

# St. Thomas

MARCH 21, 2021 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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\*indicates part-time staff

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

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

**Baptism:** Baptisms are usually celebrated two to three Sundays each month at a 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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Dear Parish Family,



Next week, we begin our most solemn week of the Church year when we celebrate Holy Week as we recall the events of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His Last Supper on Holy Thursday, His suffering and death on Good Friday, culminating in our greatest feast of all,

His resurrection at Easter. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will hear from Mark's gospel which describes Jesus' Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, suffering and death. When the gospels of Matthew and Luke are proclaimed on other Palm Sunday celebrations, we also hear the same events of Jesus' last days on earth before His resurrection.

But John's gospel is different. His is the only gospel which does not describe the first Eucharistic celebration with Jesus and his disciples at Holy Thursday. Instead, we will hear about Jesus washing His disciples' feet, the only one of the gospels to describe that action of Jesus.

John had already given a detailed teaching earlier in his gospel on the Eucharist after Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 with only a few pieces of bread and fish to begin with. He probably felt it was not necessary to repeat Jesus' teaching when He shared His Body and Blood with His disciples in the forms of bread and wine at the Last Supper.

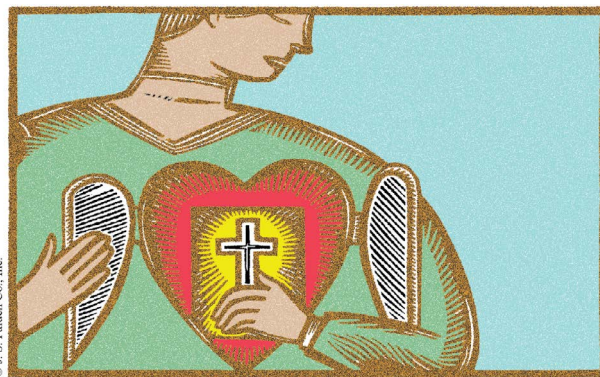
Then there is Jesus' agony in the garden which is another event of Jesus' life which is missing from John's gospel. Or is it? Matthew, Mark and Luke describe Jesus pleading with His Father to "take this cup away from me" in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. Maybe we heard the beginning of Jesus' agony in today's gospel scene from John, which took place before the Last Supper, when Jesus said, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?'"

While all four evangelists have some differences in their narratives, their message is the same; the depth of the Son of God's love for the world. As we will soon begin the most solemn of all weeks of our Church year, let's take some time to read the different versions of what will be our Lord's triumph over death, when, as Jesus said in today's gospel, "I will be "lifted up from the earth (and) draw everyone to myself."

Please join us for our Lenten reconciliation service on Wednesday evening, March 24 at 7:00. Please note that preregistration is not required but we will still collect contact information from all who attend. The liturgy will include readings from scripture and reflections, followed by an opportunity for individual confessions. There will be a number of priests available for individual reconciliations. Let us all take advantage of this opportunity God has given us to renew ourselves in His love.

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

— Jeremiah 31:33

### 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 [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org)*

#### Weekend — Must sign up online to attend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am

*All three weekend Masses will also be livestreamed and available to watch on demand at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org)*

#### Reconciliation

*St. Thomas offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass. Reconciliation will be from 3:30–4:15 pm in the Galilee Room. Please check the website for full details.*

## Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. Join us!

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call Kathy Ferguson in the General Office at 630.355.8980, x100.

## Church Office Hours

Please note the office hours effective through March.

9:00 am–8:30 pm Monday and Thursday

9:00 am–7:00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday

9:00 am–4:00 pm Friday

9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday

Evenings will vary according to needs. You can call to check on times before coming. Please enter through Door A.

# Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalms** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

## Prayer

*There was once a person  
who had a fig tree planted in his orchard ...*

*Jesus,  
kind and patient  
gardener of  
souls:*

*when we are barren  
like that fig tree,  
soak our  
roots,  
make them  
heavy with your love.*

*And,  
pour your grace on us like  
water on parched  
land*

*until we bear fruit.*

## Presider Schedule March 27–28

### Saturday, March 27

4:30 pm – Fr. Matt Lorenz

### Sunday, March 28

9:00 am – Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Larry Kearney

10:45 a.m. – Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## New Mass Schedule

The new weekend Mass times are:

**Saturday 4:30 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am**

**Sunday 10:45 am**

Sign-up will continue to be necessary and available on the St. Thomas website. All Masses will be streamed live with an outdoor communion option.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

### Monday, March 22, 2021

8:30 am †James Michael Daly, by Mary Wright

### Tuesday, March 23, 2021

8:30 am †Mr. James Buschback, by Carolyn Coughlin

### Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:30 am †Ethel Lawler, by Matthew Carlyle

### Thursday, March 25, 2021

8:30am †John Egermann

### Friday, March 26, 2021

8:30 am †Rudy Cuasay, by Cecile and Emil Querubin

### Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Jim Wolff, by MaryAnn

†Todd McCoy, by Schmitts and Cullens

### Sunday, March 28, 2021

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

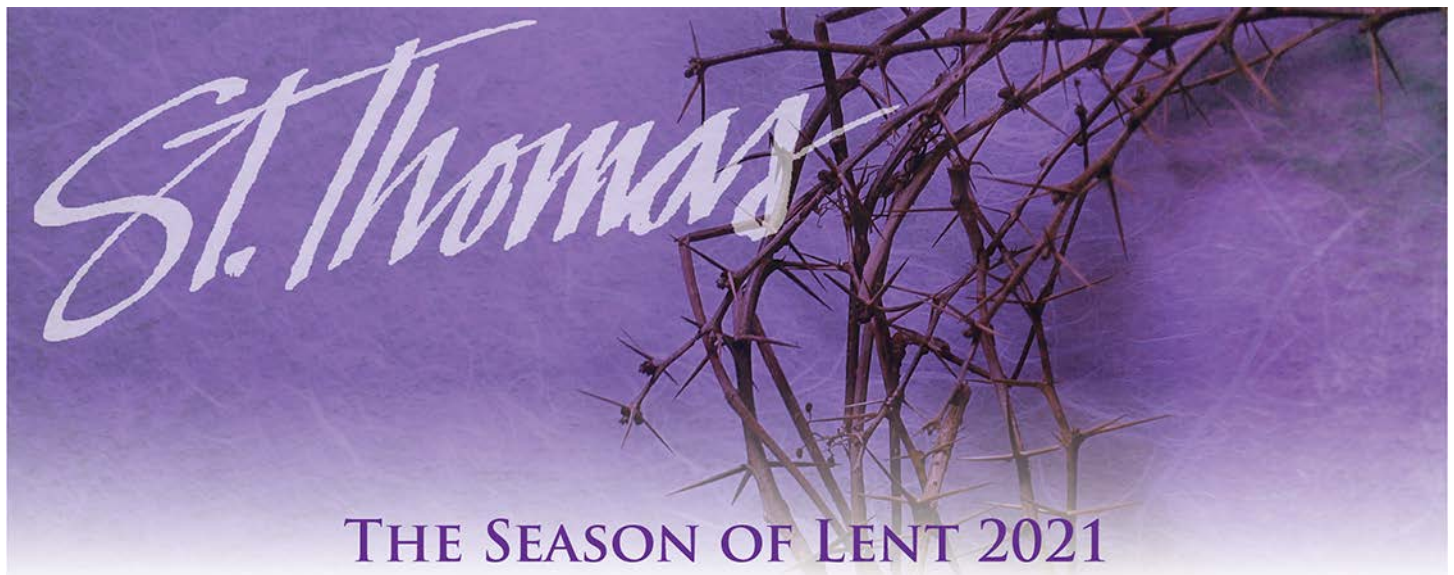
9:00 am †Nancy Davis, by Jim and MaryJo Breen

†Michael Ingoldsby, by Ann Mitchell

Special Intention for Donald and Carolyn Coughlan Anniversary, by The Pierson Family

10:45 am †Mary Dunford, by The Reitmann Family

†Rudy Reitmann, by The Reitmann Family



## Fifth Sunday of Lent: About Dying

Many are already thinking of spring planting and waiting for bulbs to show and then flower. Dying seeds. Dormant bulbs. Plentiful produce. Beautiful flowers.

- As Lent winds down, what still needs to die in me?
- As Easter draws near, what needs to flourish?
- How will I remain obediently faithful?

## Lent Reconciliation

The St. Thomas community will celebrate a Lenten communal reconciliation service this Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Liturgy of the Word will be followed by the opportunity for individual confession with a priest. *Preregistration is not required but you will need to fill out a contract tracing form. You may fill it out upon arrival at St. Thomas or save time and download it from our website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) and bring it with you. Maximum occupancy is 125.*

## Stations of the Cross

*Fridays of Lent, 7:00 pm in the Church*

The Way of the Cross has always been a powerful and popular part of the faith tradition and devotional life for Catholics throughout the ages. The early practice of Christians attempting to retrace and walk the path of Jesus has always been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.

*To maintain safety guidelines for our community members, Stations of the Cross will take on a different form this year. While all are invited to pray in the church space, there will not be a procession to each station. All gathered will remain socially distanced in their pew, with projections assisting the faithful in going through each station and providing verbal responses. Music will not be included.*

*Preregistration is not required but you will need to fill out a contract tracing form. You may fill it out upon arrival at St. Thomas or save time and download it from our website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) and bring it with you. Maximum occupancy is 125.*

### March 26

The *Scriptural Stations of the Cross* are based on those celebrated by Saint Pope John Paul II on Good Friday in 1991. They are an alternative to the traditional stations as a way of more deeply reflecting on the Scriptural accounts of Christ' Passion.

## Palm Sunday Distribution of Palms

Palm Sunday is next weekend. For those of you joining us from home or the parking lot, please feel welcome to come pick up a blessed palm from the Gathering Area doors — Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 1:00 pm. You may also pick up palms from the Reception Desk Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week (March 29, 30 and 31).

For information and a schedule of all activities and services during Lent from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday at St. Thomas, please check the St. Thomas website for the Season of Lent 2021 brochure.

### Programs by Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm. at Carmelite Spiritual Center

**April 1; Holy Thursday – The Seder Meal** The full lamb dinner with explanations and how it became our Christian Eucharist. 6:00–9:30 pm

**April 2: Good Friday – A Solemn Day of Prayer** The Way of the Cross, quiet time, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion Service – truly understand why it is “Good Friday.” 9:30 am–4:00 pm

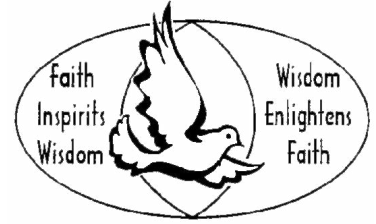
**November 7–18, 2021 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**  
Get a full brochure

To get more information or registration please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL; or 630.969.4141.

# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

Jesus was regularly in conflict with the established powers of his time and place, even those from his own religious tradition. He was often on the other side of the fence from his own religious leaders. And he knew they were always watching him closely, yet they never seemed to see the truth or understand what he was all about. Mark's gospel (3:5) tells us Jesus was "grieved at their hardness of heart." So it's no wonder why he often told stories that included an exhortation to see, hear, watch, be alert and stay awake. Even though Jesus' disciples spent a great deal of time with him, Jesus even had to ask them — "Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember ...?" (Mark 8:18).



Jesus often said things and understood things at levels that far exceeded the understanding of his audiences. The people around him did not seem to have the level of spiritual maturity he did, so things he said often just didn't make sense to them. Jesus' words and ways often confuse and challenge us as well. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, a Franciscan mystic by the name of John Duns Scotus said we can only receive according to the manner of the receiver. In other words, we typically only "see" and "hear" what we want to, what confirms what we already believe and what makes sense to us according to the level at which we are currently able to process. That of course means if we want to "see" and receive more fully, more extensively, and more realistically, we have to alter the manner of our reception — we must become better receivers.



### Sophia's Circle returns!

**"Spiritual Growth through Dream Work"**

Presented by Tammy Winn Bocher  
Friday, April 16, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Gather for an evening of self-discovery and shared wisdom as we look at what our dreams may be trying to tell us. Together we will explore why it's worth paying attention to our dreams, how we can work with and interpret them and ways we can accept guidance from them that can deeply enrich our lives. Participants are encouraged to bring a recent dream they've had, written down, though this is not required.

Tammy Winn Bocher holds a graduate degree in Religious Studies. She works as a recording artist, contemplative writer and presenter. Tammy also has experience teaching theology and directing youth and young adult ministries. Specific to dream work, Tammy has worked with her own dreams in spiritual direction over the past 15 years. Additionally she participates in continuing education workshops on the topic and stays active in an ongoing dream group.

### Adult Confirmation Prep

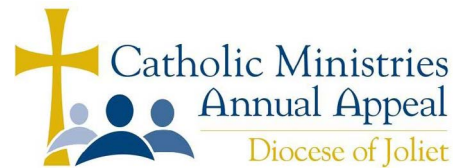
If you are 18 years of age or older and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, preparation sessions will be starting soon. Adult Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on both April 18 and May 2.

If you wish to be confirmed, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at [croales@stapostle.org](mailto:croales@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x138.

You will need to have a copy of your baptismal certificate and the name of your sponsor.

### See How Your Gift to the CMAA Helps Our Ministries

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 CMAA. Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$174,100.



To witness how gifts to the CMAA help our ministries, view a one-minute vignette about the Catholic Schools Office that is on the St. Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org). Type CMAA in the search box. Testimonials from Dr. Michael Boyle, Superintendent, and Mrs. Barnes, a parent, share how thankful they are for all the CMAA does to help children in our Catholic Schools.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. Please return your pledge card in the mail or make a secure gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to 815.205.1949.



# Easter Flower Fund

You are invited to make a donation toward Easter Flowers in recognition of a loved one. The names of these individuals will be on a display board at the Easter Masses. A suggested donation of \$10 per name (exact change or check made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle) should be sent in with the order form. The completed form and payment should be placed in an envelope, to the "Attn of Kathy Ferguson" and can be mailed in, brought in through Door A during the building open hours or placed in the offertory collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Ferguson at [mainoffice@stapostle.org](mailto:mainoffice@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x100.

**Orders must be received by Friday, March 26.**

## Easter Flower Fund

*I would like to make a contribution toward Easter flowers.*

In Honor Of:

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED

*Please return this form to the church office by Friday, March 26.*

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### April First Communion Prayer Service

The April First Communion Prayer Service is “It’s About Making Peace.” The April Prayer Services are Monday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP online. Sign-ups are closed 24 hours before the prayer service. If three people are coming, please sign up three times for three seats. Please bring your “My Mass Booklet” to the prayer session.

### First Reconciliation Services Information

First Reconciliation services for fourth and fifth graders are at the church on Saturday March 20 and 27 at 1:00 pm. Due to safety issues, only two parents and the child(ren) receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation may attend. Online reservations for the date of your Reconciliation service are requested. Please see your email for reconciliation reservations. Please contact the Faith Formation Office or Lorraine Katz at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x109, if you have any questions with reserving your date.

Please pray for these children and their families that they may always know the love and forgiveness that God offers through this sacrament. May we too, know the joy of forgiveness that comes with this sacrament. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Children and Family Stations of the Cross

As the weather turns nicer, how about enjoying the outside in a prayerful way this Lent? Families are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross with a children’s guide outside this year. A children’s prayer guide is available to borrow, leading your family through each station, with a leader and youth response. The walk will take about 15-20 minutes. Please contact Lorraine Katz at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x109, to borrow guides and arrange a time to walk the stations. The stations start at the back of the parking lot where outside RE classes began in the fall and end near the outdoor labyrinth. It is a nice place to pray and walk.

### Holy Week Playlist

Holy Week allows us an opportunity to experience the most solemn week of our Church year. If you are searching for a way to be present to that experience, check out some of the resources in the Holy Week playlist, ‘Sacred Journey, Sacred Days.’ The playlist contains links to videos, articles and activities to make Holy Week more meaningful for you and your family. Check it out on the St. Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).

### Thank You Middle School Catechists and Volunteers

Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of a dedicated group of catechists and volunteers. These volunteers include our catechists: Mary Wright, Julia Krupa, Darlene Dionne-Karales, Mary Szczap, Kathy Powell, Elijah Powell, Chris Baker, Jen Kennedy, John Kennedy, Tim Berglind, Tanya Galer, Sean Elliffe, Karen Curran and Vicki Agustsson.

There are also volunteers who are willing to work behind the scenes to ensure our programs run smoothly. These volunteers include Bernie Salzig, John Growney, Carolyn Vondran and Gina Howley.

Thanks to all of these volunteers for sharing the gifts of their time and talent with St. Thomas middle school students. Especially in this pandemic year, the dedication of our volunteers is a gift to the whole St. Thomas faith community.

### Important Dates for Elementary RE

#### Saturday

March 20 – Last RE Class

#### Tuesday

March 23 – Last RE Class

### Question of the week ...

How can you help others grow in their faith?





## Living Stations 2021

A group of middle school students has been working hard to make sure that the St. Thomas faith community can experience Living Stations of the Cross. This year, the music, prayers and enacting each of the Stations will be filmed and woven together into a beautiful prayer experience. Good Friday Living Stations will then be available online. We hope that you will take the time to pray and remember with us.

A BIG shout out goes to all of those who made the March 7 Mass for middle school families a wonderful celebration ...

- The middle school students who volunteered to serve as lectors and commentators: Jacob Lee, James Reitmann, Allison Zielke and Maggie Pepiot.
- Fr. Bill Etheredge for agreeing to preside at liturgy and for an amazing proclamation of the Gospel.
- Jim Clauer and Samantha Delke for the music and help with the liturgy details.
- Casey Braun for the online signup.
- The greeters, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and the sacristan who made being able to gather and celebrate possible.
- The middle school catechists for sharing their faith and the example of their life.
- Middle school families for hanging in this most unusual year.
- All of those who prayerfully support middle school faith formation by praying with us and for us.

Thanks for helping us to pray and praise!

*a big*  
shout  
**OUT!**

## Important Dates for Middle School Religious Education

**March 20** — Saturday middle school RE classes meet

**March 22** — Monday middle school RE classes meet

## High School Youth Ministry Service Projects:

### Bread Tag Recycling Program for Wheelchairs

We've partnered with SCARCE for this recycling project. SCARCE works with Danielle Cares for Chairs to recycle bread tags. Funds raised through recycling bread tags provide mobility equipment for those in need. You can go to <https://www.scarce.org/bread-tag-recycling-provides-wheelchair/> for more information. Please help us by collecting bread tags. We have a box on the RE credenza in the Gathering Area marked "Bread Tag Recycling Program" for bread tags.

### Super Crayon Project

We are collecting crayons for SCARCE. Good condition full sized crayons will be put together in packets for teachers to use with their classes. The broken crayons will be separated by color and peeled so that they can be melted down for children with special needs. If you have some old crayons you no longer want, drop them off at St. Thomas. There is a crayon drop off box in the Gathering Area. High School youth who would like to help with this project should call or email Dorothy Grantham at 630.355.8980, x117 or [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org). This is a project that can be done at home!

### Journey 1 Online Retreats

For those who are in Year 1 of Confirmation preparation, please sign up for the online retreat on either Friday, April 23, from 6:00–9:00pm or Friday, May 7, from 6:00–9:00pm. Call or email Dorothy Grantham at 630.355.8980, x117 or [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org) to sign up if you have not done so yet.

### LIFE Community Nights

Open to High School teens for prayer, sharing, service and games on Thursday Nights: March 25, April 8, April 22 and April 29.

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

## From the Office of the Parish Nurse What's the concern about the new COVID-19 variants? Are they more contagious?

Answer from Daniel C. DeSimone, M.D.  
Mayo Clinic

Currently, three new variants of the virus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are creating concern. These variants seem to spread more easily and quickly among people, causing more infections with the COVID-19 virus. All three variants have now been identified in the U.S., as well as many other countries. The variants include:

- A variant identified in the U.K. This COVID-19 variant (B.1.17) has 23 mutations. Several of these mutations are in the spikelike S protein that the virus uses to attach itself to the surface of human cells. This variant might be associated with an increased risk of death compared to other variants, but further research is needed.
- A variant identified in South Africa. This variant (B.1.351) has multiple mutations in the S protein. There's no evidence that this variant cause more severe disease due to COVID-19.
- A variant identified in Brazil. This variant (P.1) has 17 mutations, including 3 in the S protein. Some evidence suggests that this variant might be less vulnerable to antibodies generated by a previous COVID-19 infection or a COVID-19 vaccine.

Early research that still needs to be finalized suggests that the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines can provide protections against the variants identified in the U.K. and South Africa. Vaccine manufacturers are also looking into creating booster shots to improve protection against variants

## March 22-28 National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week What is drug addiction?

Addiction is defined as a chronic, relapsing disorder characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use despite adverse consequences. It is considered a brain disorder, because it changes brain circuits involved in reward, stress and self-control. Addiction is a lot like other diseases, such as heart disease. Both disrupt the normal, healthy functioning of an organ in the body, both have serious harmful effects and both are, in many cases, preventable and treatable. If left untreated, they can last a lifetime and may lead to death.

### Why do people take drugs?

In general, people take drugs for a few reasons:

- **To feel good.** Drugs can produce intense feelings of pleasure. This initial euphoria is followed by other effects, which differ with the type of drug used. For example, with stimulants such as cocaine, the high is followed by feelings of power, self-confidence and increased energy. In contrast, the euphoria caused by opioids such as heroin is followed by feelings of relaxation and satisfaction.
- **To feel better.** Some people who suffer from social anxiety, stress and depression start using drugs to try to feel less anxious. Stress can play a major role in starting and continuing drug use as well as relapse (return to drug use) in patients recovering from addiction.
- **To do better.** Some people feel pressure to improve their focus in school or at work or their abilities in sports. This can play a role in trying or continuing to use drugs, such as prescription stimulants or cocaine.
- **Curiosity and social pressure.** In this respect, teens are particularly at risk because peer pressure can be very strong. Adolescence is a developmental period during which the presence of risk factors, such as peers who use drugs, may lead to substance use.

One of the brain areas still maturing during adolescence is the prefrontal cortex — the part of the brain that allows people to assess situations, make sound decisions and keep emotions and desires under control. The fact that this critical part of a teen's brain is still a work in progress puts them at increased risk for trying drugs or continuing to take them. Introducing drugs during this period of development may cause brain changes that have profound and long-lasting consequences.

### Risk Factors

Aggressive behavior  
Lack of parental supervision  
Low peer refusal skills  
Drug experimentation  
Availability of drugs at school  
Community poverty

### Protective Factors

Self-control  
Parental monitoring/support  
Positive relationships  
Good grades  
School anti-drug policies  
Neighborhood resources



## Blood Drive Recap

Thank you to all the faithful blood donors who attended and gave the gift of life at the St. Thomas Blood Drive on March 13 at the Fort Hill Activity Center. Twenty seven people saved 81 lives!

This has been a challenging year for all. Thank you to the Naperville Park District for allowing us to continue to serve the community.

Great job St. Thomas!





## Wellspring

We invite you to a Zoom Event on Monday, April 12, 2021

How to Live Hopefully in a Culture of Anxiety

Presented by Dr. Lauren Friedrich. Lauren is the Director of Clinical Psychology Training at SamaraCare Counseling. She completed her masters and doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology.

This event is from 7:00–8:00 pm with time for questions and answers.

To register, contact Chari Rosales at [croales@stapostle.org](mailto:croales@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x138.

*"Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God."  
Isaiah 40:1*



SUPPORT ST. THOMAS  
*Please, give*

## Please Continue Giving to St. Thomas

We continue to follow the guidelines set 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.

## Pastoral Care Resources

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

### Counseling

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

### Health Resource

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

### Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

### St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

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

# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice



## Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations

Care Pantry volunteers accepted drive-thru donations on Tuesday, March 9. 354 bags of food were collected from people in 86 vehicles. The Sisters of St. Joseph in LaGrange Park provided beautiful cards to give to each donor in honor of National Catholic Sisters Week. Sr. Marlene Schemmel, former Director of Outreach and Social Justice at St. Thomas and the founder of the Care Pantry, is a Sister of St. Joseph. In addition to food, people provided \$545 in monetary donations. Thank you to all who were able to donate.

The next Drive-Thru donations date is Tuesday, April 6 from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm. Check the website closer to the date for a list of needed items.

## Easter Ham Drive

March 27-28 Weekend

We will have drive-thru ham donations the weekend of March 27-28. Saturday from 4:00–6:00 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am–12:30 pm. There will NOT be a truck in front of the church. Bring your ham donations to Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.



Our goal this year is **200** hams for our Care Pantry families, St. Nicholas Pantry (our twinning parish in Aurora), and St. Patrick in Joliet, where Fr. Dof is the pastor.

If you are able, please drive a ham to St. Thomas! Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks out to "St. Thomas OSJ" and put "Hams" in the memo section. As we are blessed, so we are called to bless others.



## Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism

This Stations of the Cross resource on overcoming racism, provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), can help you, your family and your friends reflect on the bishops' pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. A rich Lenten reflection, this prayer resource can help open our hearts to the persistent nature of racism and the call to help overcome it.

The USCCB writes: "People in our day suffer unjustly simply because of the color of their skin or their national origin. Let us acknowledge the sin of racism and work to combat it in our social structures, our institutions and our hearts." Each of the 14 Stations of the Cross reflects on racism as a rejection of the full humanity of the children of God.

The complete text of the stations is available on the St. Thomas website. To read the bishops' letter, click [here](#).

## 10 Ways to Fight Hate Reintroduced

During the Season of Lent, St. Thomas will reintroduce the flyers "10 Ways to Fight Hate" as part of the parish focus on Racial Justice. The flyers were originally provided in 2018–2019 and were a collaborative effort among the St. Thomas Immigration/Refugee Initiative, Pax Christi and Solidarity Coalition ministries. Each flyer provides information, scripture, song, Catholic Social Teaching and suggestions to put each of the "10 Ways" into action.



The fifth weekend in Lent, March 20–21, highlights "Teach Acceptance" and "Dig Deeper." Every day is an opportunity to grow in our respect for each other. How do the messages our children and we are exposed to support the values of nonviolence, kindness and openness to the presence of God in all people? We pray for the courage to "Dig Deeper" into familiar words of Scripture, beneath assumptions upon which we live our lives and into the messages of both Biblical and current day prophets.

To read the flyers, click [here](#).

## April 6 Election

### City Council Candidate Interview Information Available on St. Thomas Website

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all. So do your homework and vote.



St. Thomas participated in a Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Action. All 11 of the candidates for Naperville City Council met individually (via Zoom) with a team of four people representing different Naperville faith communities. Three topics were discussed: Criminal Justice Reform, Affordable Housing and Human Rights/Fair Housing.

Each candidate was asked to respond “Yes” or “No” to a number of questions on each topic. In addition, the candidates were permitted to provide one paragraph (of 100 words or less) on each topic.

The answers to the “Yes/No” questions and any paragraphs provided by the candidates are available on the St. Thomas website home page (stapostle.org). The results of the interviews are also included in the online bulletin. No candidates are endorsed.

Do your homework and vote on April 6.

## Car Donation

### A SPIRIT Moment

On Thursday, February 25, John called the OSJ Office and offered to donate his mother's car to be given to someone in need. He was in the process of moving his mother to Texas to live with his family. The car was a 1999 Buick Century which created images of a very old car in need of repairs. However, John said the vehicle was in good condition.

At the time, we were not aware of any family that needed a car. We told John we would accept the car and have it checked out with Tom at Ogden Motor car to be sure it was safe. We would pay for repairs if they weren't too extensive. Otherwise, we would junk the car for the \$300 we could get for it. John had understated the condition of the car. It was in great condition with only 49,000 miles on the odometer and not a single spot of rust on the body. The brakes had recently been repaired and the engine had been serviced. The car was in the best condition of any car we had ever received!

On Monday, March 1, Sharon called the OSJ Office. She is a single mother with one daughter. She had finally been called back to her job but needed her vehicle to drive the 25 miles to and from work. She needed her job, but that day her car would start, but it would not move. We had the car towed to Ogden Motor Car. They determined that the transmission need to be replaced at a cost of around \$3,000 even with a used transmission and with the discount we receive from Tom. That was not an option.

We donated the Buick Century to Sharon, paying the title transfer and registration fees for her. Sharon had tears in her eyes when we gave her the keys and was so very grateful. She was able to keep her job.

We received the car on a Thursday and by Monday we had a family in need of a car. It was most certainly a SPIRIT moment.



### 2021 Lenten Project Unlocking Communities

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This year the Lenten project will benefit Unlocking Communities and more specifically, their African initiative. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

Unlocking Communities was founded and is directed by one of our own — Josh Goralski, who grew up at St. Thomas. Unlocking Communities works in poor third world villages. Josh will speak at the Masses this weekend.

Unlocking Communities trains people (mostly women) in smaller villages to be entrepreneurs (providing clean water filters and clean burning stoves for families) — providing self-sustaining economic, health and environmental impacts in communities. Stay tuned for more information during Lent.

#### **If you are able, please make a donation by Easter Sunday. There are three ways to make a donation:**

1. Attend Mass and place a donation envelope clearly marked “Lenten Project” in the basket at the church exit.
2. Checks can be written to “St. Thomas OSJ” with “Lenten Project” in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563).
3. Credit Card: Click **here** to donate. Be aware that a credit card processing charge of 3.4 percent will be deducted from your donation.

March 18, 2021

From: Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Action Team

To: All Naperville Faith Communities

Nine primary-sponsoring Naperville faith communities have taken an action to interview the Naperville City Council candidates on a number of topics that are of special interest to our faith communities. With this communication, we are sharing the information gathered. We hope you will make the information available to members of your faith community as they prepare to vote in the upcoming April 6 election.

We do not endorse any candidates. Our sole purpose is to provide candidate positions on topics that may not have been discussed in other campaign venues, but are important to our faith communities, and, we believe, to the larger Naperville community.

All 11 candidates accepted our invitation to participate. We discussed three topics ... Criminal Justice Reform, Affordable Housing, and the new Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission. After some discussion on each topic, we asked each candidate a number of "Yes or No" questions related to that topic. In addition, each candidate was given the option of providing a paragraph (no more than 100 words) related to each of the three topics.

Attached you will find:

- 1) The candidate responses to the "Yes or No" questions.
- 2) The optional topic paragraphs submitted by the candidates.
- 3) Additional background information that introduced each topic.

This information is also available on the St. Thomas the Apostle Home Page ([www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Phil Meno ([philip.meno@gmail.com](mailto:philip.meno@gmail.com)), who will ensure a representative from one of the sponsoring faith communities contacts you.

We wish to thank all the candidates for sharing their views and engaging in respectful dialogue. Naperville is fortunate to have so many candidates willing to serve our community.

Peace,



Reverend Cindy Marino  
Grace United Methodist Church  
(For the Interfaith Candidate Interview Action Team)

Primary Sponsoring Faith Communities

- Congregation Beth Shalom
- First Congregational United Church of Christ Naperville
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Islamic Center of Naperville
- Naperville Interfaith Leadership Association (NILA)
- St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church – Saint Vincent de Paul Conference
- St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish
- St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
- Wesley United Methodist Church

# Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Summary

## Answers to Yes/No Questions Asked of City Council Candidates (in order of interview-1st 6 of 11)\*

Topic Area / Questions	Candidates and Their Responses**					
Criminal Justice Reform-H.B. 3653 Signed 2/22/21	Paul Leong	Vasavi Chakka	John Krummen	Jennifer Taylor	James Haselhorst	Benny White
1 Do you think that mandating body cameras on all police is a step forward in terms of criminal justice reform?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Do you think ending the cash bonds for non-violent criminal defendants (where judge sees no flight risk or danger to community) is a good idea?	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes
3 Do you think that select limitations on qualified immunity could help deter inappropriate job-related behavior by the police officers that engage in it?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing						
4 Do you think that increasing the amounts of affordable housing has a place in Naperville?	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes
5 Should Naperville accept the State of Illinois' finding that it has less than 10% of its housing stock as "affordable" (7.5% per the state) and submit a plan for increasing its percentage to that level?	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes
6 Do you think moving forward with the recommendations from the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) for Naperville to attain more affordable housing can be done cost-effectively?	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	No	Yes
7 Should Naperville implement an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (IZO) as one of its tools to increase affordable housing if crafted in a way that does not deter development (e.g. providing education and/or incentives)?	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	No	Yes
Human Rights and Diversity						
8 Do you believe the recent racial incidents in Naperville (Buffalo Wild Wings, Naperville Central, the Bucky's gas station) are symptomatic of deeper racial issues in our City?	Yes	Yes	No	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes
9 If anti-discrimination training was made available by the City for its residents would you attend and encourage your neighbors to attend?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10 Would you support a diversity hiring program with a goal of bringing the City's minority employment levels more in line with our city's minority population?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11 Do you think more should be done by the City to foster more minority-owned business in Naperville?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12 Assuming the Islamic Center of Naperville's plan for a new mosque on property it owns in southwest Naperville is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, thus certifying compliance with zoning and technical city requirements, would you as a member of City Council vote to approve the mosque plan?	Would not answer Y/N	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Would not answer Y/N	Yes	Yes

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# Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Summary

## Answers to Yes/No Questions Asked of City Council Candidates (in order of interview-final 5 of 11)\*

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5 Should Naperville accept the State of Illinois' finding that it has less than 10% of its housing stock as "affordable" (7.5% per the state) and submit a plan for increasing its percentage to that level?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Human Rights and Diversity in Naperville					
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# Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Summary-Add'l Info

Because the candidates were asked to give a Yes or No answer to each of the 12 questions in 3 different topic areas, they were permitted, if they desired, to submit a 100-word paragraph FOR EACH TOPIC AREA (not question) clarifying any answer(s) they thought needed clarification. Below are those paragraphs, where submitted (the Interfaith group confirmed the submissions met the 100 word limit, then cut and pasted what the candidate submitted below):

	Criminal Justice Reform	Affordable Housing	Human Rights and Diversity
Paul Leong	<p>Body Cameras: Yes. Especially for all police officers in Illinois. Policing is a difficult job. As a public official, I understand the burden of being under constant scrutiny. But at the same time, because we serve the public, we should be accountable and support transparency. End Cash Bonds: Not sure. I am neither a lawyer nor a judge. Thus, I am not sure how this will affect public safety. End Qualified Immunity: Yes. It is possible, though it very much depends on how the language of the provision is written.</p>	<p>Increase Affordable Housing: I would prefer that the plan be gradual, and allow all stakeholders to be heard. Housing Plan: As a city council member, I would prefer to be in compliance with state and federal laws. I would also like to support Naperville seniors and Naperville city workers (teachers, police, fire fighters, etc.). HAC Recommendations: Yes. With some difficulty. IZO: Not sure. Much like the current city council, I am waiting for the results from the research from staff, in addition to the findings that may come from research from the consultant hired specifically for this task.</p>	<p>In my 20 years in Naperville, I have experienced vastly less racism than when I lived in Chicago. I feel welcome and respected. I have attended diversity and inclusion training while serving on the D203 board. On the Naperville D203 board we established goals for employee recruiting, hiring and retention. The Council works with Naperville Development Partnership. I would leverage this relationship to attract more minority-owned businesses in Naperville. Mosque: Probably. Part of the approval process involves listening to stakeholders and the developers. Compliance with zoning and technical requirements would need to be satisfied.</p>
Vasavi Chakka	<p>The City of Naperville and its police department supported this requirement and have it included in their 2021 budget. Currently the DuPage County States Attorney and others in the judicial/enforcement fields are determining the potential effects of this legislation, the potential burden our communities as the release of offenders should be a tailored approach to ensure that those committing egregious offense are not released back into our communities. Police Officers want to keep our communities safe and undoing provisions that protect their work can increase the number of officers retiring or leaving the service overall.</p>	<p>Families that chose to move and work in Naperville need access to quality and affordable housing solutions. Over the next few years, we must increase the stock of inventory of homes across Naperville. We need a comprehensive plan that will consider the concerns of Naperville residents. We must cautiously look at solutions and implement the best answers by setting adequate timelines to ensure we are using resources effectively. More data and information is needed before implementing an IZO. Development across Naperville needs to be done with the input of residents.</p>	<p>I personally didn't experience racism in Naperville. The incidents mentioned above were unfortunate but do not represent the views of Naperville residents. I encourage everyone to continue learning about the diversity of our community, and engage with our neighbors. It's important to hire qualified people who are reflective of the city's demographics. City needs to ensure that businesses can start and grow without fear of tax or fee increases. I respect all religions equally. My focus is to listen to Naperville residents and work with all stakeholders to ensure that equitable and fair development projects improve the wellbeing of Naperville.</p>
John Krummen	<p>There are many more concerns to body cameras than just the cameras themselves. Questions of how the data will be stored, and for how long. This will put a strain on smaller units of government who may or may not have both the financial and organizational resources to effectively implement the new mandates. However, the good news is that any additional information is always welcomed and much needed when reviewing a police and suspect altercation. It is simply too great an issue, and lives are at stake. Moving forward with more evidence is a positive move in the right direction.</p>	<p>Along with others, I have conducted community town halls to hear from the community about our affordable housing needs. I learned that Naperville has a portfolio of housing needs. The needs of a young professional just starting out in life, a young couple starting a family, growing families, maturing families, empty nesters, retirees, seniors who simply want to downsize, and seniors who may need a little extra help to get through the day, all have different housing needs. So, if Naperville has a portfolio of housing needs, we must have a portfolio of housing solutions. That includes affordable housing.</p>	<p>These racial incidents were horrible, and any single racial incident is one racial incident too many. But what speaks volumes, is that the community did not ignore the issue. Rather, we immediately responded by having open and honest dialogue about inclusion, diversity, and race. The immediate and forth-right response to these racial incidents says more about the character of Naperville than the incidents themselves. Naperville is a loving, caring community and we take care of each other. I welcome more dialogue, and we have work to do. But we are and will continue to be one Naperville.</p>
Jennifer Taylor	<p>Yes, a non-violent offender should not be held just because he/she cannot pay a bond. However, the question incorrectly lists the new bond determination standard in the Police Reform Bill. I do not agree with the new standard. In the new Bill, to hold someone there needs to be an immediate threat to an actual individual, not community as a whole. So individuals now arrested for illegally possessing a gun will be released because there is not a threat to a specific person at time of arrest. Their threat is to the community, which can no longer be considered.</p>	<p>Resolving our housing needs for our workforce, low income, and elderly population is a platform issue of mine. My plan includes incentivizing developers to help through elimination of impact/permit fees and creating a "fast past" system. There is no one answer to this problem, and multiple options will need to be used. I did not answer these individual questions because it was not clear if the questions only applied to low income housing or if it also would extend to our workforce and our elderly, who are not necessarily low income. I want to ensure all are helped.</p>	<p>This is a non-answer because, unfortunately, the racial issues present in Naperville are also present throughout our country. I couldn't answer because the question is inaccurate based on City Attorney DiSanto's clarification of the ICN request and the role of the Planning &amp; Zoning Commission at the March 3rd meeting. The ICN attorney said at that meeting that he's working on adjustments to the development. If elected, all decisions I make will be based on facts, research, and resident feedback. I hope a mosque is built in South Naperville, but not all the information of this project is currently known.</p>

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	Criminal Justice Reform	Affordable Housing	Human Rights and Diversity
James Hasehorst	<p>The problems these cameras are suppose to solve are still happening because these cameras are not the silver bullet needed to fix these problems, better training, better applicant screening and accountability are. Also cash bail only keeps offenders that do not have the financial and legal resources needed to post bail in jail, the repeat offenders have not problem posting bail.</p>	<p>The problem with many of the HAC recommendation is that will not produce affordable house but rather subsidized housing who's government costs will go up each year. IZO's have been tried in other communities with mixed results, they are not a guaranteed solution and they may not produce results that are a good fit for Naperville.</p>	<p>My committing to a hiring program depends how it is written. These type of programs have existed in both the public and private sectors for decades but the problem still exist. I have seen how these kind of programs can fail during my time at the USDA, adopting a program the USDA had would be pointless other than to be symbolic. Extending the current city outreach program beyond our India and China ethnic groups to other ethnic groups would help to encourage minority-owned businesses.</p>
Benny White	<p>Naperville is ahead of most communities in the state when it comes to policing. Body cameras help to provide transparency when police interact with residents and I'm pleased our police chief supports this initiative. The cash bail system tends to favor the "haves" over the "have nots". Those who have the financial resources are able to make bail while those who do not have to stay in jail. Qualified immunity needs to be specified so the most egregious issues are addressed. Eliminating it altogether could have unintended consequences where police do nothing because of the fear of being sued.</p>	<p>People work in Naperville who can't afford to live here. We need to increase the inventory of affordable housing in the city. Most developers do not want to build affordable units because it is not cost effective for them. We should look for ways to make the business opportunity for developers more attractive. A shared cost model with the developer should be explored. We should also look at cities who have already implemented IZO's to gain insight to the lessons learned from those communities so we don't repeat the mistakes made from the communities who have failed in this endeavor.</p>	<p>I have already been doing work in the community through an organization I created called Naperville Neighbors United. Our mission is to educate and inform the community in embracing our diversity by creating a platform that promotes understanding and builds trust amongst community members that fosters a sense of belonging for everyone. We have had meetings featuring speakers from diverse backgrounds who have shared stories about growing up in Naperville. We have also had workshops on implicit bias which have been tremendous. We need to take a proactive approach in recruiting minority candidates while providing support systems to retain them.</p>
Lucy Evans	<p>Body cameras protect citizens and police officers alike. They are now a standard tool in modern policing. Ending the use of cash bonds gives all defendants equal opportunities to await their trial at home instead of taking up space in overcrowded prisons. Without qualified immunity, anyone could file frivolous lawsuits against police officers in civil court. As a former law enforcement officer, I would not want to worry that someone I arrested might sue me in civil court. Police officers should not have the added stress and distraction of civil lawsuits weighing on them while they carry out their duties.</p>	<p>This is an Illinois law mandate. We need to find ways to make up for the shortfall. We already paid a consultant to create a housing action plan. We should implement this plan. We have not exhausted our options to create affordable housing. Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) are compatible land use groupings such as retail, office, recreational, and residential. PUDs can be a cost-effective way to address community and environmental needs. Developers have the means and methods to create affordable housing. The City should use an IZO to involve developers as stakeholders to collaborate starting at the early planning stages.</p>	<p>I have been the target of racial slurs in my own neighborhood. To deny that Naperville has a race problem prohibits awareness and respectful discourse about the issue. What is presented as anti-discrimination training could be perceived by some as an accusation of ignorance. I don't believe it would be well-received at this time. Caveat: Hiring minorities to meet a diversity goal could result in more minorities at lower-level jobs while still lacking diversity in management-level positions. Diversity-hiring shouldn't be used this way. Minority-owned businesses bring many benefits to the community and provide diversity and inclusion at an entrepreneurial level.</p>
Allison Longenbaugh	<p>The criminal justice reform bill set state-wide standards that will lead to a more equitable experience for residents within the criminal justice system. The bill addressed mental health and prioritized de-escalation and training. Naperville's PD already does much of what was in the bill and is "setting the bar, not reaching for it." I supported the last budget which increased funding for additional officers and social workers and I would support more funding for addiction and mental health support. Additional investment would help our struggling residents and would also reduce the cost of enforcement later.</p>	<p>We need to increase the affordable housing stock. This is a wonderful place to live and work but current housing stock trends force out people who have lived or worked here for years. We have limited land availability, need to define what "affordable" means, and ensure that development fits with nearby neighborhoods. It's the right thing to do because we want Naperville to be an inclusive, multigenerational, and diverse city. Since we are actually below the federal decree of 10%, it would be best for us to solve this problem ourselves rather than having a solution imposed on us.</p>	<p>Social Media is full of divisive misinformation right now. I won't waste city time and resources on things that are not within its purview. I don't play on people's fears. I'm focused on facts and will make evidence-based decisions. The key is that we can't be afraid of change or progress. When people hold fast to outdated ideas under the mask of preserving their heritage, it excludes diverse people from having a seat at the table. I'm focused on policies and programs that will best serve our diverse residents. Those policies and programs will position Naperville for a stronger future.</p>

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Ian Holzhauer	<p>When I was a military lawyer, we only used pretrial confinement for defendants who posed a danger to the community or a flight risk, which is what we should be focused on. Qualified immunity limits should be tailored carefully to deter misconduct, but also to protect officials acting in good faith to try to save life and limb.</p>	<p>To me, an example of a Naperville neighborhood where we've successfully integrated a wide-ranging mix of housing options at different price points is the Brookdale subdivision. Not only is it a wonderful, walkable, beautiful subdivision, but there are apartments, duplexes, single family homes, and senior living all in one place. Brookdale is proof that Naperville can include affordable housing in our planning.</p>	<p># 1 - The rash of racial incidents in Naperville last year were not isolated, and there were many unreported incidents. As the child of a mixed family, I am fully aware that there is progress to be made. However, I do want to give credit to Naperville for building a culture that largely and increasingly loudly denounces prejudice. # 3 - I believe an obvious first step is diversifying the pool of qualified applicants. The police department's recent effort to broaden the pool by removing the application fee is a great example.</p>
Vince Ory		<p>[Candidate did not submit supplemental information]</p>	
Mark Urda		<p>[Candidate did not submit supplemental information]</p>	

## **Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Action - Topic Background Information**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

On January 14, the Illinois legislature sent House Bill 3653, a broad criminal justice reform bill, to Governor Pritzker for signature. He signed the bill on February 22. Putting aside for a moment any and all of the procedural issues surrounding the bill, we would like to glean the opinions of City Council candidates on certain key elements of the bill.

1. One element of the bill requires, after a phase-in period to allow smaller municipalities more time due to resource issues, ALL police officers in the state to be equipped with body cameras by 2025.
2. The bill also eventually (by 2023 to allow the courts to work out procedures) ends the use of cash bonds for defendants in criminal cases, unless the defendant is deemed by the presiding judge as a flight risk or a danger to the community.
3. A provision that would have ended qualified immunity for officers (which under current law can shield police officers and other government officials from being sued by victims and their families, even if the officers violated their civil rights) was removed before the bill was finalized.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Affordable Housing is being discussed more prominently and frequently not only in Naperville but in communities nationwide. As both rents and home prices have continued to rise, what is considered affordable has not, forcing low and middle income families out of markets they only marginally once enjoyed. This impacts seniors, veterans, young adults, essential workers, and those with special needs, to name just a few.

Since 2003, the State of Illinois has required communities with less than 10% of their housing stock considered affordable to submit plans to correct the shortfall. Naperville has refused to do so, and its affordable housing stock has fallen from 9.4% in 2003 to just 7.5% as of 2018.

Numerous studies conducted over those 15 years, some funded by Naperville taxpayers, have included a set of tools Naperville could use to address its affordable housing shortage. In June of 2020, Naperville's own Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) recommended 8 of those tools for action by the City Council, including leveraging publicly owned land, preserving naturally-occurring affordable housing, establishing a Housing Trust Fund to help lower income populations to purchase a home, and implementing an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (IZO).

An IZO would require all new developments meeting size and other criteria, to include an affordable housing component in the development plans submitted for approval.

1. While some see the need and benefit of more affordable housing, others say that it is not needed in Naperville and that it would lower property values in the community.
2. Naperville has to date refused to submit a plan to address its affordable housing shortfall by citing that it has Home-Rule status and by disagreeing with the State of Illinois' affordability calculations.
3. The tools recommended for action by the HAC are not free. Public land is not readily available, existing affordable housing requires maintenance and trust funds take money.
4. Implementing IZOs in Naperville would intertwine government and private developer business and may be a way to measurably increase affordable housing uniformly throughout the City.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION**

In 2019 and 2020, several racial incidents took place in Naperville that involved multiple minority groups. Because of these incidents and the overall racial tension in the U.S., the City Council voted to expand the role of the Housing Advisory Commission to include Human Rights, changing the name to the Human Rights and Fair Housing (HRFH) Commission. One new role for this Commission is to "...educate and engage the community in efforts to promote increased awareness and understanding [and] eliminate discrimination..."

1. Some have said that the incidents at Buffalo Wild Wings, Naperville Central, and the Bucky gas station are isolated incidents and not indicative of a bigger racial problem in Naperville.
2. One goal of the HRFH Commission is to educate the public about discrimination in an effort to prevent discriminatory behavior by residents.
3. One way to promote equity and inclusion in our community is to have a City of Naperville workforce that is more reflective of Naperville's diverse population.
4. Encouraging minority-owned businesses in Naperville is another way to promote equity and inclusion.
5. The Islamic Center of Naperville (ICN) is applying to the city of Naperville to build a mosque on the 10-acre land site they purchased over ten years ago. Their plans are in accordance with the zoning law, with two minor variances requested to allow for the best possible plan and appearance to blend in with the surrounding community. (These amendments include not putting up a fence on the north side of the property, which is usually required, and to reduce the physical space required on one side of the property between the street and ICN's parking, which will be offset by additional landscaping and open space.) The Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing the plans. The proposed development has elicited unprecedented citizen input, both in favor and opposed, causing several continuances of the Planning and Zoning Commission's hearing.



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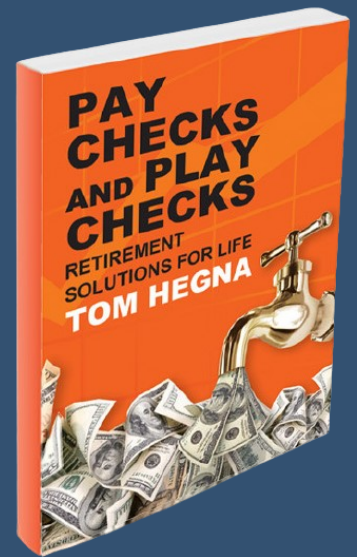
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# Stewardship and Administration

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 22

7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center

### Tuesday, March 23

7:00–9:00 pm RE at St. Thomas, Ministry Center

### Wednesday, March 24

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

7:00 pm Lent Reconciliation, Church

### Thursday, March 25

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

1:45–2:45 pm Living Stations Practice, Church

6:30–8:30 pm Youth Ministry, Gym

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

### Friday, March 26

7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, March 27

1:00–3:00 pm First Reconciliation, Church

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Galilee

### Sunday, March 28

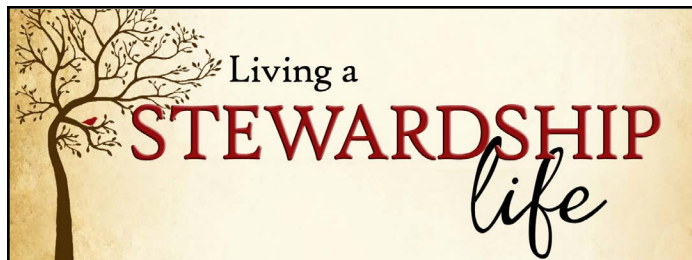
9:00 am–12:00 pm RCIA, Senior Center

## Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

March 7, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$14,900
Credit Card Online Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$22,112
Mailed in and stock donations	\$10,830
Total for the week	\$47,842
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,293,186
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$35,922
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,212,808
Over/short of goal to date	\$80,378
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	74%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$458,647

This week, the Sunday collection is \$80,378 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$510 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.



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It's our hope and prayer that the year ahead brings us out of this pandemic and that we continue to share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

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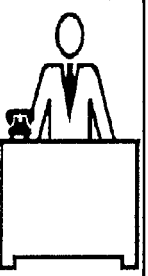
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