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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

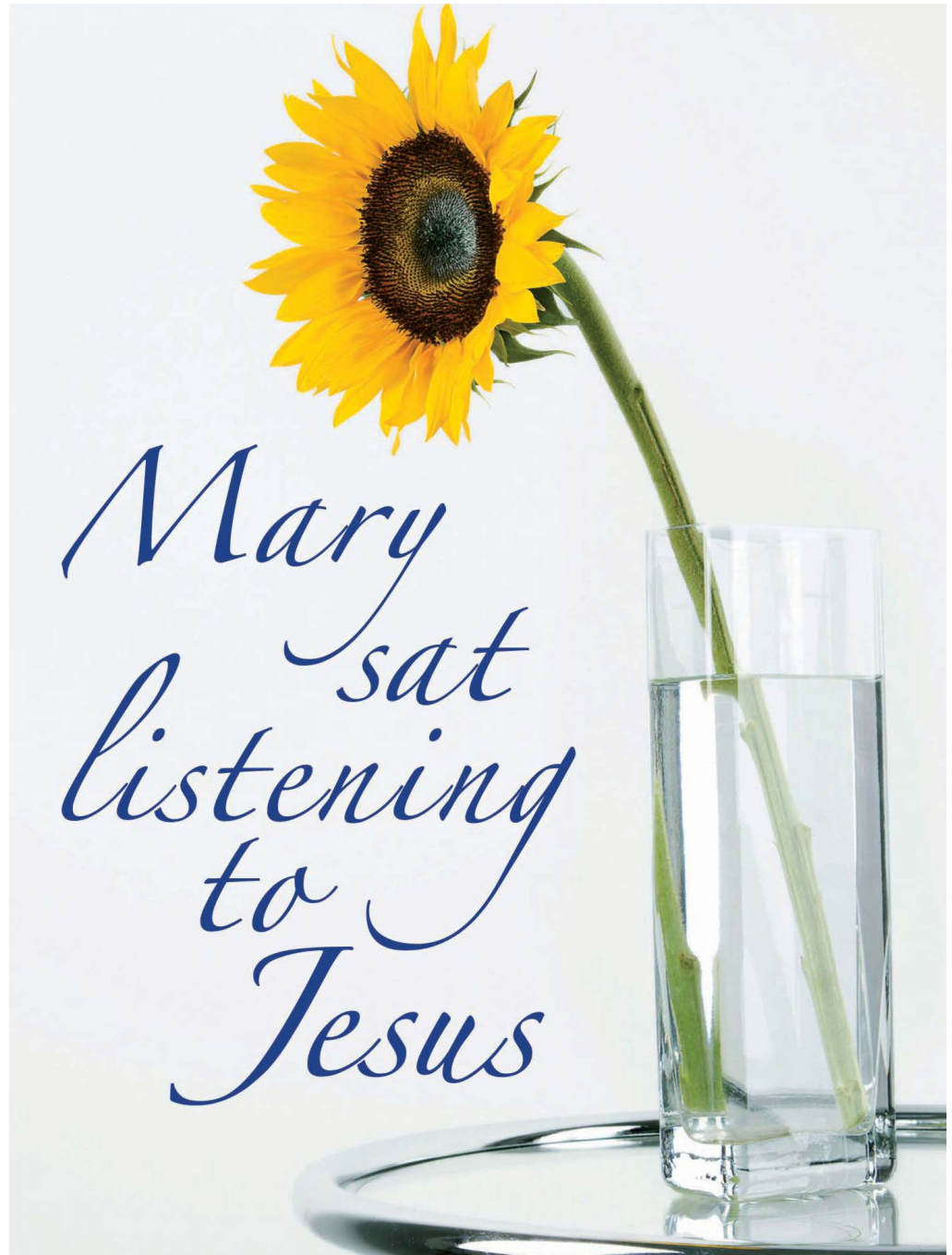
*It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and
teaching everyone with all
wisdom, that we may present
everyone perfect in Christ.*

– Colossians 1:28b

**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.



Editor's Note: For the past five years, Fr. Danaher's *In the Word* column has filled this space. Starting this week, Fr. Peter would like to share insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

Come On In!

Hospitality has been defined as entertaining your guests and caring for their needs. It is a gracious custom. However, in some ancient communities it was necessary for survival. Travelers were vulnerable to the climate and topography of an unfamiliar area, as well as to its inhabitants. Every stranger was a potential enemy. Conversely, the traveler might be a thief, murderer, or a spy sent ahead to reconnoiter his enemies. People had to be on their guard, and travelers never really knew how others would receive them. They could be robbed by their host, captured, enslaved, or even put to death.

To guarantee protection on all sides, a certain protocol of hospitality had to be presumed and observed. The host was expected to treat all travelers as guests, not as potential enemies. Such treatment was thought to neutralize any threat to the household. The traveler was expected to act as a guest rather than a threat, accepting the generosity of the host for necessary food, drink, and shelter. Such hospitality was a temporary arrangement, but it assured everyone of a degree of safety.

We see traces of this custom in the first reading from Genesis. Surprise! The visitors were no ordinary travelers. They were messengers from God. In the Gospel reading, Jesus was a guest in the home of Martha and Mary. Their hospitality flowed from love, not social custom. Furthermore, he was no ordinary traveler. Both readings encourage us to practice hospitality. You never know who might appear as a guest.

~ Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How might you offer your services to open-door projects of your parish?
- Most of us trace our family history back to immigration. How have you benefited from that form of hospitality?

Readings for Today

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Reflection on the Readings

Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in today's Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer.

Presider Schedule July 23-24

Saturday, July 23

4:30 pm: Fr. Matt Lorenz with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, July 24

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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thank you from Fr. Danaher



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

As I slowly get settled into a new phase of my life, known as retirement, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful send off to me the weekend of June 25–26. I truly appreciated your kind words to me both in the Narthex and gym, along with your offerings in the Cardinal red basket. Thank you notes are on their way, as the song goes, “soon and very soon.”

I also want to thank parish staff for providing the delicious treats in the gym, along with the dinner provided for my family and me on Saturday evening. Speaking of my family, they were very impressed with our wonderful liturgy along with your very warm welcome.

Today’s first reading and gospel both describe how people prepared to serve the Lord with nourishment. Many thanks for providing me the nourishment of your caring love through your words and actions these last five years. In closing, allow me to paraphrase from the Old Testament Book of Numbers:

“May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you and those you love peace.”

In the Word,

Fr. Danaher

Synod on Synodality Update

You will notice that starting the weekend of July 9–10, we will no longer be communally proclaiming the Prayer for the Synod on Synodality. The first portion of this Synod in which parish feedback was requested has now ended. You are welcome to read the results of the St. Thomas the Apostle questionnaire on the parish website (click [here](#)). Please do continue to pray for this Synod as it continues at the next levels of Church leadership.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Paul Patterman, by Dick and Kay
†Alex Jiminez, by Theresa and Bernardo Abezia
- 8:00 am †Darrell Johnson, by Mom and Dad
- 9:30 am Erik Piec, by Maria Lapp
†Brittney Leyva, by John and Felicia Lawlor
- 11:15 am †Harry Wroble, by Estelle Wroble

Intentions for this week

Monday, July 18, 2022

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

- 8:30 am †Tom Dedrichs, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †James Maul, by Maul Family

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30 am †Marge Foley, by Gene Foley

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am

Friday, July 22, 2022

St. Mary Magdalene

- 8:30 am †Benjamin Parrilli, by Parrilli Family

Saturday, July 23, 2022

St. Bridget, Religious; BVM

- 8:30 am Susan Marinam, by Carol Ann Fisher
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
Healing for Dennis DeMeo
†Dorothy Chancellor, by Gloria

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Theresa Varkey, by Phyllis Cliff
- 9:30 am †Irene Wojcik, by Jim and Mary Jo Breen
†Marguerite McIntyre, by Bauer Family
- 11:15 am †Mary Growney, by John Growney
†Dennis Doll, by Barbara Doll



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We move now to a new category of Catholic Saints – those who made great contributions to the fields of science. You may have heard of St. Cosmas and St. Damian. They were brothers from Arabia, physicians who practiced in the region of Syria in the early centuries of Christianity. They became famous as healers, likely in part because they accepted no payment for their services. In the spirit of charity, they used their skills to attract people to the Christian faith. Unfortunately their fame brought them to the attention of the Roman Emperor and they were ultimately martyred for their faith. After their deaths around the year 300 AD, hundreds of healing miracles were attributed to them. They are the patron saints of physicians, surgeons and pharmacists.

Bede the Venerable was a Benedictine monk in the eighth century in Northern England. He grew up in a monastery and was devoted to the study of Scripture, eventually writing many commentaries on the books of the Bible. In Bede's time, the reference point for history was the founding of Rome. But for Bede, Jesus Christ was the true center of history, so Bede popularized the marking of time as "the year of the Lord" or what became known as the designation "AD" for Anno Domini. He also argued for a scientific dating of Easter and taught that the earth was spherical. Bede died in 735 on the Feast of the Ascension right after praying the Glory Be. He is a Doctor of the Church. We can look to Bede as an example of someone who saw Christ as the center of his life.

Thank You!

Many hands make light work. Thank you to the volunteers and St. Thomas staff who helped make Fr. Peter's welcome receptions so much fun. Special thanks goes to the Donut Volunteers who picked up donuts, set up, helped during the Masses and cleaned up afterwards. The volunteers are: Jeanette Curtis, Rod Curtis, Dan Fumagalli, Karla Johnson, Prescott Johnson, Steven Marcus, Mervin Monteiro, Jeremiah Monteiro, Carrie Plos, Dylan Plos, Beth Reiman, Lisa Shields, William Shields, Ava Sieben, Elizabeth Sieben, Isabella Sieben, Haley Wange, Janine Wange and Liam Wange.



Welcome Home "Alive in You" Mission Team!

St. Thomas high school teens and young adults traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., for the Alive in You Mission Trip & Conference, living out their faith through action during the week at Bryson's Closet. Bryson's Closet is a non-profit organization developed as part of ongoing efforts to help the financially disadvantaged. They support this effort through sales at their thrift store. Monies earned pay the bills so they have a place to give away household items and clothing to those in need. Our team sorted and organized donations, removed an old ice chest and fixed the floor so the food pantry cart fit. Several of our teens won "Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner" shirts in the evening challenges. For the free day at Navitat, our teens climbed through heights and obstacles, knowing that God has their back!

Attention High School Students!

Are you looking for volunteer service hours? The St. Thomas Elementary Religious Education Department would love your help. Friendly faces are welcome. No experience is needed. Hours are flexible using your skills for organizing and sorting to replenish school supplies for upcoming classes. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org to arrange times and dates that work with your schedule.



Question of the week

Have you ever been too busy for God?



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.

High School Ministry

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

Coming Soon: Drop-In Buddy Reading Time at St. Thomas

Read with a new friend at St. Thomas Tuesdays, August 2 and/or August 9 from 4:30–5:45 pm. Sign-ups are online at stapostle.org (click [here](#)). Books are provided. Hope to see you there!

LIFE Team Barbecue

Calling all LIFE Team past and present! Join us for a barbecue by the Labyrinth Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

LIFE Retreat Planning begins July 28

Any high school teen who would like to be a part of the LIFE Team for the September 9–11 LIFE Retreat, please fill out the commitment form on the Team GroupMe or contact Dorothy at ym@stapostle.org in the Youth Ministry Office.

New Textbook for Middle School Religious Education

St. Mary's Press, the publisher of our current middle school RE textbook, has developed a new textbook entitled Connect! This new textbook will begin to be phased into the middle school RE program.

Connect! covers the same topics as the old textbook. The topics have been reorganized to be presented in an age-appropriate manner and the stories, scenarios and statistics have all been updated to reflect current middle school students' experiences.

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. For planning purposes, registration forms are needed as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org with your questions.

High School Registration

Registration packets for 2022–2023 high school religious education Journey program are now available.

Forms may be downloaded online at by clicking [here](#). Hard copies may be picked up in the Gathering Area or outside of the Religious Education and Youth Ministry Offices.

Registration is for a year-long commitment in the two-year program preparing teens to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are other opportunities offered as well for teens if they have already been confirmed, or are not interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time.

Registration deadline is August 31. Contact Dorothy Grantham at dgrantham@stapostle.org if you have questions or would like more details.



Hesed House PADS

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.

August Food Donation Sign-Up

We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those who helped with July donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, August 4.

How to Donate Food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for August, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page at stapostle.org for specific items (click [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, August 4, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all that are able to help.

Special Request for Needed Items

DuPage PADS is currently serving about 160 homeless individuals. They have a special need for the following items:

- Bath towels and wash cloths (used in good condition)
- Disposable razors
- Small toothpaste (samples from the dentist)
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant (any size)



St. Thomas Cares

Ukrainian Refugee Family

It is all about relationships!

Sue King is a St. Thomas parishioner. Her stepmother's granddaughter and husband work for the US government in Ukraine. Their children attended a Montessori pre-school in Kiev. When Russia invaded Ukraine, the two Montessori teachers of the children planned to leave the country with another family of three (mother, father, young daughter).

The granddaughter and husband who work for the US government arranged for the five refugees to come to the US, and Sue King's niece sponsored them. The refugee household was initially placed in Plainfield. Sue's extended family has "adopted" them.

They recently moved to an apartment near St. Thomas. The father of the family returned to Ukraine to fight in the war. The three women all want to work and have applied for work permits, which take six months to process. The mother of the family speaks good English. One of the teachers has secured a position as a nanny and is staying with that family for the summer.

When they left Ukraine, they were allowed to bring three boxes. They gave away all their other belongings to people in need in Ukraine.

The household was in need of furniture, pots and pans, and other household items. Sue called the St. Thomas OSJ Office. St. Thomas Cares sponsored the refugee household with Sharing Connections and made arrangements with Eliseo from St. Nicholas (our twinning parish in Aurora) to provide transport of the furniture and other items from Sharing Connections to the new apartment.

It is all about relationships!

Save the Date

Pax Christi Illinois Anti-Racism Workshop

"The injustice and harm that racism causes are an attack on human life."

~ US Conferences of Catholic Bishops

Mark your calendar. Pax Christi Illinois is hosting the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team for an anti-racism workshop on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Thomas.

The Pax Christi USA Anti-Racism workshop will help identify the many ways in which the history, structures, policies and practices of racism impairs our ability to form the "more perfect union" aspired to in our Constitution. Workshop topics include: definition and history of racism, history of resistance to racism and what we can do today.

More information will be forthcoming in September. Stay tuned!



Let the Shooting End

God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. Our disconnection and alienation has caused some to turn to guns for protection and safety. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness and turn us away from violence toward peace. Help us to transform our own hearts and to seek peaceful ways of resolving our differences. Let our hands reach out and connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear and those suffering from mental illness. Let our voices be raised asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. Amen

-Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Editor's Note: Fr. Peter has enjoyed reading *Dear Padre* for many years. *Dear Padre* addresses many interesting and topical questions people have about Faith and the Church and how it should impact our life.

Dear Padre

July 17, 2022

Especially in the summertime, parishioners come to Mass dressed quite casually. Some wear shorts, sandals, old jeans, or gym shoes. What is proper church attire?

When I was a child, my father always wore a dress shirt and tie to church, my mother wore a dress, and my eight siblings and I were also impeccably dressed. Times have changed. We're a more casual society. That said, I think it's good for people to dress up for Mass. Parents need to set an example for their children and get into the habit of wearing their "Sunday best" — even if it's Saturday evening.

The Church, being universal, doesn't have an official dress code. "Appropriate attire" for the jungles of Brazil is different from that in New York City. We must be sensitive to culture and to financial situations. Also, what is inappropriate for Easter Sunday may be fine for a Saturday teen Mass.

Although not a mandate, in 2006 the US bishops issued a statement with suggestions for Mass attire: "As Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another" ("Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper").

We should speak up when someone is dressed inappropriately, but do so in a kind, nonjudgmental manner. A sign in the back of church or an announcement in the bulletin may be a better alternative. Try something like, "Summer is here, but remember when you dress for Mass that church isn't the beach." We show respect at church events by our participation and in the way we dress.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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Identify. Understand. Respond.

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

Please join us on either Saturday, August 13 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.

Instructors

Trina Lueckhoff and Diane McQueen

Register

August 13

<https://081322stthomas.eventbrite.com>
Deadline August 1

September 23

<https://092322stthomas.eventbrite.com>
Deadline September 9

Susan Kearney, Parishioner and Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry, sdkearney@comcast.net

Source: Mental Health First Aid from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

From the Office of the Parish Nurse Seeking Nurse Volunteers for Blood Pressure Service

Share your blood pressure skills with St. Thomas parishioners after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, once a month from September 2022 through May 2023.

For more information, contact Felicia Lawlor, RN, Faith Community Nurse, at 630.355.8980, x104 or email: flawlor@stapostle.org.

Thank you for your consideration.



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

Stress Management

Positive thinking: Stop negative self-talk to reduce stress

The positive thinking that usually comes with optimism is a key part of effective stress management. And effective stress management is associated with many health benefits. If you tend to be pessimistic, don't despair – you can learn positive thinking skills.

Health benefits that positive thinking may provide include:

- Increased life span
- Lower rates of depression
- Lower levels of distress and pain
- Greater resistance to illnesses
- Better psychological and physical well-being
- Better cardiovascular health and reduced risk of death from cardiovascular disease and stroke
- Reduced risk of death from cancer
- Reduced risk of death from respiratory conditions
- Reduced risk of death from infections
- Better coping skills during hardships and times of stress

You can learn to turn negative thinking into positive thinking. The process is simple, but it does take time and practice – you're creating a new habit, after all. Following are some ways to think and behave in a more positive and optimistic way:

- Identify areas to change
- Check yourself
- Be open to humor
- Follow a healthy lifestyle
- Surround yourself with positive people
- Practice positive self-talk

Adapted from Mayo Clinic Healthy Lifestyle. To read the complete article, click [here](#).

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 18

7:00–9:00 pm Biblical Institute, Lighthouse
6:30–8:45 pm Knights of Columbus, Senior Center

Tuesday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 20

7:00–8:30 pm Open Wide Our Hearts, Lighthouse

Thursday, July 21

6:30–8:30 pm Life Service Team, Gym and Youth Center

Friday, July 22

Saturday, July 23

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
3:00–4:15 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
4:30–8:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse

Sunday, July 24

9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
1:00–2:00 pm Baptisms, Church

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 3, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,643
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (<i>5th and 20th each month</i>)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$8,186
Total for the week	\$20,829
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$20,829
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$20,829
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$33,704
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$12,875)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	1%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,731,770

This week, the Sunday collection is \$12,875 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$695 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$135,349
Percent of Goal pledged to date	71.54%
Unpaid pledges	\$13,337
Paid to Date	\$122,012
Percent of goal paid to date	64.49%

And There Was Light, and It Was Good

If you have been to church recently, you likely noticed that reading the worship aids is much easier, now that the new LED lighting system is mostly in place. Lighting in the church sanctuary had been a challenge for years, and replacement of the lighting system was overdue. Unfortunately, supply chain problems continue to plague our lighting replacement project. Delays mean the lighting system controls will not be fully functional until later this fall. We are grateful to all who supported this project financially!

The St. Thomas Women's Marathon Bridge Group

The St. Thomas Women's Marathon Bridge group would like to invite any interested bridge players to join them for the 2022-23 Season. St. Thomas bridge was created many, many years ago as both a mini fundraising and social endeavor for the Catholic women of St. Thomas and other parishes, as well as their friends. All are welcome.

You and your partner would set up a bridge playing session with another partnership only once a month from September through May. (You and your partner would host only 4-5 times). In June there is a luncheon when everyone joins together for food, fellowship and prizes. Call Pat Ely, the coordinator, at 630.961.5961 for more information and to get signed up. Please let Pat know by the beginning of August so your name can be included on the roster for scheduling.



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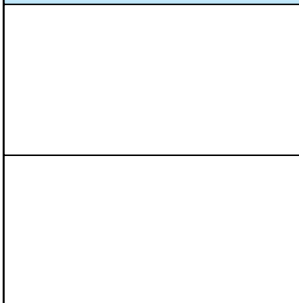
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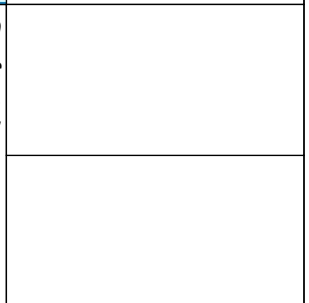
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