"We are all more than the worst thing we have ever done."

- Bryan Stevenson, Author of Just Mercy

- Read an incredible story about justice, mercy and redemption
- Engage with others from the safety and comfort of your home over Zoom
- Be inspired by the power one life can have to affect many others
- Discuss challenging issues surrounding the justice system in America



Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists and Aides Needed

Help Wanted! Looking for faith Filled People to help with RE program this year. Looking for Catechists and aides and other volunteers. Catechist are needed for grades 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109, or Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.



Can You Help with Middle School RE?

Help is needed to make middle school RE happen. An in-person catechist is needed for Saturday, a Zoom catechist is needed for Monday, and some Saturday administrative help (temperature taker, front table help) is needed. Each year, we embark on an amazing faith journey. We can only do that when there are enough volunteers. Please consider using your gifts and free time to help.

Middle School Religious Education Start Dates ... for Zoom and In-Person Classes

The long-awaited start to religious education is finally here! Please keep these important start dates in mind:

- Saturday in-person RE sessions will begin September 12, 8:30–9:45 am, at All Saints.
- 8th grade Zoom RE sessions will begin Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 am.
- Monday in-person RE sessions will begin September 14, 7:15–8:30 pm, at St. Thomas.
- 6th grade Zoom RE sessions will begin Monday, September 14, at 7:00 pm.
- 7th grade Zoom RE sessions will begin Monday, September 14, at 7:00 pm.

Middle School Religious Education Book and Folder Pickup

Middle school families who have chosen the Zoom RE option or the Home Study RE option will be able to pick up necessary materials for the start of class. Books, folders, schedules and other supplies will be available for drive-by pick-up on the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, September 8**
3:00–5:00 pm
- **Wednesday, September 9**
3:00–5:00 pm

These supplies will be on a table at the main entrance of church and will be necessary for the first day of class on September 12 (for 8th grade Zoom classes) and September 14 (for 6th and 7th grade Zoom classes).

Question of the week ...

What are you laboring for the Lord?



Service Commission — Pastoral Care

Community Wide Mask Drive



Help Your Neighbors Stay Safe — Participate in a Community Wide Mask Drive

Access DuPage is a collaborative effort by thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations in DuPage County to provide access to affordable health services to the county's low-income, medically uninsured residents. They are coordinating a community wide mask drive.

You can participate. Here's how:

- Purchase or make mask for someone in need
- Request masks for yourself or your agency
- Spread the word! Tell your friends/family!
- Visit accessdupage.org/mask-drive to learn how

Spiritual Accompaniment for Those with Mental Illness and their Families.

“Holy listening, that is, listening in the context of the healing presence of God, means hearing what a person tells us and letting their story unfold at their pace. It affirms a person's dignity and value. Their story is a sacred story.”

People with mental illness and their families may feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. The joy of life is knowing we are loved by God and one another. The Lambert's will speak from their over 30 year experience of ministry with and for people with mental illness and their families.

Don't worry — I am with you. Don't be afraid — I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will support you with my right hand that brings victory. Isaiah 41: 10

Spiritual Accompaniment for those with mental illness and their families.

Providing spiritual support to those struggling with mental health issues and their families.

September 29, 2020

Deacon Tom Lambert, Archdiocese of Chicago and Rita Lambert, Spiritual Director

A Zoom presentation livestreamed from 7:00–8:30 pm or available on the St. Thomas website following the presentation. To register, contact Susan Kearney at 630.355.8980, x108 or sdkearney@comcast.net.



From the Office of the Parish Nurse: How to Hug Safely During COVID-19

Before you get close, keep these strategies in mind, suggests Matthew Miller, PhD, associate professor at the McMaster Institute for Infectious Disease Research.

Wear Masks

Both you and whomever you hug should wear masks that cover the nose and mouth.

Keep it Short

A hug should last no more than 10 seconds.

Turn Away

Point your faces in opposite directions to avoid breathing on each other. If you hug children, have them hug you around the waist, with their head turned away.

Get creative

“Try hugging people from behind so you're not breathing in each other's faces,” says Dr. Miller. You can even kiss them on their head while standing behind them.

Stay dry-eyed

Masks work only when they are dry. If you're tearful, it's better to save the hug for another time.

Source: brainandlife.org

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
Diane, General Office
630.355.8980, x101

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

St. Thomas Vigil Day

This year's 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood begins on Thursday, September 23. The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are organizing the parish's participation in this event by taking Saturday, September 26 as St. Thomas' day to stand in vigil as faithful witnesses (from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm).



To sign up for an hour or half hour, please contact Robert Hays at jrhays2@bellsouth.net or 678.435.4150. Robert can also answer any questions you might have. Prayer vigil location is Planned Parenthood (3051 E. New York St., Aurora) behind Waterleaf Women's Center. Parking available at Waterleaf.

40 Days for Life is a beautiful opportunity to join others in peaceful prayer and keeping vigil. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life. When communities rally in this effort, God works miracles. The "no show" rate for abortion appointments increases dramatically while people are praying outside.

Redeemer in the Womb

Lord Jesus Christ, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.

Jobs Ministry — New Partnership

The St. Thomas Jobs Ministry is merging with the similar ministry at the Compass Church. The new ministry is named "The PATH Group."

PATH is a Christ-centered networking and job search support group, created to assist and enable the unemployed, underemployed and misemployed. The PATH acronym comes from Psalm 25. It reflects the need for those in transition to keep trusting the Lord during difficult and challenging times, and to depend on Him totally to teach and lead them down his Path ... People Always Trusting Him.

The primary motivation for the merger is to combine resources to improve the overall quality and variety of services for job seekers. As merger discussions progressed, it was clear that both ministries had almost identical missions, objectives and services — targeting the same audience in the same area. In addition, both ministries were in need of additional volunteers. Job seekers have many choices and rather than "competing," it made good sense to work together.

Frank Kennedy and Walt Reilly are the leaders of the St. Thomas contingent. Additional volunteers are needed. Contact Mike in the OSJ Office for more information at mryder@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x121.



Next PATH Zoom Meeting — September 8

Do you want to create a life you love, spending more time with the people you love, while fulfilling your calling in a career or business you love? Are you ready to go after your big dream, build big things and create a life of significant meaning? Join us September 8 when Nikita Lawrence, CEO of Wealth Success Chamber Enterprises, LLC, shares her important insights and methodologies. Email fred.c.johnson50@gmail.com or register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dn6gBSp1QXq-CKpvc7oVUQ to participate in the ZOOM meeting.

Prayer to Heal Racial Division

We thank you, O Lord,
For in your loving wisdom
You created one human family
With a diversity
That enriches our communities.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we always recognize each
member of this human family
As being made in your image and
beloved by you,
With worth and dignity.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we may envision a way forward
To heal the racial divisions
That deny human dignity and the
bonds between all human beings.
We pray to you, O Lord
That we may affirm each person's
dignity
Through fair access for all
To economic opportunity, housing,
education and employment.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That we may have eyes to see
What is possible when we reach out
Beyond fear, beyond anger,
To hold the hand of our sisters, our
brothers.
We thank you, O Lord,
For your call and challenge to us
That we may reveal your teachings
and your love
Through our actions to end racism
And to proclaim that we are all your
children, heirs to your sacred creation.
Amen.

*Copyright © 2018, United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops. All
rights reserved. This text may be
reproduced in whole or in part without
alteration for nonprofit educational
use, provided such reprints are not
sold and include this notice.*

Register to Vote

If you need to register to vote, do so NOW!

Catholic Social Teaching

"We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.

To register to vote in Illinois you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a resident of Illinois and of your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election.
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election.
- Not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of conviction of any crime.
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

There are four ways to register to vote.

On-Line Voter Registration

- Need an Illinois driver's license or ID and a Social Security number to use Illinois' online voter registration system. If you don't have an Illinois-issued ID, you can still register by mail to vote.
- Can register online to vote until Sunday, October 18, 2020.
- To register online, go to <https://ova.elections.il.gov/Step0.aspx>

By-Mail Voter Registration

- Use the Illinois voter registration form.
- Read the instructions carefully and fill the form out completely.
- Send the completed form to your local election official.
- To register by mail, the form must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 6.
- To access the voter registration form, go to <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/sber19.pdf>
- Registration forms should be mailed to:
Election Division
421 N. County Farm Road
Rm 1-600
Wheaton, IL 60187
- If you do not receive a confirmation within 4 weeks of mailing or delivering the form, call the Election Division at 630.407.5600.

In Person Registration

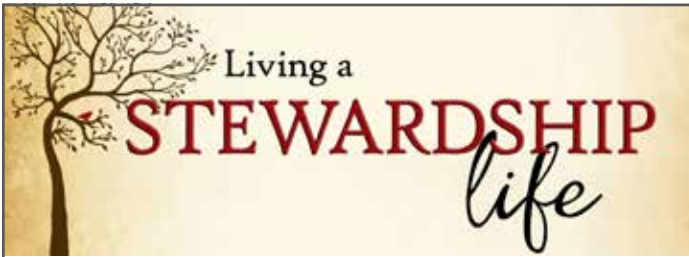
- For DuPage and Will County residents only
- Available at the Naperville Municipal Center 400 S. Eagle
- Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, no appointment necessary
- Must be completed by October 6.
- Need two forms of identification, one of which must have your correct name and address on it. You do not need a photo ID to register.

Grace Period Registration

- Illinois law provides individuals who were unable to register to vote or change their address prior to the traditional deadline (28 days prior to an election) a "grace period" to register and vote.
- In order to "Grace Period" register and vote, you must meet the same qualifications needed to register to vote. In addition, you will need to bring two forms of ID with you, which indicate your name and address.
- Registering to vote or transferring a registration and voting during the "Grace Period" may be done in the Election Division office, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois beginning 27 days prior until the day before an election.



Stewardship and Administration



Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines "generous" as "liberal in giving." Some synonyms could be "bighearted," "charitable" or "openhanded." Our thoughts may, when we hear the word, turn to a monetary gift. While that is true, the Lord has given us other opportunities to share our gifts; namely our talents and our time.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish gives us an opportunity to share our time and our talent by volunteering for a ministry. If you go to the website, there is a section where you can volunteer. Think about joining the Welcome Committee or consider being an usher or host-greeter. There is always a need for parishioners to decorate for liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Recently, with the acquisition of new equipment, there is a need for videographers to livestream Mass during the pandemic.

Consider signing on to continue to make St. Thomas the Apostle parish the vibrant place it always is.

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

August 23, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$9,667
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$28,193
Mailed in and stock donations	\$9,790
Total for the week	\$47,650
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$255,533
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$31,942
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$269,513
Over/short of goal to date	(\$13,980)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	15%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,496,300

This week, the Sunday collection is \$13,980 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$400 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$136,754
Percent of Goal pledged to date	78.32%
Unpaid pledges	\$19,009
Paid to Date	\$117,745
Percent of goal paid to date	67.44

Help Wanted

Please see the St. Thomas website for full descriptions of the job opportunities listed below.

Full-Time Maintenance Position, St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield, Illinois

Part-time Parish Secretary, St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge, Illinois

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.



Checked These Listings Lately? Thank You to Our Advertisers!

Make it a habit to check these advertisers when you need a product or a service. And when you purchase, be sure to mention you saw their ad in the St. Thomas bulletin!

Two beautiful locations:
 44 S. Mill Street • Naperville, IL
 (630) 355-0213 • Historic Downtown
 15219 S. Joliet Rd. • Plainfield, IL
 (815) 436-9221 • Rte. 59 & Rte. 30



Friedrich Jones
 Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
www.friedrichjones.com



FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

**The Most Complete
 Online National
 Directory of
 Catholic Parishes**

Esser Hayes Insurance Group Inc.
 Insurance is Our Only
 Business Since 1939 With
 Excellent Companies &
 Competitive Rates
 1811 High Grove • 355-2077



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:
www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



**BORTER
 HEATING & COOLING**



**24 Hour
 Service**

(630) 668-5885



Consider Remembering
 Your Parish in Your Will.
 For further information,
 please call the Parish Office.

**Naper Auto
 Works**
 Your One Stop Shop
 Since 1977

Free
 Estimates
897-1538

KLECKNER
 Siding • Windows • Doors & More
 Duanne Kleckner — Doug Kleckner

Insurance work
 New windows
 Re-siding
Use Local!



320 N. Mill St.
 Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 420-2886

**WHY ADVERTISE
 IN YOUR LOCAL
 CHURCH BULLETIN?**

J.S. Paluch will create, produce and print your ad for less than you'd spend elsewhere. They help you reach consumers at extremely affordable rates and offer options to advertise effectively and keep pace with market change.

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support your local Catholic parish by advertising in its parish bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch. Grow your business by advertising in the church bulletin and create strong connections with your target audience. Benefits include:

GREAT COVERAGE - 97% of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

GREAT VALUE - 70% of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

GREAT LOYALTY - 41% of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.

GREAT PRODUCT - 62% of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

Advertise With Us!



Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin
 Call us at **1-800-621-5197**
 Email: sales@jspaluch.com



EXTERIOR DESIGNERS INC.



ROOFING • SIDING • DOORS
Deal directly with the owner,
John Ferris. No salesmen.

www.exteriordesignersinc.com
FREE ESTIMATES
630-674-5008


VOEGTLE'S
Auto Service

28 W. 224 WARRENVILLE RD.
WARRENVILLE, IL 60555
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR
SINCE 1975
CHARLES VOEGTLE
JOE VOEGTLE
393-1436

**A Realtor Dedicated to Help Others
with all Real Estate Needs.**





630.640.2107 • yk@yvonneking.com
www.yvonneking.com



Your ad
could
be in this
space!

Quality Work – Reasonable Prices

DEMMIS PLUMBING & SEWER



Ask for a **PARISHIONER DISCOUNT**

Lic# 102246
630.991.3641 EMERGENCY SERVICE
www.demmisplumbing.com

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family

Solutions as Low as **\$19.⁹⁵** a month
FREE Shipping
FREE Activation
NO Long Term Contracts

CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**

MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed
EASY Set-up, NO Contract
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

Ed the Plumber
Ed the Carpenter

630.663.1444
Best Work • Best Rates
WE DO ALL OUR OWN WORK

Since 1965
Lic# 055-026066

PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

Protecting Seniors Nationwide

24SE EN
Medical Alert System

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



Feze ROOFING

Residential • Commercial Industrial
Lic. #104000585

FREE ESTIMATES **630.530.5944**
111 Maple Ave., Elmhurst
FEZEROFING.COM

1656 Briarheath, Aurora, IL 60505
Immediate Occupancy **\$314,900**
Agnes "Cookie" Hanson, Designated Managing Broker
1288 Rickert Drive #300, Naperville, IL 60540

CENTURY 21
Affiliated **(630) 272-9321**

A - KEVELOH PLUMBING

Remodeling • Repairs • Additions
Custom Homes • Residential • Commercial

IL Lic. #058-124165 **(630) 963-0433**
Family Owned & Operated Over 36 Years

\$10.00 OFF W/AD

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

LeafGuard® is guaranteed never to clog or we'll clean it for FREE!

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

ENGLERT **LeafGuard**
Get it. And forget it.®

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit **MY.ONEPARISH.COM**

catholicmatch® Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/myill

Funeral Service

On-Site Crematory

Beidelman-Kunsch
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LTD
Family Owned & Operated Since 1861
JOHN W., JOHN L. & JOSEPH O. KUNSCH, DIRECTORS
516 S. Washington St.
Historic Downtown Naperville
630.355.0264

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!

CALL BY 9/30 TO RECEIVE **75% OFF LABOR***

* Does not include cost of material. Offer expires 9/30/20.

Receive a \$25 Lowe's Gift Card with FREE in-home estimate!

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration
CALL NOW 708-462-6373

PHIL WALZ PLUMBING, INC.

Specialists In Bath Remodeling
Established 1967
1340 W. Ogden, Naperville
(630) 355-0080 Lic# 058-062118

B & L Auto Body Inc.

Free Estimates
Insurance Work
Expert Refinishing
Complete Collision Repair

1340 W. Ogden Ave.
Naperville
Larry Frank
355-0865

Beidelman-Kunsch
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LTD
Family Owned & Operated Since 1861
JOHN W., JOHN L. & JOSEPH O. KUNSCH, DIRECTORS
516 S. Washington St.
Historic Downtown Naperville
630.355.0264

24021 Royal Worlington Dr.
Rt. 59/South Naperville
630.922.9630
www.BeidelmanKunschFH.com

Funeral Service

On-Site Crematory

Beidelman-Kunsch
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LTD
Family Owned & Operated Since 1861
JOHN W., JOHN L. & JOSEPH O. KUNSCH, DIRECTORS
516 S. Washington St.
Historic Downtown Naperville
630.355.0264

24021 Royal Worlington Dr.
Rt. 59/South Naperville
630.922.9630
www.BeidelmanKunschFH.com