



AUGUST  
21  
2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Strengthen your drooping hands  
and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be  
disjointed but healed.*

— Hebrews 12:12-13

**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,  
"People will come from  
the east and the west  
and from the  
north and the south  
and will recline at table  
in the kingdom of God."*

Luke 13:29

**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.

### Membership is Not Enough

Just because you belong to a tennis club does not mean you can play tennis. This might sound like a ridiculous statement. Still, it is important to acknowledge that joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member. Something similar unfolds in the story that Jesus tells in today's Gospel passage. The people who have been locked out claim to be known by the householder: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (Luke 13:26). That may have been true, but evidently it was not enough. As he tells this story, Jesus is making a point for the sake of his listeners: "Enjoying my company and listening to me is not enough." Then what is enough?

Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club or even to read a book about tennis. You must play it. For many of us, this would mean a lifelong attempt at trying to learn and perfect your game. But then, that is why one joins a tennis club. Christianity is a way of life; you must live it. This is not to say that doctrines and rituals are unimportant. They are very important, but they are important because they inform and then celebrate the Christian life we live. Here too it might take a lifetime to learn being a Christian. But then that is why one is a member of the Church — an active member.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

- Find out about parish resources that can help you to live a more fully Christian life.
- Spend a few minutes reflecting on today's responsorial Psalm 117:1, 2.

### 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 Sunday, August 21 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm.

### Readings for Today

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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### Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Reflection on the Readings

There are two images in the Gospel: a narrow gate and a locked door. While salvation is free gift, we must choose it, work at it and desire it. We must get rid of everything that comes between us and God. Every day we must die to self and live for the sake of others to get through the narrow gate. The first reading is all about evangelization. We must go forth and spread the Good news of Jesus to ALL people ... of every nation, language and race.

### 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

María Santos Loera

#### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



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## Prayer

*Reconciling God,  
we would rather gossip  
about those who sin against us,  
than speak to them privately;  
we would rather parade our wounds  
for all to see,  
than quietly work toward forgiveness  
and reconciliation.  
Help us choose the harder road,  
the road that opens possibilities  
for real healing, real forgiveness,  
and real growth in your Spirit.  
Help us work toward the good of all,  
and not the glorification of our iniquities.  
~ B.J. Beu*

## Presider Schedule August 27–28

### Saturday, August 27

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

### Sunday, August 28

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Larry Kearney

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

## Help Wanted at St. Thomas

### Main Office Part-Time Administrative Assistant (12–20 hours/week)

St. Thomas is seeking an individual with good communication, computer and organizational skills for a part-time administrative assistant position in the Main Office. Primary responsibilities include coordinating (scheduling, preparing materials for) the Baptism Ministry and procuring supplies (online ordering, status tracking, etc.). Other duties include coordinating Mass intentions, assisting clergy and staff with clerical tasks.

Click [here](#) for a more detailed job description.

If interested, please send your resume with cover letter to Janet Simmons at [jsimmons@stapostle.org](mailto:jsimmons@stapostle.org).

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

### Sunday, August 21, 2022

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Thomas O’Grady, by Mom and Dad

†Dominic Cuzzone, by Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone

8:00 am †David Madden, by Family

9:30 am †Brittney Allbee Leyva, by Kathy Nagel

†Phillip Haacker, by Francisco Pulgar

11:15 am †Hidelisa Rams, by Enrique and Gladys Rams

### Intentions for this week

### Monday, August 22, 2022

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 am †Sotero and Benicia Magubat, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

### Tuesday, August 23, 2022

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

8:30 am †Marianne Stramaglia, by Frank Stramaglia

### Wednesday, August 24, 2022

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

### Thursday, August 25, 2022

*St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:30 am †Geraldine Murawski, by Rich Murawski

### Friday, August 26, 2022

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Frank Adducci, by Al Adducci

### Saturday, August 27, 2022

*St. Monica*

8:30 am Healing for Aurora Fausto by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Elizabeth Walbridge by Adam and Anne Diab

### Sunday, August 28, 2022

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Ferdinand DeGuzman, by DeGuzman Family

9:30 am †Alfonso Casavilca, by Francisco Pulgar

†Ann Reische, by Marilyn and Dennis DeMeo

11:15 am †Mary Gowney, by John Gowney



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### C.A.R.E CORNER

This column series on saints would be remiss if we did not cover St. Jerome. In his youth, Jerome was sent to Rome to study classic literature from a secular point of view. But he was drawn to prayer in the catacombs of Rome. After struggling to balance the sacred and the secular, he was baptized around the year 360. And after developing a love for the Scriptures, he learned Greek, Latin and Hebrew. We know Jerome best as a biblical scholar, especially for his translation of the Greek Scriptures into Latin, the common language of the Roman Empire. Jerome also went back to the original Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) as his source for the biblical translation that became known as the Vulgate.

Eventually settling in Palestine, it took Jerome years to do his translations and it became his life's work. Jerome lived to see some of the barbarian invasions that decimated Rome and led to the Dark Ages. He died in Bethlehem in the year 420. But in his lifetime, Jerome also popularized the prayer practice of *Lectio Divina*, based on multiple readings of Scripture passages – not surprising given his love of Scripture. Also not surprising is a very famous quote left to us by Jerome regarding the importance of Scripture: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

### Calling All Artists!

Registration is now open for the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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:

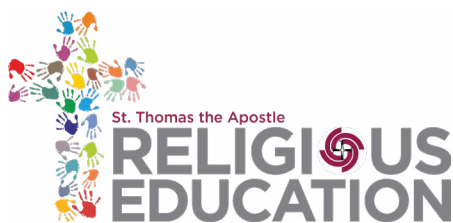
**The Book of Revelation:** Wednesdays 9:15–11:15 am, beginning September 7.

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

Complete session description available online at [stapostle.org](http://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](mailto:crosales@stapostle.org).

### 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. Click [here](#) for complete details.



### 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. There is also a need for assistance with the RE kickoff, August 28. Contact Lorraine Katz at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) to arrange times and dates that work with your schedule.

### 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](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x109.

Children's Liturgy  
of the **Word**



## Religious Education

### Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with our Catechist Call, highlighting Religious Education needs after all the Masses this past weekend. The St. Thomas community is grateful for the adult and children volunteers who stepped up to pass out handouts or talk with people about our Religious Education programs Pre K through high school. Thanks to Ann Cotner, Ryan Cotner, Kristin Hickman, Logan Hickman, Caroline Hickman, Cheryl Kaspar, Michelle Kuhn, Andy Kuhn, Nathan Kuhn, Daniel Kuhn, Gina Howley, Martin Howley, Anne Maynard, Teagan Maynard, Sydney Maynard, Rosalie Pecoraro, Carmen Pecoraro and Daphne Pecoraro.

### New Parent Elementary Religious Education Orientation

Are you new to Elementary Religious Education (Pre K–5<sup>th</sup> grade)? Come to a new parent orientation Wednesday, October 24 from 5:00–5:30 pm or Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00–5:30 pm. Children are welcome. RSVP to Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org in the Gathering Area of St. Thomas.

### 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 by clicking [here](#).

### Important Dates for Religious Education

#### All Levels

- **Tuesday, August 23:** All Catechist Formation Meeting, 7:00 pm, Lighthouse
- **Sunday, August 28:** RE kickoff Mass, 11:15 am, catechist meet and greet following Mass. All RE families invited to attend!

#### 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, 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

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Thanks!

The Drop-In Reading Buddy Time was an enjoyable time for all. Thank you for the younger buddies who participated. Thank you to the older buddies who shared their love of reading and Jesus to others. They are: Ashley Basmajian, Katie Congoran, Kenzie Congoran, Lilianna Ernst, Gabe Ernst, Colin Gleason, Stephen Hribal, Owen Hoag, Anna Keeler, Rachel Keeler, Brendan Kneller, Amber Lopez, Teagan Maynard, Dylan Plos, Reece Voller and Will Wagner.



## Question of the week

How does the Eucharist prepare us to live as Jesus wants us?



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## Week of Hope ... in the Words of Joe

From June 19–24, four middle school students and their chaperones participated in Week of Hope (a week-long service trip) in Kenosha, Wisc. Joe Howley, one of the St. Thomas participants, reflects on his Week of Hope experience:

*I recently participated in St. Thomas's week of Hope mission trip. Our service project for the week was to help in a series of gardens in which were used to stock community food banks. The trip was a blast and a great way to put my faith into action and to serve the Lord in a unique way. My favorite part was seeing all the work we completed at the end of the week and talking to the adults and children who would benefit from our work. I enjoyed the trip a lot and would highly recommend it. I'm thankful for all the members of the St. Thomas community whose donations made the trip possible.*

*~Joe Howley*



Miriam Newhouse and Kathy Graham from COF with Anne Schultz from the OSJ Office.

## Catholic Order of Foresters School Supply Donation

Again this year, the Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), Naperville location, ran a school supply drive to benefit the St. Thomas Care Pantry. They provided three large carts full of items specifically needed – primarily spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pencils and pens. Thank you, Catholic Order of Foresters!

## 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 [here](#) 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.



## Haiti Twinning New Pastor at Ste. Marie Madeleine

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 southwest Haiti.

Last weekend we bid farewell to Fr. Emery. This weekend we welcome Fr. Frantzdy Joseph to our Haiti Twinning relationship. Fr. Frantzdy is the new Pastor at Ste. Marie Madeleine. He may be new to the Ste. Marie Madeleine community, but he is not new to St. Thomas.



Many of you will remember the English Immersion Program designed and delivered by St. Thomas parishioners for a number of years beginning in 2010. Each summer 6–8 Holy Cross seminarians from Haiti visited St. Thomas for 6–8 weeks. They stayed with St. Thomas families and spent their days in an English immersion program taught by St. Thomas parishioners. Fr. Frantzdy was the only Holy Cross priest who ever participated in the program.

We hope to have Fr. Frantzdy visit with us again this September during Haiti Weekend (September 24–25). Please say a prayer for Fr. Frantzdy as he begins his journey with the Ste. Marie Madeleine community and with St. Thomas.

While he was with us back in 2010, Fr. Frantzdy wrote a poem for us in English.

### God's Nature

*Beyond the Creation is God's Nature.*

*Inside Nature is God's presence.*

*This presence is in God's creatures,*

*When everyone and everything share the credence,*

*That Nature is God's face on earth.*

*Proudly, it is something to be part of.*

*It's further a gift from the Highest,*

*Lifting up the lowest one to Heaven*

*By everyone's daily care and faith.*

*Nature is God's presence on our heart and soul.*

*Nature is God shining in us.*

*Loving God is loving Nature*

*While loving each other*

*And every single thing.*

Fr. Frantzdy Joseph, c.s.c.



### PATH September 6 Zoom Meeting (7:00 pm) Leverage LinkedIn for Better Networking

We all know the importance of networking in the job search, but it can often prove to be a challenging and overwhelming task. According to a recent study conducted by HubSpot, 85 percent of jobs are filled through networking. A recent CNBC survey noted that 70 percent of jobs are never published publicly, which only reinforces the importance and value of an effective networking strategy.

While face-to-face interactions remain the preferred method of networking, technology-based and social networking platforms have rapidly become a valuable tool for the job seeker.

Join us September 6 when Bruce Bennett shares his valuable insights on "How to Leverage LinkedIn for Better Networking." Bruce will demonstrate how to use LinkedIn for building your network of connections; identifying various LinkedIn Groups and thought leaders to join and follow; and, how to effectively search for individuals, companies and opportunities. Bruce will also discuss the use of hashtags and @ symbols as well as two key features only available on the LinkedIn mobile app.

Register in advance for this webinar at [PathGroupJobSearch@gmail.com](mailto:PathGroupJobSearch@gmail.com). You will receive the Zoom meeting information in a confirmation email.



## SERVICE COMMISSION – PASTORAL CARE

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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](mailto:kford@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x124.

### Pastoral Care

- If you would like a pastoral visit with Communion in the home or hospital, please contact Kathy Ford, RN, Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x124.
- If you are admitted to a hospital and would like Communion, notify St. Thomas so we may make a pastoral visit. Churches are no longer notified of hospitalizations.



PASTORAL CARE  
St. Thomas the Apostle

### From the Behavioral Health Ministry Children's Fatigue – School Preparation

#### Lack of sleep and irregular patterns

If your child experiences lack of sleep or an irregular sleeping pattern for any various reason, it can usually be remedied by an adjustment in the child's routine to allow for more time to sleep.

**Emotional stress** – Although stress can be unavoidable (for example, if you've moved and your child is starting at new school), you can minimize it by encouraging your child to engage in healthy conversation and making a special effort to help them feel confident and content. Bullying, academic anxiety and pressure to perform athletically are all forms of negative emotional stress that can eventually manifest itself physically.

**Hectic schedule** – The hectic schedules we intentionally or unintentionally place upon our children can unfortunately result in lack of sleep. Examine your schedules and determine how you can make rest a priority – maybe even for both of you!

#### Prevention

- Keep your child feeling energized and healthy by keeping a close eye on their daily routine and activities.
- An hour before bedtime, turn down lights and turn off television, iPads and other electronics.
- Establish a pre-bedtime routine to "tell" your child's brain to prepare for sleep.
- Always encourage your child to maintain a reasonably healthy diet and to drink plenty of water. This will keep the immune system strong and reduce chances of fatigue-inducing illness.

Source: *Children's Wellness Center* [childrenswellnesscenter.com](http://childrenswellnesscenter.com)



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
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# 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.

## From the Office of the Parish Nurse

### Save the Dates: Blood Pressure Weekends Start in September

**Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm,  
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am  
and 11:15 am

#### 2 Stations for your convenience:

Station #1 in the Gathering Area and station #2 in the West Wing (Deacon's Office).



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE  
St. Thomas the Apostle

#### Mark Your Calendar:

September 10–11, October 1–2, November 5–6, December 3–4, January 7–8, February 4–5, March 4–5, April 1–2, May 20–21

To assure safety, dependability and accuracy, the blood pressure screenings will be offered following the latest CDC virus guidelines regarding masking and hand sanitizing. Recommendations from Harvard Health System for participant involvement will be encouraged. There will be a monthly evaluation of “all mass coverage” based on interest and participation.

Contact Parish Nurse, Felicia Lawlor at 630.355.8980, x104 or [flawlor@stapostle.org](mailto:flawlor@stapostle.org) with questions or concerns.

Hope to see you there. Know your numbers!

*Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God, do all that you do with love. St. Therese of Lisieux*

### “I am St. Thomas” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “I am St. Thomas” Program at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated September 17–18. If you have any questions regarding the “I am St. Thomas” Program, please feel free to contact the Main Office.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, August 22

### Tuesday, August 23

7:00–9:00 pm All Catechist Meeting, Lighthouse

### Wednesday, August 24

9:30 am–12:00 pm Prime Time Ornament Making, Senior Center

### Thursday, August 25

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

### Friday, August 26

### Saturday, August 27

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

### Sunday, August 28

9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center  
11:15 am–12:15 pm RE Kick-off Mass, Church  
12:15–2:00 pm RE Reception, Gym

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

#### August 7, 2022

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| Sunday Collection Offering*   | \$11,500       |
| Credit Card Online Giving ( <i>reported monthly</i> )                       | none this week |
| Automatic Direct Debit<br>(5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month) | \$20,636       |
| Mailed in and stock donations   | \$22,536       |
| Total for the week  | \$54,672       |
| *Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation            |                |
| Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)   | \$208,851      |
| Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date   | \$34,809       |
| Offertory Goal Year to date   | \$202,223      |
| Over/(short) of goal to date  | \$6,628        |
| Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30  | \$1,752,599    |
| Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal                                     | 12%            |
| Remaining for this fiscal year goal   | \$1,543,748    |

This week, the Sunday collection is \$6,628 above 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

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Parish Appeal Goal              | \$189,200 |
| Pledges Received                | \$139,484 |
| Percent of Goal pledged to date | 73.72%    |



## PARISH INFORMATION



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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### Church Office and Building Hours

Summer hours: 8:30 am–4:30 pm M–Th,  
8:30 am–12:00 pm Friday. Gathering Area  
reception desk is staffed 9:00 am–8:00 pm  
M–Th (7:00 pm if no evening events);  
9:00 am–12:00 pm Friday; and 9:00  
am–1:00 pm Saturday.

### Pastor

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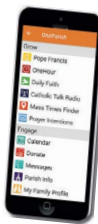
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