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FEAST OF
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

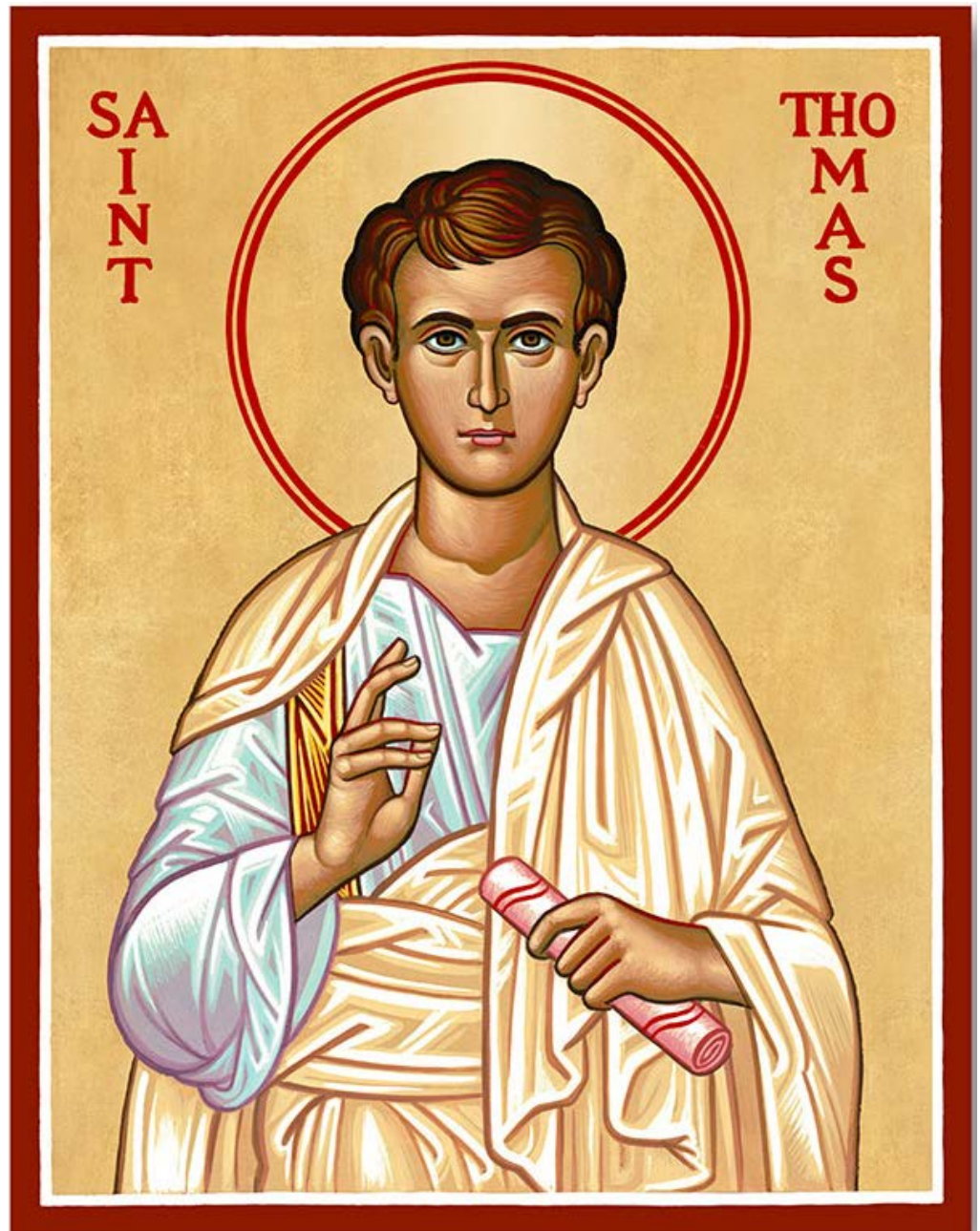
*May I never boast except in the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

– Galatians 6:14

**ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE CATHOLIC
CHURCH MISSION
STATEMENT**

*Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas
the Apostle strives to be an
inclusive servant community
– to be Christ in the World.*

*We bear the Good News
of God's unconditional love
to all generations through
worship, faith formation,
witness and service.*



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

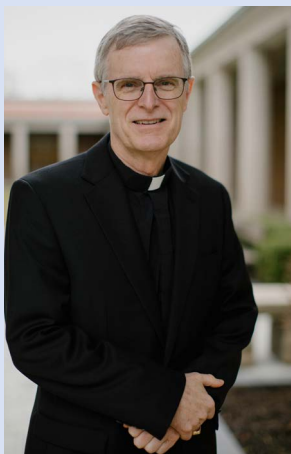
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Welcome Fr. Peter Infanger

Please join us next weekend, July 9–10, for a celebration to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Peter Infanger.

Stop by the gym after any of the Masses to meet Fr. Peter and welcome him to St. Thomas.

Refreshments will be served.



Presider Schedule July 9–10

Saturday, July 9

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Larry Kearney

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.

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.

Fourth of July

On Independence Day, Monday, July 4, St. Thomas will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am in the Church. Please join us!

Readings for Today

Readings selected to celebrate the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

First Reading — I lay your pavements in carnelians, your foundations in sapphires (Isaiah 54:10-14b).

Psalm — The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — In Christ you are also being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:24-29).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Reflection on the Readings

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle brings us readings that speak to building the kingdom of God. We are familiar with the 'doubting Thomas' story; however there is more to that interaction. Thomas demonstrates the skepticism that we all have at some point in our faith journey. And he comes out the other side with such incredible faith and certainty. We, like those St. Paul is writing to in the Letter to the Ephesians, can grow stronger together in faith by building each other up and helping each other along. The Lord told the Prophet Isaiah that our foundations of faith and love would be built with precious stones, rich materials that are worthy of the children of God. As the psalm reminds us, the cornerstone of our faith is Christ — He is the reason we build the kingdom on earth as we journey toward eternal life.





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Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

Did you know that while St. Thomas the Apostle is our parish Patron Saint, he is also that of architects?

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle is July 3. Falling on a Sunday this year, our church family is celebrating this Feast through our celebration of weekend Mass and a parish activity.



Stop by the Narthex this weekend, July 2–3, or next, July 9–10, to help build up our faith community with spiritual bricks. Begin thinking about:

- How do you build up St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- What builds you up at St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- How can St. Thomas the Apostle parish continue to be built up?

Hope to see you at this celebration of our Patron Saint!

Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle

*Almighty and ever living God,
who strengthened your apostle Thomas
with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection,
Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in
Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our God,
that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight;
through Him who lives and reigns with You in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet Two Sites Open to New Students!

The acclaimed *Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet* is taking registrations now for in-person classes at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manhattan for Year 1 (Old Testament Foundations) and live Zoom classes for Year 2 (New Testament Foundations). Come to one of the preview events to meet teachers and current students or attend and view a Zoom preview. For more information about the *Biblical Institute* and June–August preview events, click [here](#) or call the diocesan Faith Formation Office at 815.221.6147.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
The People of St. Thomas and their Intentions
- 8:00 am †Darren D'Abreo
- 9:30 am †Joseph Chalupka, by Mark and Agatha Chalupka
†Irene Wojcik, by Ken and Bob Wojcik
- 11:15 am †Thomas Kolodziej, by Estelle Wroble

Intentions for this week

Monday, July 4, 2022

Independence Day

- 9:00 am †Charlotte Alfredson, by remaining descendants

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

- 8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:30 am †Amparo and Aurelia Lopez

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am

Friday, July 8, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am

Saturday, July 9, 2022

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
†Zofia Sarna, by Agatha and Mark Chalupka

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Jim Wolff, by Mary Ann Wolff
- 9:30 am †Steven Caruso, by Mom and Dad
†Joe Galvin, by Ted and Joan McKeown
- 11:15 am †Graciano J. Militante, Jr., by The Valencia Family

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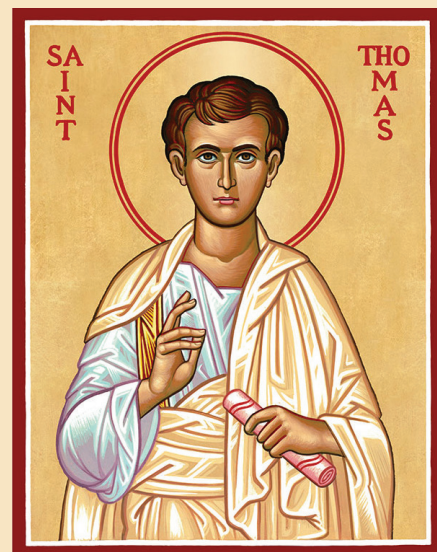
JULY 3

St. Thomas the Apostle was one of the 12 original disciples of Jesus Christ. Mostly known for his doubt of Christ's Resurrection, Thomas (also known as Didymus) represents the humanity we all share. Our faith is one of mystery, and we all have questions that we would like to ask Jesus. Once seeing the wounds on Christ's resurrected body, Thomas' faith was firmed and he became a missionary. Traveling outside of the Roman Empire, Thomas went East - eventually settling in India to preach the Good News. He was invited by the king to construct a palace, as Thomas was a skilled builder. But when Thomas distributed the payment from that project to the poor, it angered the king and got Thomas thrown in prison. He continued to preach the Gospel, causing disruption and anger amongst the establishment. Thomas was killed by a spear — a wound similar to that which he touched on Jesus.

Thomas was canonized a Saint for his martyrdom. His Feast Day is July 3 — also recognized as Indian Christians Day. St. Thomas the Apostle is also the Patron Saint of Architects.

Our continued evangelization of all corners of the world grounds us in the story of St. Thomas the Apostle. We all doubt, we all question, and we all move forward in our faith to become deeper disciples of Christ.

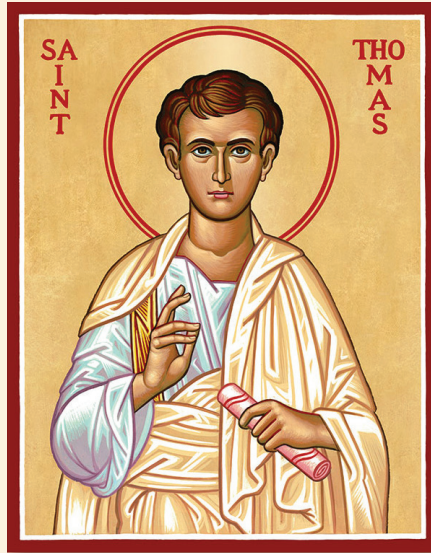
As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, this faith community is reminded of our role in building the Kingdom of God. We are on a mission to bring Jesus to all; to be a builder of faith.



PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*Almighty and ever living God,
who strengthened your apostle
Thomas
with sure and certain faith in your
Son's resurrection,
Grant us so perfectly and without
doubt to believe in Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our God,
that our faith may never be found
wanting in your sight;
through Him who lives and reigns
with You in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

PATRON SAINT OF ARCHITECTS

An architect is one who is creative and skilled. Artist and engineer. A balance of design and development.

An architect stays with a project from concept to completion. From beginning to end. From idea to reality.

An architect is one person, with one plan. A community is needed to complete the venture.

An architect does not work alone.

How are we architects of faith?

How has St. Thomas the Apostle built and shaped our understanding of God?

This faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish — founded in 1984 — has adopted the motto of “We Are St. Thomas.” We are the hands, feet and heart of Christ to the world. We are also the broken, skeptical, reflexive, determined, inspired, *human* traits of St. Thomas the Apostle.

As we continue to embody and share the Good News:

- How do you build up St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- What builds you up at St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- How can St. Thomas the Apostle parish continue to be built up?

Thank you to all persons in this St. Thomas the Apostle faith community.

Whether you have been here 3 months, 3 years, or 30+ years, **YOU** are a valued member of this place.

“In Christ Jesus you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

(Ephesians 2:22 NABRE)



C.A.R.E CORNER

A baby girl given the name Birgitta was born to pious Swedish nobles around the year 1303. But we now know her as St. Bridget, the patroness of Sweden. After losing her Mother at the age of 10, Bridget had a vision of the crucified Christ. That would not be her last vision. She married at the age of 13 and eventually bore 8 children. She served as a Lady-in-Waiting for the young Swedish Queen.

After Bridget's husband died in 1344, Bridget heard a call to found a new religious order for women, the members of which became known as Bridgettine nuns.

In 1350, Bridget and her daughter, the future St. Catherine of Sweden, braved plague-stricken Europe and journeyed to Rome on pilgrimage. She remained based in Rome for the rest of her life, becoming a spiritual mother to pilgrims, especially those from Scandinavia. Bridget continued to have a rich prayer life which included visions of Christ in his Passion, which she wrote about in vivid detail. Her visions concerning Church reforms were shared with kings and popes, imploring them to respond to the love of Christ with the same love he showed to them in his suffering for all the world. Bridget labored tirelessly, taking on the contemporary issues of her day, including Church abuses. She showed us how to live a holy life in society, combining her mystical and contemplative experiences with secular and civil activities. Bridget died in 1373 in Rome and was canonized in 1391.

Art Fair Helpers

Calling all artists to the 23rd Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Art & Artisan Fair this November! We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering their talents on the planning committee in advertising, publicity, event-day ambassadors, set-up and clean up. To be a planner, you don't have to be an artist, but your creative energy will be valued! To participate, please contact Donna Ryder at dryder27@gmail.com.

Growing in Faith

When you are excited or deeply touched by something, you naturally want to share it with someone. A relationship with Jesus and his Church is no different. Do you know someone you could invite to Mass or a parish event who might be interested in sharing your faith? Or are you yourself looking for a faith community to grow with? Whether you are Catholic, think you might want to be or are simply curious about the Catholic faith, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138 for a chat about the possibilities available to you through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Chari looks forward to talking with YOU!

Congratulations Graduates!

On Saturday, June 25, five St. Thomas parishioners received certificates at the Blanchette Catholic Center for completing 4 years of study and reflection on the Scriptures through the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet. They are: Sue Cornell-Ohl, Ken Fivizzani, Mary Fivizzani, Peggy White and Carrie Wujek. We ask God's blessings on them as they share their enthusiasm for learning and loving the Word of God!

A new group of interested adults is forming now. To attend a preview night to learn about the Biblical Institute and hear from instructors and recent graduates, click [here](#).

Open Wide Our Hearts

In 2018, continuing a series of pastoral letters against racism dating back to 1943, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released "Open Wide Our Hearts: the enduring call to love," a consistent and insistent plea to promote and live the Gospel message of love and justice to address, in their words, "a resurgence of racism and bigotry in the United States and in the Catholic Church."

What can we do? In four in-person sessions in the Lighthouse at 7:00 pm Wednesdays, we will take up this letter in small groups as we pray, listen, reflect and respond together. The chapters are:

- What is Racism? – July 13
- Do Justice – July 20
- Love Goodness – July 27
- Walk Humbly with God – August 3

You can participate in some or all of the sessions. To reserve a spot, please contact Chari Rosales at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138.



The St. Thomas Week of Hope Mission team is all smiles after returning from their week of service.

Back ... Safe and Sound and CHANGED!

The members of our parish Week of Hope middle school mission trip team returned safely from their week of service in Kenosha, Wisc. During the week, the team worked at the Racine Urban Garden Network. Formed in 2009, the Racine Urban Garden Network is a network of community gardens for the purpose of allowing families to grow fresh produce in areas of Racine where the supply of those foods is scarce. Surplus food that is grown is donated to local food pantries. Team members spent the week weeding, planting, and watering gardens. As they did that, they were able to reflect on the weeds which grow in their own lives and the impact of seeds of faith. Thank you so much for your prayer support. They felt blessed to be going in the name of St. Thomas.

Catechists Needed

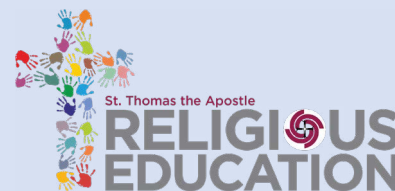
Elementary Religious Education

It is planning time for Tuesday and Saturday elementary religious education classes. Come join the fun and be a catechist, aide or volunteer. Your presence is wanted! Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 to discuss where your talents can be used. Currently, catechists, aides and volunteers are wanted at every grade level Pre-K-5.



Middle School Catechists Needed ... Now is your Chance

There is a need for middle school catechists for Monday evening and Saturday morning middle school religious education classes. Volunteering for the ministry of catechesis puts you in touch with an amazing group of middle school students who will delight you, challenge you and inspire you with their faith and Spirit. Materials and training are provided for catechists. If you are interested in learning more, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.



Elementary and Middle School RE Registration

Did it slip your mind? Registration for elementary and middle school religious education classes for the 2022-2023 school year is currently available in the Gathering Area or blank forms can be printed from the St. Thomas website. They were originally due by July 1. For planning purposes, registration forms are needed as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Special Note to Parents of a Pre K or Kindergarten Child

Do you have a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten child (age 4 or 5 by September 1)? Religious education classes are available for your child. Registration materials are available in the Gathering Area or blank forms can be printed off of the website. Please also check out the Parent Handbook for more information.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 630.305.6318 or readmin@stapostle.org or Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 with questions.



Ertha Orphanage Update and Thank You

Ertha Papillon is a leader in our Haiti Twinning Parish in Duchity. She also founded and directs a school and an orphanage. The earthquake in August 2021 destroyed the large orphanage building and damaged the second building that had yet to be completed. St. Thomas immediately provided funds for a “temporary” shelter that has become permanent. Ertha was a missionary speaker in September 2021 at two other churches and received funds that allowed her to repair and complete construction on the second building. She sent the following update and thank you.



Above is Ertha Orphanage repaired building (right) and roof of “temporary” shelter (left).

Dear Brothers, and Sisters,

In the name of the orphanage staff members, in the name of the children in the orphanage, in the name of our village, we write you this letter to say a special thanks to all of you who provide us a financial assistance to repair one of the buildings of the orphanage to make sure the children have a better place to stay, to live, to eat and to sleep.

After the earthquake destroyed the Mar-Dave Orphanage in August 2021, you provided the children with a temporary emergency shelter for all the children to be together. We are so grateful for your emergency aid! With additional financial assistance, we were able to repair one building where there is now a room to receive all the girls, a room for office, a dining room for everyone to eat together, a room for storage, a room for employees to sleep and one extra bathroom with a toilet available. For now, the boys will continue to sleep in the emergency shelter. All the windows in metal are being fixed, you will see the receipts and pictures for this. Now we will need to add tile on the floor and repair the electricity system.

Please we share one love and gratitude to everyone, especially those who work to reduce our situation of poverty in Haiti. We pray God in Jesus Christ to be with those who are in this Parish and may our mother Mary continue to protect everyone.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so much!

Ertha Papillon
Director of Mar-Dav Orphanage



DuPage United

St. Thomas is a founding member of DuPage United (DU), a non-partisan organization of DuPage County churches, mosques, synagogues and other non-profit institutions, working to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities in DuPage County. For more information go to www.DuPageUnited.org.



Democracy in Action

DuPage United, along with United Power for Action (Chicago), Lake County United and Fox River Valley Initiative, is inviting you to join over 2,000 people from 100 member institutions across the region to engage elected officials to act with urgency and advance the regional issues that we are all working to resolve.

- Expanding Essential Housing for Essential Workers and People with Special Needs.
- Reducing Gun Violence.
- Expanding Mental Health Services and Decriminalizing Mental Illness.

Join us Sunday, July 17, 2022, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the House of Hope Church, 752 E 114th St, Chicago. Click [here](#) to register for the action.

The Importance of Being There

We are seeking the commitment of our elected officials to support our actions to build a community that meets everyone's needs. Our power to influence is reflected in the turnout. Make your voice heard. The power of your voice is amplified and our influence is amplified when combined with many other voices.

Response from Mayor of Buffalo, NY

Jane Barnes, member of the St. Thomas Inclusive Justice Initiative, received a letter from Bryon W. Brown, Mayor of Buffalo, NY, in response to the recent letter of support sent to him and signed by both Fr. Danaher and Jane. Below is the letter in its entirety.

"I would like to personally thank you for your kind words. Your thoughtfulness and support during one of the most painful chapters in Buffalo's history is greatly appreciated.

On May 14, 2022, the beauty of our community was shattered when a hate-filled outsider came to our City and gunned down 10 innocent people, and injured 3 others, for the premeditated purpose of eliminating those who were different from him. Today, as we continue to pray for the people who died, and their families who are hurting, we are also moving forward together, as a strong, loving and resilient community.

As One community, One Buffalo, we hope to send the message that hateful, racist actions and speech will never be tolerated here and must not be tolerated anywhere. With open hearts and strong faith, we can and will turn our grief into positive change, showing the nation and the world how we are helping each other heal. By working together, we will create a bright, prosperous and safe future for ourselves and our children.

Thank you, again, I appreciate your support."



Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, July 12 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.

- Jello
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Canned beans
- Meat meal in a can
- Side dishes
- Jelly

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.

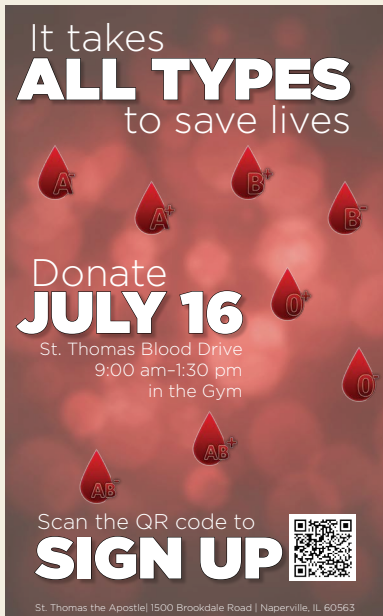


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St. Thomas Blood Drive Facts About Blood

- Donating blood burns 650 calories.
- Blood makes up about 7 percent of your body weight.
- Children being treated for cancer, premature infants and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types, especially type O.

Come join us Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 9:00 am–1:30 pm in the gym.

Reserve a spot by clicking [here](#).

Thank you!

From the Office of the Parish Nurse Walking Can Preserve Women’s Muscle with Age, No Extra Protein Needed

A trial asking if milk was better at helping build muscle than a non-dairy milk alternative found that increasing walking was all that was necessary to increase daily muscle protein synthesis.

For three days, 22 older women were put on standardized diets that provided the recommended 0.8 grams per kilogram of body weight (0.36 grams per pound) in protein. The participants were then divided into three experimental groups that added either whole milk, skin (non-fat) milk or a non-dairy almond beverage twice a day. On the last three days of the nine-day study, the women added extra physical activity by increasing their step count about 150 percent. This added activity was enough to increase muscle protein synthesis with or without the extra protein in the supplemental beverages.

We tend to lose muscle as we age. It is widely assumed that consuming extra protein helps stimulate muscle protein synthesis and prevent muscle loss, but this study is another example of how research does not bear this idea out. Most U.S. adults already get more than the recommended amount of protein in their typical dietary pattern.

Resource: Health & Nutrition Letter from Tufts University



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

From the Behavioral Health Ministry Mental Health First Aid

ANYONE can experience mental health problems. YOU and I can make all the difference in a person’s recovery process. YOU and I can help our friend or family member by recognizing the signs of mental health problems and connecting them to professional help. When WE talk to friends and family about mental health, WE can provide information, support and guidance. Learning about mental health issues can lead to:

- Improved recognition of early signs of mental health problems
- Earlier treatment
- Greater understanding and compassion

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues.

Please join us either Saturday August 13 from 9:00 am–4:00 pm or Friday September 23 from 9:00 am–4:00 pm to learn how to recognize the signs of mental health problems and provide support. Class instructors are Trina Lueckhoff and Diane McQueen.

To sign up: Click [here](#) for August 13 and [here](#) for September 23.

Susan Kearney, Parishioner and Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry
Source: Mental Health First Aid from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing,
<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
St. Thomas the Apostle

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



Thank you for supporting St. Thomas the Apostle. To learn more about online giving, please visit our website and click on the Giving tab in the top menu bar.

The Week Ahead

Monday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!
Building closed after 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, July 5

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside

Wednesday, July 6

7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Senior Center

Thursday, July 7

9:00 am–4:00 pm Hesed House Food Drop –Off,
Gathering Area
6:30–8:30 pm Life Service Team, Gym and Youth
Center

Friday, July 8

Saturday, July 9

9:00–11:00 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
Reception for Fr. Peter in the Gym after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 10

Reception for Fr. Peter after each Mass in the Gym
1:00–2:00 pm Baptisms, Church

Weekly Sunday Offertory

June 19, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$8,068
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$26,070
Mailed in and stock donations	\$1,670
Total for the week	\$35,808
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,743,382
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$34,184
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,712,043
Over/(short) of goal to date	\$31,339
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	100%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$2,218

This week, the Sunday collection is \$31,339 ahead of goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$257 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

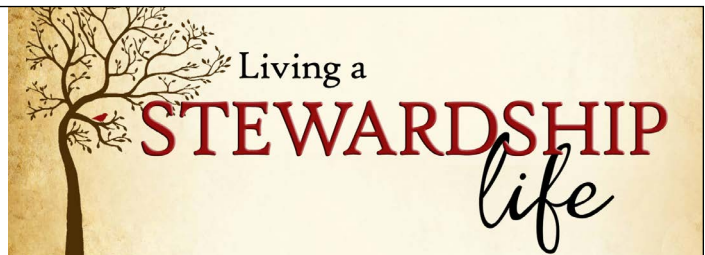
Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$133,894
Percent of Goal pledged to date	70.77%
Unpaid pledges	\$14,249
Paid to Date	\$119,645
Percent of goal paid to date	63.24%

This weekend we celebrate the birthday of our nation and the freedom that we have. But what is freedom? Freedom is defined as the absence of necessity, coercion or constraint in choice or action (Merriam Webster Dictionary). Our forefathers were able to free themselves from oppression and were able to choose how best to govern themselves. We are thankful that they provided that freedom to us.

Jesus, also invites us to be free, but he teaches us that freedom comes with responsibilities. We are taught that we are free to live in harmony with God's will, namely to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are free to accept His gifts of time, treasure and talent and to use those gifts for the benefit of our brothers and sisters.

As you celebrate our nation's freedom, take a moment to think how you have used the gifts that God gave you freely.

Happy Fourth of July and may God bless us and America.





PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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Summer hours: 8:30 am–4:30 pm
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married at St. Thomas should contact the
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