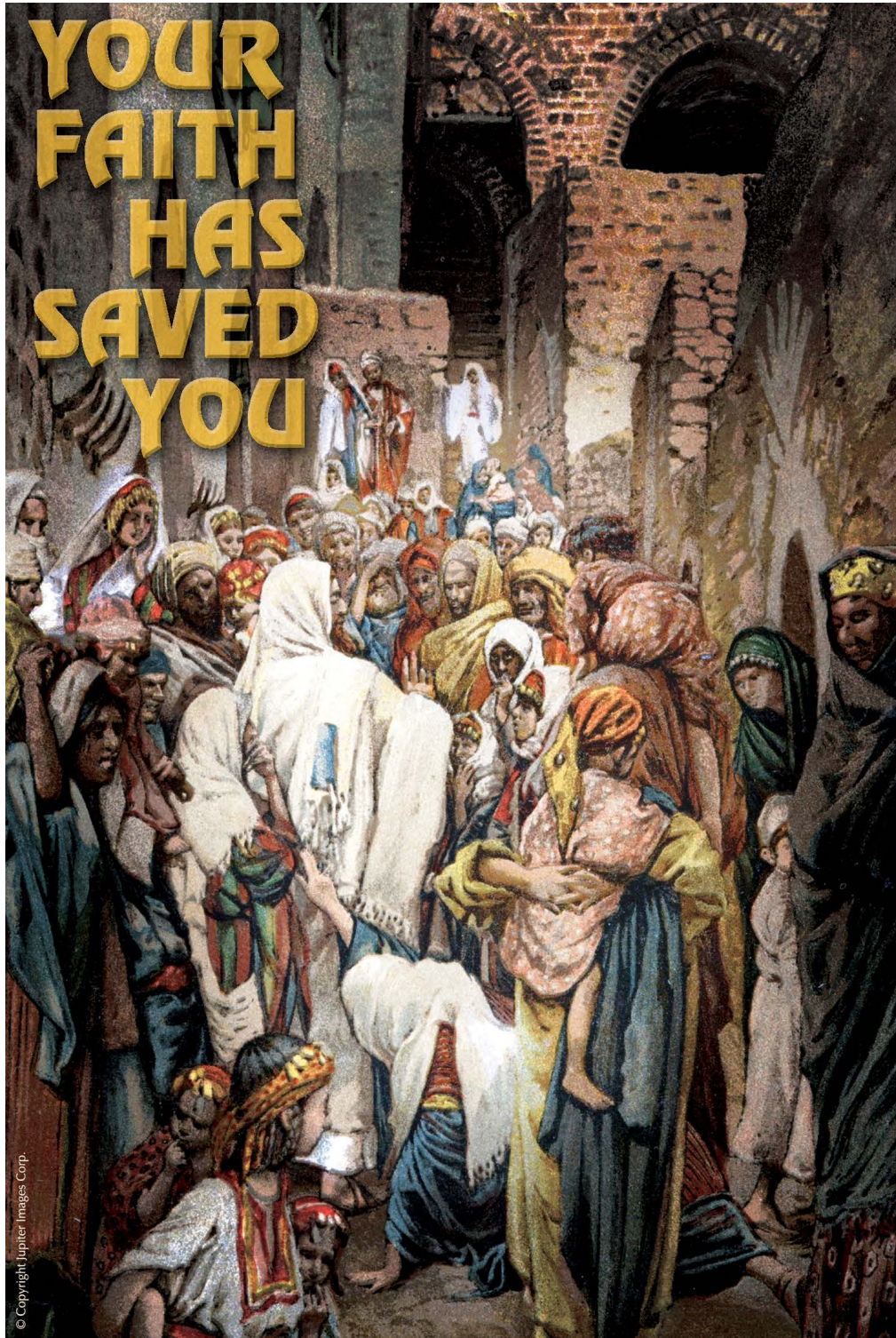


# St. Thomas

JUNE 27, 2021 — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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\*indicates part-time staff

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

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

**Baptism:** Baptisms are usually celebrated two 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

# in the word



with  
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

A priest who was a hospital chaplain told the story of the time he went into full cardiac arrest at, of all places, the hospital where he worked. His timing could not have been better. He passed out in front of a group of heart doctors who just happened to be making their rounds.

One thing which that priest remembered was that, after the doctors revived him, he was very hungry. Later he recalled the last part of today's gospel, how Jesus told the little girl's parents to get her something to eat. It's almost like Jesus was saying, "I did my part. Now it's your turn to take care of her."

As we continue to thank the Lord for doing his part in giving us new life, He also reminds us to take good care of that life, to take care to follow the Lord's words during our lives on earth so that He will welcome us to the eternal banquet which He has prepared for each of us.

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*



## Celebrating Independence Day

We will celebrate Independence Day the weekend of July 3–4. We will have readings set differently and music will have a patriotic flair. Mass will be the same schedule: Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 10:45 am.

## Liturgy Schedule

### Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am

*All Masses will be livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.*

## 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 Reconciliation Room. Please check the website for full details.

## Presider Schedule July 3–4

### Saturday, July 3

4:30 pm: TBA

### Sunday, July 4

9:00 am: TBA

10:45 am: TBA

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## 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

James Master and Simone Varini-Master

## 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.

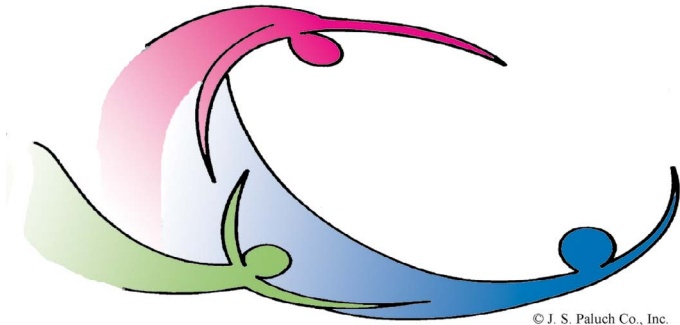
9:00 am–6:30 pm Monday–Thursday

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



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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

*You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.*

— *Psalm 30:13*

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

**Gospel** — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

## 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 28, 2021

8:30 am †John, Martha and Johnnie, by Dollie Bajusz

### Tuesday, June 29, 2021

8:30 am †Paul Hoeler, aka Paulie, by Al Adducci

### Wednesday, June 30, 2021

8:30 am †Norma Adducci, by Al Adducci

### Thursday, July 1, 2021

8:30 am †Jesusa Poblacion, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

### Friday, July 2, 2021

8:30 am †Howard Cliff, by Phyllis Cliff

### Saturday, July 3, 2021

*St. Thomas, Apostle Feast Day*

8:30 am For the People of St. Thomas

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Rupert Malone, by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

### Sunday, July 4, 2021

*Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary and Independence Day*

9:00 am †John Egermann

10:45 am †Amparo and Aurelio Lopez, by Amy DeGuzman

## A Prayer for Migrants

*By Jane Deren*

Mary knew the weariness

Of the journey;

To Bethlehem,

To Egypt,

Back to Nazareth.

She knew the weariness,

The fear, the longing for home,

The need to continue moving, moving,

The longing for journey's end, the longing for at least  
a semblance of a home.

To Mary we entrust

The mothers, the fathers, the children who today are holy families

Migrating in hope, in fear, in longing, for peace, for some security,

For something like a home.

May they find their journey's end as we open ourselves to their

stories, their need, their spirits;

We ask for mercy for all migrants and for our communities who are  
challenged to welcome them, to give them hope for a new life.

Amen.

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Lord of Life

At this bountiful time of year, our Sunday readings teem with life and abundance. Both the first reading, from the book of Wisdom, and the Gospel passage from Mark assure us that God did not make death or even will us to be ill. Illness and death entered the world through the presence of evil, the Wisdom author tells us. Mark's stories of Jesus healing a hemorrhaging woman and resuscitating a dead little girl make it clear that Jesus is from God. As the Son of God, he does not will that anyone suffer illness or death. In the face of such power, the second reading, from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, provides a stark contrast. Jesus, who could raise the dead to new life, "though he was rich, for your sake he became poor" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Our gift of new life from Christ demands our response in charity.

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## Virtual Prayer Services

The Deacons of St. Thomas would like to express their gratitude to all who have supported the Virtual Prayer Services since May of 2020. After our community was prevented from gathering together due to the COVID pandemic, it was their hope that these prayer services would bring us closer and keep us spiritually connected. It has been a learning experience in many ways. It's humbling to know many current parishioners as well as some who have moved away have been joining us in prayer.

The Deacons will be taking the summer to discern their next endeavor as the parish fully reopens and we are able to worship together again, as we're called to do. We concluded the Virtual Prayer Services the week of June 14–18.

Again, thank you and may God continue to bless you and your families this summer.

### The Deacons of St. Thomas

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Deacon Jim Breen

Deacon Joe Cuzzone

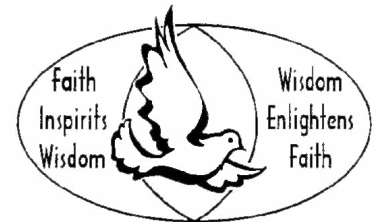
Deacon Larry Kearney

Deacon Patrick Lennon

## Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

### C.A.R.E. CORNER

We begin with number 10 of the 10 Commandments of Justice. Three of the original 10 Commandments warn us against stealing or coveting anything that belongs to another. We live in a material world in which we often desire things we do not have or things that are not already ours. Jesus warned his disciples "to guard against all greed" for "one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) They were not to worry about what they would eat or what they would wear (Luke 12:22). Jesus promised that God would provide for them, and if they sought God's kingdom first, then God would provide all the other material necessities as well (Luke 12:28,32).



We too often obstruct others from receiving what God has provided for them. Is that because we fail to recognize that everything we have is truly a gift from God? If only we could all be satisfied with the basics, then all of us would have enough of what we needed. Mother Teresa liked to say "Live simply so others may simply live." If justice means giving others what is their due, then we must help all others to simply live. Sharing is an act of love. Being generous is one way to imitate the immense generosity of God and to publicly live out our faith.

### Racial Justice Focus

### 21-Day Challenge — Watch!

Previous articles outlined an initiative sponsored by the St. Thomas Racial Justice Committee, the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge (<https://www.debyirving.com/21-day-challenge>). 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. Watch *Systemic Racism Explained*, a 4-minute video that illustrates what systemic racism is. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO\\_bdQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ)

The video also defines key terms, explains why (in some areas of the country) two students who live a few streets apart attend vastly different school systems and how we can all work to lessen the effects of systemic racism. Take four minutes to watch and consider engaging others in dialogue. What is your reaction to the video? What surprised or troubled you? What action can you take?

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

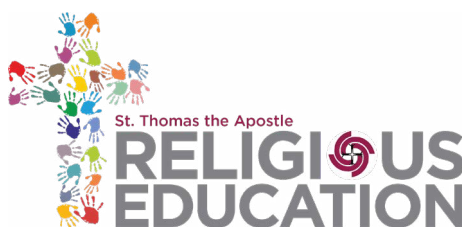
## Registration for RE ... Register by July 1

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 Monday through

Thursday, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm Friday and from 9:00 am–1:00 pm 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.

**Time is running out ... register by July 1 to avoid a late fee!**



## Religious Education Scouting Medals

Summer is the perfect time to work on religious medals (Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei) or even explore Scout Eagle projects at St. Thomas for those involved in Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire programs. Please contact Lorraine Katz at [Lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:Lkatz@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information.

## A BIG Thank You

Thank you so very much for your generous donations of baby diapers and baby wipes. Because of your generosity, the Week of Hope mission team was able to gift Foster Family Support Network in Kenosha, Wisconsin with much needed supplies which allows them to continue their important ministry. Many thanks!

## 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](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123.

## Catholic Baseball/Softball Camp

**WHO:** Boys and Girls, ages 8-14

**WHEN:** July 27–28, 8:00 am–3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Montini Catholic High School, Lombard, IL

**COST:** \$150

**REGISTRATION:** Go to [catholicssportscamps.org](http://catholicssportscamps.org)

Registration is currently open and will be limited to 50 campers.

## Question of the week

How would you describe your faith?

## LIFE Retreat Reunion

Thursday, July 8, 6:30-8:30pm

It's time to reunite! If you have ever been on a LIFE retreat, you are welcome to join us for an evening of barbeque fun, water games and connecting with friends out back by the labyrinth.

## High School Registration for 2021-2022

Registration packets for 2021–2022 High School Religious Education Journey program are now available. Forms may be downloaded online at <https://www.stapostle.org/st-thomas-confirmation-program/>. Hard copies may be picked up in the Gathering Area or outside of the Religious Education and Youth Ministry Offices. Registration is for a year-long commitment in the two-year program preparing teens to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are other opportunities offered as well for teens if they have already been confirmed or are not interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time. The registration deadline is August 9. Contact Dorothy Grantham with questions or for more details ([dgrantham@stapostle.org](mailto:dgrantham@stapostle.org)).

## High School Ministry Schedule At A Glance

**June 30** – Mental Health Teen/Parent Series planning meeting, 3:30 pm

**July 8** – LIFE Retreat Reunion, 6:30–8:30pm

**July 15** – LIFE Retreat Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

**July 22** – LIFE Retreat Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

**July 29** – LIFE Retreat Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

**August 15** – Deadline to turn in first year service hours; High School Year 2 Registration Deadline

**August 22** – High School Confirmation Program Year 1 Registration Deadline

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH St. Thomas the Apostle

### Behavioral Health Ministry Weekend

July 3–4, 2021

#### Behavioral Health Ministry Mission Statement:

*"The BHM strives to address the stigma surrounding mental illness and to minister to those with emotional/mental illness and their family and friends with confidentiality and respect through advocacy, prayer, education and support."*

During the Masses on July 3-4, you can learn more about the Behavioral Health Ministry at St. Thomas The Apostle. If you struggle with issues of body, mind or spirit, please reach out to us by calling the Pastoral Care Office at St. Thomas. 630.355.8980, x124

The Ministry Team will be available in the Narthex or outside with our Resource Table after every Mass that weekend. Please stop by to meet us.

Susan Kearney,  
Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry  
630.355.8980, x108

### Comfort My People

#### A Prayer Service for Healing

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest".*

*Matthew 11:28*

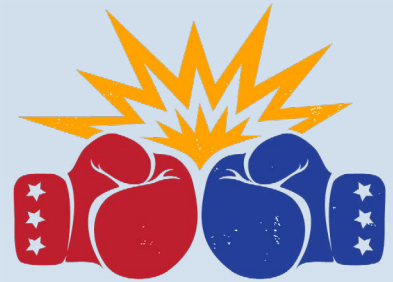
The Comfort My People Prayer Service is for anyone looking for hope and healing amid struggles in mind, body or spirit. Be reminded to hope in God and never lose sight of God's constant presence and love. Come to find consolation and peace within a loving community.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

#### Phase 5 Covid Procedures:

There is no registration/contact tracing required. Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks. A section of the church will be socially distanced and hand sanitizer will be available.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Kearney, Behavioral Health Ministry, at 630.355.8980, x108 or email [sdkearney@comcast.net](mailto:sdkearney@comcast.net).



## HELP US KNOCK OUT THE BLOOD SHORTAGE

### St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive

As we are knocking out COVID-19, let's knock out the blood shortage.

You can help at the St. Thomas Blood Drive Saturday, July 17, 2021, from 9:00 am–2:00 pm at the Rubin Center in downtown Naperville.

Reserve a spot today on the Versiti link:  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5583905](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5583905)

Please help cancer patients, accident victims and all others who depend on donated blood to survive.

#### We need you!

*The life of every living thing is in the blood ...*

*Leviticus 17:11*

# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

## Racial Justice Focus Survey ... What are your thoughts?

Please complete the short survey. We value the input of ALL parishioners.

Last November, St. Thomas announced a parish-wide focus on racial justice. That action was in response to events over recent times that brought racial justice issues to the surface for all of us, not just those most affected. Each of us was asked to be open of heart and open of mind.

### The intention of the racial justice focus is:

- To raise awareness,
- To provide opportunities to educate ourselves and learn from each other, and
- To support actions that create change of heart and bring about systemic change.

And we do all this centered in prayer.

Over six months have passed since we began this journey. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Comments in addition to a yes/no answer would be appreciated to provide a better understanding of your response. At your option, your survey response can be anonymous.

### Three ways to respond to the survey

- Online, go to the St. Thomas Home Page and click on the Racial Justice Focus Survey Box.
- Take home a bulletin this weekend. A copy of the survey will be in the bulletin.
- Pick up a survey anytime in the Narthex or Gathering Area over the next few weeks. Baskets to collect the surveys will be in the Narthex and the Gathering Area.



## Waterleaf Miracle of the Month

Lana and her husband are parents to three boys, ages 2, 4 and 6. She expressed being undecided between abortion and adoption. Although a two-income family, they are experiencing financial difficulties. She felt her husband wanted her to abort. She also conveyed concern about the adoption option because she felt it might affect her children to know they have a sibling who is not living with them. She felt very alone in making this decision.

During her first ultrasound, Lana declared that abortion off the table because she was farther along in the pregnancy than she first thought. She said it was amazing to see the movement of the baby and that cemented her decision for birth.

At her second visit, Lana confirmed she and her husband had made the decision for birth and to place the child for adoption. She had begun speaking with an adoption agency. Along with being a mom of three young children, she works with pre-school and kindergarten age kids. She loves kids, so the thought of placing her child for adoption seemed overwhelming.

At her third Waterleaf visit, Lana confirmed that she was researching two potential families for the adoption. However, during a follow-up call, Lana excitedly told her advocate that she and her husband have decided they want to parent their child. They are looking forward to seeing if they will finally get their daughter!

Keep Waterleaf and Lana's family in your prayers. Your support brings the gift of life.





## Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations

Care Pantry volunteers accepted drive-thru donations on Tuesday, June 15. We collected 197 bags of food from people in 47 vehicles, plus one person who walked to St. Thomas.

Thank you to all who were able to donate!

Drive-thru donation dates are continuing! The next drive-thru donations date is Tuesday, July 13 from 9:00–10:00 am and 6:00–7:00 pm. **Please note the new morning drop-off time.**

Check the website and the weekly bulletins closer to the date for a list of needed items.



## St. Vincent de Paul Summer Clothing Drive The Truck is Here!

The St. Vincent de Paul Summer Clothing Drive is this weekend with Vincentians present to collect your donations from 4:00–6:00 pm on Saturday, June 26 and from 8:00 am–12:00 pm on Sunday, June 27.

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** TV's, furniture, baby items (other than clothing) or mattresses.

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.

## Please Continue Supporting St. Thomas

We are very grateful for your continuing support to be the vibrant and engaging faith home you come to for spiritual nourishment. You can mail your regular Sunday donation in the postage-paid envelope provided in your envelope packet or sign up for online giving.

Thank you!

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# Stewardship and Administration

## The Week Ahead

Monday, June 28

Tuesday, June 29

Wednesday, June 30

7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, July 1

6:30–8:30 pm Life Service Team, Ministry Center  
7:30–9:00 pm Genesis Rehearsal, Church

Friday, July 2

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration, Church

Saturday, July 3

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana  
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room

Sunday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

## Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

June 13, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,030
Credit Card Online Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$7,756
Total for the week	\$17,786
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,729,003
Weekly Average 7/1/2019 to date	\$34,580
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,684,455
Over/short of goal to date	\$44,548
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,751,833
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	99%
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$22,830

This week, the Sunday collection is \$44,548 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$215 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2021

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,100
Pledges Received	\$141,070
Percent of Goal pledged to date	81.03%
Unpaid pledges	\$12,927
Paid to Date	\$128,143
Percent of goal paid to date	73.60%

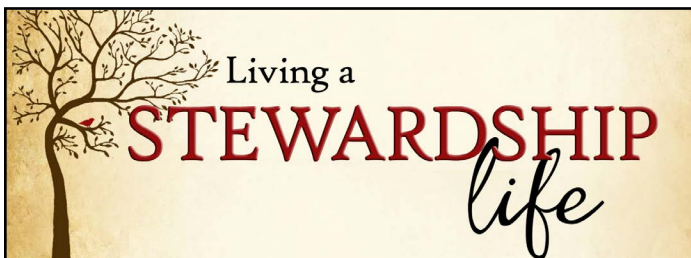
## Smart Moves in Giving to St. Thomas

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!

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Stewardship

What gifts have you received from the Lord? We all have received gifts, but sometimes we neglect to recognize them. Take some time this week to think hard about the gifts you have received and how can you use them to build up the Kingdom of God. Your gifts might be like the small mustard seed (which Jesus spoke about in the Gospels), when planted grows into a huge tree, spreading its branches wide and tall. No one's gifts of time, talent, and treasure are insignificant and can be used for the good of others. The question then is how can we share them?

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