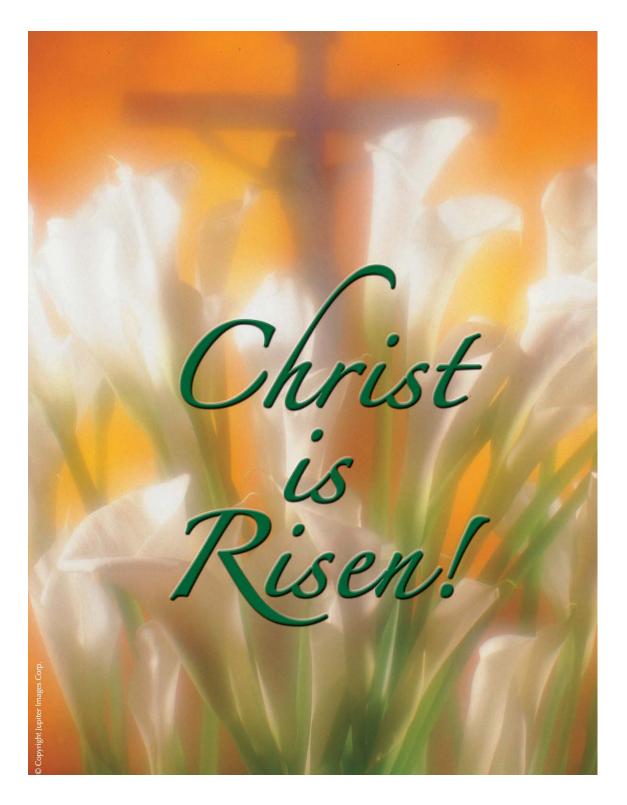
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APRIL 17, 2022 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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.

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

Letter from the Bishop



Dear Friends,

On the weekend of April 23-24, our diocese will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories that need outside help to provide basic pastoral services, such as the Mass, the sacraments, religious education and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and laypeople. These dioceses often face fragile

financial situations, vast distances or difficult terrain. Nearly 40 percent of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

We are one Catholic Church. What happens to one of us, affects us all. As Pope Francis notes in Fratelli Tutti, "we need to develop the awareness that nowadays we are either all saved together or no one is saved." (Paragraph 137).

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in Christ in home mission dioceses so they may share fully in our Catholic faith.

Paz y bien, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

Bishop Lifts Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

We announced that Bishop Hicks is lifting the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass starting Palm Sunday. Please visit the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org to read the Bishop's letter.

Changes Coming to the St. Thomas Bulletin

The St. Thomas the Apostle bulletin will have a whole new look starting May 1. Stay tuned — you won't want to miss it!

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 April 23–24

Saturday, April 23 4:30 pm: Fr. Philip Danaher with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, April 24 8:00 am: Fr. Philip Danaher 9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Jim Breen 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

Sam and Jan Perry Karl and Nikki Reiser

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

Please note St. Thomas offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Regular house are 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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. — Acts 10:43

Readings for Today

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- **Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- **Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- **Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Intentions for this weekend

Saturday, April 16, 2022 Holy Saturday 7:30 pm *Easter Vigil* The Catechumens

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am The People of St. Thomas the Apostle

9:00 am †Dolores Segobia, by Fernando Gayol †Bill Noguera, by Rich, Kathleen, Dan, Monika and John Bauer

- 10:30 am †Ruth Gayol, by Fernando Gayol
- 12:00 pm †Rosa Gayol, by Fernando Gayol

Intentions for this week

Monday, April 18, 2021

Monday within the Octave of Easter 8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

Tuesday, April 19, 2021Tuesday within the Octave of Easter8:30 am+Ernesto Lopez, by Amy DeGuzman

Wednesday, April 20, 2021

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 8:30 am †Irene Page, by Kathy Edmunds

Thursday, April 21, 2021

Thursday within the Octave of Easter 8:30 am †Bill McCarthy, by Family

Friday, April 22, 2021

Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:30 am †Vito Battisto, by Battisto Family

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am +Victorio and Arsenia Mallorca, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation †Joseph Chalupka, by Mark and Agatha Chalupka †Vickie Power, by Joanne and Walter Kiselyk

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 am The People of St. Thomas
- 9:30 am +Peggy Clark, by St. Vincent de Paul +Irene and Leo Agustin, by Ed and Kay Agustin
- 11:30 am †Colleen Dolen, by Agatha Chalupka

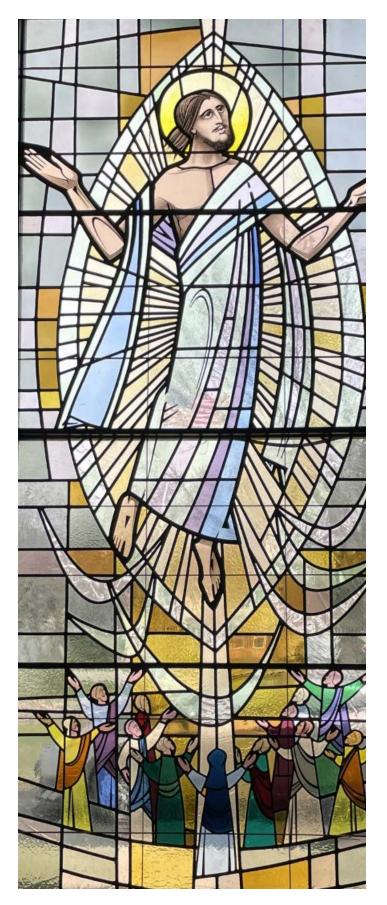
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Herb and Kay Abraham Mario Accettura Dorothy and Stanley Adamczewski Adams Family Loved Ones Charlotte Alfredson Gloria Althoff **Apaceller Family** John Bagley Juanita Barnes David Basquez **Edgar and Catherine Bauler** Jim Becker Mary and Bob Bickel Virgil and Betty Block Alfred and Lucy Bonczkiewicz Sally and George Brennan Anthony and Joan Brenner Louie and Freda Burg **Evelyn Burgess** Joseph M. Burke Leonard Carlino and Family Mary Sue Carroll Steven Caruso Sgt. David Caruso Edythe and Joseph Caruso **Genevieve and Mitchell Caruso** Virginia and Salvatore Castrio Donald S. Castro Peggy Clark Cliff Family Loved Ones Benji Cohen **Bob** Cotner **Bob** Currier **Curry Family Loved Ones Deacon Dominic and Rose Cuzzone Cvengros Family** Blanche Dahlin Mary Ann Danake

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

There are 25 readings chosen for the vigil and day of Easter. There are so many we can feel overwhelmed. The gospel acclamation gives this summary:

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

As paschal lamb, Jesus, who died for us, is the Risen Christ. For us all! We feast with joy!

- What needs to be dead in me so I can live in Easter joy?
- What fills me with joy?
- How will I joyfully behave?

Join Us!

Has it been a while since you've graced the doors of St. Thomas? St. Thomas is a spiritual home, a place where people can form relationships, sink roots, grow and be supported in their lives and in their relationship with God and one another. Please join us and realize that you belong to us, for you belong to Christ! Come back to us and find once again a place to bring your burdens and find love and mercy. Now and always, all are welcome here!

Easter Blessings

From our homes to yours, may you experience the light, love and joy of this holy season! We pray that Christ's peace and love may flow with you gently as you experience God's embrace.

The Liturgy Team *Jim, Samantha and Kay*

Prayer

The Risen Christ is with us today, and he continues to need each one of you. Jesus needs your eyes to continue to see. He needs your strength to continue to work. He needs your voice to continue to teach. He needs your hands to continue to bless. He needs your heart to continue to bless. And Jesus needs your whole being to continue to build his body, the Church. As we believe, so let us live! Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

Faith and Formation Commission — Adult

Participate in the Synod

Just a friendly reminder to submit your input on the topics raised for the upcoming Synod of Bishops. The survey is available on the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org. Click **here** for the survey.

Thank you!



C.A.R.E. CORNER

On this Easter Sunday, our current pontiff, Pope Francis, leads our universal Church in the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we continue our series on saints, it's fitting to focus on some great saints who served as popes. The two we're going to highlight were given the moniker "the Great"

as they were considered to be standouts among all the popes. The first such pope was Leo, who was elected to the papacy in the year 440. Leo was born in Rome and became a teacher, preacher and writer on doctrinal matters. He left us many letters and homilies that helped strengthen the faithful. He also took care of the sick and the poor and was known for his many works of mercy toward his flock in Rome. Heresies were raging throughout the Church during Leo's papacy. But Leo stood firm and clear in the teachings of



Where is God working in your life?

the Church. As pope, he convened the Council of Chalcedon in the year 451, which declared that Jesus was one person with two distinct natures — one divine and one human. The Council Fathers exclaimed "Peter has spoken through the mouth of Leo."

Leo was also quite the diplomat during an especially trying time in the history of our Church. When the Roman Empire was taking its last breaths and had no army to speak of, Leo left the city limits of Rome and went out to meet with Attila and the Huns. The year was 452 and somehow Leo convinced Attila not to sack the city. The Vandals followed the Huns in 455 and once again Leo's diplomacy helped avert the burning and final destruction of the city. Leo the Great died in 461 and is buried near the tomb of St. Peter. As we might expect, he also carries the title of Doctor of the Church.

Sophia's Circle Presents ...

Join Dr. Joan Gorski, Director of the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet, from 7:00–9:00 pm on Friday, April 29 in the Lighthouse for "Foods of the Bible."

What foods were available to people of biblical times? How were they gathered, preserved, cooked and served? "Taste and see" with a biblical scholar who's also a great cook! Come to enjoy each other's company, get a peek into our foremothers' lives and enjoy refreshments including some ancient treats.

To participate, RSVP by April 26 to REAdmin@stapostle.org. A \$10 suggested donation will be accepted at the door.

Sophia's Circle presents micro-retreats for all women of the parish 3 times per year to grow our spirituality and our friendships.

2022 Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 30–November 10, 2022

Fr. Bob Colaresi leads his 34th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with his biblical sidekick, Zack. Just think of journeying to our spiritual home to reflect on the scriptures. Visit and pray all the holy sites mentioned in our Bible especially events in the life of Jesus. Mass and Scripture Prayer services daily at holy sites. Israel has been very aggressive with the COVID vaccination program and is safe. Cost: \$4,500 (double occupancy) covers air transportation from Chicago to Tel Aviv, and all hotels, dinners and breakfast, biblical guide and private bus and driver — and other benefits listed in the brochure. Fr. Bob has taken 1,089 pilgrims to the Holy Land on this sacred journey.

For further information, full brochure and registration form, please contact: Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois 60561, 630.969.4141.

We are in the process of updating our Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book will contain general St. Thomas information plus a directory of all registered members. This book is being provided and direct mailed to each household listed in the directory at no cost to our church, and it is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Curt Eichelmann at Guide Book Publishing at 800.597.3037.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1 percent of families would rather patronize a Guide Book and Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book and Directory.

Our Children Are Our Greatest Blessing

Our children are truly one of life's and God's choicest blessings. We nurture and guide them, love them and protect them. In scripture we hear how children are a gift from God — every single life, every single child.

Whether they're bringing parents pride and joy, or whether they are teaching us how to be more patient and forgiving, our children are a treasure that even Jesus recognized and affirmed.

In the rich book of Matthew, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (19:14) We also hear the following: "When his disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?", he called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." (Matthew 18:1-5).

All Saints is honored and humbled to join with parents in the faith formation of their precious children. At All Saints, students can become and be authentic and strong in their faith and beliefs, ready to live a life with God at the center. Children can grow kind and compassionate hearts, ready to serve others and lead by God's own example, so that others may see Christ's love in them.

All Saints has a few select openings remaining for this coming fall in preschool through grade 8, and would be honored to welcome your student and family to ASCA for the 2022–2023 school year that begins on Wednesday, August 17.

Won't you join us?

For more information and to schedule a tour, visit ascacademy.org or call 630.961.6125.

A big thank you to our Cornerstone Sponsor Klein Construction for your generous partnership in the All Saints 2022 Dinner Dance Auction — Shine Bright Light up the Night Gala.

Parish Directory Publication Notice

We are in the process of updating our Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book will contain general St. Thomas information plus a directory of all registered parishioners. Guide Book Publishing is producing the directory and direct mailing it to each household listed in the directory at no cost to our church. It is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

The directory will contain name, address and primary phone number for registered parishioners (heads of household only). We will extract this information from our parish database.

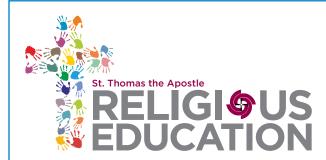
- If you **DO NOT** wish to be included in the Guide Book and Directory, contact Sue Sportiello in the Business Office at 630.355.8980, x107 or ssportiello@stapostle.org. You will be included in the Guide Book and Directory **UNLESS** we hear from you that you wish to opt out by May 15, 2022.
- Please notify us if your name, address and phone information has recently changed by May 15, 2022. You may contact Sue Sportiello in the Business Office by phone at 630.355.8980, x107 or email ssportiello@stapostle.org.

Thank you for your help!

Parish Directory Publication — Advertising Opportunity

CATHOLIC ACADE





First Eucharist Liturgies- Communion Procedures

First Eucharist Masses are on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 23 at 4:30 pm Mass
- Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 am Mass
- Sunday, April 24 at 11:15 am Mass
- Saturday, April 30 at 4:30 pm Mass
- Sunday, May 1 at 9:30 am Mass
- Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 am Mass

During these liturgies the First Communicants and parents are invited to come forward first to the front stations. Other guests in those rows and the rest of the assembly will wait to receive communion, allowing all First Communicants and their parents to receive the Eucharist first. Eucharistic ministers will proceed to their assigned stations as usual but will remain facing the altar at their assigned stations until all First Communicants and parents have received. Once all the First Communicants have received the Eucharist, host greeters will invite the rest of the assembly to receive, including the other guests in the First Communicant's pew. We thank you for your patience as the children and their parents receive Eucharist and thank you for the prayers you have said for these children.

First Communion Masses and First Communicants

In January, our First Communicants and families committed to preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist. As they finish their preparation, we ask the faith community to hold these families in prayer. Below is a list of First Communicants and their First Eucharist Mass. If you have neighbors and friends receiving their First Communion, we invite you to attend their Mass. In the loving spirit of St. Thomas, please welcome these First Communicants, their families and guests.

Saturday, April 23, 4:30 pm Colin Alberson Ella Coffey Virginia DiJoseph Michael Hajek Sydney Kiselyk Charlie Lymangood Olivia Munoz Adam Oqoudou Abigail Pociask Ryder Sisto Nolan Spaeth Phillip Tsang **Daniel Welch** Chet Wierzbinski Dean Wierzbinski Sunday, April 24, 9:30 am Laura Alfaro Aria Borges **Crystal Dominguez** Eduardo Dominguez Luis Dominguez Nathan Kuhn Hudson McDaniel Reeve McDaniel Tullula McDaniel Lilianna Piket Madeline Sperling

Sunday, April 24, 11:15 am Asher Alverson Landon Ferrao Brooklyn Harding Ashley Jones Lily Kregor Leonardo Merino Dylan O'Donohue Kristine Sampang Matthew Sampang Andrew Spurlock Ellie Tamayo **Riley Tenebehn** Dora Tiago Emily Zabinski Zorava Zarate Saturday, April 30, 4:30 pm Dominic Alejo Karen Drever Mary Duran William DuVal Parker Johnson Emma Kelley Amy Lopez Edgar Montoya Kiera Philott Kyle Philpott Nolan Stangler Anthony Williams

Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am Gavin Brindisi Mateo Curci Caleb Kmec Greyson May Johathan Michalak Tessa Mygind Caroline Setlur Caden Thurm Pierce Voller

Sunday, May 1, 11:15 am Marie Bailey Shaw Biehl Mason Biewer Emerson Braheny Jacob Friery William Galise Jack Hill Olivia Kometz Rodrigo Muzquiz Rafael Tapia Langle Kylie Theccanat Luke Valle William Venus Liam Wange

Scripture Safari, Our Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now for Scripture Safari, our Vacation Bible School. It is June 13–17, 2022. Our theme this year is "Concrete and Cranes Under God's Construction." Registration opened April 1, 2022, and is available in the Gathering Area and the Faith Formation Office.

It promises to be an exciting week. Come join the fun!



Being Easter (Young) People

The troubles and stresses of our current world can get us down. But, we are Easter people! And often, it is our young people who are models, to us, of Easter people, sharing one of their most valuable gifts: their time and energy. Be encouraged by these examples of service: the young people who were part of this year's Living Stations and gave of their time and energy to provide meaningful prayer for the community, the young people who are anxious to be part of mission trips, and those students who faithfully come to Teens with Character seeking ways to model Christian life.

This generous spirit of service is so present in our young people. Although they are not looking for recognition or thanks, let's encourage them with it anyway! When we think what it means to be Easter people, let us look to our youth who are blessing us with their model of quiet, unselfish love.

Week of Hope Mission Trip

This year, St. Thomas middle school students will be part of a Week of Hope, from June 19-24, in Kenosha, Wisc. Week of Hope 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. These young people will be missionary disciples in the name of St. Thomas. Please keep them and this trip in your prayers ... pray that their experience will be marked by joy and hope, that their service to those in need will be fruitful and that they will grow in knowledge and faith through the experience.

Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Save the date ... Saturday, May 7! Support this summer's middle school mission trip (Week of Hope) to Kenosha, Wisc., and get a delicious meal to go! Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

St. Francis High School Events

Seventh graders can check out St. Francis High School by attending a fun-packed night on April 29 at 6:00 pm. Those who attend will get a chance to meet current SFHS students and fellow seventh grade future Spartans, participate in teambuilding activities and compete in the Spartan Amazing Race. Register at www.sfhscollegeprep.org/7thgradenight.



Friday at a variety of times. Register for these events at www.sfhscollegeprep.org.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Orders Due April 19

Teens of St. Thomas are selling packages of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to be picked up at St. Thomas Sunday, April 24 after the morning Masses. Doughnuts packaged by the dozen may be ordered in Original Glaze for \$12 or Chocolate Glaze for \$14 by April 19. Payments may be made via check to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, or Venmo to @sarahgibson195 or via PayPal at sarahgibson195. On your payment please note your last name and doughnuts.

To order, go to https://bit.ly/ saintthomasdonutorder.

April 24 Coffee + Cocoa Bar Fundraiser

St. Thomas' first and second year confirmation candidates will host a Starbucks Coffee + Cocoa Bar fundraiser after the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services Sunday, April 24 in the Narthex at St. Thomas.

For a donation, St. Thomas confirmation candidates are serving up Starbucks coffee and cocoa creations using an assortment of flavorings and toppings.

Proceeds will be used toward the transportation costs for our St. Thomas participants attending the 2022 Alive in You Mission and Conference (www. aliveinyou.com).

Alive in You – High School Youth Ministry Mission Trip

The Alive in You Mission Trip to Knoxville, Tenn., is June 28-July 3, 2022. Registration forms can be found online at stapostle.org.

Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at 630.852.3303, x117 or ym@stapostle.org.

Service Commission — Outreach and Social Justice

Easter Prayer from the Outreach and Social Justice Office

The people of St. Thomas are beacons of hope and prayerful concern. Your examples of compassionate service are a witness to the miracle of Easter. May you and your loves ones be blessed abundantly this Easter Season.

Mike, Anne and Sally

We Stand in Christ's Magnificence

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ, help us to recognize practices that enable us to feel superior to others. Our racism, sexism, ageism, favoritism, etc.

Practices that are not healthy or productive, which we often find entrenched in our psyche.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ, give us the freedom to step into society with tools to bring about the reign of God here and now.

Challenge us to promote the reign of God by utilizing: our charism for justice, our optimism for positive change, and our altruism for right action.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Unbind us from our perfectionism. Call us to do something with a compassionate heart. Unbind us from our cynicism. Small actions can mushroom into large initiatives. Unbind us from our egotism. Dialogue and shared wisdom uncover unique solutions.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The miracle at the tomb is the miracle of our ability to change. To embrace ecumenism and listen to the beautiful traditions of other religions. To embrace minimalism in one area of our hectic, overbooked life. To embrace bilingualism and pledge to listen more and speak less.

Christ does not stand in magnificence over us.

Christ stands in magnificence with us.

Christ stands in magnificence with us today, this glorious Easter Sunday! Christ stands in magnificence with us every day, most especially when we are broken or struggling.

That is the miracle of Easter!

May the power of the Risen Christ sustain us, protect us, and motivate us to continue to speak up, to call out injustice, and to use our full potential to be Christ's hands, feet, and heart on the road from Calvary to the miracle at the tomb.

Amen.

Anne Schultz



breadfortheworld

Bread for the World Elementary School Advocacy

Letters to Senators

Bread for the World is a Christian Organization in Washington, DC that provides nonpartisan policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it. It has been educating opinion leaders, policymakers and the public about hunger in the United States and abroad since 1975. Each year, they conduct an "Offering of Letters" to members of Congress.

Elementary School Faith Formation and the OSJ Office recently partnered to introduce advocacy to the youth as a way to put their faith into action, as we are all called to do. With the approval of their parents, the fourth and fifth grade Elementary Religious Education students were presented with the opportunity to sign a letter to one of our Illinois Senators asking them to help provide food to children in need in our country and throughout the world.

The letter

Dear Senator ____

I am writing to you about hunger in this world. As a follower of Jesus, we care about those who are hungry in the United States and other countries. It is important that we as a country use our abundance to help those in need. When children and families have enough good food to eat, they can grow healthy and strong. Please support bills that helps our country aid those who need good food globally.

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In May, the entire parish will be offered the opportunity to advocate on this issue.

May Peace Prevail on Earth New Peace Pole Signs

Pray for Peace

In light of recent events in Ukraine, two temporary signs have been placed next to the Peace Pole, one on either side. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is written in the Russian language on one sign and in the Ukrainian language on the other. As you leave church on Easter Sunday, or any time, consider stopping by the Peace Pole to say a prayer for peace in Ukraine, throughout the world and in our hearts.

The Peace Pole on the St. Thomas grounds is located outside the doors to the Gathering Area. The pole was dedicated on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Peace Poles are one of the most recognized international peace symbols and monuments around the world. Over 250,000 poles have been "planted" in almost



every country. The Peace Pole Project was introduced to the United States in 1986. Peace Poles symbolize the oneness of humanity and the common wish for a world at peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony and to stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.

The St. Thomas Peace Pole, initiated by the Pax Christi ministry, is a six-sided stainless steel pole, about eight feet tall once the pole is in the ground. The words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is cut into the pole in six languages: Arabic, English, Hebrew, Haitian Creole for St. Thomas' twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti, Lakota for St. Thomas' twinning parish on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and Spanish for St. Thomas' twinning parish in Aurora, Illinois.

HHESED HOUSE BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY

Hesed House PADS May Food Donation Sign-Up

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.

We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those that helped with April donations. We are now asking for donations for May 5.

How to donate food for Hesed House If you are willing and able to provide food for May, you can sign up for specific items on the St. Thomas website by clicking **here**. 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, May 5, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.

2022 Lenten Project

Food with Love

To provide the basic need of food (with love) for one year for the 25 children of Ertha's Orphanage near Duchity, Haiti. The goal is \$13,200. As of the deadline for this bulletin (Thursday, April 7), we had reached 79 percent of our \$13,200 Goal.

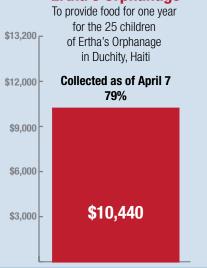
How to Help

Yes, Lent is over, but if you would still like to make a donation, that can be done.

- Little Brown Boxes can be returned to the cylinders in the Narthex and Gathering Area.
- Checks can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Lenten Project" in the memo. They can be dropped in the weekend collection baskets or mailed to "St. Thomas OSJ."
- Donations can also be made on the St. Thomas website home page by clicking here.

Thanks to all that are able to help!

St. Thomas Lenten Project Ertha's Orphanage



Service Commission — Pastoral Care



Last Chance to Sign Up Blended Mental Health First Aid Training

| When: | Saturday, April 30, 2022 |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| | 9:00 am-4:00 pm |
| Where: | St. Thomas the Apostle |
| Cost: | \$23.95 |
| Instructors: | Tina Lueckhoff and |
| | Diane McQueen |

What is Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)?

You are more likely to encounter someone – friend, family member or neighbor – in an emotional crisis than someone having a heart attack. Just as CPR teaches you how to respond to someone in a medical crisis, MHFA prepares participants to assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis. You will learn situational skills to intervene and help someone experiencing a mental health problem.

You will learn:

- Signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Risk and safety assessment
- Intervention strategies

How Blended Mental Health First Aid Works:

After completing a two-hour self-paced online class, First Aiders will participate in a six hour in-person instructor led class.

To sign up: https://043022bmhfa.eventbrite.com

Registration closes April 20 at 11:30 pm Sponsored by Linden Oaks Behavioral Health and hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

From the Office of the Parish Nurse **How to Take Your Pulse**

Your pulse is your heart rate, or the number of times your heart beats in one minute. You can take your pulse using the radial artery in your wrist or the carotid artery in your neck.



Some medical conditions can be a factor in determining the best place for you to take your

pulse. For example, if you have heart disease or longstanding diabetes, it's best to use the artery on your wrist.

General instructions for taking your pulse

To get an accurate pulse:

- Take your pulse the same time each day.
- Sit down and rest several minutes before taking your pulse.
- Count your pulse for a full 60 seconds unless told otherwise by your health care provider.

Taking your radial pulse

- 1. With your palm up, look at the area between your wrist bone and the tendon on the thumb side of your wrist. Your radial pulse can be taken on either wrist.
- 2. Use the tip of the index and third fingers of your other hand to feel the pulse in the radial artery between your wrist bone and the tendon on the thumb side of your wrist.
- 3. Apply just enough pressure so you can feel each beat. Do not push too hard or you will obstruct the blood flow.
- 4. Watch the second hand on your watch or a clock as you count how many times you feel your pulse.
- 5. Record your pulse rate and inform your primary physician if necessary.

Taking your carotid pulse

- 1. Find the area on one side of your neck near your windpipe. Your carotid pulse can be taken on either side of your neck.
- 2. Put the tip of your index and long finger in the groove of your neck along your windpipe to feel the pulse in your carotid artery. Do not press on the carotid artery on both sides of your neck at the same time. This may cause you to feel lightheaded or dizzy, or possibly faint.
- 3. Apply just enough pressure so you can feel each beat. Do not push too hard or you will obstruct the blood flow.
- 4. Watch the second hand on your watch or a clock as you count how many times your feel your pulse rate.
- 5. Record your pulse rate and inform your primary physician if necessary.

Resource: Mayo Clinic Staff)

Wellspring Presents **Alive Again ... Rising with Christ!**

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Monday, May 2, 2022 7:00–9:00 pm | Lighthouse

We are living in unprecedented times. Stress levels are at an all-time high as we still cope with the health risks of COVID, financial stress and continued fears at many levels. The paschal mystery teaches us that living, dying and rising are part of our experience as Christians. In this session we will explore how the best practices of psychology intertwined with this mystery will allow us to thrive and maintain wellbeing even in the midst of the most difficult times in this life.



Rev. Dr. Scott Mitchell, PsyD

Rev. Dr. Scott Mitchell, PsyD, is the President and CEO of SamaraCare, providers of progressive, life changing counseling and consulting services, serving people in DuPage, Cook, Kane, Kendall, Lake and Will counties.

As a clinical psychologist and clergy, Dr. Mitchell has 30 years of experience with a special interest in the development of preventive factors that build resilience across the life span and the role of spirituality in resilience. He uses a holistic approach, integrating the best practices of psychology with a respect for mindfulness and spirituality.

RSVP to readmin@stapostle.org by April 29, 2022. Reservations are strongly encouraged; walk-ins are also welcome.

PrimeTime April Event Spring Is in the Air!

Come join in on some games and crafts at PrimeTime's April event! Plan to bring a snack to share and join us for a relaxing social get together on Tuesday, April 19 at 10:00 am in the Lighthouse.

PrimeTime will be meeting earlier in the month with Kathy Ford, the new Director of Pastoral Care, and will share some of the 2022 events that are being planned.

Bring a friend and enjoy a lovely spring morning of fun and fellowship! Coffee, water, games and crafts will be provided.



St. Thomas the Apostle

Save the Date Minister of Care Training

Ordinary People Ministering to Ordinary People in Extraordinary Circumstances

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm Location: The Senior Center

Light Breakfast will be served

Registration Required

Deadline: Monday, May 7, 2022

Contact: Kathy Ford, RN, Director of Pastoral Care, 630.355.8980, x124 or kford@stapostle.org.



Ukraine Relief Monetary Donations

If you would like to support Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees, the current recommendation is to donate to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Catholic Relief Services — CRS — is the official relief and development organization of the Catholic Church in the US.CRS and their partners are preparing and need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes. CRS and Caritas partners are on the ground across Ukraine and in bordering countries, working to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, fuel to keep warm, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis.

- To donate online, go to https://bit.ly/3hbagDJ
- Check can be written to "CRS" with "Ukraine" in the memo and sent to: Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

Stewardship and Administration

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 18 Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 19

10:00–11:00 am 7:00–9:00 pm 7:00–9:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse Baptism Class, Senior Center PPC. Cana

Wednesday, April 20

Pro-Life, Judea

Thursday, April 21

7:00–9:00 pm

9:15–11:15 amThursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center10:00–12:00 pmPrayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus6:30–8:00 pmLife Meeting, Gym and Youth Center7:30–9:00 pmThursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

| 9:00–10:30 am | Saturday Men's Group, Cana |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 9:30-4::30 pm | Marriage Retreat Day, Lighthouse |
| 3:30–4:15 pm | Reconciliation, Chapel |
| 4:30–5:30 pm | First Communion Mass, Church |

Sunday, April 24

| 9:30 am | First Communion Mass, Church |
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| 11:15 am | First Communion Mass, Church |
| 1:30–2:30 pm | Baptisms, Church |

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" Luke 24:5

Pope Francis once said, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? How often do we look for life among dead things, things that cannot give life, that are here today and gone tomorrow? Why do you seek the living one among the dead?" In other words, where do you put your priorities? How are you using the gifts God has given you?

Last weekend's stewardship of financial gifts Weekly Sunday Offertory

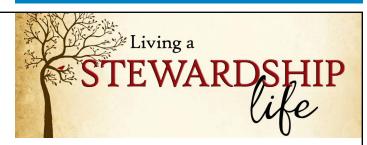
| April 3, 2022 | | |
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| Sunday Collection Offering* | \$12,033 | |
| Credit Card Online Giving for March | \$17,779 | |
| Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month) | none this week | |
| Mailed in and stock donations | \$5,734 | |
| Total for the week \$35,546 *Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation | | |
| Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) | \$1,391,263 | |
| Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date | \$34,782 | |
| Offertory Goal Year to date | \$1,342,779 | |
| Over/(short) of goal to date | \$48,484 | |
| Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30 | \$1,745,600 | |
| Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal | 80% | |
| Remaining for this fiscal year goal | \$354,337 | |

This week, the Sunday collection is \$48,484 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$498 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.



Please take the time to read the ads which make this bulletin possible. Help support these businesses, especially during this time, as they support St. Thomas the Apostle. Mention the bulletin when you patronize their establishments.

Let them know they are appreciated!



How did Lent go for you this year? Did you take the time for prayer? Did you use your treasure to help others, like Catholic Relief Services or Ertha's Orphanage? Did you develop a talent of hospitality, welcoming others into your life or at St. Thomas. You need not wait until Lent next year to take good care of the gifts that God has given you. You can spend your Easter season not seeking life "among dead things," but setting your priorities straight.

Have a blessed Easter!

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