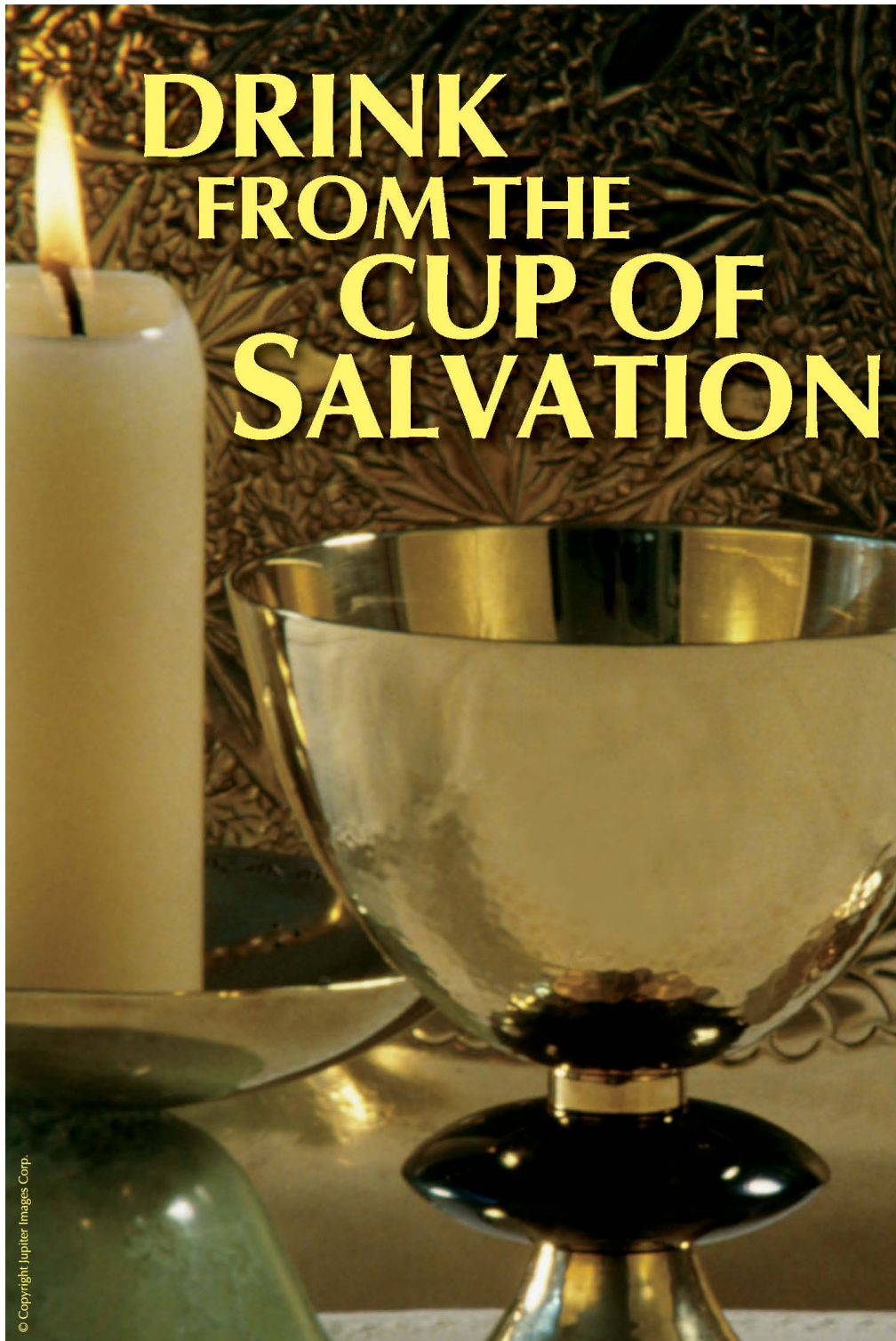


St. Thomas

JUNE 6, 2021 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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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 Sundays each month at a 1:00 pm service. Three times a year on selected dates, Baptisms are celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call or email Kathy Ferguson in the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Matrimony: A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen to schedule.

Religious Education: Call 630.305.6318 to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

Counseling Service: Contact Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 630.355.8980, x124.

Sunday Nursery: Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. For more information call the church office.

Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti
St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian Reservation,
Manderson, South Dakota
St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

Our Parish School:

All Saints Catholic Academy
1155 Aurora Ave
Naperville, IL 60540
630.961.6125

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Dear Parish Family,

Before the Church calendar reform of Vatican II, today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was known by its Latin name, "Corpus Christi" ("Body of Christ"). Beginning in Belgium, the feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated by the universal Church in 1264. The Church calendar reforms of 1969 combined the feasts of

Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood (July 1) into a solemnity that celebrates Our Lord's real presence with us through the Eucharist. In countries where it is not celebrated as a holy day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is celebrated on the second Sunday after Pentecost.

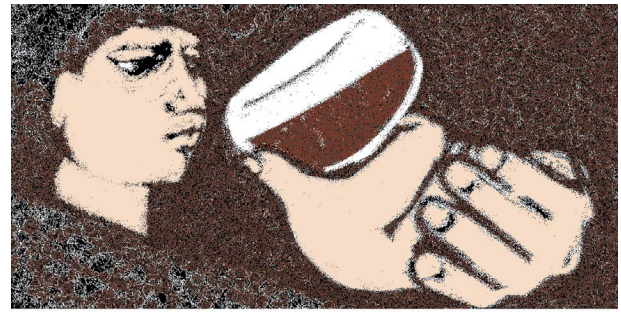
Because the people of the Middle Ages felt unworthy to receive Christ in communion, they wanted to look at the Blessed Sacrament. This feeling of unworthiness led to the introduction of an elevation of the bread and cup during Mass. The meaning of Eucharist as a celebration, as a meal to be eaten and shared, turned into adoration which would lead to public displays such as Benediction and Corpus Christi processions.

Some of you might remember Corpus Christi processions. The Blessed Sacrament was carried in a "monstrance" (from the Latin word monstrare, "to show"). Children dressed in their First Communion clothes were often included in such processions. In some cultures, these processions took place outdoors and might include prayers, songs and blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. The reason behind the procession was to publicly display a personal faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Since Vatican II, the Church has wanted to emphasize the original meaning of the Eucharist as a meal to be celebrated at our public worship. We are strongly encouraged to receive communion when we participate at Mass. We are also encouraged to follow the words of Jesus during His last supper with His disciples; "take it; this is my body ... this is my blood."

As we celebrate God's real presence in the Eucharist, let us remember that we are challenged to become what we consume — to be God's presence in the world.

In the Word,



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

— Psalm 116:13

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Friday

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

Weekend — Must make a reservation 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!

New Parishioners

Veronica Shuttleworth and Martin Medina
Brian and Amy Spiewak

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 September 6.

9:00 am–6:30 pm Monday–Thursday

9:00 am–12:00 pm Friday

9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday

Schedule subject to change. You can call to check on times before coming. Please enter through Door A.

Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music

Readings for Today

First Reading — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-3

A Prayer for Our Parish

This weekend is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is also Ministry Sign-Up "Sundae" here at St. Thomas. Have you considered signing up to serve our community in a ministry? Is God calling you to service in new and exciting ways? May this prayer of St. Teresa of Avila lead each of us to discern our call to BE the hands, feet, eyes and body of Christ in the world!

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Presider Schedule June 12–13

Saturday, June 12

4:30 pm: Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, June 13

9:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

10:45 am: Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Larry Kearney

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Weekend Mass Schedule

The 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, June 7, 2021

8:30 am †John Egermann

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

8:30 am †James Maul, by The Maul Family

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

8:30 am †Vito Battisto, by The Battisto Family

Thursday, June 10, 2021

8:30 am †Sr. Eleanor Carella, by Mary Wright

Friday, June 11, 2021

8:30 am †Mary Growney, by John

Saturday, June 12, 2021

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Joanne Mensik

10:45 am †John Egermann

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Living the Paschal Mystery

Catholicism is a sacramental faith. We are an earthly people, needing to touch, taste, see, smell and feel. Is it any wonder that the way we connect with the incarnation of God is to consume the Body and Blood of that incarnation? Rather than merely listen to the word of God, we consume that Word of God made flesh. The sacramental reality reaches something deep within. Our faith is not simply a head-trip, or the summary of what can be learned in books. Our faith is something we experience with our senses. We taste bread; we drink wine. By consuming this sacramental meal, we participate in the life of Christ and the paschal mystery.

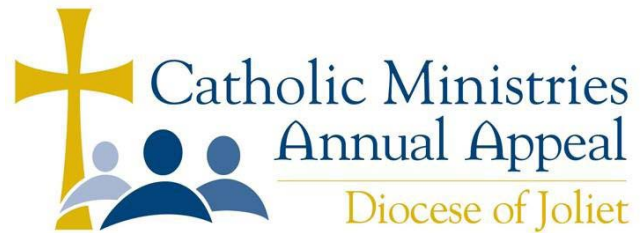
The very word “incarnation” has “carne” (flesh) in its root. We can say that the incarnation of the word of God is the “enfleshment” of the Word of God. The graphic nature of the image might repulse us, but we are not disembodied spirits upon this earth. We are earthly, organic omnivores. Our sustenance comes from consumption, and our spiritual sustenance comes from consumption as well. The bread and wine, our sacramental meal, is our living the paschal mystery.

Adapted from Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press.

Support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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.

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.

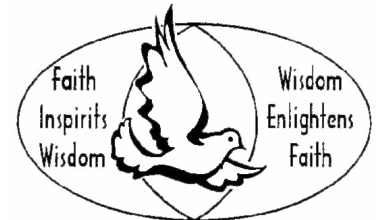


Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

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Our Catholic Social Teachings also encourage us to bring the right attitude with respect to earthly goods and to take care of God's creation. Those who tend to suffer most from the mistreatment of our earthly resources are those who live in areas frequently disrupted by events of nature or where people come in to exploit

their natural resources and take away the economic gains from the locals. For us Catholics, there is such a thing as environmental justice. And such justice requires limiting pollution, repairing ecological damage, finding solutions to environmental problems and taking more intentional steps to protect the environment.



There are numerous things we can all do individually in this category: take stock of our water consumption so we do not waste water; review our driving habits and choose to drive less or double up on errands to use less gas; research and support programs that work to protect nature; support global initiatives for clean, potable water. A regular review of our own personal habits of consumption can shed light on where we might be wasting or squandering our earth's precious resources.

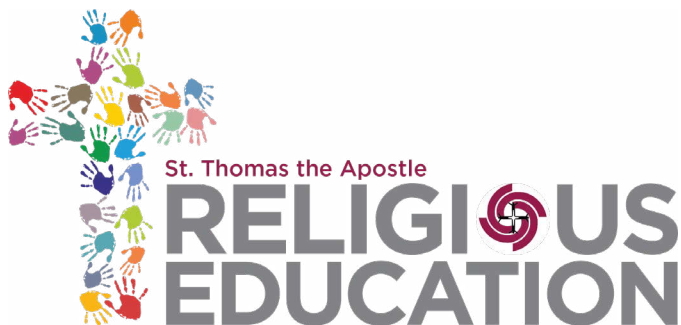
21-Day Challenge — Listen!

Previous articles outlined an initiative, the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge, sponsored by the St. Thomas Racial Justice Committee. Each day (which need not be consecutive), you can select from the challenge website to read, listen, watch, notice, connect, engage or act.

The challenge may not be what you expect. What do you expect? Take a leap of curiosity and engage in this multi-cultural, multi-media and fun resource. Listen to *Give Your Hands to Struggle* by Sweet Honey in the Rock. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LV9Vf0a7YtM>. We all have struggles; we all can be with one another during life's struggles. For a Soundtrack4Justice, go to <https://www.debbyriving.com/21-day-challenge/#challenge-tabs-8>.

Sweet Honey in the Rock is an all-woman, African-American, a cappella ensemble. They are a three-time Grammy Award-nominated troupe who express their history as black women through song, dance and sign language. Originally a four-person ensemble, the group expanded to five-part harmonies, with a sixth member acting as a sign-language interpreter. (Wikipedia)

Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



Scripture Safari Family Style

Join us for family style Scripture Safari on Thursday, June 24 from 6:30–8:00 pm outside. Be part of the fun! A parent is required with a child(ren) for the event. Sign up online. Payment is expected at check-in that evening. Call the Faith Formation Office with any questions.



Religious Education Registration for 2021-2022

Elementary and middle school religious education registration materials for the 2021–2022 RE year are available on the St. Thomas website and in the Gathering Area. To avoid a late fee, registrations are due by July 1. Completed registration forms can be dropped off at St. Thomas. The office is open from 9:00 am–6:30 pm on Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am–12 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am–1:00 pm on Saturday. Our hope is that those families who, for health reasons, could not attend RE this past year will consider being part of our RE program this coming year.

Week of Hope Mission Trip

This year, seven St. Thomas middle and high school students will be part of a Week of Hope, from June 20-25, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Week of Hope are community service mission trips where young people serve alongside seasoned local ministries and nonprofits to make a lasting difference through meaningful community service. The young people who will be missionary disciples in the name of St. Thomas are Isabella DeRosa, Jacob Lee, Maria Molina, Lorelei Salzig, Lukas Salzig, Miranda Soto and Santiago Soto.

Please keep these young people and this trip in your prayers ... pray that their experience will be marked by joy and hope, that their service to those in need will be fruitful and that they will grow in knowledge and faith through the experience.

Baby Wipes and Diapers Needed

St. Thomas middle and high school students will serve as part of Week of Hope in Kenosha, Wisconsin, from June 20-25. One of the organizations which is served as part of Week of Hope is the Foster Family Support Network. As a gift to that organization, we are being asked to bring diapers (all sizes, especially the larger sizes) and baby wipes. If you would like to help us generously gift the Foster Family Support Network, please bring diaper and wipe donations to St. Thomas by Friday, June 18. The donations can be brought to Dorothy or Peggy's offices.

Prayer for the End of This School Year

We come to the end of a difficult year,
Lord of beginnings and endings.
We have studied and struggled,
We have held on as well as let go;
We have longed for community
And found it in unexpected moments.

Your grace carried us through it all,
And we are grateful as we recognize
The blessings we encountered along
the way,

The human connections that
supported us,

The moments of joy amid the daily
work.

Guide us as we move into a summer
break,

Grant us a time of restoration and
relaxation

So our spirits are renewed,
our souls refreshed.

Lord of beginning and endings,
We praise you as one journey ends
And another begins.

Amen

*Jane Daren, Ph.D.,
Education for Justice*

Question of the week ...

Do you believe we are one
around the Lord's table?



Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Office of the Parish Nurse To a Good Night's Rest

If you're having trouble sleeping, whether a lot or even just a little, you don't have to toss and turn your way through it. The more sleep deprived you become, the more the more your daytime life suffers, including your physical performance, your mental functioning, your social life and even your relationships.

And you don't have to depend on medications for the rest of your life in order to sleep, either. Medications may indeed play a role at some point in relieving your insomnia, but they aren't the best solution in the long run. Instead, try the strategies outlined in this report, even if you are currently taking sleeping pills. With a bit of effort and consistent application, you'll learn to develop a whole new way of looking at sleep and how to take a healthy approach to bedtime. Nighttime will be something to look forward to again.

By the Light of the Moon

Have you ever heard someone blame someone's behavior on the moon? "Oh, it must be a full moon."

The idea that different moon phases influence behavior may not be too far off, it turns out, at least when it comes to sleep.

Evidence from one study show that during the few days, that surround a full moon, the time it takes to fall asleep increases by about five minutes, the amount of time spent in deep sleep decreases by about 30 percent, and total sleep time is reduced by about 20 minutes. Study participants, who slept in a laboratory with no time cues and no idea that their sleep was being compared with moon phases, also felt that their sleep wasn't as good as usual.

What sort of difference does this make? The answer is still unclear but the idea that moon phases affect sleep, perhaps in a way similar to circadian rhythms, offers further hints as to how the cycles of the environment affect human physiological cycles.

Resource for both articles: 2020 Mayo Foundation for Medical Education Special Report



From the Behavioral Health Ministry June, National PTSD Awareness Month

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that's triggered by a terrifying event — either experiencing it or witnessing it. Symptoms may include flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety, as well as uncontrollable thoughts about the event. Most people who go through traumatic events may have temporary difficulty adjusting and coping, but with time and good self-care, they usually get better. If the symptoms get worse, last for months or even years, and interfere with your day-to-day functioning, you may have PTSD. Getting effective treatment after PTSD symptoms develop can be critical to reduce symptoms and improve function.



Symptoms

Post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms may start within one month of a traumatic event, but sometimes symptoms may not appear until years after the event. These symptoms cause significant problems in social or work situations and in relationships. They can also interfere with your ability to go about your normal daily tasks.

- Recurrent, unwanted distressing memories of the traumatic event
- Reliving the traumatic event as if it were happening again (flashbacks)
- Upsetting dreams or nightmares about the traumatic event
- Severe emotional distress or physical reactions to something that reminds you of the traumatic event
- Being easily startled or frightened
- Always being on guard for danger
- Self-destructive behavior, such as drinking too much or driving too fast
- Trouble sleeping
- Trouble concentrating
- Irritability, angry outbursts or aggressive behavior
- Overwhelming guilt or shame

Source: mayoclinic.org

Pastoral Care Resources

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

Counseling

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

Health Resource

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

Hospital/Pastoral Care Info

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

St. Thomas Pastoral Care visit

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

From the Behavioral Health Ministry
Celebration of Mass for St. Dymphna, May 24, 2021

On behalf of Pastoral Care and the Behavioral Health Ministry, I want to thank all those who attended Mass in celebration of St. Dymphna's Feast Day, which is on May 15. St. Dymphna is the patron saint of people living with emotional and mental illness. Her mother died when Dymphna was 17. Her father struggled with emotional and mental difficulties following his wife's death. These difficulties led St. Dymphna to her martyrdom. Cures and miracles were attributed to her and, as a result, highly successful treatment centers are named for her.

In an effort to break the stigma that surrounds mental/emotional illness we should make every effort to discuss mental health as the stigma creates alienation and becomes a barrier to treatment. Stigma may result from a lack of education about a subject and from fear. Through Pastoral Care Services and the Behavioral Health Ministry we want to give mental illness a voice in our St. Thomas faith community. Celebrating the Feast of St. Dymphna is one way to achieve this.

I want to thank Fr. Danaher and Deacon Joe Cuzzone for celebrating a beautiful Mass. Thank you to Jim Clauer, Samantha Delke and Alyson Ohl for our beautiful music, for song sheets and the opportunity to sing! I am grateful to each Pastoral Care and Behavioral Health Minister for your support and efforts in preparing for and participating in the Mass.

God says, "I have called you by name, you are mine ... you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you." Isaiah 43:1, 4

Peace and Gratitude,
Susan Kearney
Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry



Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

An Ertha Story

Ertha Papillon is a leader in our Haiti Twinning Parish (Ste. Marie-Madeleine) and founder and director of an orphanage and a school. Her school educates 350 students from the poorest areas near Duchity.

How far would you walk for an education?

Ertha's school needed some painting maintenance done. So she recruited a dozen of her sixth grade students and made it a party. They sang and had fun while doing the work. When the painting was finished, she provided a meal for the students.

She noticed that one boy was very carefully only eating from one side of his plate. Finally, she asked him why he was only eating half of his food. His response was, "I'm saving some for my brother." When she asked where his brother was, he said that he was waiting outside the school gate by the road. He had been waiting there the whole time they were painting. Of course, Ertha brought him in and provided him with a meal. And she noticed that the two boys looked very much alike. The boy said, "That's because we are twins."

With 350 students, Ertha doesn't know the history for every student. She asked the boys where they lived and was surprised to hear how far away it was from the school. She asked about their mother and learned she had died some years ago. She asked about their father and learned that he had died two weeks ago. She asked how they were living and they told her their uncle sometimes gives them some money.

As the discussion continued, the boys shared that it took them two hours to walk to school and two hours to walk home. Ertha knew there were other schools closer to where they lived and asked why they didn't go to one of those schools. One of the boys answered, "We want to learn. We know this is a good school. We know that you would not turn us away if we didn't have money for school."

How far would you walk for an education?

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
1500 Brookdale Rd - Naperville, IL 60563

June 26 & 27, 2021



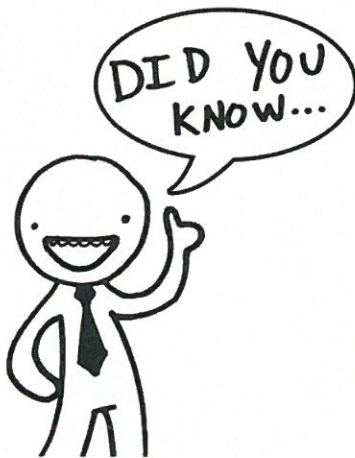
The truck will be in the parking lot of St. Thomas the Apostle, on Saturday, **June 26, from 4:00PM to 6:00PM** and Sunday, **June 27, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM**

(Bags will be handed out after all masses June 19 & 20)
Please gather up donations in bags & SMALL boxes and bring them to church!

- * CLOTHING * SHOES * SMALL HOUSEWARES ***
- * POTS & PANS * BOOKS * TOYS ***
- * SMALL ELECTRONICS * SMALL APPLIANCES ***

Sorry, cannot accept: any TVs, cribs, strollers, high chairs, car seats, mattresses, furniture, loose items not boxed or bagged.

For large items or furniture that need a home pickup, please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 630-231-4658 or saintvincentdonate@gmail.com .



- Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where most of your donations are given away FREE to families in need in the community. Last year we gave away over \$200,000 of clothing, housewares and furniture to friends in need throughout the Joliet Diocese!
- Some of your donations are sold in the thrift shops at reasonable prices so that families in need can shop with dignity.

As you can see....your donations go a long way to help those in need!!

God bless you! Thank you for helping us help others!! Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive June 26 and 27

The event you have been waiting for ... a clothing drive! Time to finish your pandemic sorting and tidying.

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) truck will be in the St. Thomas parking lot the weekend of June 26–27 (4:00–6:00 pm on June 26 and 8:00 am–12:00 pm on June 27) for the Spring Clothing Drive. Accepted items include: all clothing and shoes (any condition), SMALL housewares, SMALL appliances, linens, toys, books, pots and pans, and small electronics (computers, printers, phones, radios, stereo equipment, etc.). Sorry, NO TVs, furniture, baby items (other than clothing) or mattresses. SVDP donation bags will be handed out after all masses the weekend of June 19–20. Place donations in bags and SMALL boxes and bring to church the weekend of June 26–27. Your donations go to the SVDP Thrift Shops. Most of your donations are given away FREE to families in need. Some of your donations are sold in the thrift shops at reasonable/low prices to allow families in need to shop with dignity.



God bless you! Thank you for helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help others.

PATH June 8 Zoom Meeting (7 pm) How to Create a Winning LinkedIn Job Search Strategy for 2021

Join us on June 8 when Wayne Breitbarth, nationally acclaimed speaker, author and LinkedIn trainer, joins us to share his ideas and insights into creating “A Winning LinkedIn Strategy for 2021.”

In this highly actionable presentation, Wayne will reveal:

1. Changes you need to make right away to your LinkedIn profile to help improve your findability.
2. Specific LinkedIn tips and techniques to help you move to the front of the line of candidates.
3. Two specific LinkedIn outreach campaigns that will get you noticed by recruiters and hiring managers.

Wayne Breitbarth is the CEO of Power Formula LLC. He is an experienced businessman, speaker and author and a globally recognized industry leader in LinkedIn training, marketing and consulting.

Registration

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ePFk7XhTXOk_4_IU-9fyg or contact Fred Johnson at fred.c.johnson50@gmail.com.

Once you have registered for the event, you will receive the Zoom meeting information in a confirmation email.



Food Donations for Care Pantry

**Drive-Through Donations Accepted
Tuesday, June 15 from 9:00–11:00
am or 6:00–7:00 pm**

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

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, June 15 from 9:00–11:00 am or 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.

- Jello
- Pasta
- Pancake syrup
- Side Dishes — couscous, Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, etc.
- Dish soap

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.

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, June 7

7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds

Tuesday, June 8

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 9

Thursday, June 10

Friday, June 11

Saturday, June 12

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room

Sunday, June 13

1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church



"I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve."
from the song "I Will Choose Christ" by Tom Booth, 1990

These words are the essence of our faith. If you choose to follow Christ, then you are obligated to love your neighbor and to serve him in any way you can. There are many opportunities to serve in our parish.

Have you thought of volunteering at Mass as a greeter or usher?

Have you thought of serving in the Food Pantry?

Or have you thought of teaching our children in the Religious Education program?

Look for information in a few weeks on how to volunteer for these and other opportunities to serve your neighbor and fellow parishioners.

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS

Please, give

Please Continue Giving to St. Thomas

While we continue to increase our capacity at weekend Masses, we continue to follow the guidelines set by the CDC and Diocese of Joliet. 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 last year, 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.

thank you

Please take the time to read the ads which make this bulletin possible. Help support these businesses, especially during this time, as they support St. Thomas the Apostle. Mention the bulletin when you patronize their establishments.

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