

St. Thomas

MARCH 28, 2021 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

Letter from the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you with deep gratitude for your support of last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Due to the pandemic, the Holy See postponed the Collection until September 2020. Your generosity allowed the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land to continue their work of maintaining the sacred shrines and providing hope to Christians.

Each year, the Holy Father asks each Catholic parish around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection to keep Christians in the Holy Land. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to receive pilgrims, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult season, your support is essential to their ministry.

Once again, we ask for your prayers, generosity and encouragement for the **Holy Father's Good Friday Collection on Friday, April 2**. We hope that, soon, travel to the Holy Land may resume safely and pilgrims once again will be able to experience walking in the footsteps of Christ and Our Blessed Mother. In the meantime, our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you for help.

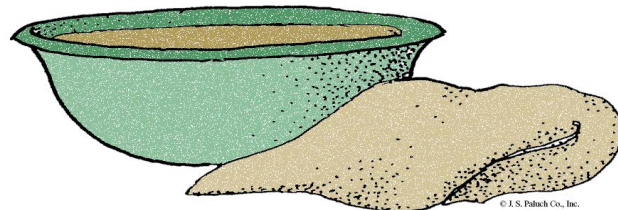
With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity, either by donating on Good Friday, or **giving online by clicking here**.

May Christ continue to bless you abundantly in all the holy work that you do.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Funds received for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the Franciscan Monastery, Regional Commissariat of the Holy Land.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*

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

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

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

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35
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

*Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people.
You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother.
Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us
and the wonder of what you have done for us.
Give us the courage to be your hands and heart
for those who are in pain.
Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness.
May your will be done in us today and always.
Amen.*

Presider Schedule Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 am (Church) — Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:00 am (Church) — Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:15 am (Gym) — Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

10:30 am (Church) — Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Jim Breen

10:45 am (Gym) — Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

12:00 pm (Church) — Fr. Matt Lorenz

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 29, 2021

8:30 am †Donald Coughlan, by The Pierson Family

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

8:30 am †Catherine Raqueno, by Lana Uy and Family

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2, 2021

Good Friday

12:00pm Virtual Living Stations

(Online Presentation of Stations of Cross by the youth)

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord in Church

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Holy Saturday

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Outdoors

7:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am †Larry Didier, by Patti and Bill Dougherty

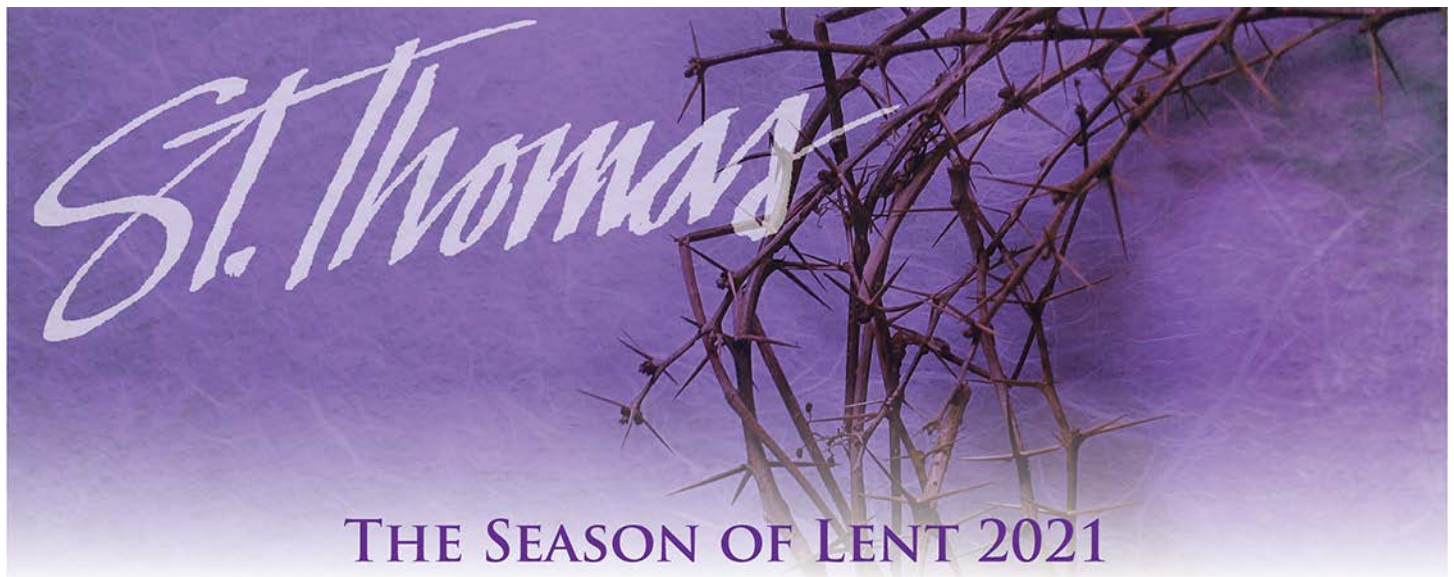
†Veronica Koslowski, by Elizabeth Wyngowski

9:15 am Frances Pereira, by Bill and Patti Dougherty

10:30 am

10:45 am †Todd McCoy, by Schmitts and Cullens

12:00 pm †Teresa Karpinska, by Elizabeth Wyngowski



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: The Final Week

This week begins with blessed hosannas. Then a broken jar of perfumed oil poured on one head. Then a meal with new bread and new wine. Then a garden. Then the cross. Then burial and waiting.

- How will I slow down and keep this week holy?
- How will I mark the days of the Paschal Triduum with special prayer?
- How will participation in the rites of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil enrich my Christian life?

Palm Sunday Distribution of Palms

This weekend is Palm Sunday. 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 (March 29, 30 and 31).

The Triduum: Taking Time to Be Christ's Body

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the Three Days that are the center of our year. Why are these Three Days so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2

Way of the Cross at 12:00 pm (*presented VIRTUALLY by middle/high school youth*)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 12:00 pm in front of Church doors
The Great Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm

Seating is limited and preregistration is required for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Sign-up opens at 10:00 am Monday, March 29, 2021.

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

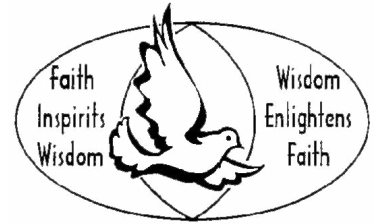
To get more information or registration please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL; or 630.969.4141.

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Last week we were exploring how Jesus' original audiences understood him. But how about us? We have eyes, but do we not see what is really going on around us, especially with people who are not like us? We have ears, but do we not hear the cries and struggles of those who are not members of the chosen groups with

which we are comfortable? Do we not remember the past struggles of our brothers and sisters across multiple generations who worked to overcome biases, prejudices and discrimination of many kinds? How do we go about altering our vision from our own subjectivity to that of greater objectivity, which better reflects reality?



Old Testament biblical scholar Abraham Heschel said a "prophet can give man a new word, but not a new heart." We live in a world of many words. What we need are new hearts. And according to the prophet Jeremiah (24:7), only God can alter human hearts so that we can know God and the ways of God. After all, that's what Jesus came to reveal to us in order to transform us. If we all saw the world through the "eyes" of God and approached the world through the "heart" of God, we would see what God sees, hear what God hears and feel what God feels — and that would change everything for the better.



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

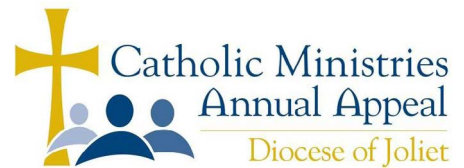
If you are 18 years of age or older and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, preparation sessions will be starting soon. Adult Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on both April 18 and May 2.

If you wish to be confirmed, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@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. 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 or text DONATE to 815.205.1949.



News from All Saints Catholic Academy

Second Grade is Sweet at All Saints



We have read many types of texts so far this year: realistic fiction, expository, poetry, narrative nonfiction, fantasy and fables, to name a few. We practice our reading fluency and comprehension skills a lot in second grade, and have posted a number of fluency recordings onto the Seesaw app using our iPads.

In math, second grade has practiced measuring in inches and centimeters, finding the area and perimeter of a shape, and use fractions to represent a collection of things. Students created their own fraction sundaes!

We spent a few months studying the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We memorized the Act of Contrition, and learned the steps involved in receiving this Sacrament. Many students have received First Reconciliation at their parishes. We are now starting to prepare for First Communion.

One unit of study was all about weather. As an extension of this unit, students created weather drawings

and submitted them to ABC 7 Weather Sketchers Club. Several of our second grader's drawings were featured on the news with Tracy Butler!

In Social Studies, we spent time learning about culture! Students learned about their ancestors by interviewing a family member.

Our science investigations have focused on rocks. Students use their observation skills to group and find similar properties of rocks!

All 35 of our second graders feel lucky to be students at ASCA!!!



A big thank you to our ASCA Blue and Gold Sponsor:

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**For your generous partnership in the All Saints
2020 Dinner Dance Auction — The Crystal Gala**



Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



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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.

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 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.

St. Thomas Video Archive In Case You Missed It

Did you know that the St. Thomas website houses an extensive archive of parish videos? From the musical performances we have shared in the last year to the weekend Masses and Daily prayer services, everything is saved on the website.



Simply go to the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org. In the red navigation bar at the top, click on Video. You will see the current month’s videos. Scroll to the bottom of the page, you will see the archives for previous months and a collection of musical performances and other videos. Some of the videos include Danny Boy from St. Patrick’s Day, Amazing Grace performed by the Sojourners, the Bell Choir, St. Thomas Music Makers, Faces of St. Thomas, the St. Thomas 30th Anniversary concert, I am St. Thomas and many more.

Take some time to look through them and listen to one or a few. You’ll be glad you did!

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.



You are Invited ... to Living Stations

You are invited ... to the moving and prayerful experience of Living Stations. 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. As Good Friday approaches check the St. Thomas website for Good Friday Living Stations. Even though we can't be together in person, we hope that you will take the time to pray and remember with us.



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.

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. 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 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: April 8, April 22 and April 29.

Service Commission — Pastoral Care



Wellspring

Upcoming Event

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 crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138.

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

From the Behavioral Health Ministry World Bipolar Day, March 30, 2021

Bipolar disorder is a mental illness that causes dramatic shifts in a person’s mood, energy and ability to think clearly. People with bipolar experience high and low moods — known as mania and depression — which differ from the typical ups-and-downs most people experience. Mood, energy, activity levels, concentration and the ability to carry out day-to-day tasks may also be affected.



Bipolar disorder is typically diagnosed during late adolescence (teen years) or early adulthood. Occasionally, bipolar symptoms can appear in children. Bipolar disorder can also first appear during a woman’s pregnancy or following childbirth. Although the symptoms may vary over time, proper diagnosis and treatment can help people with bipolar disorder lead healthy and active lives. The condition affects men and women equally, with about 2.6 percent of the U.S. population diagnosed with bipolar disorder and nearly 83 percent of cases classified as severe.

Treatment

- Psychotherapy, such as cognitive behavioral therapy and family-focused therapy.
- Medications, such as mood stabilizers, antipsychotic medications and, to a lesser extent, antidepressants.
- Self-management strategies, like education and recognition of an episode’s early symptoms.
- Complementary health approaches, such as aerobic exercise, meditation, faith and prayer can support, but not replace, treatment.

People with bipolar disorder can also experience

- Anxiety
- Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Substance use disorders

If you have any symptoms of depression or mania, see your doctor or mental health professional. Bipolar disorder doesn’t get better on its own. Getting treatment from a mental health professional with experience in bipolar disorder can help you get your symptoms under control.

Sources: Mayo Clinic, mayoclinic.org; National Alliance on Me

Pastoral Care Resources

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

Counseling

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

Health Resource

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

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

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

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

Sharing Alzheimer's diagnosis: Tips for caregivers

By Mayo Clinic Staff

When a loved one develops Alzheimer's knowing how and when to open up about it can be difficult. Follow these family caregiving tips for sharing an Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Getting Started

The period immediately after a loved one is diagnosed with dementia can be stressful and frightening. You both might be struggling to come to terms with the diagnosis. The person with dementia might not want to let others know about the diagnosis out of fear that they will become uncomfortable around him or her. You might feel torn between wanting to respect the person's privacy and needing to talk to someone about the diagnosis and how your role will change as a caregiver.

If possible, discuss how the person with dementia wants to handle the situation and get permission before sharing the information. Ideally, you'll explore the subject while he or she is still able to express personal wishes. If he or she is unable to do so, ask his or her legal decision-maker for guidance. If you're the legal decision-maker, act in the person's best interests.

The sooner you tell family and friends, the sooner they can begin giving you and the person with dementia much-needed support.

What to say?

Explaining the disease and its effects. Make sure your family and friends understand that dementia is a disease in which brain cells waste away and die, causing a decline in memory and thinking over months to years. Explain the symptoms the person with dementia is likely to experience and how the disease might progress.

Sharing resources. Provide educational material from such organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association. Let family and friends know about any local support groups.

Asking for help. Tell family and friends how they can help. Explain that social interaction can support the person's preserved abilities and skills. If you need caregiving support, ask specifically for what you need, such as help getting groceries.

If you are explaining a dementia diagnosis to a child, consider his or her age and relationship to the person to determine how much to share.

Try to answer questions simply and honestly and listen to the child's concerns. Explain that sadness or anger is normal and that the person with dementia didn't cause the disease.



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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.

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice



Food Donations for Care Pantry

Drive-thru donations accepted Tuesday, April 6, 2021, from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm. Details Below

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

Bring donations to St. Thomas on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021, from 9:00–11:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm.** Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth. As you start to drive around the building, you will see orange cones with instructions.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Mac & Cheese
- Side Dishes
- Jiffy Mix
- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Kleenex
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Microwave Popcorn

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.



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](#).

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.



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.

A Springtime Prayer

*Ever-renewing and energizing Creator,
Come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs.
Wake up my tired prayer.*

*Revive my weary efforts of care.
Sing hope into my discouragement.*

*Wash my dusty, drab attitude with the cleansing rains of your vision.
Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith with the vibrancy of your grace.
Shake loose the old leftover oak leaves of my tenacious ego-centeredness.
Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.*

*Warm the buds of my relationships so they bloom with healthy love.
Clear out my wintered debris with the wild breeze of your liberating presence.*

*Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw me to you.
I give you my trust and my gratitude as you grace my slowly thawing spirit.
Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope, let the greening in me begin!*

Joyce Rupp

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2021 Lenten Project Unlocking Communities

Please make donations, as you are able, by Easter Sunday. To view a short video, go to the St. Thomas website home page (stapostle.org).

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. 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.

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: Go to <https://www.osvhub.com/stapostle/funds/2021-lenten-project-unlocking-communities-africa>. 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).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Phil Meno (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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** **NOTE:** In the hopes of providing a concise, useful, summary of the candidates' positions on the topics and questions covered, we endeavored to create questions that were amenable to a "Yes" or "No" response. In the past, candidates have expressed frustration at times in answering Yes or No because they thought the question could be interpreted more than one way, or that their Yes or No response needed amplification/clarification. For this cycle, we allowed each candidate to submit paragraphs of up to 100 words FOR EACH TOPIC with any clarifications they thought necessary concerning their positions on that topic. All but two candidates availed themselves of this option. Those submitted paragraphs from the responding candidates can be found in pages 3 through 5 in this document and should be read in conjunction with the above tabular summary of the candidates' Yes/No responses.

Naperville Interfaith Candidate Interview Summary

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	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 & 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 Haselhorst	<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>

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
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.

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 29

Tuesday, March 30

Wednesday, March 31

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

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2

Good Friday
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Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 4

Easter

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Weekly Sunday Offertory

March 14, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$13,408
Credit Card Online Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$3,970
Total for the week	\$17,378
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,310,564
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$35,421
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,246,497
Over/short of goal to date	\$64,067
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	75%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$441,269

This week, the Sunday collection is \$64,067 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$1,420 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

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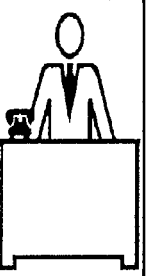
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