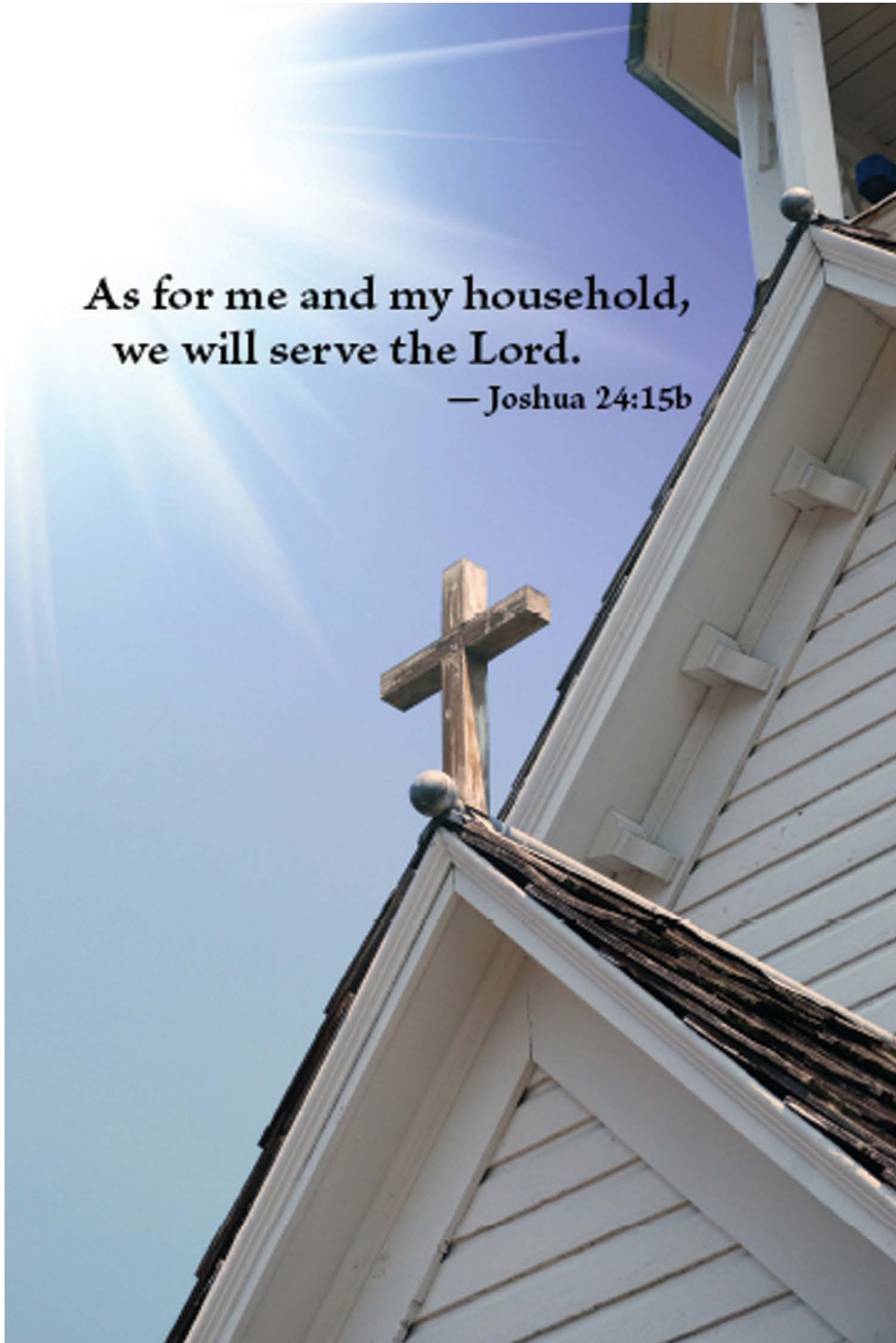


# St. Thomas

AUGUST 22, 2021 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As for me and my household,  
we will serve the Lord.

— Joshua 24:15b



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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. Augusta Diana, Coordinator of Ministers of Care, 630.355.8980, x140 or Jan Olah 630.355.8980, x124.

**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

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# in the word



with  
fr danaher

Dear Parish Family,

Up until today's gospel scene, there was not much complaining about Jesus' ministry in John's gospel. Though there was one time in an earlier chapter of John's gospel when Jewish leaders argued with Jesus because He healed someone on the Sabbath, He did not encounter any other opposition to the things He did or said.

That all changed after today's gospel. First the crowd murmured their opposition to Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Then they quarreled among themselves. Today we heard that many of His disciples—other than the Twelve — left Him. From now on, Jesus would meet with fierce opposition. John's gospel describes the times when temple guards tried to arrest Jesus and when others picked up rocks to stone Him. After He healed a man born blind and raised Lazarus from the dead, the Jewish leaders had had enough of Jesus and plotted His death. Despite all those troubles, Jesus remained faithful to His mission to bringing us back to God, even if it meant suffering and death. With Jesus, there was no wavering on His commitment of love and service to us. It was never "maybe." He always said "yes."

"Maybe" is not an option when it comes to our relationship with God. We either say "yes" or "no" to His call to follow Him. As incredible as it might sound, there are many who only turn to God, who say "yes" to Him, in times of desperation. When life is good, some forget about God. When things are easy, the challenge is to seek the relationship with the One who has always said "yes" to us before we were even created.

*Someone whom the parishioners of St. Thomas could count on to always say "yes" is one of our parish secretaries Kathy Ferguson. As you might have heard, Kathy and her husband Bear are making a work related move to Houston. Kathy has been part of our parish staff for 17 years in a variety of ministries. Kathy was the person to call for baptism information and new parishioner registration, which sometimes took place during Welcome Sunday, wedding ministry, and also worked with the Liturgy Office and the golf outing. Kathy also coordinated the reception desk volunteers. Kathy was an integral part of our COVID reopening.*

*Kathy, we wish you and Bear nothing but the best for your future. May you always know that the prayers of our St. Thomas parish community will always be with you.*

In the Word,

*Fr. Danaher*

## 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

*The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.*

### Upcoming Change to Mass Schedule

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## 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 August 28–29

### Saturday, August 28

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

### Sunday, August 29

9:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

10:45 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

*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

Justin Milavec and Sarah Osmulski

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

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

## Calling All Men!

Would you be interested in learning more about membership in our St. Thomas Knights of Columbus council? For an introduction, contact David Yelaska at [cseaaskme@gmail.com](mailto:cseaaskme@gmail.com)

## Church Office Hours

Please note the office hours effective through September 6.

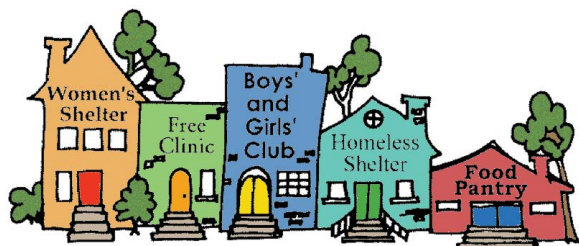
9:00 am–7:00 pm Monday–Thursday

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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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

*As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*

— *Joshua 24:15b*

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Choirs are back!!

The Liturgy and Music office at St. Thomas the Apostle is excited to resume choirs this Fall.

Starting in September,

Music Makers of all ages will return to ministry — bringing more joy and life to our liturgies through song. See the parish website for registration opportunities.

\*\*And a special note for our STA youth — kids as young as entering kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to be involved in music ministry! See the website for group descriptions and rehearsal times.



## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

*Please note, all the weekend intentions will be read at all Masses.*

### Monday, August 23, 2021

8:30 am †Dominick Adducci, by Al Adducci

### Tuesday, August 24, 2021

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

### Wednesday, August 25, 2021

8:30 am †Virginia Kaczynski, by Dick and Adela Auskalnis

### Thursday, August 26, 2021

8:30 am Rich and Gerri Murawski 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Friday, August 27, 2021

*St. Monica*

8:30 am †Ruth Ohana, by Przekwas Family

### Saturday, August 28, 2021

*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am Mass

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Lou Leatherwood, by Pam and John Muhlenfeld

### Sunday, August 29, 2021

*Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary*

9:00 am †Ferdinand DeGuzman, by Family

10:45am Healing for Meghan Kohl, by Dorothy Jaracz

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflecting on God's word

People find some of Jesus' teachings very hard to accept. Some of the disciples mentioned in today's Gospel are no exception. They could not accept what Jesus had to say about himself as the bread of life, so they left. We often hear, "I'm not religious, but I am very spiritual." Either the person has seen and rejected a life of faith, or has not understood what a life of faith requires and is seeking meaning and emotional comfort elsewhere. We bear some responsibility for this. The best way for people to recognize Jesus is through our example. Perhaps another way to think might be, "What would Jesus have ME do?" The responsibility is not on Jesus but on us. Like Joshua in today's first reading. "Decide today whom you will serve . . . we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)

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## Thank you St. Thomas.

I will be leaving my position in the general office September 1, but will be around here for a few weeks after that.

My heart is full and blessed to have been a part of the St. Thomas staff for 17½ years and a parishioner for 23. My children grew up here and my family and I have been a part of this community since we moved to Naperville.

Besides working in the General Office and Music and Liturgy Offices, I have been involved in many areas, ministries and activities throughout my time here. I have met all kinds of wonderful people throughout my career at St. Thomas. I appreciate everything that I have experienced and learned over the years. I enjoyed helping out in any way I could to make you feel special at St. Thomas.

Continue to take ownership and care of St. Thomas and all its many blessings. I am sad to leave, but I know it is time to start the next chapter of my life. I wish each of you health, happiness and love. I will miss you and the Spirit of St. Thomas.

I always say "Expand your horizons, try something new" ... so here I go to live those words I believe in ... as my husband and I move to Houston, Texas.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Many blessings to all of you and God be with you,

Kathy Ferguson

## Wanted: Altar Servers!

Youth from grade 4 on up are welcome and encouraged to serve at the altar of Jesus.

### Training is provided:

Thursday, September 2	4:30–5:30 pm
Sunday, September 5	12:00–1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 7	4:30–5:30 pm
Saturday, September 11	3:00–4:00 pm

Meet in Church for training. Please RSVP to: [sdelke@stapostle.org](mailto:sdelke@stapostle.org)

## Upcoming Change to Mass Schedule

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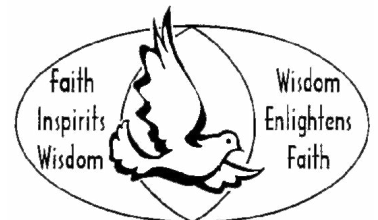
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# Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

The fourth of the original 10 Commandments given to Moses required the People of God to honor their Fathers and Mothers. And that brings us to Commandment of Justice #2. We can certainly extend that concept of honor and respect for our elders to include all others, from all walks of life and from all stages of life. We are

all children of God. We all have inherent value and dignity by virtue of that fact. This is a foundational concept of our Catholic Christianity. And that is why our Church takes such a strong stand on the sanctity of all life.



But sometimes it's especially hard to be kind and compassionate. Yet, that is the hard work that is needed for true justice — the interior work of changing ourselves and recognizing that doing that well requires God's guidance and direction. If it was easy to treat each other well, we would all do that — all the time. But we humans tend to be self-centered, and we consider our own needs before we consider those of others — especially of people we do not know. God extended mercy and womb-love — in Hebrew "hesed" — to all people. So we need to follow God's lead and extend womb-love to all of our brothers and sisters in the human family.

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## Spread the Word Bible Studies

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..."* (Colossians 3:16)

Adult Bible Studies will resume in just a few short weeks. Spend some time exploring Sacred Scripture with knowledgeable guides and strong community support as we pray and discuss the Word of the Lord. Multiple options exist; choose the one that best fits your time and interest:

- 1) The Gospel of John: Wednesdays 9:15–11:15 am, weekly September 8–May 25, 2022
- 2) The Catholic Epistles — Peter, James, John and Jude, weekly September 9–June 2, 2022
  - A) Thursdays 9:15–11:15 am
  - B) Thursdays 7:30–9:00 pm

No prior knowledge of Scripture is necessary — newcomers are most welcome as are long-time students of the Bible. To participate, please contact Chari Rosales, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at 630.355.8980, x138 or [crosales@stapostle.org](mailto:crosales@stapostle.org).

# Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RE Kickoff

#### Kickoff Mass and Chance to Meet Catechists

On Sunday, August 29, the new religious education year will kick off at the 10:45 am Mass. All religious education families (Pre-K through grade 8) are invited to attend that liturgy. Immediately after the 10:45 am Mass, there will be a chance to meet RE catechists and volunteers. Mark your calendars for August 29 and be on hand to help kick off another wonderful RE year!

### Parents and Catechists ... Important Dates for Religious Education

- Tuesday, August 24, All Catechists Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, August 29, RE Kickoff Mass and a chance to meet catechists, 10:45 am Mass with meet and greet following Mass
- Monday, August 30, Middle School Catechists Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 31, Elementary Catechists Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, September 11, Elementary and Middle School Saturday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- Monday, September 13, Middle School Monday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- Tuesday, September 21, Elementary Tuesday RE sessions begin at Brookdale School

### Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Faith Formation Classes

Do you have a Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten child in the fall (age 4 or 5 by September 1)? Faith formation classes are available for your child. Children entering pre-kindergarten in the fall have a choice of attending faith formation classes Tuesday 4:30–5:45 pm or Saturday 8:30–9:45 am. Children entering kindergarten may attend classes on Saturday morning 8:30–9:45 am. Registration material is available outside the Faith Formation Office or is available online to be printed, filled out and returned with payment. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at 630.355.8980, x118 or Lorraine Katz, x109.

### Question of the week

Where is your quiet place when you are praying to Jesus?

### All Catechists Meeting

#### Keepers of the Memory of God

Elementary, middle school, high school and adult catechists are invited to start the year together by attending the All Catechists Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, from 7:00–9:00 pm.

The newly revised Directory for Catechesis (2020) states that “The catechist is ... a keeper of the memory of God ...” (113). What exactly does that mean? How does that impact what we do in faith formation sessions? Join us as we delve into these questions, share insights and memories, and learn from each other. To facilitate planning, those wishing to attend the All Catechists Meeting should register online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).

### Elementary Catechists Opportunities

Remember when you children were small and they pretended to make dinner, cut the grass, nail wood, vacuum the floor and many other things that you do at home? Children watch carefully what their parents and other adults do daily. Wouldn't you like to be the one sharing our faith with children? Lesson plans and training is provided. Class size is small. Currently, elementary religious ed. catechists and aides are especially needed for multiple grades on Saturday and on Tuesday. Lesson plans and training is provided. Contact Lorraine Katz to discuss further at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x109.

### Middle School Catechists Needed ... Now is your Chance

There is a need for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechists for Monday evening middle school religious education classes. Volunteering for the ministry of catechesis puts you in touch with an amazing group of middle school students who will delight you, challenge you and inspire you with their faith and Spirit. Materials and training are provided for catechists. If you are interested in learning more, contact Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123.



## Teens with Character Core Team

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:** If you would like to take a more active role in Teens with Character, and help to plan and lead the Teens with Character meetings, then join the Teens with Character Core Team. The Core Team meets immediately before each Teens with Character meeting to plan the games, activities and group discussion for each meeting. During Teens with Character meetings, Core Team members take an active role in welcoming and in leading the meetings. If you are interested in being part of the Core Team, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@staposte.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

The 2021-2022 Teens with Character meeting dates are October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13 and March 13. All Teens with Character meetings take place from 4:30-6 pm, in the St. Thomas gym. Middle school students and friends are welcome!

## High School News

### Catechists and More Needed for High School Ministry

Catechists, small group leaders and other roles currently need to be filled to support the upcoming year of high school youth ministry programs. If you have a love of teenagers and are willing to share your faith, contact Dorothy Grantham at [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org) to discuss how your skills and talents may be a match for youth ministry.

### LIFE Retreat Planning Starts

Any teen who has already attended a LIFE Confirmation Retreat is invited to join us on TEAM. We are planning for our August 28 –29 LIFE Retreat on Thursdays from 6:30–8:15 pm at St. Thomas. Contact Dorothy at [ym@stapostle.org](mailto:ym@stapostle.org) if you have any questions.

### High School Ministry Schedule At A Glance

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

**August 26** – LIFE Retreat Planning Meeting 6:30 pm

**August 28–29** – LIFE Confirmation Retreat

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## Young Adult Samuel Group

The Diocese of Joliet is sponsoring the Samuel Group for Young Adults aged 20-35. Samuel Group is a community of like-minded young adults who are striving for holiness and seeking a deeper relationship with God. Over seven months, you'll learn how to deepen your prayer life, discover the rules of discernment by St. Ignatius of Loyola and receive guidance from a spiritual director.

Samuel Group is more than a "discernment group." It is a program designed to help young adults know themselves and how to live in the freedom of a relationship with Jesus Christ and trust in His plan for their lives. Understanding one's vocation first comes from understanding how God is calling each person to live each day in the present moment, free from past wounds and the lies of the world.

The first session begins September 19, 2021. Check out this link for more info: <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/sectioncontent.php?secid=22>

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# Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

## Pax Christi

### Who We Are and Why

Pax Christi St. Thomas/Servants will meet on September 1 at 6:30 pm in the Cana Room at St. Thomas. Please see the following and join us. If you have questions, contact Nancy Oetter at 630.904.3859 or [nloetter@comcast.net](mailto:nloetter@comcast.net).

Grounded in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, Pax Christi USA (PCUSA) is a membership organization that rejects war, preparation for war, every form of violence and domination and personal and systemic racism. As PCUSA, a section of Pax Christi International, we are a Catholic peace and justice movement that seeks to model the Peace of Christ in our witness to the mandate of the nonviolence of the Cross.

### What We Do

- Guided by the spirituality of nonviolence, we advocate and provide leadership for disarmament, demilitarization and reconciliation with justice, inclusiveness, economic and interracial justice, human rights and care of creation.
- We strive through prayer, study and action to be attentive to the interrelatedness of the key issues stated above and, in our response, to be conscious of their impact on the world community.
- We work to align our organizational structures, policies, and practices with our intent to be an anti-racist, multicultural Catholic movement for peace with justice.

### Our Vision

A more peaceful, just and sustainable world through the efforts of our members and in collaboration with other groups.

# Haiti Earthquake

## Duchity Update

*(Due to Bulletin deadlines, this article is being written on Monday, August 16 ... the third day after 7.2 magnitude earthquake occurred in southwestern Haiti. The epicenter was some 26 miles east of our Twinning community of Duchity. The Duchity village center is about 5,000-6,000 people, but there are more than 15,000 in the nearby countryside.)*

We were able to contact Fr. Emery, the Pastor of Ste. Marie-Madeleine, on Sunday evening. He reported the following.

- Everyone is still staying outside and sleeping outside. There have been dozens of aftershocks. People are afraid.
- There have been some deaths and there are still people missing. No one knows how many.
- There have been many injured with broken bones, lacerations and other injuries. The clinic has a tent where Dr. Nickson and the clinic staff are working to help the injured. Everyone is helping.
- There are not enough medical supplies to treat all of them. Everyone is sharing the medical supplies they might have in their home.
- The most seriously injured need a hospital. Since the road down the mountain is blocked in many places, they are carrying the people on mattresses to Camp Perrin. (Note: seven miles). Camp Perrin was also severely damaged, maybe worse than Duchity.
- Food is not a problem for now, but it will become a problem soon.
- The clinic, the schools and the worship space were not damaged. In the compound area, the Guest House and the John Ball Building (Note: used as classroom space) have cracks in the outside walls and on the inside walls. And everything in all the rooms was knocked over and spread about. Many things broken.
- As he walked through the village, every other house was collapsed or seriously damaged.
- The Plaine Martin chapel and elementary school were badly damaged. Some of the other chapels also had bad damage. (Note: Plaine Martin is a chapel of our Twinning parish about three miles down the main road to Camp Perrin.)

We also spoke with Ertha who runs the orphanage and the elementary school in the countryside about two miles from Duchity.

- Two of the children, Wadsen and Valery, were injured when an internal wall of the orphanage collapsed. Their injuries are, thankfully, not serious.
- The exterior of the orphanage is still standing, but has some damage to the walls and the roof.
- The school building seems to be OK.

Please hold the people of Duchity and the surrounding areas in your prayers.

### Earthquake Recovery Collection — This Weekend (August 21-22)

There will be a second collection this weekend to provide earthquake relief and recovery aid for our Twinning community of Duchity. The funds will be coordinated through Fr. Emery, the Pastor of Ste. Marie Madeleine, for the benefit of the larger Duchity community.

- Checks can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Haiti Earthquake" in the memo and mailed to: St. Thomas OSJ, 1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville, IL 60563.
- Online donations can be made from the St. Thomas website or go directly to <https://www.osvhub.com/stapostle/funds/haiti-earthquake-relief-duchity>. Be aware that a credit card processing charge of 3.4 percent will be deducted from your donation.

## PATH August 24 Zoom Meeting

### Interviewing Tactics and Techniques ... Be the S.T.A.R. That You Are!

Congratulations. You have secured the interview for your dream job. As you begin the planning and preparation for this important meeting, how will you illustrate and articulate the value-adding capabilities you will be able to bring to the new position? Join us on August 24 when we explore and test an interview technique that will boost your confidence and enable you to shine during the interview process — S.T.A.R.

Presenter Fred Johnson currently serves as President of Changing Paradigms Consulting, Inc. and serves on the Leadership Team of the PATH Group. Changing Paradigms Consulting, Inc. was born out of transition and remains devoted to the enablement and empowerment of organizations and individuals with a focus on growth optimization.

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



## Hesed House PADS Resumes to Near Normal Monthly Food Donations Needed

*St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.*

When the pandemic lockdown occurred, the St. Thomas volunteers adapted. Food was purchased. The dinner and breakfast meals were prepared and cooked in the St. Thomas kitchen and then delivered to Hesed House. The Hesed House staff reheated and served the food. Bag lunches were also prepared and delivered to Hesed House.

Our volunteers are once again able to return and serve at Hesed House. And beginning in September, we are once again asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month.

### How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for September, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page ([www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)) for specific items. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area on Thursday, September 5 before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all that are able to help.



# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

## Save the Dates: Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure Screenings will be returning monthly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Sundays September 2021 through May 2022, subject to parishioner interest and participation.

To assure a level of safety, dependability and accuracy with the blood pressure screening events, Blood pressure Screenings will be offered at St. Thomas following the latest CDC, Coronavirus guidelines regarding masking and hand sanitizing. Recommendations from Harvard Health System for participant involvement will be encouraged. Specific details will follow shortly.



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St. Thomas the Apostle

September 12, 2021	October 10, 2021	November 14, 2021
December 12, 2021	January 9, 2022	February 6, 2022
March 6, 2022	April 3, 2022	May 15, 2022

## Digital Home Monitoring Instruction

St. Thomas Parishioners:

Do you have the diagnosis of hypertension, "high blood pressure" (abnormal and/or persistent elevation of blood pressure) in your health history? Do you have questions about your blood pressure? Will you or do you now self-monitor your blood pressure at the advice of your doctor or for yourself?

Would you be interested in a private, in-person and socially distanced review of Harvard University's guidelines to Home Blood Pressure Monitoring? This tutorial will be held with all safety criteria in place, social distancing, face masking and disinfecting materials and hands. Blood pressures, however, will optimally be taken on a bare arm, please be aware.

Scheduling a 20-minute appointment at a convenient time for you or scheduling on a Blood Pressure weekend Mass is required. Please call Diane McQueen in the general office at 630.355.8980, x101 to schedule with the Parish Nurse, Felicia Lawlor.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
St. Thomas the Apostle

## Mental Health First Aid Training at St. Thomas

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
9:00 am–3:00 pm

### What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

### What you will learn:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect the person with help

### Blended Learning

After completing a 2-hour, self-paced online course, First Aiders will participate in a 5.5-hour (6 hr w/ breaks), in-person, Instructor led class.

### Cost

\$23.95

### To Register

<https://bmhfa091121.eventbrite.com>

7.5 Continuing education units available; LCPC/LPC, LCSW/LSW, LMFT, RN, and Psychologist.

## From the Behavioral Health Ministry Save the Date

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
7:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle

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.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
St. Thomas the Apostle

# Stewardship and Administration

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, August 23

6:00–6:30 pm RE New Parent Orientation, Gathering Area

### Tuesday, August 24

7:00–9:00 pm All Catechist Meeting, Ministry Center

### Wednesday, August 25

### Thursday, August 26

6:30–8:30 pm Life Retreat Planning, Ministry Center

### Friday, August 27

6:30–8:30 pm Scout Movie Night, Parking Lot

### Saturday, August 28

8:00 am–4:00 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center  
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Deacon's Office  
 9:00–11:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Church  
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room

### Sunday, August 29

9:00–3:30 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center  
 10:45–1:00 pm RE Kick-off, Outside

## Restricted Gift Policy Effective November 1, 2017

1) Notwithstanding restricted donation funds active since July 1, 2015, all individual new-purpose restricted donations exceeding \$500.00, whether solicited or unsolicited, must be approved by the pastor prior to solicitation or receipt/acceptance, whichever is earlier. This provision is effective November 1, 2017.

2) Restricted donations will be expended before the second fiscal year-end after the fiscal year of receipt. If the donation has not been expended in accordance with the restriction within two fiscal year-ends, the donated funds will be directed to a related ministry use and notice given to donors where practical. For example, if donations for the purchase of a new musical instrument received in November 2016 (FY16-17) exceed the cost of the instrument, the excess funds will support or supplement music ministry no later than June 2019 (FY 18-19). The funds may continue to be held for the restricted purpose beyond this time if the extended time is approved by the pastor.

3) With respect to restricted funds on hand at adoption of the policy, every effort should be made to fulfill reasonable donor expectations that the funds will be expended for the intended purpose within the timeframe described in 2 above. In cases where fulfillment expenditures are no longer practical, permission should be sought from the donor(s) to redirect the funds to a related ministry and expended within the timeframe described above. The pastor may extend the holding period.

Notice will be published in the bulletin and website notifying donors of the new restricted donation and expenditure policy, and thereafter at least semi-annually. Donors of a restricted gift of \$500.00 or more will receive a copy of the policy at the time of the donation.

## Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

August 8, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$7,186
Credit Card Online Giving	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$21,392
Mailed in and stock donations	\$7,493
Total for the week	\$36,071
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$225,179
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$37,530
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$201,417
Over/(short) of goal to date	\$23,762
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	13%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,520,421

This week, the Sunday collection is \$23,762 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$180 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2021

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,100
Pledges Received	\$145,530
Percent of Goal pledged to date	83.59%
Unpaid pledges	\$8,791
Paid to Date	\$136,739
Percent of goal paid to date	78.54%

## 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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