

St. Thomas

OCTOBER 25, 2020 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Love
the Lord
your God
with
all*

*your
heart*

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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:

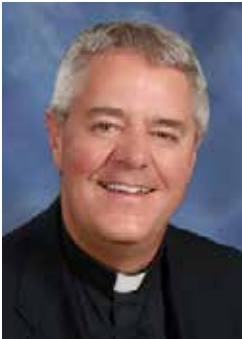
All Saints Catholic Academy

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Naperville, IL 60540

630.961.6125

in the word



with
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus was a man of extremes. In His first miracle of changing water into wine at a wedding feast, He provided over one hundred gallons of wine. When He provided food for a hungry crowd of over 5,000, there were 12 wicker baskets filled with leftovers. When the disciples couldn't catch

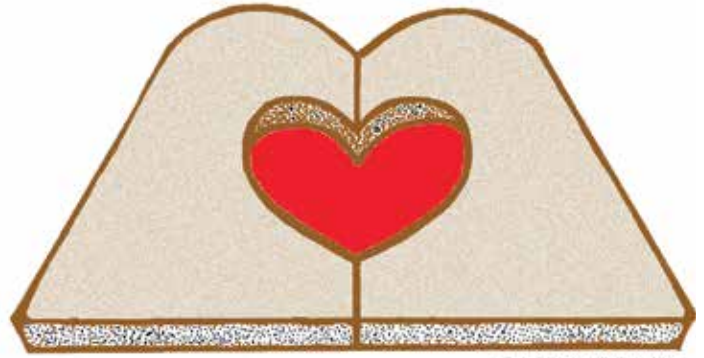
any fish, He provided over 150 fish. When the disciples complained about Mary, the sister of Lazarus, anointing Jesus' feet with expensive oil (over 300 days' wages worth), He defended her abundant generosity.

Jesus was also a man of extremes when it came to talking. He could give long and detailed talks, as He did in His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel, and as He did throughout John's gospel, a gospel of His many words.

In today's gospel, he went to the other extreme by being a man of few words. He needed just four sentences to describe the greatest commandment, love of God and neighbor. But then maybe many words are not necessary to describe love. Just do it!

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

— Matthew 22:37

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!



I am St. Thomas Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our I am St. Thomas Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.stapostle.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at www.stapostle.org and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

Reflection on the Readings

Interspersed throughout the Church year are Sundays that remind us that the most important thing is love — love of God, love of neighbor. Today is one of those Sundays. You know how much you want for yourself in this life. You know the way you want to be treated. That's how much you must love your neighbor, so that they can have those things and be treated that way — especially your neighbor who acts, speaks or looks different from you. Let our prayer today be for the grace to share God's love equally and unstintingly.

Readings for Today

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

I can feel the suffering of millions

*I can feel the suffering of millions
and yet, if I look up into the heavens,
I think it will all come right,
and that this cruelty too will end,
and that peace and tranquility will return again.*

*In the meantime,
I must uphold my ideals,
for perhaps the time will come
when I shall be able to carry them out.*

From The Diary of Anne Frank

Presider Schedule October 31–November 1

Saturday, October 31

4:30 pm – Fr. Philip Danaher

Sunday, November 1

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 26, 2020

8:30 am †Martin Jahn, by The Crowley Family

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

8:30 am †Patricia Batten, by Mary Bartusiak

Thursday, October 29, 2020

8:30 am Mass

Friday, October 30, 2020

8:30 am †Laling Asturias, by Buddy and Mely

Saturday, October 31, 2020

8:30am †Jim Russ, by Kathy Singer and Family

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, November 1, 2020

All Saints

8:00 am †Estoesta/Marzan Families, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

9:30 am †David Milam, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado

†Manuel and Maria Alvarado, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado

†James Cliff, by Phyllis Cliff

†Thomas O'Grady, by Tom and Mary Clare O'Grady

†Genevieve and Mitchell Zoladz, by Gloria and Joe Caruso

11:15 am †Rick DeAngelo, by MaryAnn and Dennis Mlynski

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 the Apostle 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 — starting Saturday, October 24. Please note that the Mass will also be livestreamed so there is an opportunity to participate from home.

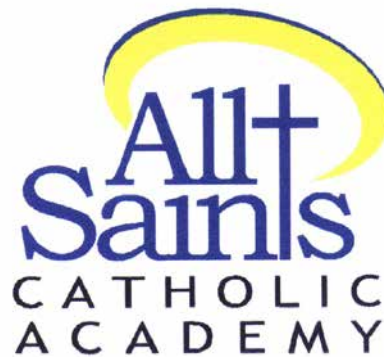


Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Who do you turn to and accept as an authoritative source? You wouldn't call your dentist if you needed financial advice. And you wouldn't make an appointment with your hair stylist if you had a medical question. So wouldn't it make sense to take our faith and spiritual questions to the Church? Yet so many dismiss the Church as an invalid authority. But the Church was established by Jesus to help us remember and practice all that he taught us for our own well-being. The Church has always been a **target** of secular society because the Church calls humanity to its greater self and to the greater good. And that **challenges** all of us to stretch beyond our comfort zone and reach beyond our small, stingy and egocentric selves.

Our Catholic Church has been trying to bring the greater good into the world for the almost 2,000 years of its existence. And it has received **push-back** the entire time. The behaviors promoted by the Church are the behaviors promoted by Jesus and those include forgiveness, mercy, compassion and peace-making. And that raises the bar — substantially. We humans are not naturally good at such things, which is why we need divine help. Our Church continues to be **challenged** for its beliefs and moral and ethical practices from a world that is on a slippery slope of immorality, lack of ethics, division and the denigration of humanity.



News from All Saints Catholic Academy

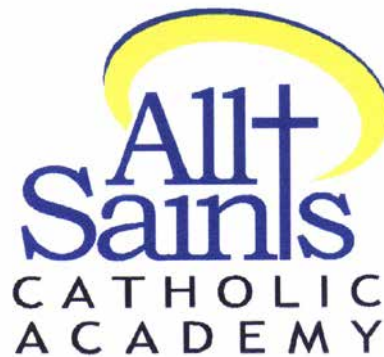
On Wednesday, August 19, All Saints Catholic Academy, your parish school, opened its doors for the return of students for the first time since March 13. All Saints administration and faculty had worked tirelessly since March to craft a re-opening Back to School Plan. This plan was approved and certified by Diocese of Joliet, and met CDC and State of Illinois health and safety requirements for re-opening.

All Saints has welcomed 420 students to school this fall, offering both 5 day in person instruction and virtual learning options. As of October 1, the school celebrated 32 days of successful in person instruction; with, prayerfully, many more to come. We continue to follow best practices and health department recommendations. Here are just some of the protocols that are in place to keep our community safe:

- We are temperature checking all who enter the school building.
- We are wearing masks.
- We are hand sanitizing (stations are located at all entrances) and hand washing throughout the school day.
- We are practicing social distancing, reminded by teachers, administrative staff and signs on the floors and walls.
- We have touchless faucets, soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers in our bathrooms.
- We are not sharing supplies that cannot be sanitized between uses.
- We are limiting movement throughout the school and within cohorts.
- We have a high air quality maintenance system, with regular maintenance checkups to ensure it continues to work properly.
- We have invested in the Clorox Total 360 Cleaning System to help reduce pathogens.
- We are providing additional cleaning of common areas throughout the school day and each evening.
- We have a full time school nurse.

Each day that our students have the opportunity to come to school is truly a gift.





First Grade at All Saints Catholic Academy

First grade is fantastic at All Saints! Students in Mrs. Porlier's and Mrs. Labadessa's classrooms were SO excited to start the school year in person. It seems like a long time since we've seen one another, and this return was especially sweet. We have reconnected with peers and classmates and even made new friends in the process!

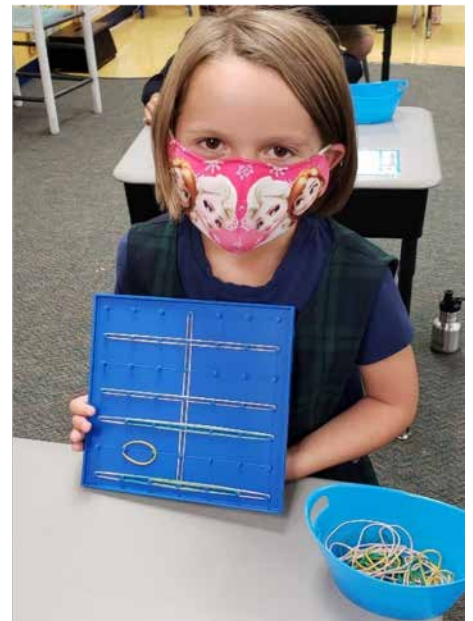
Our days find us practicing routines and procedures, such as keeping our masks on, hand-sanitizing and respecting appropriate distancing and spaces between us. The first graders' "Classroom Promises" also reflect the promises that we make to each other at school, including showing love, respect and good citizenship to one another — and praying every day!

In language arts, we performed our very first Readers' Theater play, based on Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*. We know that reading with proper fluency, expression, volume and clarity are important skills that need to be practiced. We will continue to explore language arts, including spelling, phonics, grammar, and writing in our journals.

In math, we are learning new math games with each unit. These games will help us to practice new skills and master challenging concepts. We have already learned several games, such as Top-It, Rolling for 50 and High Roller. Math is a sure favorite of many first grade friends!

Our religion studies are also a favorite with many friends. We spend time discussing and reflecting on our love for God and our thankfulness for His wonderful creations — including us. We will soon write a prayer to show this love and appreciation!

It's going to be another fabulous and phenomenal year in first grade at All Saints!



Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Did you know All Saints Day is coming up November 1? Prepare now and stop by St. Thomas for Liturgy of the Word material for children preK through 5th grade. The liturgy of the word material is fun and colorful and often includes a game and other fun activities while teaching about this week's gospel at their level. Liturgy of the Word materials are available each week in print. I urge you to stop by and pick some up for your children. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information.

Reminder: First Communion Home Books Available

First Communion booklets are available for pickup by parents having a child that will receive their First Communion in the spring. This is for parents who previously attended a first communion parent enrichment session with an older sibling. Parents who recently attended a first communion parent enrichment session received a book at the session. The home booklets are to work with your child to help prepare for First Communion. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information.

Third Graders Invited to the Church

Third Grade RE students who are home schooled are invited to St. Thomas the Apostle Church Tuesday, October 27 at 4:30 pm to hear about our wonderful Church and explore prayer with the labyrinth. Please RSVP to Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org.

Parent Enrichment Session for First Reconciliation

Save the date! Is your child in fourth grade Religious Education classes or home school option? Then you are invited to a Parent Enrichment Session for First Reconciliation. The meetings are November 14 at 11:00 am or November 16 at 7:15 pm. This is for parents only. You need to only attend one meeting. You should be receiving more information in the mail shortly, if you haven't already. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information.

Fifth Grade Mass

All fifth grade RE students and families are invited to participate in the fifth grade Mass Saturday, November 7 at 4:30 pm. This is your special Mass. Remember to sign up Thursday, November 5 to be part of it.

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.

Question of the week ...

What is one action in your family life which will mirror your vision of heaven?



Important Dates for Middle School RE

October 31: Saturday middle school RE classes meet
October 26, November 2: Monday middle school RE classes meet

Note: Saturday middle school RE classes meet at All Saints on October 24, and at St. Thomas on October 31.

All Saints Playlist

The Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints on November 1. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Saints in our Catholic tradition and the saints, the holy ones, in our lives. The All Saints playlist, A Saintly Adventure, offers many links and suggestions to celebrate saints. Check it out on the St. Thomas website. Enjoy the adventure!



Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet on Sunday, November 15, from 4:30–6:00 pm, at St. Thomas. Bring your facemask and join us. Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!



Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday Flyer Delivery: This Week
Harvest Sunday Food Collection: November 1

The food collected during Harvest Sunday helps the St. Thomas Care Pantry and two area food pantries provide food for families in need. If you receive an orange Harvest Sunday tag on your front door this week, please remember to leave a bag of food by your front curb on Sunday, November 1. If you are not in an area where Harvest Sunday volunteers distribute flyers and collect food, you can still help by bringing food donations to the drive-through food drop-off on October 31 (4:00–6:00 pm) and November 1 (9:00 am–5:00 pm). An additional way to donate is through Amazon.com. Thank you for your generosity.



A Special World Youth Day Message to Young People: You are the Now of God

In the closing Mass homily of World Youth Day in 2019, Pope Francis encouraged and challenged young people. He spoke to them saying,

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

World Youth Day

On October 24–25, we celebrate World Youth Day weekend; a day set aside to affirm and celebrate the youth of our Church. Even in these COVID times, the youth of St. Thomas are busy with outreach and service:







- St. Thomas Teens with Character
- Lectors
- Host-Greeters/Ushers
- Sacristans
- Care Pantry food collections
- Witness speakers
- Scripture Safari (Vacation Bible School)
- Care Pantry Garden
- Harvest Sunday
- Religious Education Aides and Catechists
- Sunday Nursery Helpers
- Life Retreats and planning
- Eagle Scout Projects
- High School Peer Ministries
- Cards to nursing homes
- RE office help
- Notes to healthcare workers
- Peace pole prayers remembering bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Positively responding to social unrest (hearts for downtown Naperville)
- Story reading to children
- Bulletin board decorations
- Reopening Committee volunteers
- Videography help

“Thank you” to all our St. Thomas youth, for the many ways they serve; not only our parish but also our local community, and those in need across the country and abroad. Youth of St. Thomas — Thank you for all you do!

Blessing for Your Youth

_____ (name of youth)
*May the Lord fill your life,
with love and joy.
May the Lord protect you
and keep you safe from all dangers.
May the Lord be with you wherever you
go,
now and for ever.
Amen.*

Service Commission — Pastoral Care

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BALANCE	EYES	FACE	ARMS	SPEECH	TIME
Does the person have loss of balance, headache or dizziness?	Is there blurred or sudden vision loss in one or both eyes?	Ask the person to smile. Does one side of his or her face droop?	Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one drift downward?	Ask the person to repeat simple a sentence. Is there speech difficulty?	If person shows ANY of these symptoms, call 911 immediately!

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

Learn the Warning Sign for a Stroke and Act Fast!

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke. Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and major cause of long-term disability in adults.

Stroke occurs due to sudden blockage of blood flow to the brain and causes sudden neurological deficits. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity and diabetes are leading causes of stroke. Now there is a growing increase in the risk of stroke.

While nearly three-quarters of all strokes occur in people over the age of 65, strokes are now striking people with COVID-19 who are in their 30s and 40s. *The Washington Post* reported that otherwise healthy young and middle-age individuals with mild symptoms of COVID-19 are dying from strokes. The reason isn't clear.

Experts believe the strokes may be a result of blood clots caused by the virus. While mini-strokes often don't cause permanent damage, bigger ones can be catastrophic. Preliminary data suggests patients with COVID-19 are mostly experiencing severe or large strokes — which can destroy parts of the brain responsible for movement, speech and decision-making.

Resource: <https://www.ehealth.org/blod/2020/05/covid-19-and-stroke/>

Pastoral Care Resources

For Spiritual Support and Prayer,
please contact the following individuals if you are in need of assistance:

Counseling

Jan, Pastoral Care Office
630.355.8980, x124
Diane, General Office
630.355.8980, x101

Health Resource

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

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

Jan, Pastoral Care Office
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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.stapostle.org.

Please contact Susan Kearney at 630.355.8980, x108 or sdkearney@comcast.net with questions.

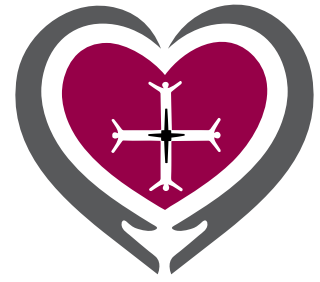
How to Heal from the Loss of a Loved One This Year

Wed. November 4, 2020

7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual/Online Zoom Meeting offered by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Naperville

Losing someone you love is painful enough, but COVID-19 has made it so much more difficult. If you and your family have lost someone to death this past year, please join us on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, from 7:00–8:30 pm for a Zoom meeting. We will share some information about what you might be experiencing (and that most often, it is normal!), what you can do to move through your grief and sadness, and eventually, what you will be able to do to integrate the loss of your loved one and move forward in your life. We will also listen to what you might need and how St. Thomas might support you in your journey. You will be free to share or not at all. This will be a small group. There is no cost, but you must register, have an email address, a personal computer, tablet or smartphone and be familiar with the basics of joining a Zoom meeting. For information or to register, or if you have a need we might help with, call Susan Kearney, Coordinator of Behavioral Health Ministry, at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108 by Monday, November 2. We'll confirm your email, and then you will receive an invitation via email to the Zoom meeting on November 3.



PASTORAL CARE

St. Thomas the Apostle

Blood Drive

Fact versus Fiction

"Other people are donating blood, so I don't need to."

Actually, while 37% of the US population is qualified to donate blood, only 4% actually do so. If just 1% more of Americans donated blood, it is estimated that all blood supply shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future. Not to mention, just one blood donation can save up to three lives!

"Donating blood could have an adverse effect on my own health."

Not at all! Because all blood products are tested before use, there is no risk of contracting any disease or infection during the donation process. Additionally, the human body contains about 10 pints of blood, and a typical donor only gives one pint during a donation.

Resource: Versiti, Inc.

Please consider giving the gift of life

Saturday, November 21, 2020

9:00 am–2:00 pm

Albert Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville

It's easy to sign up. Just use the link below.

https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5588373

If you have any questions, please contact Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101.



Please Continue Giving to St. Thomas

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.

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS

Please, Give



Chapter 1: The Challenges of Talking to White People About Racism

White people raised in the United States are taught not to see themselves in terms of race. In fact, they have been taught not to see race as if it mattered. Consequently, they lack any deep information about this complex social dynamic. Yet social forces such as neighborhood and school segregation, media representations of people of color, jokes, familiar stories and legends from history, and pictures of whiteness as the human ideal are always at work, creating a hierarchical picture of other races in which white people are superior. This conclusion works in subtle but powerful ways which cannot be seen so long as white people think of racism as individual acts of discrimination, which they reject as their own intentional behavior.

There are two key ideologies in Western culture: individualism and objectivity. Both these concepts reinforce the belief that we each stand on our own abilities and actions, that we are not profoundly influenced by group identity and bias for our own group and against other groups unlike “us.” Yet group identities are formed and reinforced throughout our lives, identities around such things as gender roles, age, finances, physical characteristics, and, for consideration in this book, race. These group identities result in biases, which we reject on the one hand but perpetuate, mostly unaware that they are at work.

To be able to talk about racism, white people have to be willing to see race and racism in a different way. They have to understand their own racial identity as a pattern of a larger shared culture.

Question for Thought and Discussion:

- In what ways do you feel personally defensive when racial prejudice and discrimination are asserted by people of a different race?
- What steps can you take to suspend your defensiveness in order to move to a deeper conversation?

Prayer for Election Season

God, Promise Keeper of the new creation, in this election season guide us to be Gospel-informed voters, who stand on the side of justice and truth.

As a community of conscience, we recognize our shared responsibility in righting the wrongs that dishonor and dehumanize the dignity of the most vulnerable among us.

As a community of conscience, we acknowledge the harm that has been done to the environment and the urgency to work collectively to care for the Earth, our common home.

We see our country in turmoil — experiencing a time of chaos that not only impacts every person of this nation, but peoples from across the globe.

As individuals and a faith community, we recognize that we bear both a privilege and a burden to vote our conscience and to make choices that will and do affect the future of everyone.

As we ready ourselves to go to the polls this November, may our time of discernment be rooted in the teachings of our faith and our common life together.

May our faith guide us to vote for genuine servant leaders, who, like Jesus, will welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, embrace the sick and dying, and promote peace and nonviolence.

Send your Spirit to be with us as we cast votes for the common good and, regardless of the outcome of the elections, may we continue to work for a more just and sustainable world.

May we always stand on the side of justice and truth. Amen.

Dianna Ortiz, OSA - Pax Christi USA Deputy Director

October - Respect Life Month Capital Punishment

We are called to protect sacred human life from conception to natural death. The “St. Thomas Reads: Just Mercy” initiative brings to the forefront the injustice of capital punishment.

St. Thomas Sister Helen Prejean is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment. The following is a Facebook post from Sister Helen Prejean.

The following is a statement from attorney Shawn Nolan on the execution of his client Dustin Honken:

“Dustin Honken was redeemed. He recognized and repented for the crimes he had committed, and spent his time in prison atoning for them. With Father Mark, Sister Betty, Cardinal Tobin and other religious mentors, Dustin worked every day at the Catholic faith that was at the center of his life. During his time in prison, he cared for everyone he came into contact with: guards, counselors, medical staff, his fellow inmates and his legal team. Over the years he grew incredibly close to his family, becoming a true father, son, brother and friend. There was no reason for the government to kill him, in haste or at all. In any case, they failed. The Dustin Honken they wanted to kill is long gone. The man they killed today was a human being, who could have spent the rest of his days helping others and further redeeming himself. May he rest in peace.”

As his last words, Dustin Honken recited the following poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, who was an English poet and Jesuit Priest:

*Heaven-Haven
I have desired to go
Where springs not fail,
To fields where flies no sharp and sided hail
And a few lilies blow.
And I have asked to be
Where no storms come,
Where the green swell is in the havens dumb,
And out of the swing of the sea.*



Harvest Sunday Food Donations

The pandemic has challenged us to find new ways to donate food ... Drive thru Donations and Online Donations (see below). The Harvest Sunday food drive provides food for St. Thomas Care Pantry, St. Nicholas Pantry (our twinning parish in Aurora) and Sisters of Notre Dame pantry on south side of Chicago.

The St. Thomas Challenge

The pandemic has increased the number of "food challenged" families. The pandemic has made it more challenging to gather food donations for our Care Pantry and other pantries. The St. Thomas Challenge is for every St. Thomas family, if they are able, to make a Harvest Sunday food donation.

How to Donate Food

- **Curb Donation:** If you DO receive a flyer on your door, place your food donation at the curb by 11:00 am on Harvest Sunday, November 1.
- **New This Year!** Drive Thru Donation: If you DO NOT receive a flyer on your door, make a drive-thru donation at St. Thomas during the following times: Saturday, October 31, from 4:00–6:00 pm. Harvest Sunday, November 1, from 9:00 am–5:00 pm.
- **New This Year!** 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 this link: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KGBPLY5FZVYG?type=wishlist>

St. Thomas Miracle

The miracle of the loaves and fishes fed 5,000 men, women and children. One interpretation of that miracle 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. Amen!

Harvest Sunday Volunteers Needed

It doesn't happen without volunteers! Especially needed are volunteers for:

- Casey's foods on Sunday November 1, from 3:00–5:00 pm. Other shifts could use additional volunteers.
- Some specific routes remain open for flyer delivery and food pick-up. Flyer delivery needs to happen sometime this Sunday, October 25 through Wednesday, October 28. Food pickup is Sunday, November 1. If you are able to sign up for a route, the Outreach and Social Justice Office will receive an email will make arrangements to get the flyers to you ASAP.

Go to the St. Thomas website Home Page and click on Harvest Sunday Volunteer Sign-up.

I am St. Thomas



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Annual Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

First, I want to express my gratitude and prayers for continued grace that we may grow deeper in faith, patience and compassion for others and ourselves through this pandemic. With this report, we have a picture of our parish stewardship of resources provided by parishioners during the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

We celebrate the good works that we have been able to achieve because of your past faithful stewardship and financial support. Unfortunately, you will notice that our Sunday collections are down considerably because of the pandemic with parishioners unable to attend Sunday masses. To continue building God's kingdom, we need your faithful financial support. I also ask you to consider our fellow parishioners who are facing financial struggles at this time and cannot support our parish, and make an additional sacrifice on their behalf to support our parish.

Thank you for continuing to be the generous, giving community I have been privileged to belong to. Your continued sacrifices and acts of service and prayer for our parish are our good fruits. It is through your involvement that we are able to be a beacon of God's love.

May you and those you love always feel God's faithful and caring love in your minds and hearts.

In the Word,



Rev. Philip M. Danaher, Pastor

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Financial Report to Parishioners — Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

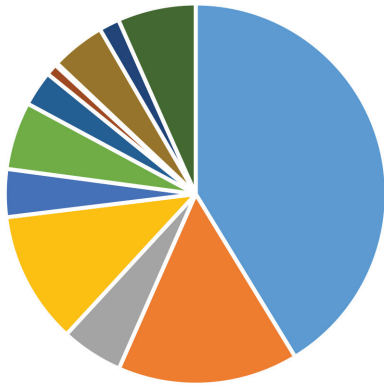
July 1 2019-
June 30 2020

	Modified Cash Basis				Budget
	Church	Religious Education	School	Total	Total
Revenue:					
Sunday Collections	\$ 1,856,332			\$1,856,332	\$1,920,000
Other Collections	129,423			129,423	138,720
Fundraisers- Youth/Jr Hi Missions (net)		35		35	4,600
Restricted donations incl Capital Needs	18,680			18,680	25,050
Tuition and Fees	17,199	84,706		101,905	129,268
Other Unrestricted Revenue	24,255			24,255	26,500
Non-Operating Debt Retired from Savings	105,000			105,000	105,000
Non-Operating Debt Reduction Interest	3,085			3,085	
Total Revenue	\$2,153,974	\$84,741	\$0	\$2,238,715	\$2,349,138
Expenses:					
Salaries	655,901	199,088		854,989	893,046
Fringe Benefits	235,493	81,392		316,885	350,886
Repairs & Maintenance	108,582			108,582	37,010
Services (including Youth Missions)	201,657	30,665		232,322	289,613
Materials & Supplies	59,387	24,827		84,214	130,150
Insurance - property, liability	37,301			37,301	37,424
Utilities	74,208	1,551		75,759	88,025
Diocesan Assessment & Magazine	119,070			119,070	129,684
Other Operating Expense	20,230	4,117		24,347	32,000
Bread of Life Expenditures	62,000			62,000	62,000
Capital Expenditures	1,679			1,679	7,300
Debt Reduction from Operating Funds			95,000	95,000	95,000
Debt Reduction from Restricted Funds			105,000	105,000	105,000
restricted funds, expended	18,680	0		18,680	0
Parish Subsidies- parishioner tuition assistance to All Saints Academy			35,800	35,800	42,000
Total Expenses	\$1,594,188	\$341,640	\$235,800	\$2,171,628	\$2,299,138
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$559,786	\$ (256,899)	\$ (235,800)	\$67,087	\$50,000
Budgeted Surplus for Capital Reserve	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$509,786	(\$256,899)	(\$235,800)	\$17,087	\$0

Operating results exclude depreciation expense of \$161,286

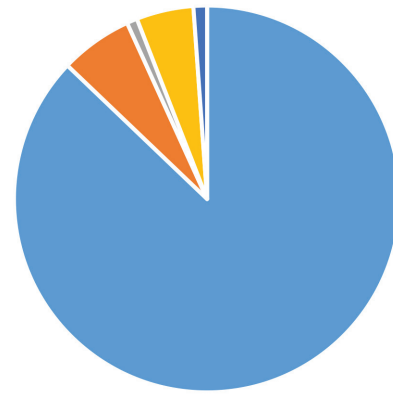
Diocesan Account Information	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Loan - Principal Balance	\$0	\$200,000
Debt Service Funds on Deposit	510	102,425
Capital Reserve and Savings	863,597	837,166
Local Bank Church Operating Accounts	\$453,527	\$216,049
Payroll Protection Program Liability	(211,300)	
Summary of Financing Activities		
Debt Retirement Savings Interest	3,085	\$5,853
Operating Funds for Debt Retirement	95,000	\$110,000
Loan Principal Payment	(200,000)	(200,000)
Net Debt Sinking Fund Activity	<u>(\$101,915)</u>	<u>(\$84,147)</u>

Operating Expenditures
Year Ended June 30, 2020



- Salaries 41%
- Fringe Benefits 15%
- Repairs & Maintenance 5%
- Services 11%
- Materials & Supplies 4%
- Diocesan Assessment & Magazine 6%
- Bread of Life Expenditures 3%
- Capital & Restricted Expenditures 1%
- Capital Reserve Additions 0%
- Debt Reduction from Operating Funds 4%
- Parish Subsidies- parishioner tuition 2%
- Other Operating Expense 8%

Operating Revenue by Source
Year Ended June 30, 2020



- Sunday Collections 86%
- Other Collections 6%
- Restricted Capital Needs 2%
- Tuition and Fees 5%
- Other Unrestricted Revenue 1%

Dear fellow parishioners,

Despite incredible challenges, the parish finished the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 in the black due in part to cost savings instituted within the parish and the diocese. These include a two week staff furlough and the Diocese suspension of lay pension and parish assessments totaling about \$36,000. Both the pension and assessments have been reinstated. All spending was assessed and non-essential spending was halted or limited to meet the financial crisis caused by the coronavirus. Most significantly, we were able to close the year without a loss because of the generous and faithful giving of our cherished parishioners. THANK YOU!

In April all diocese parishes were encouraged by the Diocese of Joliet Finance Office to apply for the federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) in order to ensure sufficient funds would be on hand for St. Thomas to continue operations. St. Thomas applied, and was granted, a \$211,300 loan. Under provisions of the PPP, the entire amount of the loan may be forgiven in certain circumstances. The parish intends to apply for full forgiveness and believes it will qualify for full forgiveness. The Diocese currently recommends delaying application for PPP loan forgiveness pending additional guidance by the Small Business Administration, the overseeing agency.

Our budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year was reduced significantly from the year just ended in light of the financial difficulties faced by the parish and so many in our community, as well as significant uncertainties in future months. The St. Thomas Finance Council continues to closely monitor our parish finances. We appreciate your faithful and continuing support during this very difficult time.

Susan Wood O'Leary, Finance Chair

Coronavirus in Fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-2021

We all yearn for a return to “normal” experiences, such as enjoying our full choir and holding hands during the Our Father at Sunday Masses. These are anything but normal times; coping and adapting is challenging for everyone. In Jesus’ final days, he exhorted his disciples to, “love one another, as I have loved you.” As profoundly as we long for close interactions with friends, we must put first the well-being and safety of our cherished parishioners. We demonstrate our love for others by adhering to social distancing and wearing masks, thereby safeguarding their health. May we continue to grow in faith as we journey together through these days of the pandemic, and deepen our understanding of the ways to love one another.

Coronavirus Impact on St. Thomas operations, March 2020–present

In response to the rapid spread of the deadly novel coronavirus in Illinois, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, **Bishop Richard Pates suspended Masses** in mid-March and announced indefinite dispensation from Mass obligations. Cost-cutting directives were instituted, and pastors were encouraged to reach out to their parishioners in concern for their well-being, and to provide comfort and assistance to those in need. St. Thomas staff and volunteers telephoned about 1,200 of our parishioners in known vulnerable groups. Many of those contacted expressed gratitude for the contact and solidarity with the parish.

On March 21, state government officials **directed** non-essential workers and all other individuals to **stay at home**. St. Thomas video-recorded weekend Masses and Morning Prayer services for parishioners’ viewing through the parish website and Facebook. Parishioners stated that they felt connected to the St. Thomas community through these video experiences. Livestream Masses were later added.

A phased re-opening template for the church was provided by the Diocese in mid-May for parishes to form reopening teams to develop and implement plans to safely reopen. The stay-at-home order remained in place until late May, when strictly limited re-openings for churches were allowed under “safest practice.” The **St. Thomas Reopening Plan was approved** on June 9. On June 13, the first Mass was celebrated at St. Thomas under the safe reopening guidelines. Our dedicated volunteers and staff deserve special recognition and gratitude for their selfless service to reopening efforts.

Parish offices reopened on a limited basis to parishioners on **July 6** under new safety guidelines.

In July, **faith formation registrations opened** for children, teens and adults. Under direction of the Diocese, detailed plans were developed and approved to safely reopen faith formation classes. The directors offered options **of virtual, home-school and in-person classes**. Some youth classes were shifted to the parish Ministry Center because classroom space at Brookdale Elementary and All Saints Academy were not available. The reopening would not have been possible without diligent efforts of our faith formation volunteers and staff.

Looking forward, please consider **volunteering** as a **greeter, usher or Eucharistic minister** so we can expand our weekend schedule from two to three Masses. Contact Samantha Delke sdelke@stapostle.org or Jim Clauer jclauer@stapostle.org for additional information and training details, or contact them by telephone at 630.355.8980.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Bread of Life

From the founding of the parish, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church began setting aside funds from Sunday collections (a tithe) to further the parish's mission to sharing our resources with those in need and promoting God's kingdom of justice and peace. The Bread of Life tithe is proposed by the Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) Office as part of the annual budgeting process and is finalized each year by the parish Finance Council. The Bread of Life Committee, consisting of parishioners and OSJ staff, discern allocation of budgeted funds. In recent years, the entire Bread of Life parish tithe has needed to be directed to existing OSJ ministries.

Following is a listing of the Bread of Life grants for the year ended June 30, 2020.

St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul	26,000
Haiti Twinning	19,000
Transitional Housing Ministry	7,000
DuPage United	10,000
Total	62,000

The St. Thomas Saint Vincent de Paul Conference distributes Bread of Life funds for emergency rent and utility assistance for area families. Each family is visited by two home visitors to assess the family's circumstances and, as appropriate, provide financial assistance and often additional advice and referrals to stabilize the family's situation. They also pray with the family. Bread of Life funds are distributed directly to the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which operates under the oversight of St. Vincent de Paul Society, U.S.A.

Haiti Twinning funds support the operations of Ste. Marie Madeleine Parish, our twinning parish, located in the rural and impoverished community of Duchity, Haiti. Bread of Life funds, a parish-to-parish gift, are wire-transferred to the Ste. Marie-Madeleine Parish pastor for use in the parish.

The Transitional Housing Ministry provides mentors and housing rental support for up to two families through Bridge Communities. For two to three years, the mentors and Bridge Communities work with a family to help them achieve self-sufficiency. Funds are disbursed to Bridge Communities.

DuPage United, a non-partisan organization composed primarily of faith-based institutions, acts to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities in DuPage County. The major focuses are on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement officers, the creation of Crisis Stabilization Units (as opposed to an Emergency Room or jail) for those in a mental health crisis, and affordable supportive housing. Bread of Life funds are distributed to DuPage United.

St. Thomas Outreach and Social Justice

Financial Report to Parishioners — Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

	6/30/19 balance	Revenues	Expenses	6/30/20 Balance
St. Thomas Cares				
Pastoral Care & Mental Health	5,022	4,160	(5,051)	4,131
School Supplies	2,424	964	(2,460)	928
Turkey & Ham Drive	3,632	8,773	(7,558)	4,847
general donations/other expense	31,332	64,781	(2,678)	62,103
Golf Outing	57,053	5,260	(1,047)	4,213
Emergency housing/auto/utilities	(52,368)		(45,659)	(45,659)
food purchases- food bank	(14,536)		(17,230)	(17,230)
St. Thomas Cares Totals	31,867	83,938	(81,683)	34,122
Haiti				
Operating Funds	3,401	2,071	(3,484)	1,988
Bread of Life (Parish tithe)	-	19,000	(18,250)	750
Medical clinic	23,273	16,159	(17,162)	22,270
Medical Mission	-	7,670	(6,002)	1,668
Dental Clinic	7,117	-	-	7,117
Eye Care Mission	-	-	-	-
Ertha's Orphanage	-	30,224	(29,318)	906
Education Fund	4	30,207	(30,000)	211
Learning Center/Scholarship	3,270	100	(3,370)	-
Clinic Solar Power	-	10,000		10,000
Second Collection	-	11,282		11,282
Haiti Totals	37,065	126,713	(107,586)	56,192
Other				
Transitional Housing Ministry				
- Bread of Life (Parish Tithe)		7,000		
- THM General donations	14,881	4,900	(9,740)	17,041
2018 & 2019 Lenten Project	19,714	3,030	(17,400)	5,344
2020 Lenten Project	-	3,078	-	3,078
Jobs Ministry	3,043	761	(953)	2,851
Where Needed Most/Not Designated	21,841	18,067	(16,011)	23,897
Other Ministries	2,538	4,230	(5,418)	1,350
Other Ministry Totals	62,017	41,066	(49,522)	53,561
OSJ Total, fiscal year 2019-2020	130,948			143,874

St. Thomas the Apostle Community

The Outreach and Social Justice Office (OSJ) thanks you for your continuing time, talent, and financial support to the 19 OSJ ministries and St. Thomas Cares. The pandemic impacted the last 3-4 months of the fiscal year and continues to be an impact. But we are happy to report that our ministries have adjusted to the situation creatively and safely. The Care Pantry is a great example. The highlights of our year, as always, are the stories of the people we have been able to help, the relationships we continue to build, and the social justice issues we continue to pursue.

Below are some financial statistics related to OSJ revenue and its use. Amounts are rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

- The pandemic caused the cancellation of the golf outing that normally contributes ~\$30,000 to St. Thomas Cares. We considered creating a virtual event. However, parishioners responded spontaneously with unsolicited donations totaling ~\$27,000. Thank you, St. Thomas!
- Last year St. Thomas Cares received \$84,000 and expended \$82,000. The expended funds went to local community families and individuals for food, school supplies, counseling (via Pastoral Care) and emergency services (auto expenses, rent, utilities, transportation, medical services etc.). Emergency services totaled \$49,000 to 259 client cases.
- Our Care Pantry provided food to an average of 151 households per month, a 9.4% increase. In addition, significant food donations were made to St. Nicholas Pantry in Aurora, Marie Wilkinson Pantry in Aurora, and the Sisters of Notre Dame Pantry in Chicago. No one asking for food has ever been turned away from the St. Thomas Care Pantry.
- The Haiti Bread of Life tithe (\$19,000) goes to Ste. Marie-Madeleine for parish expenses and special parish projects that included a copy machine this year.
- All Haiti mission teams were cancelled due to the pandemic. The medical teams raised funds for medications and the healthcare clinic from sources external to St. Thomas. Total revenue was \$24,000 and expenditures were \$23,000 (supporting the doctor's salary and medications). There is current balance of \$24,000 which will be applied to medications and clinic support in the current year.
- Funds for Ertha's Orphanage (\$30,000) are from individual donations primarily from non-parishioners for various purposes.
- Haiti Education initiatives accounted for \$30,000 of the Haiti revenue and expense (supporting Ertha's Elementary School and the St. Thomas Secondary/High School assuring quality teachers).
- Rent and utility payments were provided for one family mentored in our Transitional Housing ministry (\$10,000). Funds are available for two families. Mentors are needed.
- The 2018 & 2019 Lenten projects funds were food projects for Ertha's orphanage. The remaining funds (\$5,000) are being expended on a monthly basis.
- Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has a separate checkbook. They distributed \$53,000 in rent/utility assistance to 172 families, including six parish families.

For more detailed information, contact the OSJ Office. Thank you for your continuing support. The SPIRIT is with you!

Mike, Anne, Sally, OSJ Office

Prayer & Participation

3,498	households
10,393	Catholic members
114	new families registered
710	ministry sign-ups
58	baptisms
7	weddings
37	funeral masses
81	First Communion
72	Confirmations
28	First Reconciliations
432	total enrollment at All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA)
119	children (from 81 St. Thomas families) attending ASCA
153	high school students in Religious Education
163	middle school students in Religious Education
331	Pre-K through 5th grade students in Religious Education
416	(approximate) parish nurse health and mental health consultations or contacts
9,000	(approximate) Eucharist distributed by ministers of care and deacons
200	(approximate) weekend mass celebrations
500	(approximate) music/liturgy ministry members
12	musical ensembles
3,171	households receiving envelopes
520	parishioners use ACH/direct debit/online giving
78	parishioners enrolled in year-long Adult Faith Formation Bible Studies
175	parishioners attended Parish Mission
218	parishioners attended other Adult Faith Formation events

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council June 2020

At-Large Members

Alison Ohl, Dave Johanneson, Brittany Tres, Michael McCormick

Commission Representatives

Worship Commission–Jeff Balsewicz

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission–Carrie Wujek

Service Commission–Linda Bailey

Stewardship Commission–Barb Mambu (Chair)

Finance and Administration–Susan Wood O’Leary

Ex Officio Members

Fr. Philip Danaher, Pastor

Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal, Parochial Vicar

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 26

7:00–8:00 pm St. Dymphna Mass, Church
7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center

Tuesday, October 27

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry, Outside
4:30–5:45 pm RE Third Grade Labyrinth Walk, Gym
4:30–5:45 pm Elementary RE, Ministry Center
7:00–9:00 pm Insight, Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

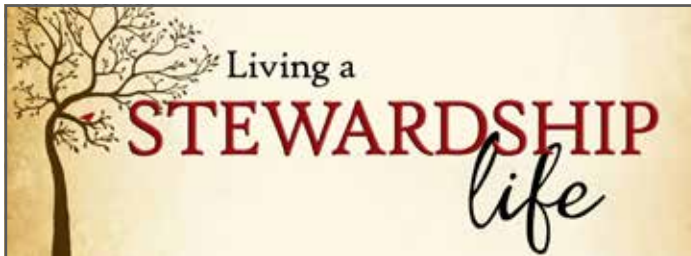
Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

8:30–11:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Galilee

Sunday, November 1

9:00–11:30 am RCIA, Gathering Area
Start of Harvest Sunday Week



In the Maori language (New Zealand), the word “kaitiakitanga” means stewardship and a “kaitiaki” is a steward. The Maoris believe that everything is given to ALL people from God. As stewards we need to protect these gifts to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future. They are speaking primarily about the environment, but it could be applied to our gifts of time, talent and treasure. How are you using your gifts in order to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future? How good a “kaitiaki” are you?

Speaking of the gift of time, have you signed up to help out on Harvest Sunday (which is on November 1 this year)? There is a need for drivers, to distribute flyers or pick up food and sorters to organize the food as it comes in. For more information, please go to our website and find the sign up “sheets.”

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

October 11, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$4,946
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$23,472
Mailed in and stock donations	\$7,564
Total for the week	\$35,982
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$482,471
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$32,165
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$505,337
Over/short of goal to date	(\$22,866)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	28%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,269,362

This week, the Sunday collection is \$22,866 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$60 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$141,084
Percent of Goal pledged to date	80.80%
Unpaid pledges	\$11,967
Paid to Date	\$129,117
Percent of goal paid to date	73.95

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