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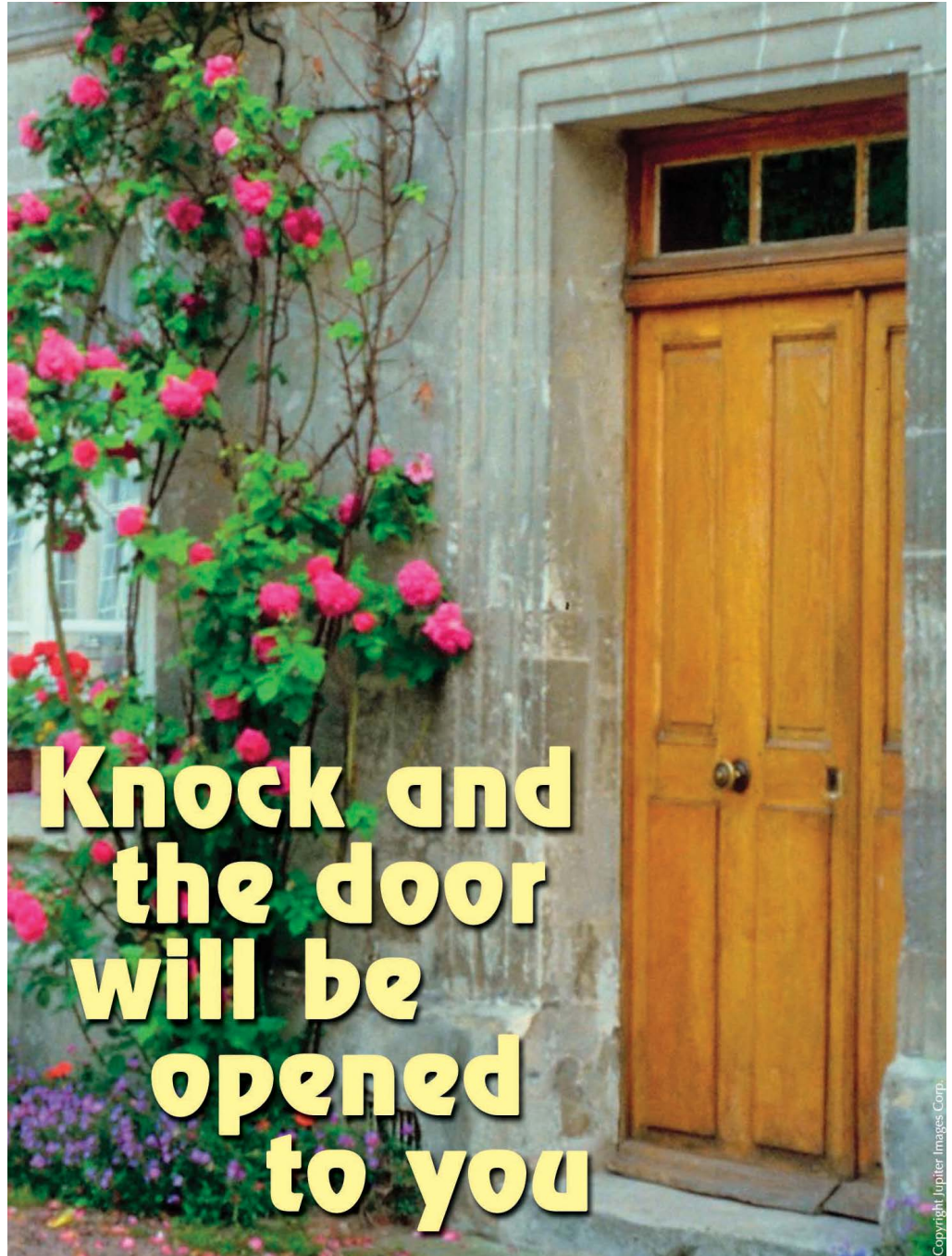
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

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.



**Knock and
the door
will be
opened
to you**

**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. Fr. Peter would like to share insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

The Power of Prayer

"I'll pray for you." What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish? The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges there is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well.

Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading, and God kept saying, "All right."

The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you?" How often do you keep that promise?
- What do you hope prayer will accomplish?

Readings for Today

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Reflection on the Readings

Prayer has been a key component of faith for thousands of years. While prayer can be uniquely personal, today's readings provide some essential and expansive insights about it from both Judaism and early Christianity. Abraham and Jesus both extol the importance of persistence, and Jesus teaches us that prayer at its best is communal. We pray as one body of God's people. Most profoundly, we dare to pray at all because God is loving and just.

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

Victor Ananth Ratchagar and Princy Santiago and family

Would you like to become a parishioner?

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

Fr. Thomas Tiscornia will be visiting our parish for the Annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal next weekend. Fr. Tiscornia is coming on behalf of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and has served as a missionary in Kenya and Tanzania. He will speak at all Masses and invite us all to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and the Gospel to all peoples.



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Merciful God,
we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.
We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.
We focus our energies on our collections
providing adequate room for them
and yet we close the door to the needs of others,
of those who have little or nothing,
of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.
We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.
Forgive us.
Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,
both of substance and spirit,
can be used for healing and hope.
Enable us to be in ministry to those in need
and to care for this world.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name.
Amen.
~ Nancy C. Townley

Presider Schedule July 30–31

Saturday, July 30

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Matt Lorenz

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Larry Kearney

Presider schedule is subject to change.

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.

Youth Music Ministry

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Youth from grades 2 through 12 are invited to participate in Music Ministry. The Youth Choir rehearses on Monday afternoons, and the teen group Journey Praise rehearses before Mass. Find more details and registration on the St. Thomas website by clicking [here](#).

Groups begin after Labor Day. No experience necessary, all are welcome!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
Healing for Dennis DeMeo
†Dorothy Chancellor, by Gloria

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

Intentions for this week

Monday, July 25, 2022

St. James, Apostle

8:30 am Clare Isaacson, by Kathy Singer and Family

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Weekday

8:30 am †Theresa Varkey, by Buddy and Melly Mallorca

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Weekday

8:30 am Mass

Friday, July 29, 2022

St. Martha

8:30 am †Marianne Stramaglia, by Frank Stramaglia

Saturday, July 30, 2022

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

The People of St. Thomas and their Intentions

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Jerry Johnson, by Mom and Dad

9:30 am Joan and Joe Noonan 57th Anniversary
†Brittney Leyva, by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

11:15 am †Edward Bogacz, by Estelle Wroble



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Many of the better known scientists throughout the centuries who were Catholic are actually not canonized saints. Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) was a Polish astronomer and mathematician schooled in the Canon law of the Church. Though he did not graduate,

Nicolaus was educated at the University of Padua in Italy. Nicolaus made arguments for the changing of the seasons being due to the Earth turning on an axis. But he is best remembered for what became known as the Copernican theory, which argued that our universe was centered around the Sun rather than around the Earth, which was the common understanding throughout the prior centuries.

On the heels of Copernicus came Galileo (1564-1642), the Italian astronomer, physicist and engineer. Though also a college drop out, Galileo made many scientific discoveries and invented numerous scientific instruments. His improvements to the telescope allowed him to observe the surface of the moon and make discoveries regarding some of the planets. Of course we all know he got into trouble with the Church for disobeying the Pope and pushing the theory of a heliocentric or Sun-centered universe before allowing Church authorities to confirm his findings. But his contributions to the world of science remain.



St. Thomas the Apostle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. Books are provided. Hope to see you there!

Teens with Character: Save these Dates

Mark your calendar now for upcoming Teens with Character meeting dates: September 18, October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 5 and March 12.

Teens with Character allows middle school students the chance to gather together, explore faith topics in a fun way, learn about upcoming service projects, grow in faith and have a whole lot of fun. All Teens with Character meetings take place from 4:30-6:00 pm, in the St. Thomas gym. Middle school students and friends are welcome!



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.

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, 2022, LIFE Retreat, please fill out the commitment form on the Team GroupMe or contact Dorothy at ym@stapostle.org in the Youth Ministry Office.



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 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.

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 St. Thomas website at stapostle.org. Please also check out the Parent Handbook for more information. 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.

Parents and Catechists

Important Dates for Middle School Religious Education

- **Saturday, September 10:** Middle School Saturday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- **Monday, September 12:** Middle School Monday RE sessions begin at All Saints

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 (click [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.



Question of the week

What words in the Lord's Prayer are a challenge for you?



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St. Thomas Cares Motel Help

Many homeless individuals and families are forced by their life circumstances, often not through any fault of their own, to live in motels. Many of them have jobs that would allow them to pay rent for an apartment. However, because monthly motel rent for the lowest cost motels is at least twice the price of an affordable apartment rent, they are unable to save any funds to make the move to an apartment. They often have to provide two months security deposit due to an eviction on their record or a low credit score. They are, in some real sense, trapped in motel living.

The good news is that many charitable organizations are willing and able to help families break out of the motel trap by helping with security deposit and even first month rent for an apartment, **IF** the family can find and be approved for an apartment often a big **IF**. St. Thomas Cares and St. Thomas Saint Vincent de Paul frequently partner with other organizations in such situations.

The bad news is that emergency situations do arise for those families trapped in motel living, leaving them without funds to pay for the motel (e.g., illness, reduced working hours, car issues). They will be put out of the motel.

The reality is that the larger charitable organizations and most churches do not, for various reasons, ever help with motel costs. Often their funds are from federal grants that restrict how the funds can be used. Another reason is that paying for motels can be an ongoing issue for families, draining an organization's funds, thus limiting the help they can provide to get families into permanent housing.

The "Bridge"

St. Thomas Cares is blessed at this time to be able to

selectively help families with motel emergencies. We have two primary guidelines that influence our judgment. We strive to limit our assistance to no more than one week. We look for "bridge" situations, where helping for one week will bridge the family back to "motel stability." (Examples: just started a new job and help needed to get to first check; paid for car repair so could continue to work; missed work due to illness; need one week before moving to an apartment.)

St. Thomas Cares is blessed to be able to help with motel assistance due to donations from the St. Thomas community. Thank you, St. Thomas!

Twins Due in Two Weeks!

Timothy and Teresa were living in a local motel near St. Thomas. Teresa was pregnant with twins and due in two weeks when they called St. Thomas. Some time ago, they moved from Chicago and rented an apartment from a friend. Timothy had a job in walking distance, as they had no vehicle. The friend abruptly decided to sell the apartment and they had to leave quickly. Timothy and Teresa had been living in the motel for three months. They had a bit of savings, and he continued to work a night shift job, but had to pay Uber/Lyft transportation. Finally, savings were gone and transportation costs did not allow enough left to pay the motel. Given the situation with the imminent birth of the twins, their plan was for his mother, living in Mississippi, to rent a van, come and pick them up with their belongings, and return to Mississippi. But that could not happen for a week. And the mother did not have the funds to help with the motel.

We verified their plans in conversations with Timothy and his mother. St. Thomas Cares provided one week at the motel to bridge until the mother could pick them up. We are awaiting news of the birth of the twins.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Morning of Reflection 2022

But Few Things Are Needed: From Distraction to Dedication

Fr. Joe Simmons, SJ, discusses a sketched out, but never-written, letter by Father Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, former superior general of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Simmons will trace out some of Nicolás's nuanced observations: how distraction in prayer is part of a more general distraction in life; how even noble causes can become temptations; how ego and perfectionism distract; and how social media and marketing have stolen our attention.

This event will be held Thursday, July 28, 2022, from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at the Church of the Holy Family (1080 West Roosevelt Rd, Chicago). The day will also include time for reflection and discussion, Mass at Church of the Holy Family and lunch at St. Ignatius College Prep in Tully Hall. Please register at ivcusa.org/Chicago. Contact Jackie Fitzgerald at jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org or 312.961.6206 with questions.





Action Opportunity

Naperville

Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP)

City Council Vote Expected Soon

“We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.”

Catholic Social Teaching, Community and Participation – US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Advocacy Opportunity – Sign a Petition Supporting AHIP

You are invited to educate yourself on the Naperville Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP) --- and, if you are in agreement, advocate for City Council approval by signing a petition after all Masses the weekends of July 30/31 and August 6/7.

(The petition will also be available to be signed on the St. Thomas website.)

DuPage Housing Alliance

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

Embracing Diversity

Naperville continues to become more diverse (ethnically, racially, and economically). That diversity needs to be embraced in many ways. One way is to provide a diverse set of housing solutions.

State and Federal Law Requirements

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

**See other side of this page for:
The wording on the AHIP petition and
a listing of additional AHIP information available on St. Thomas website.**

Petition Signing

**After all Masses the Weekends of July 30/31 and August 6/7.
On the St. Thomas Website beginning Thursday, July 28.**



Action Opportunity

Naperville

Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP)

When will City Council Vote on AHIP?

The earliest possible date for a City Council vote is August 16. It is very likely that the discussion and vote will carry into September.

AHIP Educational Information

Additional information can be accessed from the St. Thomas website Home Page, including:

- The DuPage Housing Alliance Position Paper on the AHIP program.
- The AHIP proposed program (Consultant SB Friedman Report to Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission, April 4, 2022).

Questions?

If you have any questions or thoughts on the Affordable Housing Incentive Program as proposed, email Mike Ryder (mryder@stapostle.org). A member of the St. Thomas Housing Alliance Ministry will contact you.

Petition to Naperville City Council in Support of the Affordable Housing Incentive Program

Together, we stand with the DuPage Housing Alliance--a local group of community leaders, non-profit organizations, and interested associations--in strongly urging the City Council to address the shortage of affordable housing in Naperville by approving the Affordable Housing Incentive Program.

The City of Naperville acknowledges in the Affordable Housing Plan of 2022 that it has an affordable housing shortfall of 1,263 units, as defined by the State of Illinois guidelines.

To address that shortfall, City Council instructed Naperville staff to work with a consultant to create a *voluntary* incentive program, encouraging developers to build affordable housing. That resulted in the Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP), which is before the City Council for approval.

While some would say that a *mandatory* program would be more effective, putting AHIP in place is a beginning. The AHIP can be adjusted in the future to improve its effectiveness.

AHIP, as it stands, does not call for monitoring mechanisms to track the effectiveness of the program. It is recommended that City Council add such mechanisms to the proposed AHIP.

Adopting the AHIP will bring much-needed housing to people who live and work in our community, including seniors, veterans, those with disabilities, hospital/school support staff, and restaurant employees.

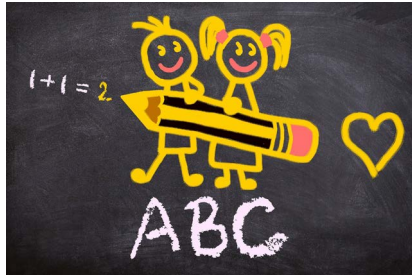
Surveys have shown that increasing affordable housing is a priority for our community. It has been discussed and debated for many years. It is time for action. It is time to take the first step. We urge City Council to approve the Affordable Housing Incentive Program.

Back to School is Here!

St. Thomas is collecting new school supplies on behalf of its Care Pantry families with school age children. Just purchase items from the list below and drop them off in the clearly marked collection bin in the Gathering Area between now and August 10.

Questions? Contact Michelle at 630.235.2997. Thank you for your generous support! When you shop, imagine a child being well equipped for the upcoming school year.

- Pencils-#2 – packs of 8 to 12
- Black pens – packs of 10 to 12
- Glue sticks – packs of 2
- Bottles of school glue
- Notebooks – Wide ruled or college ruled, 70 to 100 sheets. Please only plain colored covers.
- Paper – Wide ruled or college ruled, 70 to 100 sheets
- Washable markers – Classic colors, 8 count



PATH August 9 Zoom Meeting (7:00 pm)

How to Avoid the ATS Abyss (Applicant Tracking System)

One of the biggest challenges job seekers face is the Applicant Tracking System (ATS). ATS is a software application that scans resumes and ranks them according to keywords and skills. Many qualified applicants are being rejected by ATS, not because of a lack of qualifications, but because their resume content formatting is not correctly recognized by ATS.

A recent study indicates that up to 75 percent of job seeking candidates are being eliminated because their resume did not meet ATS rules and requirements despite being qualified for the position!

Denis Curtin, one of Chicago's leading authorities on Applicant Tracking Systems, will share his recommendations and insights on how to structure your resume in order to bridge the ATS abyss. Denis will discuss:

1. How to format your resume to be ATS friendly.
2. How to avoid common formatting errors.
3. How to use job seeker friendly robots to select the best keywords and skills.

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

Project Love Annual Fundraiser Project Love Rise and Dine Breakfast

August 6, 10:00 am

Parishioner Eileen McGleam is Director of Project Love, the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life.



Project Love
Help and hope in time of need.

Project Love provides financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in a financial crisis. We help with rent, utility bills and other urgent expenses. All our grant money comes from generous donors who want to help women choose life for their children. We are the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life and have given nearly 1,500 grants in our 26 years. Each year, we hold our Rise & Dine Breakfast to help raise money for our grants.

Please join us from 10:00 am-12:00 pm Saturday, August 6, at the Avalon Banquet facility (1905 E. Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village). The event will include a bountiful breakfast and a lovely silent auction.

We will present our annual Caritas Award to the Honorable Daniel Lipinski, former US congressman. We are honoring him for his decades of service to the pro-life cause in Washington. To make a reservation (required), please call 312.422.9300 or go <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/breakfast/>.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation to Project Love, you may do so by clicking [here](#). Any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the young mothers and their babies that we serve, thank you for your support.

~ Eileen McGleam, Director, Project Love



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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 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 are 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: <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

Blood Drive Update

A huge THANK YOU to the donors of "all types" who took the time to donate 27 pints which in turn saved 81 lives!

Another huge THANK YOU to Marge Coronado and John and Felicia Lawlor for volunteering their time and to Kathy Ford for supplying the pancakes.

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

July is National Minority Mental Health Month

Health disparities are gaps in the quality of health and health care that mirror differences in socioeconomic status, racial and ethnic background and education level. These disparities may stem from many factors, including accessibility of health care, increased risk of disease from occupational exposure, and increased risk of disease from underlying genetic, ethnic or familial factors. NIH-designated U.S. health disparity populations include American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, sexual and gender minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations and underserved rural populations.

Health disparities are health differences between different groups of people. These health differences may include:

- How many people get certain diseases
- How severe the diseases are
- How many people have complications because of the diseases
- How many people die from a disease
- Whether people can get health care
- How many people get screened for a disease

Source: <https://medlineplus.gov/healthdisparities.html>

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



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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 24, 2022

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.

Catholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story. Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

Wednesday, July 27

6:30–8:00 pm Inclusive Justice, Senior Center
7:00–8:30 pm Open Wide Our Hearts, Lighthouse
7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, July 28

6:30–8:15 pm Youth Ministry Life Team, Gym and Youth Center

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, July 31

9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 10, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$13,623
Credit Card Online Giving (reported monthly)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$20,646
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,071
Total for the week	\$39,340
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$60,169
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$30,085
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$67,408
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$7,239)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	3%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,692,430

This week, the Sunday collection is \$7,239 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	\$136,954
Percent of Goal pledged to date	72.39%
Unpaid pledges	\$12,687
Paid to Date	\$124,267
Percent of goal paid to date	65.68%



PARISH INFORMATION



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Summer hours: 8:30 am–4:30 pm M–Th,
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am–1:00 pm Saturday.

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Januszewski, x100, a few months in
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Reconciliation: Reconciliation is
available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the
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priests are available during the week by
appointment.

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married at St. Thomas should contact the
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Communion for the Homebound: Call
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