

St. Thomas

OCTOBER 17, 2021 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

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

From the Bishop



Dear Friends,

Many of you know that I have a missionary heart. I spent five years of my priesthood living and working in Central America in the country of El Salvador. I loved it.

But you don't have to travel to another country to be a missionary. You can do so here, at home, by looking for opportunities to put your faith into action.

One of those opportunities is World Mission Sunday, which we celebrate this year on October 24. The second collection taken up on that weekend serves as a worldwide effort to provide for the strengthening of more than 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's Love, mercy and peace.

Pope Francis has taken a verse from the Act of the Apostles as the theme for this year's World Mission Sunday: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) The Holy Father encourages us to reach beyond our usual limits — both physical and spiritual — to spread the love of Christ.

"By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere," Pope Francis writes in his message for World Mission Sunday.

Let us all become missionaries by strengthening the Church abroad through a donation to the second collection on the weekend of October 23–24.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Weekend (Please Note New Mass Times)

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass 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 details.

Presider Schedule October 23–24

Saturday, October 23

4:30 pm: Fr. Philip Danaher

Sunday, October 24

8:00 am: Fr. Matt Lorenz

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

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!

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call Maureen Januszewski in the General Office at 630.355.8980, x100.

New Parishioners

James and Celeste Buckingham

Cole and Kathryn Pence

Francis and Rani Roche

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.

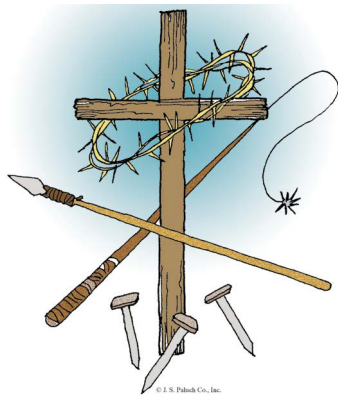


Church Office and Building Hours

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

Worship Commission — Liturgy and Music



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.

— *Isaiah 53:11b*

Readings for Today

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflecting on God's Word

Jesus calls us in today's Gospel to offer our entire lives to God because we are made in His image. Yet, our temptation is often to compartmentalize our lives; separating our faith from everything else we do. Reflect on how your faith can impact the way you live your everyday life, and think about what areas of your life, in particular, you need to let God come in.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 am †Ruben Sinfuego, by Mayoralgo Family

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Saints. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 am †Joseph Auskalnis, by Richard and Adela Auskalnis

Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

Friday, October 22, 2021

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:30 am †Benjamin Parrilli, by Parrilli Family

Saturday, October 23, 2021

St. John of Capistrano, Priest, BVM

8:30 am †Magno Victoria, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Mary Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family

Healing for Larry Kearney, by Pat Wilkins

†Frederic Militante, by his sister, Anne

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary

8:00 am †JoAnne Woodfork, by Mother

9:30 am †Tom deGroh, by VOF Choir

†Genevieve and Mitchell Zoladz, by Joe and Gloria Caruso

11:15 am †Raymond Courney, by Family

Autumn Prayer

By Christine C. Robinson

God of the Autumn, help us to live
with the grace of falling leaves
the enthusiasm of the flaming Aspens
with the serenity of the old trees, whose roots reach deep into the earth.

God of the Autumn, help us to know
that living and dying are one
that life is precious, and beautiful, and limited.
that nothing good is ever lost.

God of the Autumn, help us to see
in the ways of nature a way for ourselves.

Amen

MUSIC MAKERS

St. Thomas the Apostle



Congregational Singing and Choirs are BACK!

Recently the Diocese of Joliet lifted restrictions on congregational singing and choirs. This was not a change that we anticipated, but very much welcome, so parishioners can more fully engage in the Mass. Please note that singing is physical exercise and uses muscles that must be kept in shape. Over 18 months ago is the last time we've had any type of large musical group gathering, so please be patient as it will take some time to get voices back in shape before they return on Sundays. There are still restrictions on masks, distancing, etc. Small group ensembles will return at the beginning of November. We are currently working on a plan to have some sort of modified in-person Lessons and Carols. Stay tuned for more exciting details to emerge.

Musicians Needed

We are looking for people who play piano, bass, guitar or drums. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jim Clauer at jclauer@stapostle.org.

Save the Parental Notice of Abortion Law

State lawmakers are meeting October 19 and they are considering repealing the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. We must act to prevent this!

72 percent of all Illinois voters agree that parents or an adult guardian should be informed if their child is seeking an abortion, yet the Illinois General Assembly continues to threaten the repeal of Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion law.

Please join us in contacting your state legislators to support our God-given right to support and protect our children. Go to www.ilcatholic.org to read the Illinois bishops letter and to find out how to contact your state legislator to defeat this bill.

And, please ask another family member or friend to help join the effort to defeat this bill.



Annulment Information Day

The office of Family Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet is sponsoring an Annulment Information Day Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm via Zoom. This event is free.

People interested in petitioning for an annulment, those already in the process, or anyone who wants information about the annulment process are welcome to attend. The meaning of the word "annulment," myths and questions will be addressed. There will be time for discussion and prayer.

This informative seminar will include input by and discussion with Tom Kerber of the Diocese of Joliet Tribunal and Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of The Office of Family Ministry.

This is a free presentation and includes some materials sent to all registrants. Pre-registration is required by November 8. Register online at <https://bit.ly/3f0oInP>.

All Saints

Monday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints — This is not a holy day of obligation this year, as previously published. We will have Mass at 8:30 am in the Church. On this day the Church honors all the saints of heaven, God's holy ones — known and unknown to us. We celebrate all the holy men and women who, throughout the ages, exemplified the faith; whose lives, in some way or another, mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ in profound ways. This solemnity honors all the saints; in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year. This day, coupled with the November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful departed (All Souls), stands at the beginning of the month of November — a month in which we remember and pray for the dead.

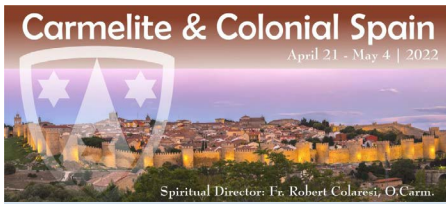
All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Liturgy will be held at St. Thomas on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. During the mass, you will be invited to light a candle in memory of you loved one as their name is proclaimed within a ritual of remembrance. You are also invited to participate by bringing a token of remembrance (*such as a photo, item of jewelry, book, etc.*) of your loved one to be placed in the Narthex before Mass begins; surrounded by other reflections of beauty and light.

Book of Life

During the month of November, there will be a display to remember our beloved departed in the St. Thomas Narthex. Also, there is a book for you to enter names of deceased loved ones. All the names that are entered in this book will be prayed for in a special way during the month of November.

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult



Pilgrimage to Carmelite and Colonial Spain April 21–May 4, 2022

Led by Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm.,
Spiritual Director

Following in the footsteps and spirituality of Saints Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, the great Carmelite Doctors of mysticism and spirituality, we will visit Avila, Alba de Tormes, Salamanca, Fontiveros and Segovia.

We also include history and heritage of Spain, including the Islamic and colonial elements. Thus we visit Granada, Cordoba and Seville, along with Madrid and Toledo. Spain is a wonderful country, rich in history and heritage. It hosted the golden age of enlightenment, when Christianity, Judaism and Islam co-existed with a great sense of peace, wisdom and mutual respect. Parallel schools of mysticism and spirituality mutually enriched each other. Reactionary Catholicism manifested in the Inquisition, eventually destroyed this time of enlightened peace when the Jews and Moslems were expelled from Catholic Spain in 1492.

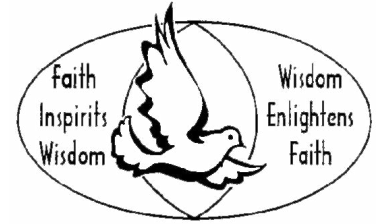
Cost: \$4,550 – double occupancy.

For brochure, information or registration, please contact the Carmelite Spiritual Center at 630.969.4141 or retreats@CarmeliteSpiritualCenter.org.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

When we hear the word “Church,” we likely first think about the building. Yes, our Church is the building itself. But that building is unique with regard to other buildings. Like other buildings, its a place of assembling for social events and business. Our Church business is the gathering of God’s People for the purpose of liturgy, which helps us enter into the life of Christ. So the main part of our Church structure is the sanctuary, our primary place of worship — “the dwelling-place of God among men” (CCC # 756). And because of that, the building is organized very purposefully around our theology in order to convey and support its deeper meaning.

At the center of the sanctuary is an altar, which is a place of sacrifice. Above that altar we place a crucifix — a representation of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for all of humanity. There are steps that lead up to that altar to acknowledge that it’s a place set apart, a holy place, an elevated space. The holy texts preserved by our Church are proclaimed from an ambo, which refers to a higher or risen place. The remainder of our worship space offers us beauty: in stained glass windows; in space for musical instruments, there to enhance our worship; in statues as holy reminders of some of the people and places that are integral to our faith history; and in spaces to store some sacramental objects such as the holy oils used in the conferring of the sacraments. All these are accoutrements we won’t find in other types of buildings or meeting spaces.



The Rack is Back!

Once again, the Reading Rack in the Gathering Area is stocked with Catholic magazines and books of seasonal interest from our Resource Center. October is dedicated to the Rosary so be sure to look for our Marian selections. Coming in November will be lives of the saints. All items are available to be checked out for two weeks using the self-checkout book on the top shelf of the Rack. Please return and check in the materials after two weeks so that others may enjoy them.

Happy reading!

Art Fair

Mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Arts & Craft Fair at St. Thomas. The event will be held November 13–14.

Artists who will be participating work in photography, handmade jewelry, painting, leather art, quilting, Christmas ornaments — and so much more!! This is a fun event for artists to share their talent and a great way to do some early holiday shopping.

We hope you will join us!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS
THE 22ND ANNUAL FINE ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL
FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS' ORIGINAL ART AND CRAFTS INCLUDING: PAINTINGS- PHOTOGRAPHY- JEWELRY- DRAWINGS CERAMICS- MIXED MEDIA- WOOD CRAFTS- FIBER ART

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2021
SATURDAY 10-6 PM
SUNDAY 9-1:30 PM
1808 BROOKDALE RD. NAPERVILLE, IL 60563
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
dryder27@gmail.com 937-974-4363

Some artists don't have charge card machines, preferred method of payment is cash or check, thank you

“I am St. Thomas” Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “I am St. Thomas” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. Thomas the Apostle Church community. On Commitment Weekend, October 23–24, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

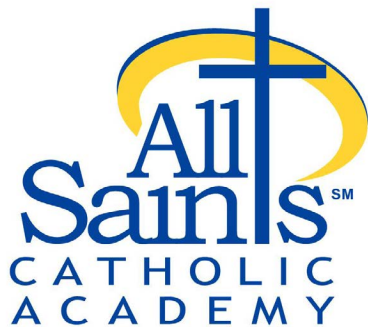


We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.stapostle.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100 percent participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Thomas the Apostle Church!



News from All Saints Catholic Academy

Our ASCA School Library where Students Read, Know and Grow



The All Saints Catholic Academy Library is a very special place in our school. We foster the love of reading through books. Each week, our students visit the library and are able to check out books.

We have a large assortment of picture books, fiction and non-fiction, along with biographies and young adult books for our Jr. High students.

Whether students are selecting books needed to complete an assignment, or they are looking for ‘just for fun reading,’ everyone will find something to enjoy.

When ASCA celebrates Grandparents Day, we are so thankful for the generosity of our Grandparents who donate to our Book Futures fund. These donations are then spent throughout the year purchasing new books as well as replacing our much loved and ‘little worn’ ones.

The Book Fair is another exciting event that the students look forward to. After last year’s virtual book fair, students were eager to attend the fair in person this year held in the library.

Parents were so giving in their book fair purchases that our initial sales goal of \$5,000 was crushed with just two days of sales, earning both an out of uniform day and an extra recess for our students!

It is a great time to be a Saint at All Saints!



Faith and Formation Commission — Youth



St. Thomas the Apostle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Zoom Meeting about Religious Education Classes

Zoom in and find out what your children are learning in their Religious Education classes. Find out what you can do at home to support what they learn in their classes. Ask about our Church visits and upcoming grade level Masses and other fun things going on. Come and talk with Lorraine Katz, Director of Elementary Religious Education, via Zoom for a parent only session Wednesday, October 20 from 7:00–7:40 pm or Wednesday, October 26 from 7:00–7:40 pm. Find the link in your email or contact Jenni or Geralyn in the Faith Formation Office at 630.305.6318 or REAdmin@stapostle.org. You may also contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

First Eucharist Parent Enrichment Session

The Parent Enrichment Session for First Eucharist is Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 1:00–2:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. A make-up session is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021, from 7:00–8:30 pm in the Church.

Only one parent, who desires to have their child receive First Communion in the spring of 2022 and is in their second year of faith formation, needs to attend. The session will cover Theology of the Eucharist by Fr. Philip Danaher and Preparation for Eucharist presented by Lorraine Katz.

Please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or lkatz@stapostle.org. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

First Eucharist Preparation Information Packets

First Eucharist information packets have been mailed to parents of First Communicants, who are in their second year of formation, whether in Religious Education or attending All Saints Catholic Academy, St. Thomas' Regional school. If you didn't receive the registration form and information concerning the parent enrichment session and family prayer services, please contact Jenni or Geralyn in the Faith Formation Office at 630.305.6318 or REAdmin@stapostle.org. You may also contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

Question of the week

If you had a chance to ask Jesus a question what would it be?

Third Grade RE Church Visit

Children in third grade Religious Education classes are visiting our Church Tuesday, October 19 at 4:30 pm and Saturday, October 23 at 8:30 am to learn more about the Mass, labyrinth prayer and Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be during their religious education classes. Please drop off and pick up at the Gathering Area doors.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Mass has been delayed for the safety of all. However, you can still pick up children's liturgy of the word material for your children preK – through third grade. The liturgy of the word material is fun and colorful and often includes a game and other fun activities while teaching about this week's gospel at the child's level. Children's Liturgy of the Word materials are available each week in print or digitally with a code. Stop by and pick some up for your children. It can be a fun family activity. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information.

Scout Popcorn Time

It is Scout Popcorn time! Come see the variety of popcorn that is for sale. Support the Cub Scout Pack 125 by buying popcorn next weekend October 23–24, 2021, after all the Masses.

Scout popcorn tables will be outside the gathering area doors after all Masses.

Be a Part of Harvest Sunday

Week of October 31: Flyer distribution

November 7: Food collection, drive-by food drop off and food collection at Casey's

Volunteers are needed to make Harvest Sunday a success. Here are ways that you can help:

- Sign up to deliver flyers and collect donations from Harvest Sunday neighborhood routes. These routes will be in some of the Naperville and Aurora subdivisions closest to St. Thomas (Brookdale, Cress Creek, Longwood, Stonebridge, and more).
- If you are not in one of those subdivisions, consider building your own route for flyer delivery and donation pickup ... for example, cover your street or a few blocks in your neighborhood. Flyers will be provided.
- Help solicit donations at Casey's Foods on November 7 during a 2-hour shift.
- Drop off your family's donation during the drive-through food collection on November 6 and 7.
- Volunteer to help with the drive-through food donation on November 6 and 7, carrying donations from cars into the ministry center.
- Help sort and pack the food collected. The number of people in the gym at one time will be limited. This activity will take place on November 7 and also during the week, if necessary.

To volunteer, sign up at www.stapostle.org/harvest-sunday. Volunteers of all ages are needed. This is an excellent family service project.



All Saints Playlist

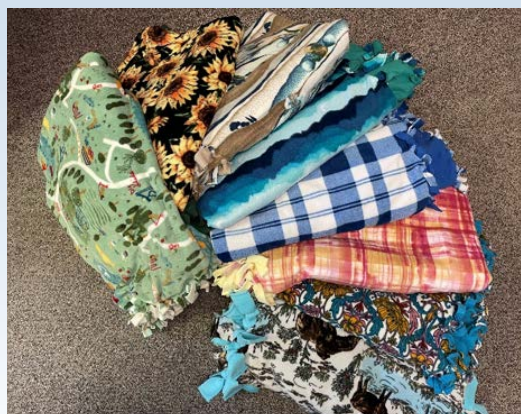
The Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints November 1. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Saints in our Catholic tradition and the saints, the holy ones, in our lives. The All Saints playlist, A Saintly Adventure, offers many links and suggestions to celebrate saints. Check it out on the St. Thomas website. Enjoy the adventure!

RE Tuition Angel

Would you like to be a tuition angel for a family attending Religious Education (RE) classes? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay their RE tuition. If you can help the fees are: \$145 for one child, \$240 for two children or \$315 for three children. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please write tuition gift on the memo line of the check. Please send it to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office, attention Lorraine Katz. Thank you for your generosity of being a tuition angel. It is greatly appreciated.

a big
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OUT!

A BIG shout out goes to middle school RE classes for making fleece blankets for the Pine Ridge Reservation. Thank you for your gifts that will warm the body and warm the heart!



Important Dates for Middle School RE

October 16, 23

Saturday middle school RE classes meet.

October 18, 25

Monday middle school RE classes meet.

St. Francis High School Open House

St. Francis High School invites prospective students to visit the school and to experience the St. Francis environment.

You can sign up for Open House tours to take place on Thursday, October 21 and Sunday, November 7. Tours will be given in 40 minute intervals and will be led by our Student Ambassador Leadership Team members.

This is a great way to see the school and ask any questions you may have about St. Francis High School. Tours are by appointment only and are geared toward 6th, 7th and 8th grade families.

Go to www.sfhscollegeprep.org to register. St. Francis High School is located at 2130 W. Roosevelt Road in Wheaton.

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child Education is the Key

Education continues to make a difference. One graduate, Dr. Nickson Polyte, is now serving as the doctor at the Healthcare Clinic built by St. Thomas. And many of the young community leaders that responded to the earthquake devastation are St. Thomas graduates. St. Thomas High School is the highest rated school in the large Grand Anse Area.

Quality teachers assure a quality education. Over 95 percent of the students pass the government exams. (The average in Haiti is around 50 percent.) Funds collected help with the salaries for the quality teachers at St. Thomas Secondary/High School and Ertha's Elementary School.

The need this year is larger due to the earthquake. Many of the families lost their homes and will have difficulty paying the school fees.

Sponsor-a-Child Donations

Due to the pandemic, we will use the same process as last year. Suggested Donation \$50 ... but any amount welcomed with gratitude.

- Drop off donation at St. Thomas (Narthex after Mass or Gathering Area). Select picture(s) from display in Narthex and Gathering Area.
- Checks written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "SAC" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563). *Note: Checks are preferable as there is a 3.4% charge for credit card donations. Send note with check with address and number and gender of picture(s) needed. Pictures will be mailed.*
- Online donation: <https://www.osvhub.com/stapostle/funds/haiti-twinning-education-sponsor-a-child>. Email Mike Ryder at mryder@stapostle.org with address, number and gender of picture(s) needed. Pictures will be mailed.

Saint Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive Thank You

Thanks to all who helped load the truck for the second time this year. As long as we have volunteers, we will be back in 2022! Meanwhile, there are two drop boxes located on the west side of the church across from the rectory available year long. Nothing breakable, please.

Items are sorted at the St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Thrift Stores in West Chicago, Addison and Joliet. Some items are sold at very low prices to keep the stores operating. Some items are given free to families in need through our SVDP volunteers. St. Thomas SVDP provides vouchers to many friends with needs.

Friends in need of rent or utility assistance or clothing items can call 630.355.8980, x250 and leave a message.

Volunteers Needed

The St. Thomas SVDP Conference needs volunteers to help people (friends) who need help with utilities. Due to the pandemic challenges, all contact with friends asking for assistance are virtual. Two SVDP volunteers work together to contact those in need on a conference call to assess needs and gather due diligence information. New volunteers are partnered with an experienced volunteer.

To get more information just leave a message for Paulette. Call 630.355.8980, x250 and indicate a best time to contact you by phone. As an option, send an email to Paulettesvdp@gmail.com with your contact information.

If you care about helping others, this ministry is perfect for you. You will work with a mentor to learn the resources we use to assist families in need. The time commitment is normally a few hours every 4–6 weeks. It is a very rewarding ministry.

"Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me." Think about this ministry no matter how busy you may be. More volunteers lighten the burden for all.



Christmas Card Project 2021

St. Thomas is joining with "Companions Journeying Together" again this year to provide Christmas cards for people who are incarcerated. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten.

Companions has requested blank Christmas cards, signed Christmas cards (first name only) with a message (if you choose) and postage stamps (especially needed). Messages should be uplifting and express compassion and caring concern.

If you choose to provide cards, please follow these guidelines from the prisons very carefully.

DO...

- use cards that represent a diverse population
- place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes
- separate and rubber band cards signed by children
- refrain from using cards that talk about masses or novenas

DO NOT...

- use markers or crayons when signing the cards
- sign any cards that contain glitter in any amount
- enclose anything, seal envelopes or place stamps on envelopes

Please return all cards and postage stamps to the box in the Gathering Area by Sunday, October 31.

Thank you!

St. Thomas Drive-Thru Oktoberfest Dinner!

Sponsored by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #15822

When: Saturday, October 23

Time: 5 PM until 7:30 PM



Tickets: \$12 Cash or Check w/reservation, \$15 day of event

Dinner includes: Bratwurst or Hot Dog on Bun with side of Sauerkraut, Schnitzel with side of Sour Cream, Pretzel, Spaetzle and Dessert.

Reservation in advance online on the parish website available now.

Advance registration is not required, but is helpful in planning for the event.



Net Proceeds benefit St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Charities

WHITE FRAGILITY

Chapter 12: Where Do We Go from Here?

The St. Thomas Solidarity Coalition Ministry is periodically providing chapter summaries of the book White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo. We encourage you to purchase the book and follow along with us as we, as the author states, "challenge racism." The book has generated much controversy among many commentators and reviewers. We encourage you to read with an open mind and form your own opinion. It is a challenging book, and not always an "easy read." It might challenge your beliefs. That is a good thing in these times.

DiAngelo begins her final chapter with the story of a work incident in which she made an offhand joke that offended Angela, a black woman and fellow team member. A colleague let her know that the remark was racially charged. Realizing that her comment was inappropriate, DiAngelo describes the process she followed to repair the relationship, using the principles developed throughout the book.

DiAngelo first avoided acting defensively by not feeling unfairly accused, not maintaining that Angela was too sensitive and not explaining away the comment as a joke. She took time to process her own embarrassment. She saw the incident as an opportunity to build her capacity to interrupt socialized racism in her own behavior.

She accepted responsibility for her behavior and apologized with no "if you were offended" or "I didn't mean to offend" statements. Then she requested any other feedback Angela cared to give and accepted it with appreciation.

The incident serves to show in real life situations how the understanding of white fragility can allow racially charged interactions to move toward greater understanding and deeper relationships. It also demonstrates her contention that even the most studied, highly aware, and well-intentioned white people remain affected by the socialization that forms all white people in our society.

A formula for moving forward may be distilled in these steps:

1. Work to internalize new assumptions about the nature of racism.
2. When your own behavior results in offense, be willing to learn from it.
3. Take time to build your understanding of the historic and personal experience of black people and be willing to correct your misinformation. Care enough to make the effort.
4. Move beyond feelings of guilt into action.
5. Overcome your reluctance to speak out against racism to other white people. Being "nice" is not enough to exonerate us from perpetuating racism. As long as it exists, we will be beneficiaries and consequently partners in its continuation.

Finally, we need to commit to the long-range nature of this change: "We must never consider ourselves finished with our learning... It is a messy, lifelong process... It is also deeply compelling and transformative."

Care Pantry Drive-Thru Donations

Care Pantry volunteers accepted drive-thru donations Tuesday, October 5. People in 55 vehicles dropped off 240 bags of food. Thank you to all who were able to donate. There will not be a drive-thru donation date in November or December. Please participate in Harvest Sunday at the end of October/beginning of November. For additional information, go <https://www.stapostle.org/harvest-sunday/>.



Pro-Life Action Alert Parental Notice of Abortion in Illinois

For the past three years, there have been efforts to repeal the state's Parental Notice of Abortion law. Without parental notification, a minor could get an abortion at any time without her parents ever being notified. This past spring, a vote was prevented, but the pressure is ramping up again.

In the upcoming Veto session that begins October 19, the legislature could consider a bill nearly identical to last spring's House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190. The bill number will likely be different, but the issue will be the same: dismantling the current law requiring an adult family member to be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.

It should be noted that the existing law does not call for parental consent, only parental notification. The current law also offers exemptions to parental notification, including when a young woman states in writing that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse by an adult family member.

The existing law makes common sense. Consider the following:

- Under current law, it is illegal for minors to use an indoor tanning bed. Before that prohibition was implemented January 1, 2014, minors between the ages of 14 and 17 had to have parental consent.
- Under current law, it is illegal for a minor to get a tattoo or body piercing without parental consent.
- Minors cannot vote, buy cigarettes, serve in the military or purchase lottery tickets, but they will be able to get an abortion at any time, for any reason, without their parents' knowledge.
- Medical studies show brain development in minors is not complete. This is why so many of our laws require parental involvement in the decisions of their minor children.

For additional Information, you can read a Fact Sheet and a letter from all six bishops in Illinois on the St. Thomas website. Type "Pro-Life" in the search window.

Take Action

Please educate yourself on this issue. If you are opposed to repealing parental notification in the case of a minor requesting an abortion, you can email your state representative and state senator by visiting the Catholic Conference of Illinois' Action Center. <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f88725%2fRespond>

Service Commission — Pastoral Care

From the Behavioral Health Ministry October is Bullying Prevention Month

Every One Of Us Is Different

Some of us are short, tall, overweight, underweight, gay, straight, transgender, have special needs . . . we're all various races, we dress and look differently.

There are many different types of bullying. Some are obvious, while others are more subtle. Types of bullying to look out for in your school and community include: hazing, cyberbullying and teen dating violence.

Bullying and cyberbullying know no boundaries. Popular kids can be bullied as easily as others. Just look at some of the celebrities who've been targeted. We can **STOMP Out Bullying™** by being tolerant, kind and respectful and **STAND UP** for each other. We all dance to a different drummer — but the reality is we are ALL the same because we are ALL people. No one deserves to be bullied for any reason!! NO MATTER™!



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"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself."

~Harvey Fierstein

"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character for it becomes your destiny."

~Frank Outlaw

Are You A Bully?

Have you ever bullied someone else? Think about why you did it and how you were feeling at the time. Did you want to make yourself feel better? Did you feel the need to be better than anyone else? Did hurting others really make you feel better?

Are You Being Bullied? How to Deal with Bullies

If you're being bullied there's a lot you can do. If you feel safe, here are some ways to handle the bully:

- Walk away when the bully approaches you.
- Don't be afraid to tell an adult.
- Who should you tell?

You could tell your parents, teacher, school counselor, school nurse, coach or any adult you trust. Be sure to tell exactly what happened . . . who was bullied, who the bully was, where and when it happened. Even if you suspect a kid is being bullied, it's a good idea to report that, too. Most adults really do care about bullying and will be glad that you told them about it.

If you tell an adult and you don't think they are doing anything about the bullying or if the situation isn't improving, tell another adult. Keep telling adults until someone does something to help.

Be a Friend to Someone Who is Bullied

Just being supportive to a person who's been bullied is comforting. It shows that someone or many people care.

For more information:

Stomp Out Bullying — <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/bullying-what-you-can-do>

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

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Blood Drive — It's Great to be Back at St. Thomas!

One way to show how grateful, thankful and blessed we are is by saving a life.

The small act of donating blood will save many.

Our next blood drive will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 9:00 am–2:00 pm in the St. Thomas gym.

Please take a few minutes to sign up either on the St. Thomas website (<https://www.stapostle.org/st-thomas-blood-drive-november-20/>) or on the Versiti site (https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5595966)

Make a difference, save a life!

Handling Grief During the 2021 Holidays Program

Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm — VIRTUAL PROGRAM

This has been another tumultuous year with COVID-19, though effective vaccinations have provided some measure of relief. However, if you and your family have lost loved ones during these past years, the holidays may be a very difficult time for you. All around, our culture celebrates while your heart is heavy. Even the tiniest thing can trigger a wave of sadness. This program on Zoom will be presented by Paula Kosin, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and facilitator of the Grief Support Group at St. Thomas. She will discuss these challenges and identify strategies to experience the holiday season with some quiet joy, including ways to honor your deceased loved ones and experience the healing presence of Jesus.

In this group you will be free to share to the extent that you are comfortable, or not at all. There is no cost, but you must register, have an email address, Wi-Fi, a personal computer, tablet, or smartphone, and be familiar with the basics of joining a Zoom meeting. For information or to register, contact Susan Kearney, Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry at St. Thomas, at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108 by Thursday, November 4. She will confirm your email, and then you will receive an invitation via email to the Zoom meeting the day before the program, on Monday, November 8.

Please join us!

PrimeTime October Presentation Emergency Preparedness

The Prime-Time group will be meeting on October 20, 2021, at 10:00 am in the Lighthouse with Soraya McLaughlin, the Community Risk Reduction Coordinator from the Naperville Fire Department. Soraya will be covering all aspects of fire and life safety and will also include information on emergency preparedness. The presentation will cover everything from the address on your home, to smoke alarms and holiday decorations, etc.

What should you have prepared should you need to call 9-1-1? We'll cover that too! This presentation is to disseminate important fire and life safety information to the PrimeTime group in order to encourage citizen action regarding safety strategies. Did you know that falls, in and around the home, are top causes of injuries to older adults? Older adults are also at a greater risk than others of perishing in a house fire. Many of these and other injuries result from hazards that are easy to overlook — but also easy to fix! By spotting these hazards and taking simple steps to correct them, you can prevent injuries to yourself or visitors to your home.

If this is a topic that interests you, come on out on October 20 at 10:00 am in the St. Thomas the Apostle Lighthouse to meet Soraya and learn some important life-saving information!!!

***Please note that at this time PrimeTime is only providing water and prewrapped snack items. Feel free to provide your own breakfast beverage and/or snack. Additionally, masks are required for indoor events. Thank you for your patience with these health and safety guidelines.*



Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 18

- 6:15–8:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
- 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Ministry Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana
- 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, October 19

- 4:30–5:45 pm 3rd Grade RE Labyrinth, Gym
- 4:30–5:45 pm 4th Grade Church Visit
- 4:30–5:45 pm RE at St. Thomas, Ministry Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Lighthouse

Wednesday, October 20

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 10:00 am–12:30 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
- 7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Meeting, Senior Center

Thursday, October 21

- 9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
- 10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
- 6:30–8:30 pm Life Retreat Reunion, Gym and Youth Center
- 7:30–9:30 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, October 22

Saturday, October 23

- 8:00–10:00 am 3rd Grade RE Labyrinth, Gym
- 8:30–9:45 am Middle School RE at All Saints Academy
- 8:30–11:45 am Elementary School RE at All Saints Academy
- 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
- 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room
- 5:00–7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Dinner

Sunday, October 24

- 1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church
- 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse
- 4:30–5:45 pm Journey 1 Classes, Senior and Youth Centers
- 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Gym and Lighthouse
- 7:00–8:15 pm Journey 1 Class, Senior and Youth Centers

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

October 3, 2021	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$13,639
Credit Card Online Giving for September	\$15,509
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$15,471
Total for the week	\$44,619
<small>*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation</small>	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$476,185
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$34,013
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$469,973
Over/(short) of goal to date	\$6,212
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	27%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,269,415

This week, the Sunday collection is \$6,212 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$265 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2021

Parish Appeal Goal	\$174,100
Pledges Received	\$151,000
Percent of Goal pledged to date	86.73%
Unpaid pledges	\$5,187
Paid to Date	\$145,813
Percent of goal paid to date	83.75%

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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