

St. Thomas

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

In the Hospital or Home Bound: Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care. Augusta Diana, Coordinator of Ministers of Care, 630.355.8980, x140.

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 Resources: Contact Felicia Lawlor, Faith Community Nurse, 630.355.8980, x104.

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,

I think we all at times suffer with low self-esteem. We doubt our God-given abilities.

In today's first reading and gospel, we meet two men, Isaiah and Peter, who think of themselves in that same way. Both of them thought they were unworthy of any kind of special call from God because they were

sinners. Isaiah said, "I am a man of unclean lips." Peter said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." While we are all sinners, that does not take away God's affection and great respect for us.

The following is in one of the Eucharistic prayers: "Through His Paschal Mystery by which He has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession to proclaim your mighty works for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light."

All of us have been chosen to do God's holy work. We are important people to God. God encourages each of us to think of ourselves in the same way.

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

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 February 12–13

Saturday, February 12

4:30 pm: Fr. Matt Lorenz

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am: Fr. Matt Lorenz with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

11:15 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

Brianna Ceballo and Cristian Arcola

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call Maureen Januszewski 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.

Church Office and Building Hours

St. Thomas offices are open 8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The reception desk in the Gathering Area is staffed 9:00 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday; 9:00 am–4:30 pm Friday; and 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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

— Psalm 138:1

Readings for Today

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 7, 2021

Weekday

8:30 am †Pedro and Ines Competente, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Tuesday, February 8, 2021

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30 am †Mike Donahue, by Ellie Baird

Wednesday, February 9, 2021

Weekday

8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Thursday, February 10, 2021

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am †Spalding Green, by Larry and Susan Kearney

Friday, February 11, 2021

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am †Ferdinand DeGuzman, by Amy DeGuzman

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Weekday

8:30 am †Eleanor Cuff, by Jim and Kim, Joe and Lydia, Ryan and Sarah and Jim and Mary

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Ed Olah, by Donnamarie Pierson

†Beverly Dobbs, by A Friend

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Ann Bud Hjorth, by Hjorth Family

9:30 am †Isabel Aquino, by Amy DeGuzman

†Mrs. Acosta, by Anne

11:15 am †Donato Musto, by Mary Wright

Reflecting on the Readings ...

Today's readings attest to the fact that God's call list is littered with seemingly unworthy people. And God's call has come — and still comes — in countless ways, including in lofty visions, among crowds of people and in the midst of unabashedly simple work. The presence of the so-called “Hound of Heaven” is everywhere. Thinking “I am not worthy” didn't work for others, and it won't work for us. We may as well put our energy into watching and listening.

Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, St. Thomas the Apostle celebrates Black History Month. Each week of February, the parish bulletin contains an insert that highlights the life of a Black individual who has lived the life of Christ, paired with an African-American Spiritual that reflects the worship tradition of the Black church.

I Dream a World by Langston Hughes

*I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind--
Of such I dream, my world!*



Communion Service

St. Thomas the Apostle is now offering a 6:30 am Communion Service on Wednesdays.

Deacon Joe Cuzzone will preside over this 30 minute liturgy in the Church space in which the Word is proclaimed, a reflection on Sacred Scripture is given and Eucharist is distributed.

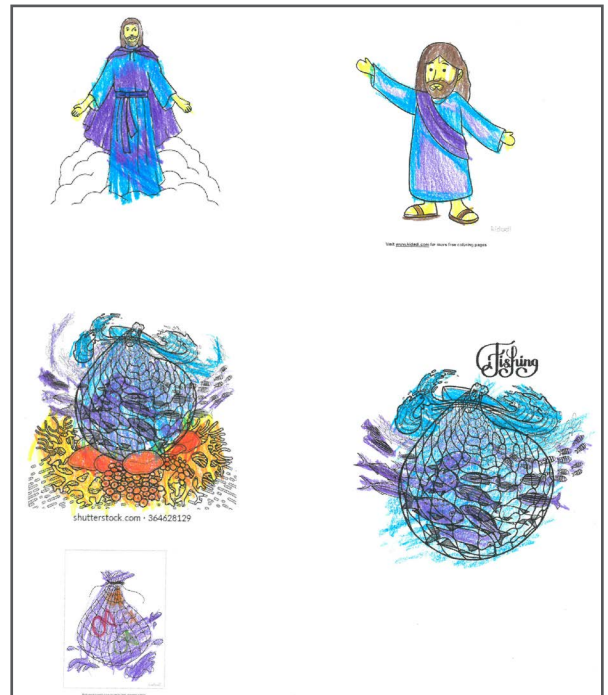
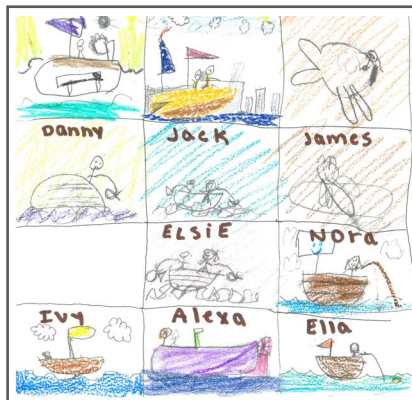
What a wonderful way to begin your day and provide a moment of prayer and community mid-week.

All are welcome!

On the Cover

Let's Catch Followers of Jesus

Thanks to the Tuesday Third Grade Religious Education class taught by Emma Miles for our cover art for this week's bulletin. Another piece of art work is included here (far right).





St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church has a tradition of celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February. Our parish mission states that:

“We believe each life is sacred, each person gifted by God. We value diversity in our midst.”

We welcome all people into the Body of Christ. We celebrate all Children of God.

Below find a biography of a Black individual who has made a contribution to our world, overcome obstacles, and provide an example of living out the Gospel mission.

Astronaut Mae Jemison — *Born in Alabama in 1956, Mae Carol Jemison and her family moved to Chicago, IL in search of better educational opportunities in the midst of racial tensions in the South. After graduating from Morgan Park High School, she attended Stanford University in California. As one of the only African-American students in her college classes, Jemison experienced racial discrimination—leading her to serve as president of the Black Student Union and choreographing a performing arts production expressing the African-American experience. She furthered her education by attending Cornell Medical School. As a medical doctor, Jemison served and did research in Sierra Leone and Liberia for the Peace Corps. Upon returning to the United States, she was accepted into NASA’s astronaut training program in 1986—one of 15 out of 2,000 applicants. On September 12, 1992, Jemison became the first African-American woman in space—serving as the Science Mission Specialist aboard the Endeavor. During her eight days in space, Jemison conducted experiments on weightlessness and motion sickness on the crew and herself. After leaving NASA in 1993, Jemison has continued to advocate for inclusion of all peoples into the Science and Technology fields. Her personal and professional accomplishments provide an example of continued work toward equality as we each run our race of life.*



Lively music ministry is a way that St. Thomas the Apostle parish engages in worship. One of the diverse styles heard during the liturgy throughout Black History Month is the Spiritual.

A spiritual is a type of religious folksong that is most closely associated with the enslavement of African people in the American South. Spirituals began as an oral tradition passed from one slave generation to the next. Often rooted in biblical stories, which were memorized then translated into song, spirituals described the extreme hardships endured by African Americans who were enslaved. Music, religion, and everyday life are inseparable in the spirituals, and through them, religious ideals were infused into the activities of everyday life. Spirituals also encompass the work songs and plantation songs that evolved into the blues and gospel songs in church.

From the perspective of African American history, "Guide My Feet" could be a song of encouragement to those escaping captivity and running toward freedom. It's probably a song from the Reconstruction Era, expressing that journey for the African American community that may be embraced by all.

Guide My Feet



1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me
4. I'm your child



Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Stand by me
I'm your child



Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
Stand by me
I'm your child



don't want to run this race in vain.

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

Participate in the Synod

It's here! The questionnaire for submitting input on the topics raised for the upcoming Synod of Bishops is now available. Click [here](#) to take the survey.

The survey is totally anonymous and all answers are welcome. Pope Francis has urged us to gather input from all people — Catholic, Christian, interfaith partners, non-practicing Catholics, agnostics and atheists.

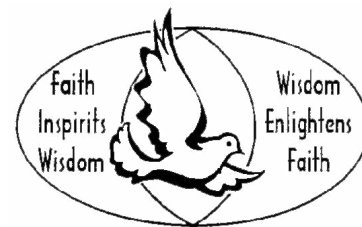
How can the Church meet people wherever they are, whether that is on the path of faith, seeking a path for their lives or even skipping the path altogether? After you've filled out the questionnaire yourself, talk with — listen carefully to — everyone you know about one or more of these topics and note their responses. Then forward them to Chari Rosales at croales@stapostle.org.

Our parish needs YOU. Our diocese needs YOU. Pope Francis needs YOU. Please answer the call.



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Another early Church saint of great import was Justin, Martyr. Justin hailed from Neopolis in Samaria in the early second century. He was an avid student of Greek philosophy and that turned out to be his pathway to Christ. Justin is best known for his writings on behalf of the Christian faith in order to set the record straight with regard to Christian beliefs and practices. He himself had been taught false notions of Christianity. Christians of the time were accused of assembling at night, eating “unnatural” foods, despising the honors so coveted by the Romans, avoiding all pagan forms of religious worship and acting in loving kindness to each other. Because of this, Christians were considered to be narrow-minded, bigoted, atheistic because they only believed in one God and cannibalistic, because they consumed the Flesh of the one God



Converting to Christianity around the age of 30, Justin became a defender of the faith and an evangelist, especially to his fellow philosophers. He wanted them to come to knowledge of the truth, as he had. Eventually he headed to Rome. Around the year 153, Justin wrote what was called his First Apology and addressed it to an old philosopher friend who had become the emperor. He wanted to clarify true Christian theology. So he addressed topics that included the practice of baptism and the celebration of the Lord's Supper in detail, which very closely mirrors our current Sunday morning Mass. Justin promoted Christianity and lived his faith boldly; he was put to death for it around the year 165 A.D.

Save the Date

St. Joe to Go – Saturday, March 19

The St. Joseph Table Committee is hosting our first “St. Joe to Go” event on St. Joseph Day, Saturday, March 19. The drive-thru event begins at 5:30 pm (after the 4:30 pm Mass) and will feature a meatless pasta meal with all the trimmings.

Please mark your calendars — more details to come!





Invest in Kids at All Saints Catholic Academy

At this time of year, most of us are compiling our tax returns and perhaps doing a bit of tax planning as a result. The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program is one of the best kept secrets in Illinois that YOU need to know about!

This program is a WIN for students who realize school choice in the State of Illinois, and a WIN for individuals and businesses who receive a 75 percent Income Tax Credit when making a contribution to the program.

Ask yourself: Do you anticipate owing taxes to the State of Illinois? If your answer to this question is yes, wouldn't you rather your money go to a deserving student at All Saints than to the State of Illinois? If your answer to the second question is also yes, please consider making a contribution to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program via Empower Illinois.

How Does this Work? See and compare the following scenarios:

Scenario #1: Mrs. Generous Donor owes taxes to the State of Illinois totaling \$3,750. Mrs. Donor also makes a \$1,250 donation to All Saints. Mrs. Donor is out of pocket \$5,000 giving the State of Illinois \$3,750 for her tax liability and a \$1,250 donation to All Saints.

Scenario #2: Mrs. Generous Donor still owes taxes to the State of Illinois totaling \$3,750, but Mrs. Donor makes a contribution of \$5,000 to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program via Empower Illinois designating All Saints Catholic Academy as her "school of choice." Mrs. Donor in Scenario #2 is out of pocket the same \$5,000 as in Scenario #1; however in scenario #2, she receives a \$3,750 tax credit (75 percent of her \$5,000 contribution to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program via Empower Illinois). This tax credit of \$3,750 offsets or reduces Mrs. Donor's tax liability to the State of Illinois dollar for dollar, AND All Saints receives a total of \$5,000 toward student scholarship because Mrs. Donor donated in this way. Mrs. Donor essentially quadrupled her donation to students at All Saints from \$1,250 in Scenario #1 to \$5,000 in Scenario #2.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can impact a student's life at All Saints by participating in the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program:

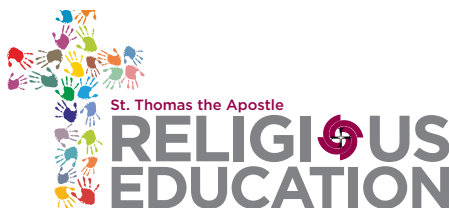
- Contact All Saints Catholic Academy at 630.961.6125.
- Contact Father Jeff Putthoff, SJ, at the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Joliet, 347.788.8463
- Go to <https://empowerillinois.org/donate/>
- Go to <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/cso/StepByStepHowToDonateTCSSeptember2021.pdf>
- Consult your personal tax advisor.



Faith and Formation Commission — Youth

Third Grade Mass Invite and Thank You

Third grade students and their families are invited to the Third Grade Mass on Saturday, February 5 at 4:30 pm. The children have been learning about and preparing for the Mass. They will be contributing in the Mass. Please bring cereal and/or canned vegetables for a Care Pantry Donation. Thank you to the third grade coordinator Paul Reichel; catechists Theresa Abecia, Lijo Chacko and Emma Miles; and aides Jacob Lee, Meghan Miles, Patti Sida. These wonderful volunteers teach the children our faith each week.



Celebrate Scout Sunday – February 6, 2022, 9:30 am Mass

Sunday, February 6 at 9:30 am is the Boy Scout Mass. If you are in Scouts — Cub Scout or Boy Scouts — wear your uniform to Mass and celebrate the founding of Scouts. The Scout law says that a “Scout is Reverent.” Younger Scouts promise to do their “Duty to God.” These values strengthen youth character in families, faith and our community. See you then.

Prayer Service for First Communicants

First Communicants and their families are invited to the second family prayer service “It’s About Listening” Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the church. Be sure to sign up 24 hours in advance to attend this. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Weekend — February 12–13

Nothing goes better with a warm cup of coffee or tea than a box of Girl Scout Cookies! The first grade Girl Scout troop from All Saints Catholic Academy would be happy to help make that image a reality! Cookies will be on sale in the gathering area before and after all masses the weekend of February 12. Looking for a COVID safe alternative to buy cookies? Cookies can be purchased and shipped directly to your house using the following link (shipping charges apply): <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop56393-430?fpkp=1>

You can also email your order or any questions to allsaintstroop56393@gmail.com and pick up your purchase, avoiding the line. The Daisies thank you for your generosity and continued support and look forward to seeing your smiling eyes!



First Grade Mass

Calling all First Graders! You are invited to a Mass just for you Sunday, February 20 at 11:15 am. Please bring your families.

Coming this Summer — Scripture Safari

Scripture Safari will be June 13–17, 2022! Make room for lions, tigers, zebras, elephants, monkeys and giraffes learning about Jesus and our faith!

Question of the week

What do you need to catch people to follow Jesus?

Important Dates

Elementary RE

February 8, 15

Tuesday elementary RE classes meet

February 5, 12, 26

Saturday elementary RE classes meet

Middle School RE

February 7, 14, 28

Monday middle school RE classes meet.

February 5, 12, 26

Saturday middle school RE classes meet.

The February 5 and 7 classes will be held at St. Thomas.

Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet on Sunday, February 13, from 4:30–6:00 pm at St. Thomas. Bring your face mask and join us.

Games, faith sharing and checking in with each other are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!

Marmion Academy Opportunities

Marmion Academy is a high school for young men that offers a college prep curriculum with a focus on spirituality and leadership. The Marmion student body consists of more than 525 students coming from more than 40 towns across northern Illinois. Current seventh grade boys are invited to attend an ‘Explore Day’ on either Friday, March 11 or Friday, April 8. Contact the Marmion Admissions Office at 630.897.6936, x264 to reserve a spot. Eighth grade boys can ‘shadow’ a current student to experience a typical Marmion day. If interested in shadowing, set up an Admissions account at admissions@marmion.org and schedule a visit. Marmion Academy is located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora.

Middle School Mission Trip

Are you ready for an adventure? Middle school youth are invited to be a part of a Week of Hope mission trip experience in Kenosha, Wis., from June 19–24. The Week of Hope experience is a community service mission trip where young people serve alongside seasoned local ministries and nonprofits to make a lasting difference through meaningful community service. After each day of service, the fun continues with themed days, movie nights, lip-sync battles, bedtime stories, group games and much more!

The cost for Week of Hope is \$286. Week of Hope registration forms are available on the St. Thomas website. Don't delay ... register as soon as possible! Click [here](#) to register now!

The Week of Hope experience is provided by Group. The Group mission trip team dedicates extensive time and energy to create a Jesus-centered program experience through morning and evening programs, crew devotions and youth group devotions. For more information about Group, go to www.groupmissiontrips.com.



Coming Soon to Middle School Religious Education

On February 5 and 7, middle school RE classes will be hosting a special speaker, Mary Latham. From October 2016 to November 2019, Mary Latham drove her mother's old Subaru (in her honor) 43,000 miles across America to collect stories of acts of human kindness. She hit all 50 states and is now compiling these stories into a book to donate to hospital waiting rooms. She will be sharing her story/faith journey and some of those acts of kindness with us. The title of Mary's presentation is 'More Good.'

Mary's presentations will be held at St. Thomas during regular RE class times. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Alive in You – High School Youth Ministry Mission Trip

Registrations are now open for the Alive in You Mission Trip to Knoxville, Tenn., June 28-July 3, 2022.

The vision of Alive in You is to enable High School teen participants to open their hearts and allow Christ to become the center of their lives. The goal is to educate, motivate and provide young people with a life changing Catholic experience. Alive in You is grounded in the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church and we strive to provide the perfect balance of faith, service, education and fun. Incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors eligible to sign up. Young Adults are welcome but must take Protecting God's Children in order to go. Typical work may include: painting, simple building projects, landscaping, working at a food pantry or social service organization, working with children at a low income day care, etc. Chaperones needed.

We will be having an information night on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:00 pm. Registration forms can be found online at stapostle.org. Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at 630.852.3303, x117 or ym@stapostle.org.



HS Youth Ministry Calendar at a Glance

Saturday, February 5

Journey Parent/Youth Event – Mary Latham – More Good! | 8:30-9:45 am

Sunday, February 6

LIFE Retreat Gathering for Greater online Retreat youth | 1:00–3:00pm, Zoom

Tuesday, February 7

Journey Parent/Youth Event – Mary Latham – More Good! | 7:15–8:30 pm

Wednesday, February 16

Mission Trip Information Meeting | 7:00 pm

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice



PATH February 8 Zoom Meeting The Achievement-Based Resume

Employers and hiring managers are seeking employees who will add value to their business by increasing revenues, reducing costs and/or solving problems. Does your resume illustrate and reflect how you can add value for your next employer or does it simply highlight the roles, responsibilities and tasks you performed in previous assignments?

Join us via Zoom February 8 at 7:00 pm for this important discussion and workshop designed to help you communicate meaningful and measurable accomplishments that will get the attention of the hiring manager and secure that all-important interview.

Presenter Fred Johnson currently serves as president of Changing Paradigms Consulting, Inc. and serves on the Leadership Team of the PATH Group. Changing Paradigms was born out of transition and remains devoted to the enablement and empowerment of organizations and individuals with a focus on optimizing growth. During his professional career, Fred has served in a number of senior-level, executive roles, with a concentrated focus within the consumer product, food and beverage, and ingredient industries.

Register in advance for this webinar. Contact Fred Johnson at PathGroupJobSearch@gmail.com. You will receive the Zoom meeting information in a confirmation email.



Think Spring Think Indoor Golf Helping Those in Need

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the social event of the year (so far) at Top Golf in Naperville. Net proceeds will benefit St. Thomas Cares and the Care Pantry, providing support to our neighbors in need.



Sunday, March 13 from 1:00–4:00 pm. What better way to help others and have fun at the same time!

Seating is limited, so click [here](#) to purchase your tickets (or make a donation if you are unable to attend). All are welcome (children and adults). Tickets can also be purchased by cash or check at the Parish Office.

- Golf and dinner \$100
- Not a golfer? Dinner only \$75
- Unable to attend, but want to help? Make a donation to St. Thomas Cares by clicking [here](#).

Ticket sales end Thursday, March 3.

Highlights

- Heated golf bays ... Players hit balls to various targets in the field
- Buffet style Fajita Fiesta (See St. Thomas website for menu including soft drinks.)
- Cash bar for adult beverages

Questions?

Please email St.Thomasknights15822@gmail.com or call Al Cocconi at 630.661.7313.

We (the Knights) can't wait to see you there!

Housing Alliance Affordable Housing

City Council Upcoming Action

The St. Thomas Housing Alliance Ministry has been advocating for more affordable housing in Naperville for at least four years. The Alliance has been working with the Naperville Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission and City Council.

Embracing Diversity

Naperville continues to become more diverse (ethnically, racially and economically). We should embrace that diversity in many ways. One way is to provide a diverse set of housing solutions. A secure and affordable housing situation is a basic need that leads families and individuals to improved financial stability, better health outcomes and allows them to become vested members of the community. Having a workforce that can choose to live in the city and can remain in stable housing they can afford is beneficial to the employers and employees.

Populations in Need of Affordable Housing

Low to moderate-income individuals or families, including:

- Seniors (on fixed incomes, downsizing)
- Naperville workers who cannot afford live here
- Young family first-time homeowners
- Young residents entering the workforce
- People with disabilities and veterans

State and Federal Law Requirements

Illinois law requires that Naperville file a plan to get above 10 percent affordable housing (Naperville is at 7.5 percent). The ultimate goal is 20 percent. In the last 23 years, Naperville has not made any significant progress toward the 10 percent.

The Good News

Proposal Coming to City Council

SB Friedman Development Advisors has been retained by Naperville to do a number of studies, all of which reinforced the need for affordable housing. At the request of City Council, Friedman developed a high level "Affordable Housing Program" that would provide incentives for developers to build affordable housing units. Developers would not be required to participate.

In March, Friedman will report to the City Council related to the proposed "Affordable Housing Program," including the following:

- Developer Feedback
- Financial Impact Analysis
- Draft Affordable Housing Ordinance (including developer incentive options)

Stay Tuned — Make Your Voice Heard

The Housing Alliance will provide updates. When the time comes for a vote by City Council, the Alliance will provide an opportunity for you to express your views.



Food Donations for Care Pantry

Drive-thru donations accepted Tuesday, February 8

Bring donations to St. Thomas on Tuesday, February 8 from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Side dish
- Tomato products – diced, chopped, stewed, etc.
- Paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex
- Bar soap
- Cereal

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop-off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.

Service Commission — Pastoral Care



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Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure Screening is available this Sunday, February 6 after the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses.

The screening sites are the first office on the right (Deacon's office) and the second office on the right (Parish Nurse Office) as you enter the west wing of the Church.

No appointment or doctor's order needed.



Blood Drive

Come be a link in the life-giving chain. With the severe blood shortage, please consider giving the gift of life. It's one gift that costs nothing but an hour of your time and will save three lives.

Our next blood drive is Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 10:00 am–3:00 pm in the St. Thomas Gym.

Sign up for a spot [here](#).

Spread Kindness Today

Mother Teresa once said, "We cannot do great things on this earth, only small things with great love."

Kindness is linked inextricably to happiness and contentment — at both psychological and spiritual levels.

Kindness can promote gratitude. You are kind to others in need; having that awareness then heightens the sense of your own good fortune. Kindness promotes empathy and compassion; which in turn, leads to a sense of interconnectedness with others.

Kindness can forward the will to live in depressed individuals who feel isolated and different; that is why performing volunteer work is so powerful. When you feel connected with others, you lessen alienation and you enhance the sense that we are more similar than dissimilar in our experiences. Feeling connected melds us together rather than divides us. Kindness is potent in strengthening a sense of community and belonging.

Source: psychologytoday.com

Fun ways to spread kindness today:

- Send a handwritten letter to a loved one.
- Send something delicious or delightful from a restaurant or a florist.
- Make some kindness rocks and place them for others to see.
- Hang signs of hope in your windows.
- Thank a delivery person.

Source: UnitedHealthcare.org

Jenny Stotts, a social worker, child advocate and trauma specialist, has written about how we can increase our resiliency, adapt to adversity during the pandemic and emerge stronger.

"When we express meaningful and intentional gratitude or engage in planned acts of kindness, we experience the benefits of serotonin and dopamine, which are two neurotransmitters responsible for us feeling pleasure or joy," says Stotts, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, Ohio. "Not only do we benefit others from this activity, but it has a way of recharging our batteries."

Source: rotary.org



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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Pastoral Care Resources

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

Health and Counseling Resources

Parish Nurse

Felicia, 630.355.8980, x104

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

Diane, General Office
630.355.8980, x101

From the Behavioral Health Ministry Comfort My People Prayer Service Now Online

The canceled "Comfort My People" Prayer Service – From Darkness into Light, A Prayer Service for Healing that was originally scheduled for January 5 is now available on the St. Thomas website. To view the service, click [here](#).

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

Matthew 11:28



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The "Comfort My People" Prayer Service, the third in our continuing series, is for anyone looking for hope and healing in the New Year amid struggles in body, mind 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.

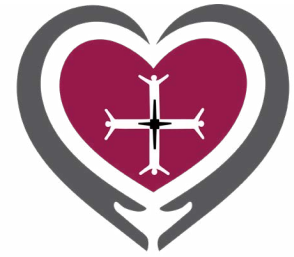
For further information please contact Susan Kearney at 630.355.8980, x108 or sdkearney@comcast.net

PrimeTime A Walk Down Memory Lane

St. Thomas seniors are invited to the Lighthouse on Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00 am for "A Walk Down Memory Lane," presented by ... everyone in the room.

Bring a personal or family heirloom that is meaningful to you and about which you can share a memory. It won't matter whether your treasure is large or small, costly or handmade, as long as it is important to you and your story.

This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend or come for the first time. We will be looking forward to hearing your story and seeing your memory.



PASTORAL CARE

St. Thomas the Apostle

Help Wanted

Part-time Director of Pastoral Care and Nursing

St. Thomas is looking for a part-time Director of Pastoral Care and Nursing.

Position Goal: To continue the healing mission of Jesus

Promote holistic health (physical, psychological, social and spiritual) by providing leadership in identifying and responding to the holistic health needs of the parish. Work collaboratively with other departments, Pastoral Care staff and volunteer leaders to ensure volunteers are trained, developed and supported in their ministry roles. Oversee preparation and administration of the department budget. Meet with individuals seeking support in their holistic needs, and provide professional referrals as needed.

Pastoral Care Ministries Include:

Health Ministry (including blood pressure screenings)

- Ministers of Care (Eucharistic visits)
- Behavioral Health
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Prayer Network
- Rosary Ministry
- Wellspring Education (in collaboration with Adult Faith Formation)

This position is a 25 hour per week non-benefitted, salaried position reporting to the pastor. The ideal candidate is a currently licensed registered nurse in good standing with the State of Illinois and has at least three years experience as a spiritually grounded servant-leader.

Please send a resume and cover letter to jsimmons@stapostle.org.

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, February 7

7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School Speaker, Church

Tuesday, February 8

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry drive thru donations, outside
 4:30–5:45 pm RE at St. Thomas
 7:00–9:00 pm Finance Meeting, Cana
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, February 9

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 7:15–8:45 pm Faith Formation Commission, Senior Center

Thursday, February 10

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–8:00 pm Life Meeting, Gym and Youth Center
 7:00–8:30 pm First Communion Prayer Service, Church
 7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, February 11

7:00–9:00 pm Sophia's Circle, Lighthouse

Saturday, February 12

8:30–11:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
 8:30–9:30 am Middle School Speaker, Gym
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
 9:00–11:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, February 13

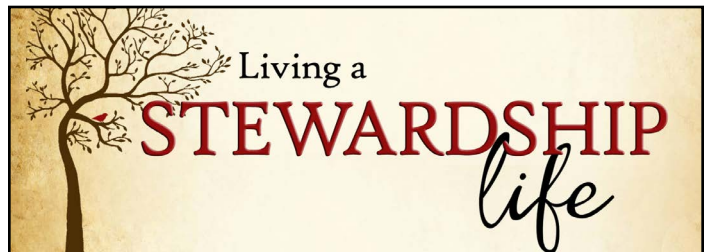
1:00–2:00 pm Baptisms, Church
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey 1, Lighthouse
 4:30–6:00 pm Teens with Character, Gym
 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class., Ministry Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Journey 1, Emmaus and Galilee

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts

Weekly Sunday Offertory

January 23, 2022	
Sunday Collection Offering*	\$8,902
Credit Card Online Giving (reported monthly)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$26,354
Mailed in and stock donations	\$13,335
Total for the week	\$48,591
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,069,672
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$35,656
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,007,084
Over/(short) of goal to date	\$62,588
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	61%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$675,928

This week, the Sunday collection is \$62,588 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$217 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.






"We respond to the call of Christian stewardship through the use of our time, talent and treasure. We are all blessed in a variety of ways. These blessings come from God and not from what we may see as our own efforts. It is unknown how much time we will have on this earth, but we are called to use it wisely, especially in prayer. Any talents we possess that will allow us to be of service to others are blessings from the Lord. Any treasure we may reap requires us to be generous in serving the Lord."

Fr. Edward Martin, Pastor of St. Isabel Church, Sanibel, Fla.
 January 30, 2022

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