



AUGUST
14
2022

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the
right of the throne of God.*

– Hebrews 12:2

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

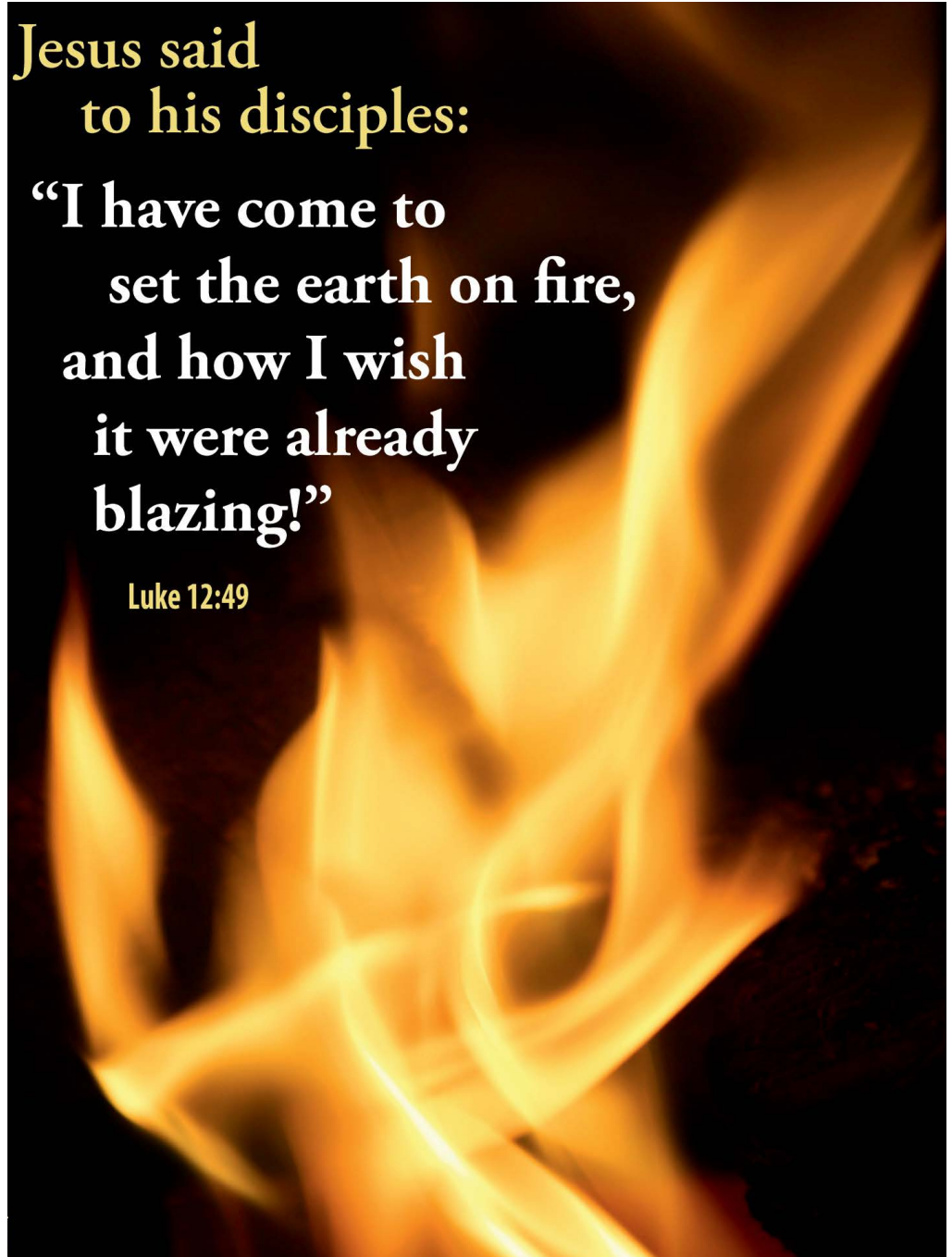
*Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted
in the Eucharist, St. Thomas
the Apostle strives to be an
inclusive servant community
– to be Christ in the World.*

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

**Jesus said
to his disciples:**

**“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”**

Luke 12:49



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.



Fr. Peter shares insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

A House Divided

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division — not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences — after all, isn't blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one's faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one's family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family's values. This may be what many of Jesus' Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations FOR Reflection while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What's keeping you from taking them?

Readings for Today

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Reflection on the Readings

God has gathered us here today so that we may be strengthened in our faith regardless of the obstacles that we face. Being a disciple is difficult and can indeed cause division among the people we know. Let us pray for the strength to be the best disciples that we can be, and for the courage to do God's will whatever the cost.

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

Michael Ellgass

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Solemnity of the Assumption

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a blessing of pregnancies following all weekend masses on August 13-14. All expectant families are welcome to attend.



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Ukrainian Flag and St. Thomas the Apostle Statue Solidarity Continues

The Ukrainian flag has been removed from the St. Thomas statue (as of Friday, August 12). When it was placed there, it was a statement of solidarity with the people of Ukraine in



an immediate reaction to the beginning of a horrific war of aggression. That horrific war continues and our solidarity with the Ukrainian people continues.

St. Thomas stands in solidarity with all peoples suffering from violent injustice ... the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar, the Civil War in Ethiopia, the continuing conflict in Syria and all other areas of violent conflict.

Violence has no place in God's creation. We will continue to pray and take action, as we can, in support for all those in our country and around the world suffering from violent injustice.

We are a community that strives to welcome all ... that all may be one. The statue of St. Thomas the Apostle, as a public symbol to the large community, needs to reflect that value. In the future, any displays of solidarity will be independent of the St. Thomas statue to avoid any confusion. All are welcome!

Presider Schedule August 20-21

Saturday, August 20

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, August 21

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

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

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
Dan Scanlon, by Wilkins Family
- 8:00 am †Robert Bartusiak, wife
- 9:30 am †Joseph Chalupka, by Mark and Agatha Chalupka
†Brittney Nicole Allbee, by Sherry Miksa
- 11:15 am †Walter Leonard, by Mike and Kathy Fekety

Intentions for this week

Monday, August 15, 2022

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am †Patricia Murawski, by Rich Murawski

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

St. Stephen of Hungary

- 8:30 am †Wilhelmina Pitts, by Mayoralgo Family

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Friday, August 19, 2022

St. John Eudes, Priest

- 8:30 am †Manuel Gutierrez, by Family

Saturday, August 20, 2022

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Thomas O'Grady, by Mom and Dad
†Dominic Cuzzone, by Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †David Madden, by Family
- 9:30 am †Brittney Allbee Leyva, by Kathy Nagel
†Phillip Haacker, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am The People of St. Thomas and their intentions

Curious about Altar Serving?

All youth grade 4 and above are welcome to join an Altar Server open house. We will walk through some of the key actions and talk about how serving at the table of Jesus is a beautiful gift that our young leaders get to experience. This is not a commitment to the ministry, just a way to see what it is all about! Please join us Tuesday, August 16 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm OR Sunday, August 21 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm.



C.A.R.E CORNER

Over the course of our Church's history, we can find numerous brilliant scholars. Many of our saints were people with strong aptitudes and intellects, who went on to become highly educated and learned people. And many of those scholars were among our clergy, as they were the members of society who tended to be the most educated. Scholars were known for their analytic skills, great foresight and passion for learning. So in our next group of saints, we'll highlight some of our Church's greatest scholars throughout the centuries.

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We're going to begin in the early centuries – which might call to mind the likes of an Augustine or an Ambrose. But this column has already covered them. Instead, we're going to focus today on a young, relatively unknown female. St. Catherine of Alexandria was born in the year 287. Alexandria was a major center of culture and learning. Since she was born into a noble family, she was educated and was an avid scholar. At the age of 14, she chose to become a Christian. At the age of 18, she took the emperor to task for his cruelty to Christians and she solidly defended the faith before the emperor and numerous orators and philosophers. The emperor did not take kindly to this and he had her arrested, scourged, imprisoned, and eventually beheaded in 305. There is a monastery at Mt. Sinai named for St. Catherine. She is the patron saint of philosophers, students, scholars and apologists.

Calling All Artists!

Registration is now open for the 23rd Annual Fine Art & Craft Festival to be held Saturday and Sunday November 12–13. All types of art and crafts are welcome; all works must be original to the artist. To obtain an application form, please contact Donna Ryder at dryder27@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Preview the Bible School in our Diocese!

The acclaimed Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this fall. Attend in person classes at St. Joseph Church in Manhattan for Year 1 on Tuesdays 7:00–9:00 pm or Zoom in live online classes for Year 2 on Thursdays 7:00–9:00 pm. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

Three Preview events will be held in August and September.

- St. Joseph Church (Manhattan) August 16 7:00–8:30 pm
September 6 7:00–8:30 pm
- St. Mary (Mokena) August 23 7:00–8:30 pm
- St. Jude (New Lenox) August 30 7:00–8:30 pm

You can also view the recorded preview at mayslakeministries.org.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class! For more information contact Mayslake Ministries at 630.852.9000 or 630.698.8961, email jgorski@mayslakeministries.org or visit mayslakeministries.org.

Spread the Word Bible Studies

Our parish's Bible Studies will inaugurate new sessions in early September, so now is the time to sign up to participate. Several options are available:

The Book of Revelation: Wednesdays 9:15–11:15 am, beginning September 7.

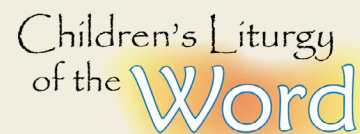
The Book of Deuteronomy: Thursdays, beginning September 8. Choose mornings 9:15–11:15 am or evenings 7:30–9:00 pm.

Complete session description available online at stapostle.org.

Study Guides will be available for purchase. For more information or to register for these lively, interactive studies, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980, x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be starting in the middle of September during the 9:30 am Mass. Please think about volunteering to be part of this ministry. It is a fun way to share God's word with children at their level. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

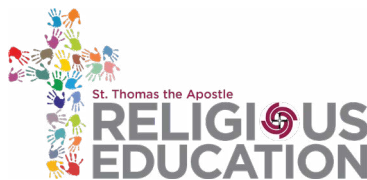




Religious Education

Elementary Catechists Needed

It is planning time for Elementary Religious Education classes on Tuesday 4:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am. Come join the fun and be a catechist or aide or volunteer! Your presence is wanted. Currently, catechists (grades 1, 5) and aides and volunteers are wanted at every grade level Pre-K through grade 5, especially on Tuesdays. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org to discuss where your talents can be used.



Middle School Catechists Needed ... Now is your Chance

There is a need for middle school catechists for 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.

Catch the Wind of the Spirit

Elementary, middle school, high school and adult catechists are invited to start the year together by attending the All Catechists Meeting on Tuesday, August 23, from 7:00–9:00 pm. Fr. Joel Fortier, former St. Thomas pastor, will be sharing his thoughts, wisdom and insight into the role of the Holy Spirit in forming our faith. Join us as we learn from Fr. Joel and inspire one another. To facilitate planning, those wishing to attend the All Catechists Meeting should register online at stapostle.org.

Important Dates for Religious Education

All Levels

- **Tuesday, August 23:** All Catechist Formation Meeting, 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse
- **Sunday, August 28:** RE kickoff Mass, 11:15 am, catechist meet and greet following Mass

Elementary

- **Tuesday, August 30:** Elementary Catechist and Grade Level Meeting, 7:00 pm in the Gathering Area
- **Saturday, September 10:** Elementary Saturday RE sessions begin at All Saints Catholic Academy
- **Tuesday, September 20:** Elementary Tuesday RE sessions begin

Middle School

- **Monday, August 29:** Middle School Catechists Meeting, 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse
- **Saturday, September 10:** Middle School Saturday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- **Monday, September 12:** Middle School Monday RE sessions begin at All Saints

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!

Teens with Character Core Team

7th and 8th grade students: If you would like to take a more active role in Teens with Character and help plan and lead the meetings, then join the Teens with Character Core Team. The Core Team meets immediately before each Teens with Character meeting to plan the games, activities and group discussion for each meeting. During Teens with Character meetings, Core Team members take a role in leading the meetings and making all feel welcome. If you are interested, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

Attention High School Students!

Looking for volunteer service hours? The St. Thomas Elementary Religious Education Department would love your help! Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org to arrange times and dates that work with your schedule.



Question of the week

Why do we say Jesus is the light of the world?



**St. Thomas Cares
COVID Causes Financial
Hardship**

Community Partnership

Mary from the Community Christian Church, also known as the “Yellow Box Church,” emailed St. Thomas Cares asking for help in resolving a COVID caused financial hardship.

Sherry is a single mother of two boys, ages six and eight. She had been making ends meet from paycheck to paycheck until she and her two boys all tested positive for COVID in mid-July. That caused her to miss work. She was unable to pay her complete August rent. She is now back to work and will be OK moving forward.

Sherry’s rent is \$1,295. She paid \$350; Community Christian paid \$500; St. Thomas Cares paid \$445. St. Thomas Cares and Community Christian often partner in helping families in financial hardship.



**Styrofoam Collection
August 13–14 Canceled**

The Styrofoam collection scheduled for the weekend of August 13–14 at First Congregation UCC Church has been canceled.

Affordable Housing Incentive Program

Consider Signing Petition

The St. Thomas Housing Alliance Ministry has been advocating for affordable housing in Naperville for at least four years. The Naperville City Council will consider adopting the Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP). At this time, it is not clear if the program will be adopted. If you are in agreement, make your voice heard. To educate yourself on AHIP and sign the petition, click [here](#).

423 St. Thomas parishioners have signed the petition as of Sunday, August 7.

Adopting the AHIP will bring affordable housing to people who live and work in our community, including seniors, veterans, those with disabilities, hospital/school support staff, restaurant and other employees of Naperville employers. 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.



**Hesed House PADS
September Food Donation Sign-Up**

St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.

We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those who helped with August donations.

We are now asking for donations for Thursday, September 1.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for September, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page at stapostle.org for specific items. 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, September 1, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.



Farewell to Fr. Emery Ste. Marie Madeleine Pastor

St. Thomas the Apostle and Ste. Marie Madeleine have been in a twinning relationship for 23 years. Ste.



Marie Madeleine is in Duchity, Haiti, a small village in the mountains of southeast Haiti.

Father Emery Menard, csc, has been the Pastor at Ste. Marie Madeleine for the last four years. We have just received word that he has been assigned to another parish in Haiti and will be leaving Duchity in September.

It can be difficult communicating and collaborating on activities between St. Thomas and Ste. Marie Madeleine, especially during recent times when travel to Duchity (which must go through Port-au-Prince) has not been safe for mission teams. Fr. Emery has always been available to us when email is working and responded almost immediately to WhatsApp texts. He has been an excellent steward of the funds that St. Thomas has provided in support of the parish, St. Thomas School, and the healthcare clinic. He has provided budget and actual financials each year, as well as receipts for any major purchases.

Fr. Emery is much beloved by the Ste. Marie Madeleine community. He is a good shepherd, an inspirational and motivational leader and a hard worker, with a quiet and calm demeanor. In describing himself and his role, his words were, "I am a father," as opposed to I am a pastor or I am a priest. In the last four years he has shepherded the community through some very difficult times, including the pandemic and the devastating earthquake a year ago.

Fr. Emery will be missed by the Ste. Marie Madeleine community and by the Haiti Twinning ministry that has worked so well with him. Please pray for Fr. Emery as he starts his new ministry as Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Borgne (on the coast in northeast Haiti).

Fr. Emery Legacy in Duchity A Work in Progress

Fr. Emery spent a good part of his first year listening to his parishioners in Duchity and in the seven outlying chapels to better understand their needs and priorities. The highest priority was a "church above ground." Being a person of great faith, Fr. Emery began without having any assurance he could finish.

Background

The current "below ground church" built by St. Thomas is the basement of the original design of the building. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "church above ground" was never completed. The downstairs was intended to be the community center and event space (very similar to our gathering area and gym at St. Thomas).

It is easy to understand the desire of the Ste. Marie Madeleine faith community to have a real church. Imagine St. Thomas conducting Mass every weekend in the gym.

There is another positive impact an above ground church would bring to the entire Duchity community. In Haiti, a community's stature as a "district" is based on three functional areas: a Catholic Church, a police station with active police staff and a vibrant marketplace. Duchity has both the police station and staff and an ever-growing marketplace. The element that is missing is the completed Catholic Church. By completing the church, the community will be eligible for additional national services and funding.

Current Construction Status

Fr. Emery began taking monthly collections at Mass. He also sold a piece of property owned by the church. It was enough to begin. It was a surprise to the Haiti Twinning Committee when he began construction. He has also secured funds from expats from Duchity now living in the larger cities of Duchity and in the US.

The outside shell of the church structure is in place. It is being well constructed. The partial walls in place during the earthquake sustained no damage. The next major step is to put on the roof. (The current cost estimate for the roof is \$30,000 US.) While there would still be major steps to a finished church, a roof would allow Masses to be celebrated.

Fr. Emery's legacy is a work in progress.



Church front on a hill with steps leading down to village main street



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Grief Support

For those who have lost a spouse, parent, sibling or friend – Understand what you are going through and that you are not alone. We share our stories, laugh and cry, all in honor of our loved ones. Learn resilience strategies from other participants and a variety of handouts so you can begin to heal the ache of your sadness and move forward in your life. This is a small confidential and safe group facilitated by a trained professional. We will be social distancing. 100 percent of participants in three groups so far have said that by week six they felt confident or very confident about their ability to move forward.

This six session program meets at St. Thomas on Sundays at 10:45 am (after the 9:30 am Mass) until 12:15 pm.

Dates

- September 18, 25
- October 9, 23
- November 6, 13

Is this the right time for you – or do you know a friend who might benefit?

Contact Kathy Ford, Director of Pastoral Care, to discuss or to sign up at kford@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124.

Christmas Ornament Workshop Calling all of Santa's Elves!

Did you know that the PrimeTime Group of St. Thomas sponsors a Christmas Tree in the Lighthouse every Year?

The PrimeTime Group starts creating a theme and ornaments over the summer, and we are looking for those hard working Elves to help create Victorian ornaments for this year's Christmas tree.

If you have ever used scissors, a glue gun or tied a bow, you are perfect for creating beautiful ornaments with us! Join us Wednesday, August 24, at 9:30 am in the Senior Center of St. Thomas.

Call Diane McQueen to reserve your spot at 630.355.8980, x101. Contact Carol Ann Fisher at fishercarola4@gmail.com or 331.457.0057 with questions.

Bring a friend, come make a new friend!



From the Office of the Parish Nurse Mayo Clinic News: Health Tips – Colds vs Seasonal Allergies

If you tend to get "colds" that develop suddenly and occur at about the same time every year, it's possible that you actually have a seasonal allergy.

Common colds are caused by viruses, while seasonal allergies are immune system responses that are triggered by exposure to allergens such as pollen, dust mites, molds and pet dander.

Tips

- **Pollen** – Rinse out your sinuses with a saline solution. Shower and change clothes upon entering your home from outdoor exposure. Keep windows and doors closed during allergy season.
- **Dust mites and molds** – Clean your house at least once a week to prevent dust build up and wear a mask while cleaning. Use allergen-blocking pillow covers and wash bedding in hot water.
- **Dander** – Look into hypoallergenic breeds. If you choose a furry pet, keep it out of the bedroom and in an area of the home that is easily cleaned. Bathe pets weekly.

Resource: adapted from Health Tips: Colds vs Seasonal Allergies Mayo Cline Press



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

Good News!

Health Ministry Nurses and blood pressure screenings are returning to St. Thomas September 2022 through May 2023 after ALL the Masses. Details to follow soon.

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.

Dear Padre addresses many interesting and topical questions people have about Faith and the Church and how it should impact our life.

Dear Padre

August 14, 2022

A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory ... all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'.... And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, August 15

Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

7:00-9:00 pm PPC, Cana

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 21

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

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 31, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,158
Credit Card Online Giving (for July)	\$17,017
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$4,495
Total for the week	\$33,669
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$154,179
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$30,386
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$168,519
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$14,340)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	9%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,598,420

This week, the Sunday collection is \$14,340 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$130 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$137,879
Percent of Goal pledged to date	72.87%



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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Summer hours: 8:30 am–4:30 pm M–Th,
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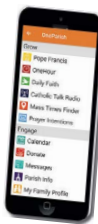
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