

# St. Thomas

OCTOBER 11, 2020 — TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 2:00 pm service (will move to 1:00 pm in 2021). 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

## From the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18 this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me' (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: 'Whom shall I send?' This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission — especially at this time — to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father's own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to "step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor." What will your answer be? "Here I Am, Send Me" is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Through the Pope's own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth — sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Even though we have not been able to actually go on mission because of the pandemic, our diocese of Joliet continues to support our missions to the Philippines, Bolivia, the Navajo Nation and Uganda. There our missionaries proclaim the Gospel, build the Church through our relationships with the poor. You, too, are a part of this with the gifts that you share. Your answer also is, "Here I Am, Send Me."

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this diocese to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.



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## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*

— *Philippians 4:13*

### 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 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

# Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

## Reflection on the Readings

Our readings continue to be rich in imagery about God, what God is like, what God does for us and how God invites us. The images are ancient, but they still speak to those of us with these questions: Why are we here? What do we seek from God? What are our beliefs? What do we have in common with our ancestors? What does it mean to be called? As we listen to these readings, there are wonderful questions to challenge us as well as answers to deepen our faith.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Psalm** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

## Root of all things

*By Hildegard of Bingen*

*Holy Spirit,*

*Giving life to all life,*

*Moving all creatures,*

*Root of all things,*

*Washing them clean,*

*Wiping out their mistakes,*

*Healing their wounds,*

*You are our true life,*

*Luminous, wonderful,*

*Awakening the heart from its ancient sleep.*

## Presider Schedule October 17–18

### Saturday, October 17

4:30 pm – Fr. Philip Danaher

### Sunday, October 18

9:30 am – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## Sunday 6:00 pm Mass

Due to COVID-19 and limited minister availability, the 6:00 pm Mass will not be returning in Fall this year. We will continue to monitor the situation and notify if something changes. The current Mass schedule of in-person and streamed Masses will continue.

## 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, October 12, 2020

8:30 am †Ed Eckerson, by Kathy Singer

### Tuesday, October 13, 2020

8:30 am †Mary Gowney, by John Gowney

### Wednesday, October 14, 2020

8:30 am †Ron Maros, by Dick and Adela Auskalinis

### Thursday, October 15, 2020

*Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am †Damian Bacquian Abaya, by The DeGuzman Family

### Friday, October 16, 2020

8:30 am †Kathleen Horn, by The Katz Family

### Saturday, October 17, 2020

*Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30 am †Jenni Anderson, by Mom, Dad and Kerri

4:30 pm **Mass of Anticipation**

†James Armstrong, by Bob, Terri and Tony

†Bob Schaefer, by Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone

### Sunday, October 18, 2020

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Marge Fortuna, by The Family of Dolores Michaels

9:30 am †John McNicholas, by Laura and Edwin Trusk

†Edythe and Joseph Caruso, by Joe and Gloria Caruso

†James Baird, by Family

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

# WORSHIP Wednesday

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Liturgy and Music Department at St. Thomas the Apostle is working to provide a new, virtual faith activity for the community. As the Youth Choir cannot resume this Fall, the orientation for these weekly services is geared toward children and families, but of course all children of God can benefit from Scripture, Prayer and Song.

Each Wednesday, a video will be posted on the website of a short (less than 10 minutes) service of Word and Song, provided by varying members of the St. Thomas staff and community. These Worship Wednesdays will give a mid-week opportunity to gather in prayer, delve into scripture and unite in song.

Please join us!

## All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Liturgy will be held at St. Thomas on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way.

Because of capacity limits, this Mass will initially be by invitation only. After we hear from those families we will open up the any remaining seats to the rest of the parish. Please note that the Mass will also be livestreamed so there is an opportunity to participate from home.



# Christmas at St. Thomas

## Worship Commission Survey About Christmas

The leaves are just changing and school has barely started, but at St. Thomas thoughts are on how to celebrate Christmas this year in light of the current pandemic and its restrictions on worshipping together.

St. Thomas continues to strive to maintain community during this difficult time, which has been a hallmark of our parish for over 35 years. The Worship Commission, is looking for your feedback to help craft the way to best celebrate the birth of Jesus. Keeping in mind that Diocesan rules are ever-changing, we still need to begin to plan so that we can ensure the best possible experience for all parishioners.

Although we know many are occupied with the beginning of the school year and other life events, we hope a few moments can be spared to prayerfully consider the questions on the survey. You can access the survey on the St. Thomas website at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org).

Thank you!!

# Help Wanted at St. Thomas the Apostle

## FAITH FORMATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Job-Share Description – Part-time (12-25 hours per week), non-benefitted position

*The Faith Formation Administrative Assistants support the four ministries of Faith Formation: Elementary Faith Formation (pre-K through Grade 5), Middle School Faith Formation (Grades 6-8), High School Youth/Young Adult Ministry, and Adult Faith Formation.*

### General Job Responsibilities

- Work closely and cooperatively with the other Faith Formation Assistant to perform job duties.
- Be the welcoming face and presence of St. Thomas faith formation.
- Maintain communication with the four faith formation directors so as to understand the needs of the program and to handle questions from parishioners, parents, catechists, and grade-level coordinators.
- Phone and in-person communication with the general public.
- Maintain religious education student files and adult faith formation participant files.
- Maintain the sacrament files.
- Maintain email contact groups.
- Prepare mailings.
- Provide support for faith formation volunteers.

### The following task lists provide more detail to the general job responsibilities:

- Class registration responsibilities
  - Prepare registration packet based on input and modifications by the directors.
  - Process registrations which includes assignment to classes.
  - Maintain the database of classes, students, catechists/leaders.
  - Process tuition payments.
  - Document tuition due using ParishSoft.
  - Prepare tuition due reminder letters.
  - Prepare class attendance lists, medical binder, attendance master binder, allergies list and catechists directory.
- Assist the catechists, grade-level coordinators, and directors in gathering the materials they need for classes, catechist meetings, and sacrament meetings.
- Alert directors when office supplies are running low.
- Sacrament Responsibilities
  - Code all students preparing for the sacrament.
  - Verify that the necessary paperwork/information for reception of a sacrament has been received.
  - If necessary information has not been received, communicate with the family and alert director that the information is missing.
  - Record the appropriate sacrament information in the parish database per parish and diocesan requirements.
  - Create, mail, and process documents and forms for sacrament preparation.
  - Create worship aids and seating chart for sacramental celebrations and prayer services.
- Scripture Safari
  - Process enrollment and volunteer forms.
  - Generate name tags, class lists, and allergies list.
  - Assist with mailings to families.
- Create publicity for upcoming programs
- Maintain email lists for current and future programs
- Track attendance at parish programs that fall under the faith formation department
- Be willing to assist at the 'big' department events such as First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, grade-level masses, family faith events, Scripture Safari, Easter Vigil, etc., as needed by the director responsible for that event.

### Skills

- Excellent teamwork, dedication and flexibility
- General willingness to help with a servant leader attitude
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Willingness to learn new technology
- Organizational skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks
- Attention to detail
- Proofreading ability

*If interested in either position, please submit resume to Kathy Ferguson, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville 60563, no later than October 16. Questions? Contact Kathy at [mainoffice@stapostle.org](mailto:mainoffice@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x100.*

# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

Many people believe that science and faith are in direct **opposition** to each other. But that is not the case. Our Church understands that reason and faith are not mutually exclusive. Since God created everything, including the human brain, faith and reason can comfortably coexist. God is not afraid of our science. We can learn truths through scientific observation and experimentation. We can also learn truths through divine revelation. Therefore, science cannot explain everything, including many of our most important concerns — such as why we exist, what is our true purpose in life and what is love. It is only through theology and faith that we can get legitimate answers to these all important questions.

For all the advances in our modern-day science, science cannot disprove the existence of God, though many have tried. Science can only observe what is already there and suggest relationships between things. Science cannot explain love, but we know love exists, even if we can't fully define it. We know there is such a thing as wind even though we can't see the wind itself. But we can see the effects of the wind in leaves dropping, branches bending and waves crashing. We may not be able to "see" God directly, but we can see the effects of God's presence — in beauty, truth and goodness all around us. Every generation faces the **challenge** of retraining their eyes to "see" God.

### You Are Needed!

Our human need for community and connection is essential. St. Thomas currently has some opportunities to minister to others in the following areas. Some of these can be done remotely, if that fits your current comfort zone.

#### **Adult Faith Formation: contact Chari Rosales at [croales@stapostle.org](mailto:croales@stapostle.org)**

- Married couples who will mentor engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament
- Baptism preparation for families requesting the sacrament

#### **School-Age Faith Formation: contact Lorraine Katz at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) or Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org)**

- Aides for Kindergarten and First grade
- Adults or teens to be present during RE class times to act as temperature takers, hall monitors and other similar tasks

#### **High School Faith Formation: contact Dorothy Grantham at [dgrantham@stapostle.org](mailto:dgrantham@stapostle.org)**

- Freshmen/First Year Confirmation Small Group Leaders: co-leaders for the Journey 1 groups. Times: Sunday 12:30, 4:30 or 7:00 pm and Monday 7:00 pm
- 2nd Year Confirmation Leaders: one co-leader for a Sunday 7:15 pm class with a seasoned Confirmation leader, and two co-leaders for the Sunday 12:30 pm class.
- Greeters who will check in and take temperatures of youth arriving for groups and classes on Sunday and Monday



## Stay Connected to St. Thomas

[www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)

Follow St. Thomas on Facebook

Download the St. Thomas App for your phone

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Reminders

**Catechist and Coordinator Faith Formation and Elementary Grade Level Meeting** is October 13 at 7:15 pm in the Church. Please mark this on your calendar since it is directly after the long weekend.

**No RE classes Tuesday, October 13.** The next Tuesday class is Tuesday, October 20. **There will be RE Classes Saturday, October 17.**

### Religious Education Tuition Angel

Would you like to be a tuition angel for a family attending Religious Education (RE) classes? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay their RE tuition. If you can help, the fees are: \$120 for one child, \$200 for two children or \$260 for three children. Checks are made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle. Please write tuition gift on the memo line of the check. Please send it to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office, attention Lorraine Katz. Thank you for your generosity of being a tuition angel. It is greatly appreciated.

### First Eucharist Parent Information Session

The Parent Enrichment Session for First Eucharist is October 17, 2020, from 11:00 am–12:15 pm *or* Monday, October 19, 2020, from 7:15–8:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. One parent of each child who desires to have their child (who is in their second year of faith formation) receive First Communion in the spring of 2021 needs to attend. The session will cover Theology of the Eucharist by Fr. Philip Danaher and Preparation for Eucharist, presented by Lorraine Katz. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Katz at 630.355.8980, x109 or [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org).

### First Eucharist Preparation

First Eucharist information packets have been mailed to parents of First Communicants who are in their second year of faith formation, whether in Religious Education or All Saints Catholic Academy, St. Thomas' Regional School. If you didn't receive the registration form and the information concerning the parent information session and family prayer services, please contact Lorraine Katz immediately at 630.355.8980, x109 or [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org).



### Support Scouts and Buy Popcorn

Support scouting and buy some popcorn! The Cub Scout pack 125 will be selling popcorn after all Masses this weekend. Note, more than 70 % of the proceeds supports the local scouts directly.

Sales will be conducted outside near the gathering area doors after all Masses while social distancing.

Thank you for your support!

### Question of the week ...

How do you care for things and people you love?



## Important Dates for Middle School RE

**October 17, 24:** Saturday middle school RE classes meet.

**October 19, 26:** Monday middle school RE classes meet.

*Middle school religious education sessions do not meet on October 10 or 12.*

## Be a Part of Harvest Sunday

**Week of October 25:** Flyer distribution

**November 1:** Food collection, drive-by food drop off and food collection at Casey's

Volunteers are needed to make Harvest Sunday a success. Although Harvest Sunday will look a bit different this year, there is still a need for the food that the Harvest Sunday effort brings. Here are ways that you can help:

- Sign up to deliver flyers and collect donations from Harvest Sunday neighborhood routes. These routes will be in the Brookdale, Cress Creek, Willoway and Longwood subdivisions.
- If you are not in one of those subdivisions, consider building your own route for flyer delivery and donation pickup ... for example, cover your street or a few blocks in your neighborhood. Flyers will be provided.
- Help solicit donations at Casey's Foods on November 1 during a 2-hour shift.
- Drop off your family's donation during the drive-through food collection October 31 and November 1.
- Volunteer to help with the drive-through food donation October 31 and November 1, carrying donations from cars into the ministry center.
- Help sort and pack the food collected. To limit the number of people in the gym at one time, this activity will take place during the week of November 1. Several volunteer slots are available.

To volunteer, sign up at the St. Thomas website at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org). Volunteers of all ages are needed.



## World Youth Day Bulletin Needs Your Input

Calling all St. Thomas young people... We would like your creativity to grace our bulletin for World Youth Day weekend, October 24-25. You can submit an original artistic design (picture, word art, etc.) or something in writing (an original poem, your own prayer, etc.) for the bulletin. From the submissions, one will be displayed on the bulletin cover, and as many as possible will be featured throughout the bulletin.

To submit your creation:

1. Think about how much God loves you and the many ways you show God's love to others. Or, you can reflect on the Gospel reading for World Youth Day weekend (Matthew 22:34-40). How can you show that in your picture or in your writing?
2. Once you have an idea, use an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of white paper for your submission (and one submission per person, please). Be sure to include your name and age in the bottom right-hand corner of your original 'masterpiece'!
3. Submit your 'masterpiece' to the Religious Education office by Monday, October 19 at noon. To submit, scan and email a high resolution copy to [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or come by in person with your submission.



# Harvest Sunday

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food ...”  
Matthew 25:35*

Harvest Sunday is our parish’s response to the call of Christ to “feed the hungry”. This food drive enables St. Thomas and two other food pantries to supply food to those in need.

## We need Everyone’s Help?

**As a result of the pandemic, pantries are in greater need this year.  
As a result of the pandemic, the process for Harvest Sunday is modified. See below.  
There are different ways to volunteer and more ways do donate food!**

## Volunteers Needed To ...

- Deliver fliers and collect bags of food from specific subdivision routes.
- **New this year:** “Build your own Neighborhood Route”, deliver fliers, pick-up food.
- Collect food donations at Casey’s Foods.
- Sort and pack the food at St. Thomas. **Pandemic precautions will be in place for 2-hour shifts over five days, as needed. Temperature checking, social distancing, and masks required. Small numbers of volunteers per shift.**

(See reverse side for “volunteer job descriptions”.)

Families, adults, teens, children. We need you all! And it’s fun!

- Sign-up online at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and click on **Harvest Sunday**

### Oct. 24-27

Distribute neighborhood fliers.



### Sunday, Nov. 1

Collect food at Casey’s.



### Sunday, Nov. 1

Collect food from Neighborhoods.



Deliver Food to St. Thomas

### Nov. 1-5 & Nov. 7

Sort and box food.



Family sorting and boxing



# Harvest Sunday

## Volunteer Job Descriptions

### To Volunteer ...

Go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and click on the **Harvest Sunday** link. Once you sign up, detailed instructions will be emailed to you.

Questions: Contact Mike Ryder ([mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org), 630.355.8980 x121)

### Subdivision Routes in Brookdale, Cress Creek, Longwood, and Willoway

- Volunteer responsible for both flier delivery and food pickup for your route (150-180 Homes)
- **October 24-27:** Deliver fliers to home door knobs.
- Good exercise!! Great for families.
- **Sunday, November 1:** Pick up donated bags of food by curb between noon and 3:00 and deliver to St. Thomas.

### New this year: Build Your Own Route!

- (For neighborhoods NOT in Brookdale, Cress Creek, Longwood, and Willoway)
- Create your own route in your own neighborhood with as many homes as you would like. (examples: next door and across the street, both sides of the street on your block, your cul-de-sac)
- Volunteer responsible for both flier delivery and food pickup for your route.
- **October 24-27:** Deliver fliers to home door knobs.
- **Sunday, November 1:** Pick up donated bags of food by curb between noon and 3:00 and deliver to St. Thomas.

### Collect Food from Casey's Foods

- **Sunday, November 1: Shifts: 9 - 11am, 11am - 1pm, 1 - 3pm, 3 - 5pm.**
- Stand outside of Casey's Foods handing out flyers as people enter and collecting food donations as people leave.
- Customers are very friendly. This activity is especially family friendly!
- Others needed to bring food back to St. Thomas at specific times.

### Sort and Box Food at St. Thomas

- **Pandemic precautions will be in place for 2-hour shifts over five days, as needed. Temperature checking, social distancing, and masks required. Small numbers of volunteers per shift.**
- If you sign up for a shift later in the week and all the food has been sorted and packed, you will receive an email indicating your help will not be needed. So check your email the night before.
- **Saturday, October 31: 4 - 6pm:** Accept drive thru donations at St. Thomas from parishioners, put in gym.
- **Sunday, November 1: Shifts 9 - 11am, 11am - 1pm, 1 - 3pm, 3 - 5pm:** Accept drive thru donations from routes and from parishioners, sort and pack food in gym.
- **Monday, November 2: Shifts 3:30 - 5:30pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm:** Sort and pack food in gym.
- **Tuesday, November 3: Shifts 9 - 11am and 3:30 - 5:30pm:** Sort and pack food in gym.
- **Wednesday, November 4: Shifts 9 - 11am and 3:30 - 5:30pm:** Sort and pack food in gym.
- **Thursday, November 5: Shifts 3:30 - 5:30pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm:** Sort and pack food in gym.
- **Saturday, November 7: 10 - 11:30am:** This is a special shift to load the trucks from St. Nicholas and the Sisters of Notre Dame with food boxes packed during the week.

Thank You!



# Harvest Sunday

## Sunday, November 1

### How to Donate Food

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food ...” Matthew 25:35*

Harvest Sunday is our parish’s response to the call of Christ to “feed the hungry”. This food drive enables St. Thomas and two other food pantries to supply food to those in need.

## The Challenge

The pandemic has increased the number of families that are “food challenged”. The pandemic has made it more challenging to gather food donations for food pantries ... at a time when more food is needed.

## The St. Thomas Harvest Sunday Challenge For Every St. Thomas Family

If you are able, donate food this Harvest Sunday.  
No donation is too small. Thank You!

### Three Ways To Donate Food For Harvest Sunday

**1. CURB DONATION:** If you **DO** receive a flier on your door, place your food donation at the curb by 11:00 am on Harvest Sunday.

**2. DRIVE-THRU DONATION:** If you **DO NOT** receive a flier on your door, make a drive-thru donation at St. Thomas during the following times:

- Saturday, October 31, from 4 – 6 pm.
- Harvest Sunday, November 1, from 9 am – 5 pm.

**3. ON-LINE DONATION:** Food donations through Amazon.com.

It is easy. Order from a list of items with a variety of prices.

**Select St. Thomas Gift Registry Address.** Use link below.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KGBPLY5FZVYG?type=wishlist>



One interpretation of the “Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes” that fed 5,000 men, women, and children is that the words of Jesus inspired those in the crowd that had brought food to share it with others that had no food.

Let us pray for that same inspiration and grace such that we create a St. Thomas Harvest Sunday miracle.

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

## Shield Yourself from the Sun and Bugs Too

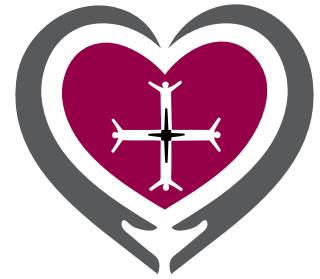
In the same way you need to take care to protect your muscles and joints when fall gardening, you also need to protect your skin from the sun and bites when outdoors.

Use a sunscreen labeled “broad-spectrum” or “UVA/UVB-protection” that has an SPF of at least 30. Don’t forget to apply sunscreen on those easily missed places on your body, such as your neck, ears and any exposed scalp (better yet, wear a hat). Don’t ignore your lips: Choose a lip balm with SPF of 30 or higher.

Use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus (which can all be applied to exposed skin) and permethrin (which should be sprayed only on your clothes). Don’t wear insect repellent underneath your clothes. When you return indoors, remember to check your clothing and skin for ticks.

Wear protective gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants, sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat to protect you from the sun’s harmful rays and from insect bites, as well as from sharp objects and garden chemicals, if any are used. Make sure your tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccination is up to date; you need a booster shot every 10 years. The bacterium that causes tetanus is found in soil and can enter your body through cuts in the skin.

*Resource: U of C, Berkeley Wellness Letter May 2020*



PASTORAL CARE

St. Thomas the Apostle



From the Behavioral Health Ministry

## St. Dymphna Mass, Patron Saint of Those Struggling with Emotional/Mental Illness

St. Dymphna is the patron saint of people living with emotional and mental illness. Her mother died when Dymphna was 17. Her father struggled with emotional and mental difficulties following his wife’s death. These difficulties led to her martyrdom. Cures and miracles were attributed to her and as a result highly successful treatment centers are named for her.

The Behavioral Health Ministry is offering a Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm to commemorate her courage and strength and for her plight to provide care and treatment for people with mental illness.

Please come to celebrate her life and to pray for those who struggle with emotional/mental illness and their families.

**Sign up online at [www.stapoatle.org](http://www.stapoatle.org) by Wednesday, October 21.** Please contact Susan Kearney at 630.355.8980, x108 or [sdkearney@comcast.net](mailto:sdkearney@comcast.net) with questions.



From the Office of the Parish Nurse:

## Safety Foremost for Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares

If you or your loved one needs a prayer shawl or prayer square, and can wait for safety measures in place before receiving the spiritual gifting, please call Diane 630.355.8980, x 101 in the General Office (Monday-Friday) and leave your name, phone number and the name of the recipient. You will receive a call back within two to three days or earlier to receive a shawl or square.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

~ Prayer Shawl Ministry

**From Behavioral Health Team:  
World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2020**

World Mental Health Day was observed for the first time on October 10, 1992. It was started as an annual activity of the World Federation for Mental Health by the then Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter. The day is officially commemorated every year on October 10.



This year's World Mental Health Day, on 10 October, comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past months have brought many challenges: for health-care workers, providing care in difficult circumstances, going to work fearful of bringing COVID-19 home with them; for students, adapting to taking classes from home, with little contact with teachers and friends, and anxious about their futures; for workers whose livelihoods are threatened; for the vast number of people caught in poverty or in fragile humanitarian settings with extremely limited protection from COVID-19; and for people with mental health conditions, many experiencing even greater social isolation than before. And this is to say nothing of managing the grief of losing a loved one, sometimes without being able to say goodbye.

Fortunately, there are lots of things that we can do to look after our own mental health and to help others who may need some extra support and care.

Here are tips and advice that we hope you will find useful.

- Keep informed. Listen to advice and recommendations from your national and local authorities.
- Have a routine. Keep up with daily routines as far as possible, or make new ones.
- Get up and go to bed at similar times every day.
- Eat healthy meals at regular times.
- Exercise regularly.
- Allocate time for working and time for resting.
- Make time for doing things you enjoy.
- Social contact is important. If your movements are restricted, keep in regular contact with people close to you by telephone and online channels.
- Help others. If you are able to, offer support to people in your community who may need it, such as helping them with food shopping.
- Support health workers. Take opportunities online or through your community to thank your country's healthcare workers and all those working to respond to COVID-19.

*Source: World Health Organization for more information. [who.org](http://who.org)*

### **Attention Caregivers!**

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection.

The upcoming meetings are as follows:

Thursday, October 22, 7:00–8:00 pm

Thursday, November 12, 7:00–8:00 pm

Thursday, December 10, 7:00–8:00 pm

Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd., Naperville. Please email [welisten2017@gmail.com](mailto:welisten2017@gmail.com) or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions.

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines, we need an RSVP to make sure the meeting space meets required social spacing.

### **From Behavioral Health Ministry and Wellspring Ministry: Presentation Summary of “Spiritual Accompaniment for Those with Mental Illness and Their Families”**

On September 29, Deacon Tom and Rita Lambert spoke to a Zoom audience sponsored by Wellspring Ministry and Behavioral Health Ministry. They spoke of their very personal story in providing support to their oldest daughter who struggles with mental illness. They have spent the past 30 years sharing what they have learned from their daughter and advocating for those with a mental illness and their families. Their focus for the presentation was on providing spiritual support to those struggling with mental illness along with the importance of making others feel cared for and valued. They stressed the importance of “Holy Listening” more and with more intent. “Listening with a sense of sacredness for a person's life makes the sharing a Holy experience, allowing God's healing presence.” Their presentation was rich with experience and inspiration.

In 1983 Tom was ordained a Deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago, currently serving at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Chicago. He is a founding member and co-chair of the Chicago Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness. Rita is also a founding member of the Commission on Mental Illness. She authored a workshop on Mental Illness that she and Tom have given over the years to Priests, Deacons, chaplains and ministry leaders. She is currently working on a book about faith and mental illness. Tom speaks nationally on mental health issues and runs a website providing information on church resources for people with mental illness and their families.

You can visit his website for more information at [www.miministry.org](http://www.miministry.org).

# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

## Quito Barrio Update

Quito Barrio Outreach was founded to support the work of Fr. Don Kenny (former St. Thomas Pastor) who worked as a missionary in the Barrio of Quito, Ecuador after leaving St. Thomas. Even after his death, the work continues. Parishioner Mike Fekity is the Quito Barrio Outreach facilitator. He recently provided the following update.



The Miguelito Child Development Center (the Center) is a Project of the Fr. Donald Kenny (FDK) Foundation. The Sisters of the Congregation of Providence operate the Center located in San Antonio del Rancho Alto, northwest of Quito, Ecuador. It was started in 1992 and focuses on children of extreme poverty, infant through kindergarten age, providing day care and education.

Despite the fact that the Quito government preaches free education, it only provides resources for the feeding of children and remuneration of educators (85% of operational expenses). The remaining expenses are borne by the parents and the FDK Foundation. The Center provides comprehensive services for about 84 children and has adequate infrastructure and professional staff in the areas of health, education, and nutrition.

What started out being an exercise to fix one of the Center's leaky roof, ended up being a major rebuild. Over the last 4-5 years, Quito Barrio Outreach provided \$50,000 to help fund the Center rebuild.

For more information contact Mike Fekity at [mikefekitysecond@outlook.com](mailto:mikefekitysecond@outlook.com).



## 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.

People are starting to receive their "Official Vote by Mail Balloting Material."

Instructions to vote by mail are included in the material. There are five easy steps.

1. Vote your ballot.
2. Fold your ballot.
3. Sign your ballot envelope.
4. Mail your ballot envelope ... OR
5. Drop off your ballot.

Some common questions and answers about the mail-in ballots.

### **I applied for a vote-by-mail ballot. Can I vote in-person instead?**

YES! Take your vote-by mail ballot to your polling place. You will be given a new ballot.

### **I lost my mail-in ballot. Can I vote in person instead?**

YES! Tell the election judges you lost your vote-by-mail ballot. The judges will give you a provisional ballot.

### **What if I show up at my polling place and forget to bring my vote-my-mail ballot?**

You can still vote! You will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

### **I received and completed my vote-by-mail ballot. How do I return it?**

Mail it, return it to your election authority or drop it in a dropbox or early voting site.

### **I returned my vote-my mail ballot and received a notice that there's a problem with my ballot. What should I do?**

Contact you election authority. (630.407.5600 or [elections@dupageco.org](mailto:elections@dupageco.org)).

## Food Donations for Care Pantry

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

Bring donations to St. Thomas **Tuesday, October 20 from 9:00–11:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm** (note change in evening time). 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.

- Cranberry Sauce\*
- Canned Pumpkin\*
- Flour\*
- Sugar\*
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Boxed Brown or White Rice
- Paper Products — Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels

\*For Holiday Meal Boxes

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.

## Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child 2020

Education continues to make a difference. Over the 21 years of "Twinning," St. Thomas added classroom after classroom to two elementary schools and the secondary school until the village had its first high school graduation in 2009. One graduate, Dr. Nickson Polyte, is now serving as the doctor at the Healthcare Clinic built by St. Thomas. St. Thomas High School is the highest rated school in the large Grand Anse Area.

Quality teachers assure a quality education. Over 95% of the students pass the government exams. (The average in Haiti is around 50%.) Funds collected help with the salaries for the quality teachers at St. Thomas Secondary/High School and Ertha's Elementary School.

### Sponsor-a-Child Donation – a bit different this year

Normally with your donation you select a picture(s) of a Duchity student for your refrigerator or other place as a reminder to pray for all the students in Duchity. The suggested donation is \$50 ... but any amount welcomed with gratitude. This year, you can make a donation and receive pictures in the following ways:

- Drop off donation at St. Thomas (Gathering Area). Select picture(s) from display in Gathering Area.
- Checks written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "SAC" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563). Note: Checks are preferable as there is a 3.4% charge for credit card donations. Send note with check with address and number & gender of picture(s) needed. Pictures will be mailed.
- Online donation: Go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1479/DirectDonate/57424>. Email Mike Ryder (mryder@stapostle.org) with address and number and gender of picture(s) needed. Pictures will be mailed.

Whether you are able to donate or not, please pray for the students in Duchity.

### St. Thomas' Education Impact – a Testimony

Johanne Jeudy is from Ste. Marie-Madeleine Parish in Duchity, Haiti. She came to the U.S. in 2009 as a high school youth with little English and lived with St. Thomas families. She graduated from St. Francis High School, Benedictine University, and earned a Master's degree from DePaul University in nursing. This Haiti Weekend, she reflected on her journey ... and the impact St. Thomas is having on education in the Duchity community. Below is a portion of her reflection.

*"The students in Duchity are so eager to learn and become something. They are studying with kerosene lamps and have no idea what the future will provide for them, but they are still going to school because they know that the only way to better their lives and the lives of their families is education. The people of Duchity continue to need your support, especially the young people to get an education."*

## City Council Workshop — Results

### A civil discussion in these times of extreme rhetoric!

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) and City Council.

The City Council held a ZOOM workshop to discuss the affordable housing recommendations presented to them by the Housing Advisory Commission. While there was some progress, the Housing Alliance Ministry's three highest priority recommendations were pushed down the road for further study:

#### The city staff was asked to move forward on three recommendations and bring the plans to the City Council for approval.

1. Develop working relationships with affordable housing developers.
2. Develop a strategy to leverage publicly owned land.
3. Develop a specific plan to preserve "Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing."

#### The recommendations that require further study:

1. Create a staff position to address housing issues.
2. Establish a housing trust fund to administer funds allocated for affordable housing activities.
3. Implement an inclusionary zoning ordinance that would require developers to include a percentage of affordable units in their projects or contribute to a fund to support affordable housing.

If you are curious as to how the Naperville City Council works and would like some insight on the specific city councilmen, councilwomen and the mayor, you can view the video of the workshop. It is encouraging to see and listen to reasonable and civil discussions from government officials in these times where such discussions seem few and far between! You can view the workshop at [http://naperville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=4&clip\\_id=1337](http://naperville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=1337)

### Background

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.



*Hesed House PADS Cooks (Emil Lattyak, Larry Hjorth, John Lawlor, Dave Johanneson)*

## Hesed House PADS Ministry

*How is it working now?*

In normal times, the St. Thomas Hesed House PADS ministry serves at Hesed House the first Thursday of each month. They prepare, at Hesed House, all the food for dinner that evening, breakfast the next morning and bagged lunches for that day for up to 150 people. In normal times the food each month is donated by other St. Thomas ministries. The St. Thomas Lector Ministers normally donate the food for October.

In these times, as an option, the Lectors were invited to make small monetary donations so that food could be purchased. Thank you to the Lector Ministry for responding!

When the pandemic lockdown occurred, the homeless at Hesed House were housed in motels for a number of months. Hesed House was reconfigured and some additional space was dedicated to sleeping quarters so that social distancing could be achieved. The homeless are now back at Hesed House, which is a blessing, but volunteers are not allowed to come to Hesed House to prepare and serve dinner and breakfast.

In these times, the St. Thomas volunteers adapted. Food is purchased. The dinner and breakfast meals are prepared and cooked in the St. Thomas kitchen and then delivered to Hesed House. Hesed House staff reheats and serves the food. Bag lunches are also prepared and delivered to Hesed House.

Thanks to the Hesed House PADS ministry volunteers for finding a way to serve the homeless.

# Stewardship and Administration

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, October 12

7:15–8:30 pm Middle School Catechists, Lighthouse

### Tuesday, October 13

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry, Drive Around

7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Class, Zoom Meeting

7:15–9:00 pm Elementary RE Catechists, Ministry Center

### Wednesday, October 14

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

7:15–8:45 pm Faith Formation Commission, Zoom Meeting

### Thursday, October 15

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center

6:30–8:30 pm Life Retreat Planning, Ministry Center

7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

### Friday, October 16

### Saturday, October 17

8:00 am–10:00 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center

8:30–11:45 am RE at All Saints Academy

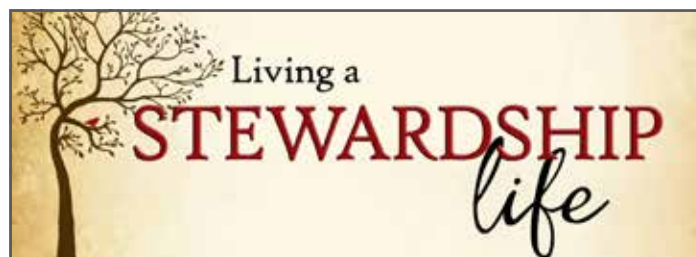
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Cana

### Sunday, October 18

8:00 am–4:00 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center

9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Rectory Basement

2:00–3:00 pm Baptisms, Church



Search the web and you will find a site named, Moneycrashers. They describe themselves as a group who desires to create a community that makes sound financial decisions. You can submit articles to them and they will post them. Not a religious site, but they do talk about stewardship. A young woman, Casey Slide, wrote an article recently on stewardship that describes it as "taking responsibility for any blessings you may have: time, talent, and treasure." You are given time in order to do good. You are given talent to be used for the benefit of others. And you are given treasure to share with those in need. She also gave three tips to stewardship. First, give always. Next, be joyful in giving. And, then, know it should be a life long process. She might have been speaking about the gift of treasure, but it could be applied to all of your gifts.

If you are looking for how to use your gift of time, consider volunteering for Harvest Sunday, November 1, 2020. Perhaps you think it is a project for our youth, but we also need adults to drive as well as to help organize the donations. You would also be a good example to our youth for using our gifts. Go to the website where you will find more information.

## Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

September 20, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$9,108
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$3,536
Total for the week	\$12,644
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$407,852
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$31,373
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$437,958
Over/short of goal to date	(\$30,107)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	23%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,343,981

This week, the Sunday collection is \$30,107 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$25 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$139,754
Percent of Goal pledged to date	80.04%
Unpaid pledges	\$14,832
Paid to Date	\$124,922
Percent of goal paid to date	71.55

## Help Wanted

Please see the St. Thomas website at [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) for complete job descriptions for the opportunities below.

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