



SEPTEMBER

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2022

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Fill us at daybreak with your
kindness, that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.*

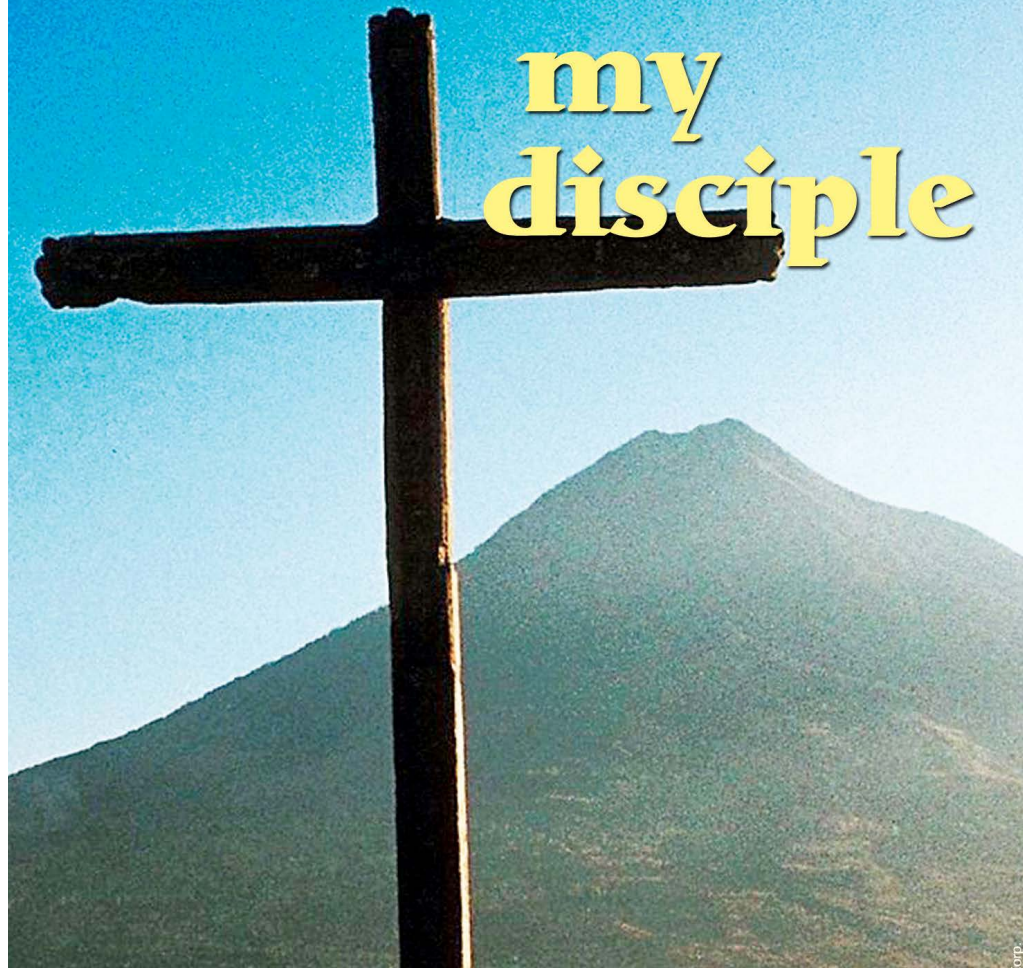
– Psalm 90:14

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

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

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

**Take up
your cross
and be
my
disciple**



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass will be livestreamed
with an outdoor communion option.

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

No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?
- How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?

Readings for Today

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Reflection on the Readings

Discipleship requires both renunciation and calculation. Those who wish to follow Jesus must renounce everyone and everything that gets in the way of a single-minded response to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple. At the same time, disciples are not naively to follow Jesus. They must calculate and consent to the cost — the price is giving their all, even their own life. What the One who calls gives disciples in return, however, is beyond calculation — fullness of new Life

Presider Schedule September 10-11

Saturday, September 10

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Sunday, September 11

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Jim Breen

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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Voices of Faith Resumes!

Voices of Faith, the large adult choir at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, will be returning after a summer hiatus. This group rehearses on Tuesday evenings and is open to all singers ages high school through adult. The Voices of Faith Choir sings a wide variety of musical styles and helps lead the musical prayer of the parish on weekends at the 9:30 am Mass and feast days. A music background is not necessary, but a willingness to learn vocal skills is. We are especially in need of more male voices.

The first rehearsal of the year will be Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm. We will begin with an hour of fellowship and ice cream floats at 7:00 pm in the Lighthouse and move to the church at 8:00 pm to do some singing and praising of God together.

If you are unable to make it that evening, contact Jim Clauer, Director of Liturgy and Music, at jclauer@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x111 to discuss getting involved.

Wait?! When Do We Stand?

You may have noticed in the past several weeks that we have been standing after the Presentation of the Gifts before we say “May the Lord accept the sacrifice...” This is a change that actually was implemented on the First Sunday of Advent in 2003 because of a new directive from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). The GIRM is the book that provides rubrics and information on how the Mass should be celebrated. As Catholics, we are part of a bigger Universal Church and want to make sure we are aligned with other parishes so that whenever anybody attends St. Thomas the Apostle, the forms or norms of the Mass are relatively the same.

The presider will continue to remind people when to stand for the foreseeable future until standing at this time becomes a natural response.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
For the People of St. Thomas
- 8:00 am For First Responders
- 9:30 am †Irene Wojcik, by Ken and Bob Wojcik
†Cyrus Alegria, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am For Students and Teachers

Intentions for this week

Monday, September 5, 2022

Weekday

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

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am Healthy delivery of Haley’s babies by
Donnamarie Pierson

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Joanne Zimowski, by Dollie Bajusz

Thursday, September 8, 2022

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Friday, September 9, 2022

USA, St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Francisca Cantillano, by Buddy and Mely
Mallorca
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Bettyjean and Rudy Struchil, by Dick and Kay
†Jim Wolff, by Mary Ann Wolff

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 9:30 am †Jo Kuffner, by Gene Foley
†Marty Guerracarcia by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am †James Maul, by Maul Family



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C.A.R.E CORNER

Another St. Thomas, Sir Thomas More was born in London in 1478. He became a well-known and respected lawyer, judge and statesman. It seems he was ahead of his time. He advocated for the education of women in England and his own daughters were known throughout Europe for their learning. He was a brilliant man, hard-working, generous, well-respected and a man of great integrity.

He was also a very religious man with a habit of daily prayer and Mass attendance before the day's work began. He taught his family to pray daily, examine their consciences and reflect on the Scriptures. Thomas liked to contemplate Jesus' agony in the garden and his free decision to give up everything and die cruelly.

After Henry VIII came into power in England, he eventually outlawed the Catholic Church. Thomas More served under Henry as Chancellor for about three years until 1532, when he resigned from his position because he refused to repudiate papal supremacy and recognize Henry as the Head of the Church. Thomas More believed in God's providence, so he continued to live his faith, even in the face of his own death for opposing the king. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1534 and executed in 1535, declaring, "I die the king's good servant – but God's first." Thomas More was canonized a saint in 1935.

Let's Get Moving!

After being cooped up with COVID, it's time to get our spiritual as well as our physical muscles moving. Wellspring offers you "A Walk with the Lord," in the Gym at 7:00 pm Monday, September 19. Praying the labyrinth has been called "a stroll with your soul" and a "walking meditation." Take some time to clear your mind and open your heart on this sacred path.

To participate, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138. Please be sure to have socks on or with you, as shoes are not permitted on the labyrinth surface.

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:

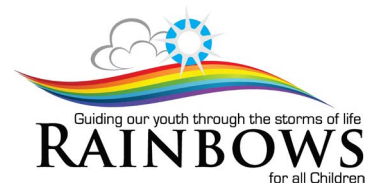
The Book of Revelation: Wednesdays 9:15–11:15 am, beginning September 7.

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. 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.

Rainbows Support Group

Rainbows is a support group for all children suffering a loss of a family member due to death, separation, divorce, deployment or illness or any other traumatic life altering event. In Rainbows, children can grieve, communicate and heal among their peers. The official website is rainbows.org. Registration forms are in the Gathering Area. The Rainbows program runs Thursday evenings September 15–November 10 at St. Raphael's School. Contact Nisha Sotiroff at nsantha3@gmail.com or Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 with questions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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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.



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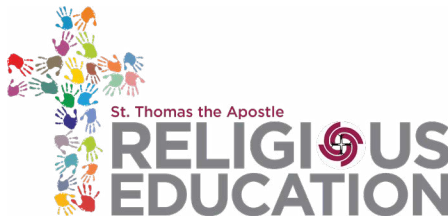
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Religious Education

Thank you to all those families who attended the Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Mass and Kickoff Sunday, August 28.

It was so nice to see everyone and find out about your summer! Thank you to the catechists and aides who greeted their students and families. Thank you to our teen helpers Anthony Cotner, Colin Gleason, Allison Davids and Sara Davids, who cut cake and poured drinks and cleaned up. Their service was a big help.



Teens with Character

Teens with Character Kickoff: September 18

St. Thomas Teens with Character will kick off the year with a meeting on Sunday, September 18 from 4:30–6:00 pm, in the St. Thomas gym. 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 middle school students and friends are welcome!!! Pizza will be served. So that enough pizza is ordered, email Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org if you plan on attending.

Important Dates for Religious Education

Elementary

- **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

Have Catechists ... Need Students

Because of new catechists who have agreed to minister to middle school students and faithful catechists who are returning to teach again, we have the catechists we need for middle school religious education. What a tremendous blessing! Now, we just need the students. The catechists are willing and would love to hand on our faith to your children. Please register for religious education sessions. Classes begin on Saturday, September 10, and Monday, September 12.



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.

Be a Part of Harvest Sunday...Save the Date

Harvest Sunday, an effort by St. Thomas to feed the hungry, will take place the week of October 30 (flyer delivery and food collection at Casey's) and on Sunday, November 6 (food pickup and sorting). More information, including online volunteer sign-up details, will be available soon.



Question of the week

When is it difficult to be a follower of Jesus?



Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, September 6 from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle, and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Cereal
- Toilet paper
- Soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned veggies
- Cake mix
- Jiffy mix
- Flour-for holiday meal boxes
- Stuffing-for holiday meal boxes

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.



Some of Ertha's Orphanage children.

Ertha to Visit Our Lady of Peace September 10–11

Ertha Papillon is a leader in our Haiti Twinning Parish (Ste. Marie-Madeleine) and founder and director of an orphanage and a school. Her orphanage cares for 25 children. Her school educates 460 students from the poorest areas near Duchity.

Ertha will visit Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien the weekend of September 10–11. She will speak at all the Masses and would be happy to greet her St. Thomas friends. The Masses are Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Update on Ertha's Orphanage

There are currently 25 children being cared for at the orphanage. They range in age from 5–17. The August 2021 earthquake made the main building inhabitable. The second unfinished building was damaged. St. Thomas provided funds for a temporary shelter. With funds from mission appeals last September at two other churches and additional funds from St. Thomas, the second building has been repaired and very recently finished. There is now a room to receive all the girls, a room for an office, a dining room for everyone to eat together, a room for storage, a room for employees to sleep and one extra bathroom with a toilet available. For now, the boys will continue to sleep in the emergency shelter.

Update on Ertha's School

The new school year will start with 460 students attending classes from pre-school through grade nine. This is the largest number of students the school has ever received.

The highest priority needs at this time are funds to pay the orphanage caregivers and the school teachers. The construction costs to finish the second building has caused them to not receive their full pay for a large part of the year. They have sacrificed and continued working. Their families are in need, as inflation continues to raise food prices in Haiti.

Waterleaf Run for Life

Waterleaf serves women facing unplanned pregnancies. They offer free pregnancy services and consultation, providing options so women can make educated decisions about pregnancy.



Send Silence Packing Nationally Acclaimed Suicide Prevention Exhibit

North Central College and Nick's Network of Hope (nicksnetworkofhope.org) are partnering with Active Minds (activeminds.org) to bring Send Silence Packing (activeminds.org/ssp) to North Central College.

Send Silence Packing is a display that inspires action around suicide by sending the message that you are not alone, help is available and we each play a critical role in changing the culture around mental health. This event is free and open to the public.

We invite you to explore the backpack display September 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at North Central College's Jefferson Commons (located on campus at the corner of Brainard and Jefferson). The rain location is the Residence Hall/Recreation Center at 440 S. Brainard Street. On North Central's map, Jefferson Commons is designated as "JC" and the Residence Hall/Recreation Center (rain location) is #39.

The display explores themes of mental health and suicide, and includes personal stories of people who have been lost to suicide. We will have mental health professionals available to speak to onsite if the experience evokes distress in anyone. This exhibit is very powerful and moving. It can save lives.

If you have any questions contact Samantha Godfrey, Health Education Coordinator at North Central, at skgodfrey@noctrl.edu. If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental health or suicidal ideation, be sure to contact:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.8255
- National Hot Line Crisis Phone number: 988
- Crisis Text Line: text "BRAVE" to 741-741

Help and hope are available.

Blanket, Sleeping Bag and Children's Coat Collection For St. Agnes in Manderson, South Dakota

We have been unable to send a team to the reservation since before the pandemic. We have remained in contact with Fr. Edmund and Joyce at St. Agnes, our twinning parish on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. They have identified a need for particular items.

The request is for new and gently used blankets, sleeping bags and **children's** winter coats. Storage on the reservation is limited; we want to honor and respect the request made of us.

The collection ends Sunday, September 25. Delivery to St. Agnes will be October 1. Please place your donations of blankets, sleeping bags and children's winter coats in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. Thank you!



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. You will receive the Zoom meeting information in a confirmation email.



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From the Behavioral Health Ministry Mental Health First Aid: CPR for the Brain

Just as physical health is important, so too is mental health! Anyone is able to help someone in distress!

Mental Health First Aid: CPR for the Brain

Friday, September 23
9:00 am–4:00 pm
St. Thomas the Apostle
1500 Brookdale Road
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Instructors

Trina Lueckhoff
Diane McQueen

Deadline to register

September 9

Register

<https://092322stthomas.eventbrite.com>

Continuing education units available

LCPC/LPC, LCSW/LSW, LMFT and Psychologist

From the Office of the Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening Next Weekend

St. Thomas Blood Pressure Screening will take place **next weekend, September 10–11.**

Nurses will assist and instruct participants with the digital Omron Blood Pressure Monitor as used exclusively in clinics today. We will have two locations set up for your convenience. Station 1 in the Gathering Area behind the cubicle divider and Station 2 in the deacon's office in the west wing.

Visit the nurses and hear the importance of a healthy blood pressure without the complications of heart attacks, stroke and dementia.

Know your numbers.



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Welcome Back Prayer Shawl meeting is being planned for Thursday, September 15 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm at St. Thomas in the Emmaus Room.

All current and potential Prayer Shawl Ministers are invited to join Denise and Felicia to share their summertime works of art and enjoy some prayer, fellowship and Denise's homemade cookies. We are looking forward to re-connecting following a beautiful summer and hopefully many hours of healthy rest.

Contact Felicia Lawlor, Parish Nurse, at flawlor@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x104 with questions or concerns.

PrimeTime Back To The Future: School Days/Remember When?

Find that poodle skirt and those saddle shoes and enjoy a morning of LIVE music from the 50s, 60s and 70s, a luncheon and great trivia games with prizes! Come with friends. Make new friends!

Date: Tuesday, September 20

Time: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: St. Thomas Lighthouse

RSVP: Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101 by September 14



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The Week Ahead

Monday, September 5

Labor Day, Building closed after 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, September 6

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations
and 5:00–6:00 pm
7:00–9:00 pm Voices of Faith Social, Lighthouse

Wednesday, September 7

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana
7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee
7:00–8:30 pm Confirmation Catechists, Youth Center
7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Lighthouse
7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Senior Center

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

7:00–10:00 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center

Saturday, September 10

8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Deacon's Office
9:00 am–9:00 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center
11:00 am–12:00 pm Wedding Music/Liturgy Workshop, Gathering Area
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon's Office and Gathering Area

Sunday, September 11

9:00 am–12:15 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center
9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Rectory Basement
9:00 am–1:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon's Office and Gathering Area
1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church

Weekly Sunday Offertory

August 21, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$11,590
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (<i>5th and 20th each month</i>)	\$25,775
Mailed in and stock donations	\$3,235
Total for the week	\$40,600
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$263,769
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$32,971
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$269,631
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$5,861)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	15%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,488,830

This week, the Sunday collection is \$5,861 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	\$140,129
Percent of Goal pledged to date	74.06%
Unpaid pledges	\$8,783
Paid to Date	\$131,346
Percent of goal paid to date	69.42%



Blessings for the New School Year

During the 11:15 am Mass Sunday, August 28, Fr. Peter blessed teachers and students to mark the beginning of a new religious education school year.



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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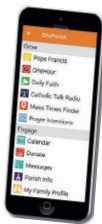
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