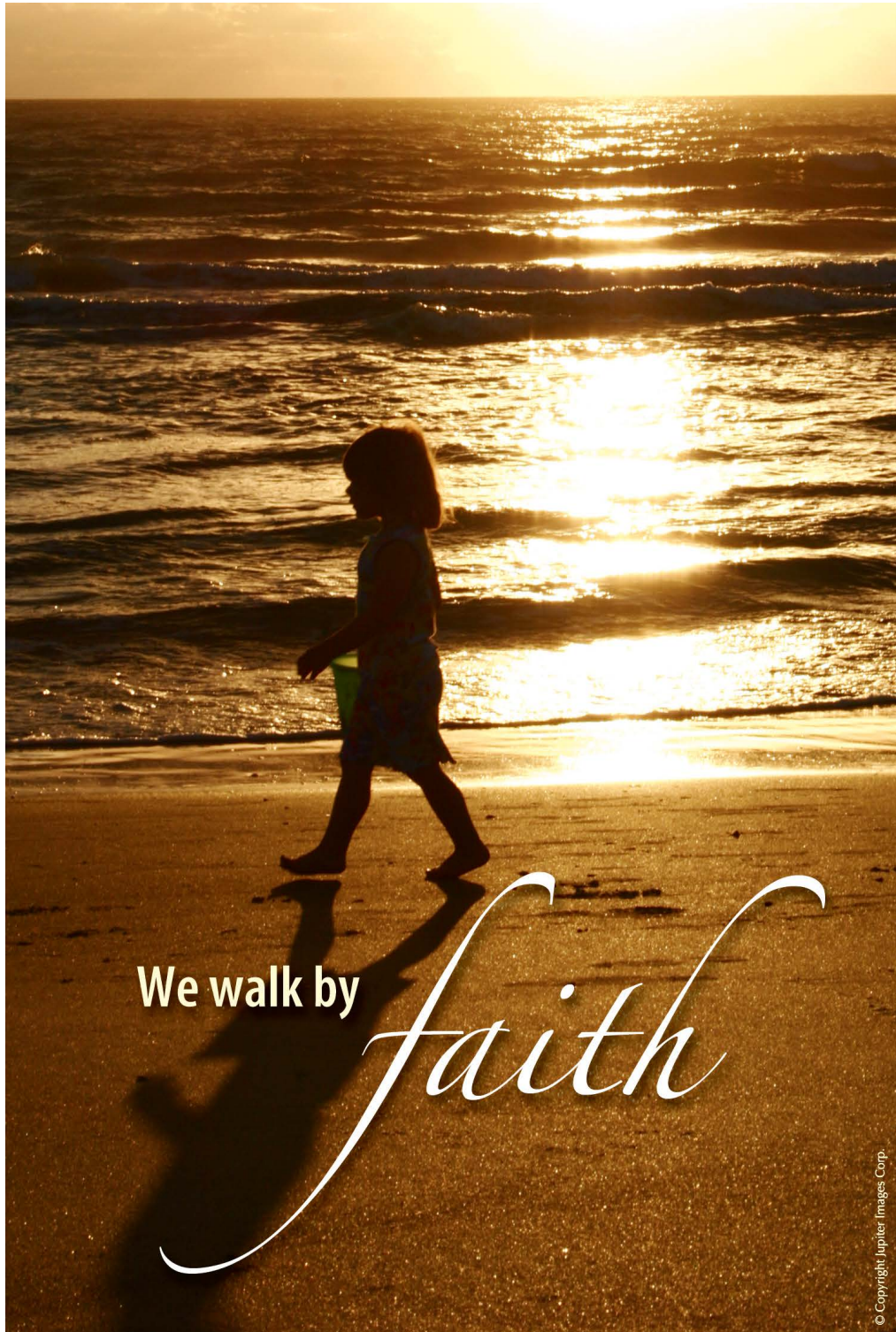


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JUNE 13, 2021 — ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

“The heart of Christ’s priests knows only two directions: the Lord and His people.”

Pope Francis
6/3/2016

Father’s Day Collection for
Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests
June 19-20, 2021 | givecentral.org/scfd21



From the Diocese

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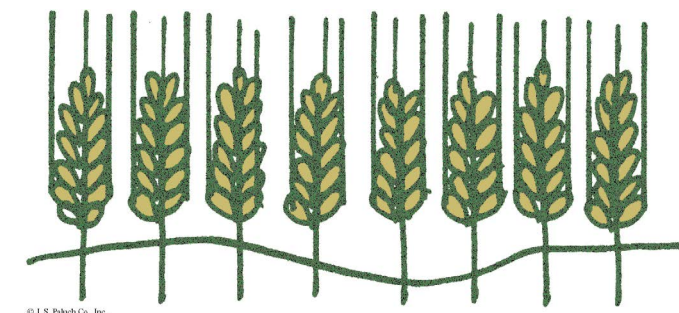
— Pope Francis, *Jubilee of Mercy for Priests*, June 3, 2016

These words of Pope Francis strike a chord as we approach the Father’s Day Collection for Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests on June 19-20 in parishes throughout the diocese. This annual collection helps meet the needs of our elderly, infirmed and retired diocesan priests, especially those who have extraordinary medical expenses beyond what insurance can cover.

“It helps out with unusual expenses that a priest might encounter, like a huge dental bill or a hearing aid,” said Father John Balluff, episcopal vicar for clergy for the diocese.

This second collection also helps to pay for repairs at the St. John Vianney Villa Priest Retirement Home in Naperville, an assisted living facility for retired priests. But we all know that few priests really retire, as they often fill in for a pastor who becomes sick or goes on sabbatical. They also celebrate daily and weekend Masses, hear confessions, perform funerals, celebrate weddings and anoint the sick.

Let’s give generously to this second collection on Father’s Day weekend: Click [here](#) to make a donation today.



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

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

Hilary Znaniecki

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 — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

A Prayer for Immigrants

By Father Jon Pedigo

You are the God who bears the brunt of the question, “Why didn’t you stay where you belong?” You feel the red-faced embarrassment when we hear, “Keep your distance, you foreigner, with your different-colored skin and your strange-sounding speech, with your culture, food, religion, and clothing that are inferior to my own.”

You are the God who sits alongside each of us who work in sweatshops, with our bloodshot eyes and aching fingers squinting under the soul-less glare of a florescent light.

You are the God who rises early in the morning with us as we go to harvest fresh vegetables and fruits picked with fingers stained by the pesticides and fungicides that penetrate our skin.

You are the God who stands with us in the chill of the morning in the parking lot at Home Depot, with anxious stomachs hoping that we too would be picked to work just for that one day.

Loving God, as we stand before you today, help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, we speak of Christ.

Hear our prayers for necessary, just, and comprehensive immigration reform. Make us strong in the work for immigrant justice and remind us that our work is no easier than the everyday work of our immigrant sisters and brothers.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from Justiceforimmigrants.org

Presider Schedule June 19–20

Saturday, June 19

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, June 20

9:00 am: Fr. Philip Danaher

10:45 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

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 14, 2021

8:30 am Special Intention for Bob Dietsche, by Friend

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

8:30 am †Gail Ruhnke

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

8:30 am †Elsie Chohan, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Thursday, June 17, 2021

8:30 am †Marge Foley, by Gene Foley

Friday, June 18, 2021

8:30 am †Norma Adducci, by Al Adducci

Saturday, June 19, 2021

8:30 am For the People of St. Thomas

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Helen Singer, by Kathy Singer and Family

†John Egermann, by St. Thomas the Apostle

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday Ordinary and Father’s Day

9:00 am †Deceased Members of the Kraft Family, by the Kraft Family

†James Maul, by The Jacobi Family

†Dale Pate, by Fernando Gayol

10:45 am For the Recipients of the Project Love Father’s Day Cards

†Rose and Ruth Gayol, by Fernando Gayol

Implementation of Phase 5 Covid Reopening Procedures at St. Thomas

Starting June 12–13, St. Thomas the Apostle will join the State of Illinois in the implementation of Phase 5 Covid re-opening procedures.

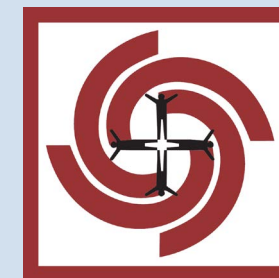
We are excited to implement these changes as it gets us one step closer to returning to the ‘normal’ worship experience here at St. Thomas the Apostle.

The biggest changes that will be made are that:

- Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks.
- We will no longer need to register for Mass or require contact tracing. We will still keep a section of the church socially distanced and have hand sanitizers available for those who want them.

Following the Phase 5 Covid re-opening guidelines given to us from the Diocese of Joliet, you can expect the following at masses starting the weekend of June 12–13.

- Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.
- Worship Aids and Hymnals are provided as we can have congregational singing. Music groups will be returning as their comfort level and schedule permits.
- Mass registration and/or contact tracing is not required.
- Hand sanitizers will be available to those who want them. Disposable masks and gloves will also be available.
- A section of the church space will remain designated for those who desire social distancing.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty for the time being.
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed as the Precious Body on the hand only.
- We will begin singing the Lord’s Prayer, but still cannot hold hands at this time or at the Sign of Peace.
- Collection baskets will remain at the exit doors.
- All doors to the church, including those in the Gathering Area and by the Chapel will be open for use.
- The Chapel will remain closed for now.
- Sanitization of the worship space will be done once a day.
- Dispensation for Mass remains in effect. Due to this, we will continue to livestream Mass and provide outdoor communion.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Living the Paschal Mystery

At a Catholic Biblical Association meeting, one scholar said, “At some point we are going to have to address the strangeness, the oddness of Jesus.” We have domesticated Jesus to such a point that sometimes his message, what it meant at the time, is lost to nice explanations and tidy clarifications. But truthfully, Jesus was someone who spoke in riddle-like speech we call parables. Though it can be difficult, it might not be bad to recognize that Jesus was perceived as eccentric. Such an image can challenge our catechetical Jesus. Let’s allow him to speak with his own voice in the Scriptures, without wrapping up all the loose ends. His words have power and meaning, especially to a believing audience. Once that power is unleashed it becomes life-giving. But if it remains domesticated it loses its potential efficacy.

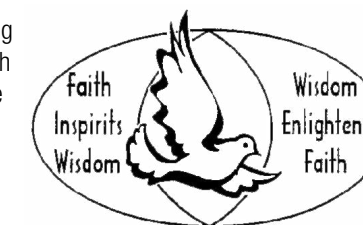
Adapted from Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press.

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

C.A.R.E. CORNER

The last of our 7 Catholic Social Teachings is that of solidarity. Fr. Thomas Keating wrote “God’s top priority is the creation of a world in which the goods of the earth are equitably distributed, where no one is forgotten or left out, and where no one can rest until everyone has enough to eat, and justice and peace are the norm among the nations and religions of the world.” Fr. Keating had a sense of God’s vision for humanity and the entire created world. Do we share that vision? Because such a vision can only come to fruition if we humans work to make it a reality.

Social justice requires meeting and providing for the immediate needs of all people. But it also requires us to change those structures and systems in our society that allow people to end up in great need and that tend to keep them in need. This is the work of justice. Injustices disturb peace. It’s been a rough year across the globe. We all seem to be longing for some peace. Pope Paul VI said “If you want peace, work for justice.” That would mean we would all need to act as God acts — justly. You can’t have the peace you desire without practices of justice.



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.

An Incredible Journey Awaits!

Christine Ramirez served as a middle school catechist for two years while she was in high school. When writing about the experience, she reflected, “Thank you so much for allowing me to be a middle school catechist. These past two years have been an incredible journey and experience.”

We are planning for in-person middle school RE classes in the fall. To make that happen, we need catechists who are willing to share their faith with our middle school students. Like Christine says, it is an amazing journey. If you EVER thought helping to form the faith of amazing young people, NOW is your chance!!! There are hopes and dreams for middle school faith formation that can only be realized with your help. For more information and to volunteer, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

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.

Question of the week

What one small thing can you do that has a big impact on someone else?

A Parent's Prayer for Graduates

Loving God, watching children grow is at once a frightening and awesome event. It can be challenging enough with toddlers and young children, and harder still, at times, with teens.

Give us the wisdom and strength to know:

When it's the right time to hold our teenagers back

And when it's the opportune moment to push them gently ahead;

When it's okay to remind them of what's at stake in their decisions

And when we should trust unwaveringly That the values we've shared with them remain firmly in place;

When it's right to call for family time together

And when we can let our young adventurers go happily on their own way.

Watch over their growth, God, and watch over ours, too.

Help us learn from our children's dreams and ideals,

From their quick forgiveness of others, And their willingness to try again,

From their openness to diversity and progress,

And from their desire for positive change in themselves and in their world.

Be with them God as they grow in their eagerness to serve others,

As they learn why some children, families and communities are in pain,

As they use their talents and gifts to help those in need,

And as they chip away at injustices in the world until they are gone.

Continue, God, in this time of hesitation and of hope,

To be with our beloved children and to be with us.

We ask this day in and day out, in times both good and bad,

Knowing that your will for us is always wondrous,

And your promises, unbreakable.

For now, and for all time,

Amen!

Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

Napping: Good or bad?

When you're not getting a good night's sleep, taking a nap during the day seems like a good way to catch up. Sometimes a nap can be just the refresher you need, improving your alertness and performance. But in other cases, napping may be interfering with your nighttime sleep, which in turn can make you want to nap even more the next day, creating a downward spiral of poor sleep.

In general, naps that last longer than 30-49 minutes or occur late in the day can disrupt your nighttime sleep. If you're being treated for insomnia, your doctor or therapist may want you to avoid napping until you can get a healthy nighttime sleep schedule established.

However, if your sleep problems are limited, there are times when napping might be appropriate. For example, you might want to take a brief nap if your sleep schedule was disrupted by a one-time event or if you expect to go without sleep for an extended period of time, such as an upcoming work shift. Some people enjoy napping so much they make it a planned part of their sleep routine.

If you're going to nap, do it in a quiet, cool, dark place with few distractions so that you can actually sleep rather than toss and turn. To get the most out of a nap, keep it close to 30 minutes or so. The longer you nap, the more likely you are to feel groggy afterward. The best time for a nap is typically after lunchtime or in the early afternoon, which is when most people tend to feel sleepiest. You can take your usual bedtime into account, as well. Naps should generally occur at least four to five hours before your bedtime. Short naps taken during this time are less likely to interfere with nighttime sleep.

Resource: 2020 Mayo Foundation for Medical Education Special Report

From the Behavioral Health Ministry

Tips for Teens in Regard to Anxiety

When our world changes quickly and suddenly because of things like COVID-19, it is common to experience changes in our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Feelings of anxiety, fear or worry are typical in stressful situations.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations, so you should not expect any specific reaction. Still, take a few moments to talk with the teens in your life about how they are feeling and what may help them during this difficult time.

Remind them that all of these thoughts and feelings are common right now, and discuss simple self-care strategies that will help manage symptoms of anxiety and depression. Here are a few tips for mental health and coping from teen Mental Health First Aid:

1. Maintain a daily routine with consistent sleep, activity and study patterns.
2. Stay connected with others, and try to find moments of humor. Talk to people you feel comfortable with about your feelings or worries, then give yourself permission to stop worrying.
3. Eat breakfast every morning, plus snacks and meals at regular times throughout the day. Limit coffee or energy drinks, as these will increase feelings of anxiety and make it difficult to relax.
4. Look for patterns or be aware of situations that make you feel particularly worried or anxious. When you're in these situations, try relaxation or distraction techniques or ask a family member or friend to help.
5. Relieve times of high anxiety with physical activity; engage in regular aerobic exercise (e.g. walk, jog, yoga, dance)
6. Limit the amount of time you spend talking about or watching/listening to new media or social media.
7. Do hobbies or activities that you enjoy, calm you down or focus your mind and body.
8. Understand that the people around you are probably also finding this situation stressful, and they might also be having difficulty controlling their emotions. Try to resolve conflict.
9. If you continue to feel overwhelmed, out of control or unable to calm down after a period of weeks, seek help from a mental health professional.
10. Take time for yourself. Be kind to yourself and each other. If feelings do not improve, consider reaching out to a mental health professional.

Resource: Mental Health First Aid Training www.mentalhealthfirstaid.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



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
St. Thomas the Apostle

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Help Project Love

Help Moms in Need

Parishioner Eileen McGleam is Director of Project Love, the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life.

To my Fellow Parishioners,

The mission of Project Love is to provide grants to pregnant women and new mothers who are in a financial crisis. We help with rent, utility bills, and other urgent expenses. We are a 501(c)3 charity, and you can read more about us at www.IllinoisRightToLife.org

Normally at this time of year, Project Love offers beautiful Mother's Day and Father's Day cards at local churches. This is one important way we raise money for our grants. We are not able to offer the cards this year in the church. Thus, I am offering you an alternative opportunity to receive these beautiful cards and also support Project Love in the process. We will send you all the Father's Day cards that you would like in the mail. See below for details.

There will be masses celebrated at St. Thomas and another parish on Father's Day for the intentions of all the recipients of the cards.

The inside of each card says, "A donation to Project Love has been made in your honor." The cards are suitable for any father you would like to honor.

We ask that you please send \$5 for each card. If you would like to make an additional donation to Project Love, we would be most grateful. Checks should be made payable to: "Illinois Right to Life," with "Project Love" on the memo line, and sent to the address below with your order. We will be happy to receive your order, and send cards in the mail within a day or two.

There are two ways to order:

1. Go to the St. Thomas website Home Page (www.stapostle.org) and click the Project Love box. Use the order form. You can also view the selection of cards. Send the form to the address below.
2. Simply send your check with a note indicating the number of Father's Day cards you would like. We will select cards for you.

Thank You!

Project Love
c/o Eileen McGleam
7180 Springside Avenue
Downers Grove, Illinois 60516

Thank you in advance for any support you can provide, and please pray for the pregnant women and new mothers we support. God bless you.

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)



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 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.



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!

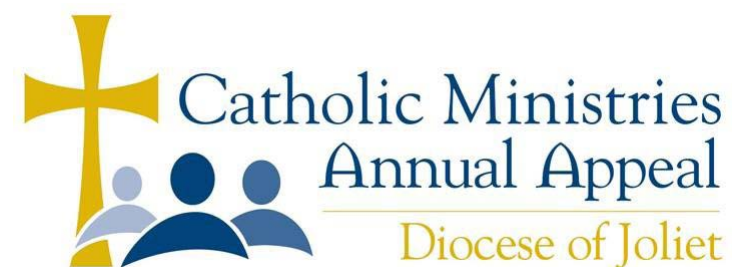
Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, June 15 from 9:00–11:00 am or 6:00–7:00 pm.

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.



Support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Your gifts to the 2021 CMAA shine the light of Christ on the next generation!

To witness how your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) shine the light of Christ on the next generation through the Office for Young Adult Ministries, go to stapostle.org and enter CMAA in the search box. By making young adults feel welcome through programs such as the Samuel Group, it provides opportunities for growth, to deepen one's faith and to deepen one's commitment to serve.

Make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to 815.205.1949.

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, June 14

7:00–9:00 pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, June 15

7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Zoom

Wednesday, June 16

Thursday, June 17

7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Meeting, Zoom

Friday, June 18

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration, Church

Saturday, June 19

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

Sunday, June 20

Happy Father's Day!

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

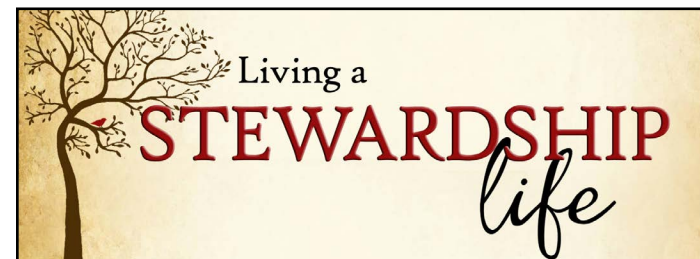
Weekly Sunday Offertory

May 30, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$7,778
Credit Card Online Giving	\$21,152
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$2,605
Total for the week	\$31,534
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,673,763
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$34,870
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,617,077
Over/short of goal to date	\$56,686
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	96%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$78,070

This week, the Sunday collection is \$56,686 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$170 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2021

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,100
Pledges Received	\$134,960
Percent of Goal pledged to date	77.52%
Unpaid pledges	\$13,833
Paid to Date	\$121,077
Percent of goal paid to date	69.54%



In the Book of Mark and the Book of Luke, a story appears that is set in the Temple. People come to drop donation into the Temple Treasury. The wealthy dropped in their coins, which probably amounted to a considerable amount. And then a widow arrived and dropped her two coins into the Treasury. Jesus points out to the disciples that it was no sacrifice for the wealthy to donate. They were able to make their contribution from what they had to spare, but the widow gave all that she had, making it a sacrifice.

Another take on the story is that all gifts are important if they are given freely. Whether your gifts of time, talent or treasure are all you can manage or those gifts are of what you can spare, your neighbors and your parish need those gifts. There is always an opportunity to give those gifts. See what you can do. No gift is any better than another. If it is given from the heart, that is what Jesus wants from us.

Smart Moves in Giving to St. Thomas

Some parishioners receive tax benefits from gifts to St. Thomas by donating stock or directing their IRA distributions to St. Thomas. Consult your tax adviser or broker/agent to see if these smart moves are right for you. We appreciate your support!

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.

Let them know they are appreciated!

Checked These Listings Lately? Thank You to Our Advertisers!

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