

St. Thomas

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 — THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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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

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fr danaher



Dear Parish Family,

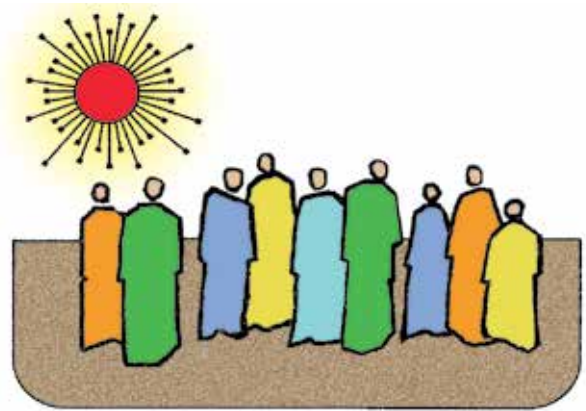
My pediatrician's first name was Caldwell. Kenesaw Landis was the first commissioner of Major League Baseball. Both are, for want of a better word, unusual names to give to a child. I've heard stories of priests who actually told parents, when they were planning their child's baptism many years

ago, to change the name of their child if the name they chose was not the name of a saint. I imagine that, if they had been Catholic, my pediatrician's family and the family of Commissioner Landis would have been told to change their child's name when they presented their child for baptism.

Humans have been on earth tens of thousands of years. Many were given what we might think of as "strange" names, many of whom are now in heaven. There probably are people named "Caldwell" or "Kenesaw" who are enjoying eternal life because of the many good things they did here on earth, people among the countless number of men and women whom we remember as we celebrate All Saints Day, all who now have one common name, saint, and one common home, heaven.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher



The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday – Friday

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

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 to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. You may also fill out a Commitment Card online at www.stapostle.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

Reflection on the Readings

Sometimes we are reminded that we need strength to persevere as we wait for deliverance from God. Our faith is what motivates us to make our daily living an example of grace and abundant love.

Readings for Today

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18

I want to be better

By Howard Thurman

*The concern which I lay bare before God today is my need to be better:
I want to be better than I am in my most ordinary day-by-day contacts:*

With my friends —

With my family —

With my casual contacts —

With my business relations —

With my associates in work and play.

*I want to be better than I am in the responsibilities that are mine:
I am conscious of many petty resentments.*

I am conscious of increasing hostility toward certain people.

*I am conscious of the effort to be pleasing for effect, not because it is a
genuine feeling on my part.*

*I am conscious of a tendency to shift to other shoulders burdens that are
clearly my own.*

I want to be better in the quality of my religious experience:

I want to develop an honest and clear prayer life.

I want to develop a sensitiveness to the will of God in my own life.

*I want to develop a charitableness toward my fellows that is greater even
than my most exaggerated pretensions.*

I want to be better than I am.

*I lay bare this need and this desire before God in the quietness of this
moment.*

Presider Schedule November 7–8

Saturday, November 7

4:30 pm – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Patrick Lennon

Sunday, November 8

9:30 am – Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Larry Kearney

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, November 2, 2020

All Souls' Day

8:30 am †Mallorca and Carias Families, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

7:00pm All Souls Mass

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

8:30 am †Marina Encarnacion, by Aileen Arguelles

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:30 am †Ferdinand DeGuzman, by Amy DeGuzman

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am †George Ceferin

Friday, November 6, 2020

8:30 am †Andy Mravca, by Joan

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 am †Rivera/Danao Families, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Jim Wolff, by MaryAnn

†Jack Hennessey, by Rich and Gerry Murawski

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am For the People of St. Thomas

9:30 am †Johnathan Weiger, by Parents

†Sgt. David Caruso, by Mom and Dad

†Robert Cornell, by Phyllis Cliff

11:15 am †Mark Volesky, by The Townshend Family

Thanksgiving Day Mass

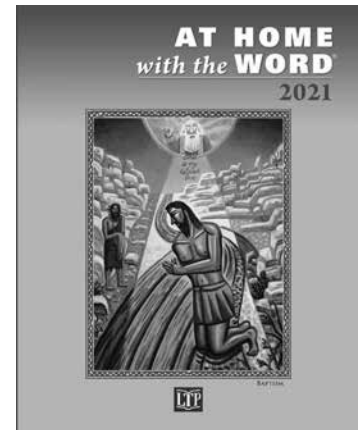
St. Thomas' Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am in the Church. Fr. Philip Danaher will be the Presider. All are invited to bring bread and wine that you will use over the Thanksgiving holiday to be blessed at this Mass. You will keep these items in the pew with you, and after the liturgy, you will take home the items that you brought.



At Home with the Word

The At Home with the Word book is a great tool for breaking open the Sunday Scriptures at home — helping you to reflect further on God's Word, and preparing to celebrate the Sunday Liturgy. Commentaries about the readings assist in comprehension and a deeper dive into the Sacred Scripture.

Books are for sale at the Front Desk during the week: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Regular Print \$9.00
Large Print \$13.00
Check or exact cash ONLY.



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.

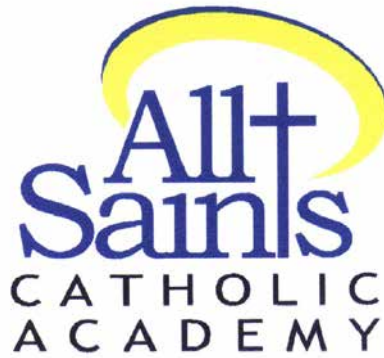
Please join us!

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Our Catholic Church holds fast to its long-standing traditions which have served every generation since the time of Jesus. But we live in a world that likes to forget about the value of things past in order to forge ahead with the new. We like to label what is new as “progressive” and we’ve bought into the fallacy that the new is automatically, by definition, somehow better. But if we always forget what we know to be of value from the past, we have to keep starting over. That’s inefficient, and it’s hard to make real progress that way. We are constantly **challenged** to bring forward all that is good and true from our past history in order to help inform the present and the future and avoid the **pitfalls** from our past.

So the Catholic Church promotes respect for all life because we believe humans were made in the image and likeness of the divine. That is a **challenge** in a world that sees so many, including the unborn, the disabled and the elderly as dispensable. And our Church continues to promote marriage as a higher calling, a covenantal and sacramental relationship, designed by God between one man and one woman, for the duration of their lives and for the purpose of generating and nurturing new life. And because of these lofty goals which are in **conflict** with the beliefs of what is acceptable or normative to so many, the world likes to point to the Catholic Church as old-fashioned and out of touch with modern times. But then again, it always has.



News from All Saints Catholic Academy

Our preschoolers ROCK at All Saints!

They are **SO happy to be back at school** with their teachers, Mrs. Kassl and Sister Maria, and their friends. Our 'youngest saints' in the 3's program are engaged, learning and growing, having fun, and simply being precious, inquisitive and loving three year olds.

Our 3's have learned a lot of facts about bats. They know that baby bats are called 'pups.' They enjoyed pretending to be bats, flying around their classroom. They loved singing the song "**Bats are Sleeping,**" and practiced sleeping upside down. They read a great many stories about bats including **Stellaluna** and **The Five Little Bats**. Most of all, they honed their skills on the letter of the week, which of course was the letter 'B.'

In math, the 3's had fun learning a new poem, "**Five Spooky Bats.**" They practiced tracing the number 2, because bats have 2 wings, 2 legs, 2 eyes and 2 ears!

In religion, students learned that taking care of the world is part of our job. **We all can show our thanks and appreciation to God in taking care of the creation that He worked so hard to make for us.** When we show others how to be kind, we can change the world for the better.

In art, the children created bats, which were hung in the 3-year-old classroom **creating a bat cave**. Their 'bat art' was crafted in the **shape of the month**, which was a square.

Students enjoyed **celebrating Halloween together**, wearing costumes, enjoying a treat and playing socially distanced games.

Our **Growing Saints Early Childhood Academy** preschool program offers robust academics in a well-balanced curriculum that includes math and language arts, foundational writing skills, and gym, art, music and Spanish enrichment specials, in a bright and happy nurturing environment. All Saints offers flexibility, choice and full/half day programming to families, allowing parents to craft a schedule that meets their family's and child's needs.





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

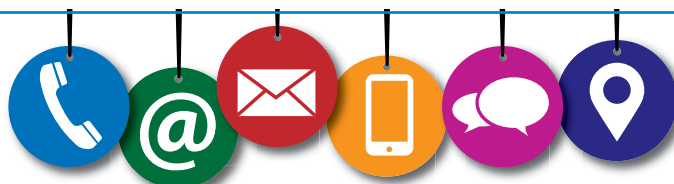
The pandemic has increased the number of “food challenged” families. The pandemic has made it more challenging to gather food donations for our Care Pantry and other pantries. **The St. Thomas Challenge is for every St. Thomas family, if they are able, to make a Harvest Sunday food donation.**

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!



Stay Connected to St. Thomas

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

Reminder First Communion Home Books Available

First Communion booklets are available for pickup by parents who have a child who 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.

Reconciliation Parent Enrichment Session

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 meeting is November 14 at 11:00 am or the make-up session November 16 at 7:15 pm. This is for parents only. You need to only attend one meeting. You should have received information packets in the mail. Please contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 if you didn't receive an information packet in the mail.

Fourth Grade RE Class

In the past week, fourth grade RE children learned about St. Thomas' Care Pantry and ways they can show their love for others by helping feeding those in need. We thank Michelle Hunt for her Care Pantry demonstration and talk with fourth grade RE classes on Tuesday and Saturday. It is an enlightening talk for the children. In the coming weeks, help your child earn a peanut butter jar to donate to St. Thomas' Care Pantry during the fourth grade Mass in November.

Fifth Grade RE Classes

Recently, fifth graders made their own rosaries while praying a meditative rosary. May they pray the rosary often honoring Mary and while meditating on the life of Jesus. We thank Lourdes Chew for sharing her talent of rosary making, some history of the rosary and guiding the fifth grade children through rosary prayer on Tuesday and Saturday RE classes.

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 ...

Today is All Saints Day, who is your favorite saint and why?



Important Dates for Middle School RE

October 31, November 7, 14, 21
November 2, 9, 16

Saturday middle school RE classes meet
Monday middle school RE classes meet



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 Sainly 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!



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.



Harvest Sunday Food Collection

Harvest Sunday food collection is **THIS** Sunday, November 1.

If you received an orange Harvest Sunday flyer, remember to leave a bag of food on the curb in front of your home and Harvest Sunday volunteers will be by to collect it.

If you didn't receive a flyer, you can still participate by bringing a bag of food to the St. Thomas drive-through donation drop-off from 4:00–6:00 pm Saturday, October 31 and 9:00 am–5:00 pm Sunday, November 1.

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS

Please, give

Service Commission — Pastoral Care

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:00–8:30 pm

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

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.



Facts About Blood

- Donating blood burns 650 calories
- Blood makes up about 7% of your body's weight.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.8 million people will be diagnosed with cancer in 2020. Many of them will frequently require blood transfusions during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.
- Someone needs blood every 2 seconds.

Resource: Versiti, Inc.

Let's make sure that when blood is needed it will be available!

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

Every Blood Donor is a Hero!

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



Pastoral Care Resources

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

Counseling

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

Health Resource

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

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

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

From the Office of the Parish Nurse: How Health Conditions Affect Your Covid Risk

High Blood Pressure

Controlling blood pressure reduces morbidity and mortality. So having hypertension controlled is paramount, says Ernesto Schiffrin, M.D., vice chair of research in the McGill University Department of Medicine. "Between 30 and 60 percent of patients with COVID-19 are hypertensive," Schiffrin says.

"High blood pressure becomes more common with age, and older people have a higher infection rate, so it's not surprising that hypertension shows up as highly prevalent" with this disease.

If you are taking medication to control your blood pressure, keep taking it. You may have heard that some common blood pressure medications, such as angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, may make you more susceptible to the virus, but currently there's no evidence to support discontinuing use. In fact, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and other respected medical groups have all issued advisories to doctors: "Do not stop these agents."

And if you haven't had your BP tested in a while? "See your doctor and get it under control," Schiffrin says.

Respiratory Problems

COVID-19 damages the lungs. So if you have a preexisting lung condition, you need to stay as safe as possible until this crisis passes. "If a person's lungs have already been ravaged by disease — say, emphysema or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) or reemergence of asthma — the lungs are already trying manage that," Galiatsatos says. "Introduce an infection, and your symptoms may be much worse." In addition to washing your hands and wearing a mask, staying current with your meds and managing your health is an important part of protecting yourself.

Respiratory diseases that are under control also bode well for COVID-19 patients during the ensuing months as their lungs heal. The key is working with your doctor to manage your healing, which could involve medications but will definitely involve exercise. Galiatsatos says. "Go for maximum healing, so even if your lungs don't come back at 100 percent, if you push them, they'll adapt. We have plenty of patients whose lungs were permanently damaged but who still have the endurance of someone with structurally normal lungs."

Blood Clots

News reports about failing lungs full of micro-clots and limbs being amputated due to COVID-19 complications have alarmed a lot of people. The facts are worrisome, but it's important to put them in perspective.

"COVID-19 is absolutely associated with an increase in blood-clotting risk," Laurence says. "The risk is greater in people with other conditions associated with an increased blood clotting, like diabetes, obesity and smoking." But, say you're in a high-risk category and you catch the coronavirus. What happens? If hospitalized, you may be prescribed blood thinners. If you develop a blood clot in the hospital, you'll get even stronger anticoagulants. Upon discharge, you'll get another 30 day prescription, or more prolonged therapy if a blood clot was detected.

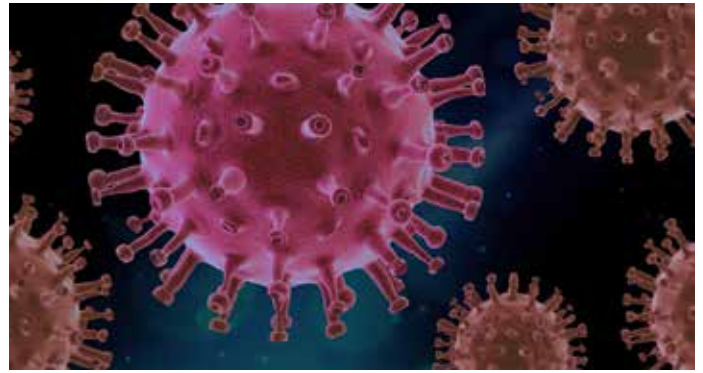
Should people start taking baby aspirin to prevent clots if they test positive for COVID-19? Not unless your doctor tells you to. For folks who are already on blood-thinning meds? It's even easier: "If your doctor hasn't told you to stop taking them, don't," Laurence says.

Overweight

Abdominal fat releases chemicals that can trigger chronic inflammation. And some research suggests that obesity may directly weaken the immune system by causing what doctors call immune dysregulation, meaning the immune system reacts in an uncontrolled way, which can lead to worse coronavirus infection outcomes.

For all these reasons, being overweight or obese puts you at greater risk of being hospitalized or placed in the ICU as a result of COVID-19 says Kyle Stephens, M.D. a bariatric surgeon at Houston Methodist Hospital. But the same advice that helps people lose weight — less junk food, more healthy produce, proteins and whole grains, and exercising — helps reduce the risks of most other COVID-19 comorbidities as well by lowering blood pressure, reducing type 2 diabetes and blood clot risk, and supporting lung function. As Galiatsatos says, "The real way to beat COVID-19 is not catching it to begin with. And if you do catch it, being in your best health will give you a fighting chance to survive it and heal from it."

Resource: AARP bulletin October 2020



Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice



The St. Thomas Solidarity Coalition Ministry is periodically providing chapter summaries of the book "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. We encourage you to purchase the book and follow along with us as we, as the author states, "challenge racism." It is a challenging book, and not always an "easy read." It might challenge your beliefs. That is a good thing in these times.

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?

DuPage PADS Ministry New Procedures

DuPage PADS has been housing the homeless in hotels since late March. They have moved some to more permanent solutions, but many are still in hotels.

They are reopening their church model, where the homeless stay overnight in an area church on a much smaller scale, while continuing the hotel model. St. Thomas DuPage PADS Ministry has historically served at Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) on the first Sunday of the month. Things have changed, per the message from Gail and Tim Micheau, ministry facilitators.

The DuPage PADS site at CUMC is back in business on Friday and Saturday nights. St. Thomas will handle first Saturday of the month. Everything looks a lot different in COVID world. Brief summary:

1. No contact with guests.
2. PADS staff on site the entire time.
3. All food is pre-packaged with both lunch and breakfast to go.
4. All food must be restaurant or store prepared (just learned this last night), this really only affects dinner. Lunch and breakfast will be items such as granola bars, fruit, lunchables, chips etc.
5. Only one volunteer needed overnight at a time
6. 20 guests maximum

Stay tuned.

Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations

Care Pantry volunteers accepted drive-thru donations on Tuesday, October 20. People in 75 vehicles brought 370 bags of food/packages of toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels. The number of bags of food is up from last month. Part of the reason is two different parishioners did a mini food drive. They told their neighbors of our needs and acted as a drop off point in their neighborhood. The vehicles of these two parishioners were crammed full of donations. A big thank you to St. Thomas and to our neighbors!

The food collected will provide physical nourishment. The food may also help people feel stronger emotionally and spiritually. The November drive-thru donations date was the weekend of Harvest Sunday (October 31-November 1). There will not be an additional drive-thru donations date in November.



Jobs Ministry – PATH Job Seeker Networking Opportunity

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

Program Name: ‘Networking Night’ at the PATH Group

Program Speaker: Job Seekers

Date: November 10, 2020

Time: 6:30–9:15 pm

Meeting Type: Virtual, Zoom Webinar



Networking has proven to be the most effective method in the Job Search process and on November 10, the PATH Group will be featuring ‘Networking Night’ at the PATH Group. The PATH Group ‘Networking Night’ is all about introductions, connections, suggestions, referrals and encouragement!

Attendees will be asked to introduce themselves, share their Marketing Handbills, ‘Get & Give’ suggestions, and make valuable connections that will enable them in their job search.

PATH Group programs are being conducted utilizing the Zoom platform and will require advance registration. Interested parties should contact Fred Johnson at fred.c.johnson50@gmail.com in order to receive registration information and/or register utilizing the meeting link (<https://bit.ly/3kxw8sZ>).

After registering for the meeting, a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting will be sent to the registrant.



Exercise Your Right to Vote and Pray for All Involved in the Voting Process!

Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/ state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

*We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed,
religion or gender.*

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

*We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

St. Thomas Publishes Report of Stewardship for 2019-2020

St. Thomas the Apostle recently published the stewardship report for fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. A copy is included in this issue of the bulletin and is also available on the St. Thomas website at www.stapostle.org.

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

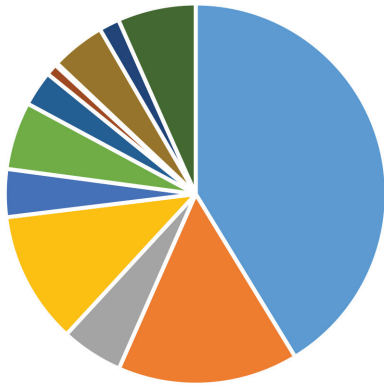
July 1 2019-
June 30 2020

	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

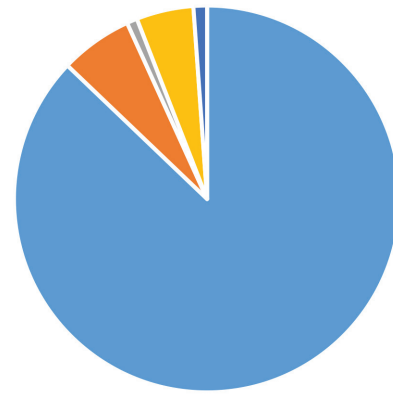
Diocesan Account Information	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Loan - Principal Balance	\$0	\$200,000
Debt Service Funds on Deposit	510	102,425
Capital Reserve and Savings	863,597	837,166
Local Bank Church Operating Accounts	\$453,527	\$216,049
Payroll Protection Program Liability	(211,300)	
Summary of Financing 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	(\$101,915)	(\$84,147)

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 Communions
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, November 2

7:00–8:00 pm All Souls Mass, Church
 7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Class, Zoom Meeting
 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study - Zoom Meeting
 7:00–8:30 pm Grief for the Holidays—Zoom Meeting

Thursday, November 5

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–8:30 pm Youth Ministry, Youth Center
 7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

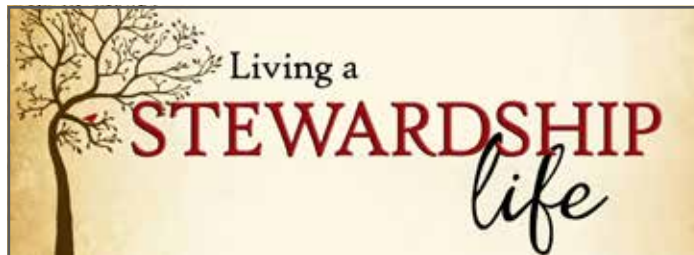
Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

8:30–11:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Galilee
 4:30–5:30 pm RE 5th Grade Mass, Church

Sunday, November 8

9:00–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
 2:00–3:00 pm Baptisms, Church
 3:00–4:15 pm Journey 1, Ministry Center
 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Classes, Ministry Center
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey 1, Youth Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Ministry Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Journey 1, Youth Center



As Pope Francis teaches us, an authentic faith ... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed “the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,” the Church, “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 183)

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops page on issues and action

Please use the time God has given you and vote.

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

October 18, 2020	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$11,368
Credit Card On-Line Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$6,896
Total for the week	\$18,264
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$500,735
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$31,296
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$539,026
Over/short of goal to date	(\$38,291)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	29%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,251,098

This week, the Sunday collection is \$38,291 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$747 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2020

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,600
Pledges Received	\$141,939
Percent of Goal pledged to date	81.29%
Unpaid pledges	\$11,592
Paid to Date	\$130,347
Percent of goal paid to date	74.65

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