



SEPTEMBER

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2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

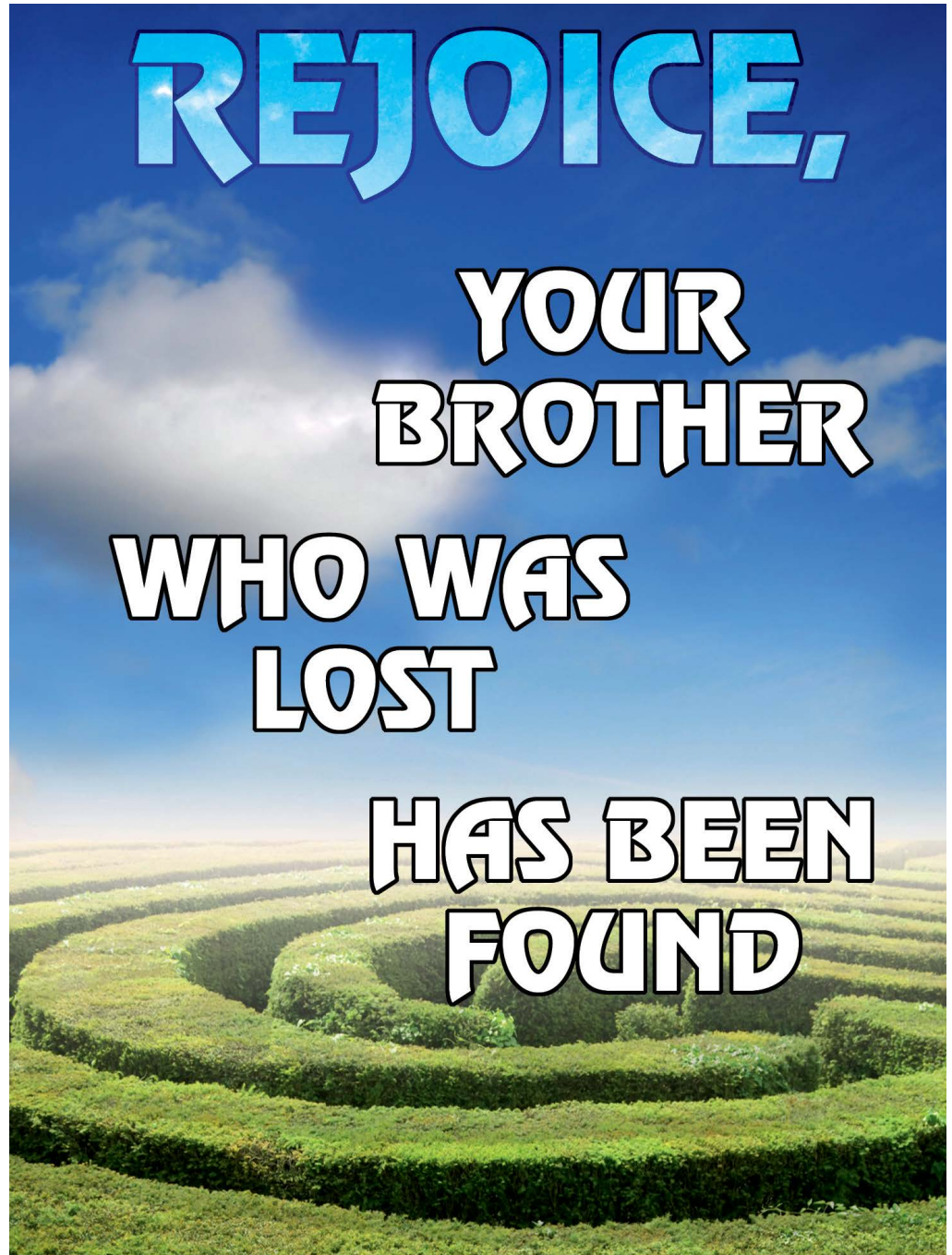
*A clean heart create for me,
O God, and a steadfast spirit
renew within me.*

– Psalm 51:12

**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.*



**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.

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget ... the child of her womb?"
- Where might you show compassion to others?

Readings for Today

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Reflection on the Readings

What the shepherd, the woman and the father all have in common is having lost something dear to them. When they find what they have lost, they rejoice extravagantly. In the parable of the prodigal son, he is found because he chooses to return to his father's house: he chooses life. By contrast, the older son — in his anger, resentment and jealousy — is truly the one who is lost because he refuses to rejoice in his father's mercy and goodness: he chooses death. The extravagant mercy and goodness of our divine Father urges us to choose life over death.

Presider Schedule September 17–18

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Mass Confusion

The whole parish is invited to "Mass Confusion" presented by The Doug & Dave Show from Lighten Up! Ministries on Wednesday, September 28 from 7:00–8:15 pm. Mass Confusion will explore the Catholic Faith within the context of the Mass. The show shares the beauty, history and mystery of the source and summit of our Faith — in an engaging manner that draws the attention of all ages and backgrounds. "Mass Confusion" brings the Mass alive through rich sketches, quirky characterizations and Holy-Spirit-filled music, leaving audiences open to the treasures of our Faith.



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Prayer in Remembrance of 9/11

*May we remember with love and compassion this day,
May we grieve with those who still mourn,
And share memories with those who cannot forget.
May we draw strength from those who bravely responded,
And gave their lives to save others.
May we stand with strangers who became neighbors,
And give thanks for their generosity and hospitality.
May we remember all who have lost loved ones
to terrorism and violence,
And be filled not with a call to war but with a longing for peace.
May we seek for understanding and reconciling,
And not turn from your kingdom ways.
Above all God may we remember your faithfulness,
And learn to trust in your unfailing love.
Amen*

Voices of Faith Resumes!

Voices of Faith, the large adult choir at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, is returning after a summer hiatus. The next rehearsal is Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm. 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 to 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.

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

Anne Budas and Family
Daniel and Johanna Flynn and family
Luis and Natalina Hernandez and family
Kate and Tait Pinnow and family
Brad Trygar

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Bettyjean and Rudy Struchil, by Dick and Kay
†Jim Wolff, by Mary Ann Wolff
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

Intentions for this week

Monday, September 12, 2022

Weekday

8:30 am †John and Violet Badovinich, by Dollie Bajusz

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Healing for Cary Badovinich, by Dollie Bajusz

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am †John and Violet Badovinich, by Dollie Bajusz

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am

Friday, September 16, 2022

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 am

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Weekday

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Muriel Sweeney, by Lillwitz Family
†Sharon Gadzala, by Jennifer Streff

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Yvonne Kotian, by Neville and Family
9:30 am †Javier Closa, by Francisco Pulgar
†Ann Reische, by Gina Scowins
11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas



C.A.R.E CORNER

In more recent history, we can turn to the likes of the great scholar John Henry Newman. John's father was a banker in London and his mother was a staunch Calvinist. John was sent to study at Oxford. He recognized the importance of his Anglican church having continuity with early Christianity and the early Church Fathers. He eventually became a priest in the Anglican Church.

But because he was drawn to Christian and church history, he entered the Catholic Church at the age of 44 (in 1845) and two years later was ordained a Catholic priest. He spent the remainder of his life serving the Catholic Church. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory, founded by St. Philip Neri, and also founded a Catholic University in Dublin. Newman was named a cardinal at the age of 78. He died at the age of 89 in the year 1890.

A prolific writer, John Henry Newman wrote 40 books and thousands of letters. One of his classic writings was his Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, written in 1845, the year of his conversion to Catholicism. He believed doctrine could evolve, yet still remain true to its origin. His name is probably best recognized due to his association with college campuses. Beginning in 1893, the first Newman Center opened at the University of Pennsylvania to provide pastoral services to university students. Newman was beatified in 2010 and canonized a saint just a few years ago in 2019.

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.

InSight Group to Meet

A Time for Every Purpose: "God's time is not our time" is the focus for this month's meeting of the discussion forum InSight. The group will meet Tuesday, September 27 from 7:00–9:00 pm. This group looks at short stories, videos and poetry to look for the spirituality of everyday and how our own faith colors and informs our perspectives. This month's selections include the short story "Late Rumspringa" by Austin Smith, the essay "For Everything There Is a Season," a 'practical lesson for navigating change' by Daniel Reban and the poem "Acts of Vexation" by Pam Rehm.

Join in via Zoom. To receive the link, email Carrie Wujek at cawujek@gmail.com. For links to the literature, contact Neil Phipps at nhipps1125@gmail.com.

High School News

Small Group Leaders and Catechists Still Needed

There is a need for a Year 1 Confirmation small group co-leader Sundays at 7:15 pm for the upcoming year of high school youth ministry programs. Perfection is not required. If you have a love of teenagers and are willing to share your faith, it's a great start! Contact Dorothy Grantham at dgrantham@stapostle.org to discuss how your skills and talents may be a match for youth ministry.

Attendance Aides Needed for High School

We are in need of attendance aides for the High School Confirmation groups on Sundays at 4:30 pm and 7:15 pm. Groups will start in October and go until the first week of April. Please contact us even if you can only do a portion of the schedule year.

Confirmation Prep Year 1 and 2

Small Groups start in October. Once we have enough leaders, dates will be sent home to families.

Confirmation Registrations

If you have not turned in your registration for Confirmation first or second year prep, please do so as soon as you can. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy Grantham at dgrantham@stapostle.org.

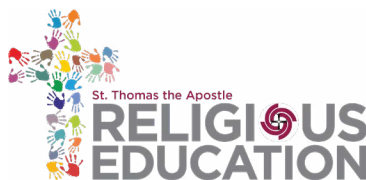
Journey Night for Parents and Teens

Journey Night for parents and teens with the Doug & Dave Show is Wednesday, September 28 from 7:00–8:15 pm. This is part of the required Confirmation preparation but is also open to all parishioners.



Thank You Middle School Catechists and Volunteers

Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of a dedicated group of catechists and volunteers. These volunteers include our catechists: Mary Wright, Julie Krupa, Darlene Dionne, Mary Szczap, Susan Brotherly, Joe Pecoraro, Adisah Mahama, Ann Cotner, Sean Elliffe, Ami Joseph, Loula Fernandez, Lisa Shields, Anne Sidio and Brian Laughlin. There are also volunteers who are willing to work behind the scenes to ensure our programs run smoothly. These volunteers include Bernard Salzig and Carolyn Vondran. Thanks to all of these 'ministers' for sharing the gifts of their time and talent with St. Thomas middle school students. Their dedication is a gift to the whole St. Thomas community.



Teens with Character

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

- **September 10, 17, 24:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy
- **September 20, 27:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

Middle School

- **September 12, 19, 26:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet
- **September 10, 17, 24, October 1:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet

High School

- **September 9–11:** LIFE Confirmation Retreat
- **September 12:** Confirmation Year 2 Catechist Meeting, 7:00 pm
- **September 15:** LIFE Retreat Reunion, 6:30 pm
- **September 20:** Year 1 Journey Confirmation Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm
- **September 24–25:** Help with St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive during Masses
- **September 28:** Journey Night – Mass Confusion by Lighten Up! Ministries with Doug & Dave
- **September 29:** LIFE Game Night
- **October 16:** Pancake Breakfast
- **October 23:** Year 1 Journey Confirmation groups NET retreat, 2:00–5:00 pm

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.

It is Scout Popcorn Time!

Support the Cub Scout Pack 125 by buying popcorn in the Gathering Area after all the Masses this weekend, September 10–11.

Check This Out!

The next time you are at St. Thomas for Mass, Donut Sunday, Bible Study or a meeting, check out the Week of Hope bulletin board and see pictures of St. Thomas middle school students making a difference on their service trip. The bulletin board is right across from the Youth Center.

Fatima Rosary Prayer Rally

2022 marks the sixth year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally, Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 pm.

For details on the event and to receive the prayer packet, sign up via email at fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com or call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.



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Mentors Needed to Help New Family

St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry is blessed to be able to financially support a family. However, to do that, additional mentors need to be welcomed to work with a family. New mentors will be trained and supported by our experienced mentors. Mentors meet with their family on a regular basis. It is a very rewarding experience.

Mentoring involves developing a relationship with and providing support to a transitional family at multiple levels, including guidance related to financial issues, education, child development, health and social skills. Bridge Communities provides specialists in these areas to support mentors and families.

Our partner, Bridge Communities, has its next virtual mentor training scheduled for Saturday, October 1 from 8:30 am–3:00 pm. There has been a major refresh of the training. No commitment is required to attend training. At Mentor Training, prospective volunteers will be able to explore their interest in this ministry and learn who Bridge Communities is, how to engage a client family and the practical aspects of mentoring.

For more information about the St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry and to explore your interest in participating, please contact Mike Ryder in the OSJ Office at mryder@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x121.

Haiti Weekend – September 24-25

Our St. Thomas community has been blessed with our Haiti Twinning relationship that began 23 years ago with our first mission trip to Saint Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti. Every September we celebrate that relationship in a special way. This year's Haiti Weekend is September 24–25. There will be an update on activities in our Twinning community and we will be pleased to welcome the new Pastor of Saint Marie Madeleine, Fr. Frantzdy Joseph. The prayer below was written as we embarked on this journey those many years ago.



Twining Prayer 1999

God without boundaries and Source of New Life, you are present in every land and creature and culture. We thank you for calling us into a reciprocal relationship with our sisters and brothers from Saint Marie Madeleine Parish in Duchity, Haiti.

May our hearts and minds be open to the opportunities and challenges that lie before us. Help us to encourage each other to grow spiritually and foster in us a greater commitment to justice for all people.

As we remember the patroness of our twinning parish, Saint Mary of Magdala, may we too be set afire with your Divine Spirit, and bear witness to Christ as our living Lord.

May the seeds of this holy twinning take root and flower forth in a life-song of glory to You, my Lord and my God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk Memorial Mass

Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota Holy Man and a Catholic catechist. His grave is located in the cemetery at St. Agnes, St. Thomas' Twinning Parish on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. His cause for canonization is currently under review at the Vatican.



Grave of Nicholas Black Elk

The fourth annual Servant of God Black Elk Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Agnes on Wednesday, August 17. The anniversary of Black Elk's death (in 1950) is August 19. There is a Facebook page dedicated to Black Elk's cause for canonization: <https://www.facebook.com/nicholasblackelkservantofgod/>

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, Pray for Us!

*Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!
Behold us, who stand before you
singing our song of thanksgiving for
Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk.*

*Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road
and generously witnessed the Good News
of our Lord Jesus Christ among
the Native American people.*

*We humbly ask you to hear the prayers
we plead through his intercession.
We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize
his sanctity by acknowledging his presence
among the company of Saints
and as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel.*

*Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples,
to your glory and honor through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

prayer from the Diocese of Rapid City



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!

Hesed House PADS

October 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 September donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, October 6.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for October, 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, October 6, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.





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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
St. Thomas the Apostle

From the Behavioral Health Ministry Mark Your Calendars

Be Fully Present To One Another Compassionate Listening

Join this interactive workshop to learn and reflect on the healing art of compassionate listening. A wonderful resourceful tool for home, work or school.



Jill Otto

Jill Otto will guide us through barriers we all encounter in listening compassionately and will provide steps for preparing ourselves to be fully present to our family, friends and colleagues.

- Thursday, October 13, 2022
- 7:00–8:30 pm
- St. Thomas the Apostle Lighthouse

For questions contact Kathy Ford, RN, Director of Pastoral Care/Nursing, at kford@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124.

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

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

Nurses will take blood pressures with the digital Omron Blood Pressure Monitor as used exclusively in clinics today, as well as instruct participants on heart health. Nurses will be available in the Deacon's Office (in the West Wing) as well as the Gathering Area across from the RE office.

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

Blood Pressure Screening at Care Pantry

Blood pressure screenings resumed for the Care Pantry recipients Tuesday, August 30 behind the Church. There was excitement and gratefulness from those who participated and those who volunteered their time. This health screening will continue every other Tuesday as recipients of the Care Pantry pick up their groceries and Mother Nature allows the blood pressure station to be outside. God is Good all the time!



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



STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



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The Week Ahead

Monday, September 12

6:30–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
 7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, September 13

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside
 6:30–9:00 pm Pastoral Care Volunteer Kickoff, Lighthouse
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church
 7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana

Wednesday, September 14

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 7:15–9:00 pm Faith Formation Commission and RE, Cana

Thursday, September 15

10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
 6:30–8:30 pm Life Reunion, Gym and Youth Center

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
 9:00 am–10:30 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
 9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
 4:30–6:00 pm Teens with Character, Gym

Weekly Sunday Offertory

August 28, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,440
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (<i>5th and 20th each month</i>)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$7,933
Total for the week	\$18,373
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$282,142
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$31,349
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$303,334
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$21,192)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	16%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,470,457

This week, the Sunday collection is \$21,192 behind goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$230 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$140,419
Percent of Goal pledged to date	74.22%
Unpaid pledges	\$8,551
Paid to Date	\$131,868
Percent of goal paid to date	69.70%

"I am St. Thomas" Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our "I am St. Thomas" Program. On Commitment Weekend, September 17–18, we invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Thomas the Apostle Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card included in the brochure mailing. You can:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in the mailing.
- bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- visit our parish website at www.stapostle.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100 percent participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Thomas the Apostle Church!



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Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday–Friday.
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9:00 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;
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9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.

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