



SEPTEMBER

18

2022

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*God ... wills everyone
to be saved and to come to
knowledge of the truth.*

– 1 Timothy 2:4

**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.*



No servant can serve two masters.

**He will either hate one
and love the other,
or be devoted to one
and despise the other.**

You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Luke 16:13

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.

God or Mammon?

Jesus tells us a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!

Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- What is the driving pursuit in your life? Is it worthy of you?
- How committed are you to religious pursuits?

Readings for Today

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Reflection on the Readings

The wily servant has concern only for his immediate future and uses underhanded means to assure that his needs are met. In his efforts to protect his future, however, he limits it — he will only be welcomed into the homes of those whose favor he bought dishonestly with his master's wealth. By serving himself, the wily servant ultimately limits his world of possibilities. By contrast, disciples are to serve in such a way that they open their future to unending possibilities. Faithful disciples first choose not themselves nor the things of this world, but to serve God and others. This choice leads to an eternal future ("eternal dwellings").

Presider Schedule September 24–25

Saturday, September 24

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Jim Breen

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

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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St. Thomas the Apostle congratulates

Deacon Chuck Lane

on his 25th anniversary of his Ordination.

We appreciate your years of service.

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.

As we pray the Joyful Mysteries, we will join with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains created across the country to honor the 105th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances. All past participants will agree this 45-minute Prayer Event is a most blessed experience. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from set up along a route connecting both parishes. We'll continue to pray the Rosario en español at Station #7 for anyone interested. Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for World Peace, Reparation of sins, and Conversion of sinners.

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.

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

Emily Berglund

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 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Intentions for this week

Monday, September 19, 2022

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30 am Special intention for Greg and Sarah, by Dave and Karen Muthler

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30 am Healing for Janis Becksmith, by Dave and Karen Muthler

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30 am †Brett Kaurin

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

Friday, September 23, 2022

St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest

- 8:30 am †Mark Goralski, by Peggy Goralski

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Muriel Sweeney, by Lillwitz Family
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Mary Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family
†Jerry Bardachowski, by Mary Malone

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Brittney Leyva, by Mary Wright
- 9:30 am †Alex Bazan, by Francisco Pulgar
†Mark Goralski, by Mary Malone
- 11:15 am †Mary Growney, by John Growney



Upcoming Events

More information about the events listed below can be found on the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org. Simply enter the event name or keyword in the search box to locate the article.

Let's Get Moving!

Wellspring offers "A Walk with the Lord," in the Gym at 7:00 pm Monday, September 19.

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. Join in via Zoom. To receive the link, email Carrie Wujek at cawujek@gmail.com. For links to the literature, contact Neil Phipps at nphipps1125@gmail.com.

Teens with Character

St. Thomas Teens with Character will kick off the year Sunday, September 18 from 4:30–6:00 pm, in the St. Thomas gym.

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.

High School News

Please check the website for a complete list of upcoming events.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

We're going to turn now to saints who became known for their great missionary efforts on behalf of our Church. But first, we need to be clear about what a missionary is and does. Here we can take our cue from Jesus himself. Matthew's gospel (28:19-20a) gives us the words we call the "Great Commission," which Jesus proclaimed to his disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." And the disciples, along with other members of the early Church did just that. In the aftermath of Jesus' death, they preached his life's work and mission from God, the meaning of his death and the importance of his Resurrection. And they continued to live as Jesus had lived. As Acts 2:38-41 tells us, the disciples invited people to repentance for the forgiveness of their sins. They invited people to be baptized in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and to become Christ followers or Christians.



Foremost among the missionaries of the early church was St. Paul. He undertook three lengthy missionary trips throughout the ancient Near East in order to bring the way of Christ to pagan peoples influenced by Greek and Roman philosophies and lifestyles. Paul had traveling companions in the likes of Barnabas, Timothy and Silas. Throughout our 2000 year old Church history, many others took up the Great Commission, traveled the world and "proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 28:31). Next week we'll begin introducing some of the better known missionaries who spread the faith, formed new disciples and were singular in their focus on the building up our Church in spite of suffering greatly for it.

Coming Soon – Sophia's Circle

Need a fun night out? Women of all ages are invited to Sophia's Circle (a micro-retreat) in the Lighthouse on Friday, September 30, from 7:00–9:00 pm for "The Inside Story: Your Spiritual Autobiography."

Presenter Kathy Micheli, a Spiritual Director, will help us to reflect on and write about our faith as a legacy and light for our children, grandchildren and others. We'll discover quick ways to begin this journey of creating a written witness of God's presence in our lives, all while spending a special evening with friends and other women of faith. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for this fun and inspiring evening! To reserve your place, please contact REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x118. Reservations are strongly encouraged; walk-ins are also welcome. A fee of \$15 will be accepted.

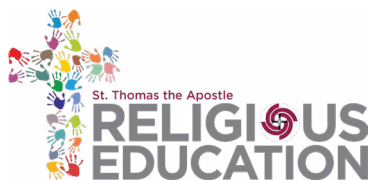




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Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **September 24, October 1:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy
- **September 20, 27, October 4:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

Middle School

- **September 19, 26, October 3:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet
- **September 24, October 1:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet

High School

- **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

Middle School RE Open House

Come and visit your middle school student's Religious Education class, meet the catechists and see our classes in action on Saturday, September 24, and Monday, September 26. Parents are welcome to join their student's class during the last 15 minutes of class.

Thank You Catechists and Faith Formation Volunteers

St. Thomas joins Catholic parishes across the country to celebrate catechetical Sunday this weekend, September 17–18. The work of our catechists and faith formation volunteers is vital to the life of our Church. We ask for your continued support through prayer, that the Holy Spirit grant them the grace they need in their service to our Church.

Theresa Abecia	Chuck Harper	Hillary Mucha
Ruth Akumfi Ameyaw	Dana Hengstler	Robert Ngeah
Melani Angens	Maria Hernandez	Emily Nieves
Janet Bailey	Rae Hibner	Joe Pecoraro
Amy Bartley	Kristin Hickman	Caryn Phelan
Susan Brotherly	Gina Howley	Kathleen Puvathingal
Lijo Chacko	Judith Jacobs Sharma	Paul Reichel
April Clamage	Jeanne Jakubowski	MaryAnn Rempe
Sue Cornell-Ohl	Gendy Jaramillo	Kari Richardson
Ann Cotner	Ami Joseph	Gail Rogers
Mary Brigid Creek	Rosemary Karl	Bernard Salzig
Allison Davids	Cheryle Kaspar	Allison Schroeder
Gerry Deneen	Deacon Larry Kearney	Michelle Seby
Deborah DeRosa	Maureen Keener	Lisa Shields
Sondra DeFauw	John Kennedy	Anne Sidio
Shay Despies	Katie Kerestes	Larry Simpson
John DeYoung	Janet Kirkman	Lauren Smith
Darlene Dionne	Laura Kmec	Meg Smith
Fred Eber	Amy Krupa	Laura Starzec
Sean Elliffe	Brian Lauglin	Mary Szczap
Lilliana Ernst	Vanessa Lemes	Carolyn Vondran
Melissa Ernst	Suzie Livorsi	Jacqui Vu
Loula Fernanae	Adisah Mahamo	Thuc Vu
Ken Fivizzani	Barbara Mambo	Mari Walbridge
Amy Fleishman	Heather Marzano	Lisa Wehr
Juliette Follin	Sheila Maul	Lauren Wierzbinski
Todd Galer	Anne Maynard	Mary Wright
Kelly Giacola	Gail Micheau	Tony Wyklendt
Sarah Gibson	Emma Miles	Dan Zabinski
Patricia Grossert	Meghan Miles	Cuauhtemoc Zarate
John Growney	Kelly Miles	Zori Zarate

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our Catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful; heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.
We pray this through Christ Our Lord. Amen (USCCB)



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UNVARNISHED

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN UNITED STATES

Naper Settlement Exhibit History of Fair Housing in Naperville

“Unvarnished: Housing Discrimination in the Northern and Western United States” is a free online exhibit at Naper Settlement examining the history of residential segregation in America. It spotlights six communities from California to Connecticut, including Naperville, and places their histories within a national context.

Naper Settlement Role

“Unvarnished” was conceived, developed and directed by Naper Settlement. As part of an extensive community engagement process, the museum expanded its mission from a nineteenth century settlement story to an inclusive history leading up to today’s Naperville. Now the fourth largest city in Illinois because of significant population growth and demographic change, the museum set out to learn how that happened. What were the factors that took the community from being an essentially all-White population in the mid-twentieth century to a resident population that is now 32 percent people of color? Was Naperville unique or part of a pattern of change?

For more information visit <https://unvarnishedhistory.org/>. You are also invited to visit Naper Settlement’s onsite companion exhibit that examines Naperville’s Unvarnished history in the Museum Visitor Center through October 28, 2022. This exhibit is included in museum admission.

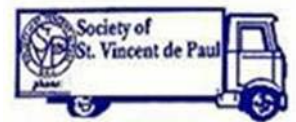


Thank You, St. Thomas

Thanks to your generosity, Care Pantry volunteers continue to provide a variety of foods to our Care Pantry families every other Tuesday.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Peter.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive Next Weekend – September 24–25



The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) truck will be in the St. Thomas parking lot next weekend, September 24–25 (4:00–6:00 pm on Saturday and 7:30 am–12:30 pm on Sunday.) Please bring only items on the accepted list (see below) and do not bring extremely large items. SVDP donation bags will be available after all masses this weekend and during the week.

Accepted items include: clothing, shoes, small housewares, pots and pans, books, toys, small electronics and small appliances. Sorry, we are not able to accept tube TVs, cribs, strollers, high chairs, car seats, mattresses or box springs.

Any larger potential furniture donations can be requested by emailing svdp_communicate@yahoo.com. Please include pictures of the item(s), location of pick-up and contact person with phone number. This is handled by store employees.

Your donations go the SVDP Thrift Shops. Some of your donations are given away free to families we help in our neighborhood. Other items are sold in the thrift shops at low prices to allow all families to shop with dignity.

If you or a family member are experiencing a financial hardship, our volunteers will try to help with goods or financial assistance for rent or utilities. Call St. Thomas at 630.355.8980, x250. Be sure to leave your name, address, phone, email and best time to call you.

God bless you! Thank you for helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help others.



Fr. Frantzdy Joseph

Haiti Twinning Ste. Marie Madeleine St. Thomas the Apostle

Fr. Frantzdy Joseph to Visit St. Thomas Next Weekend

Each September, St. Thomas celebrates our Haiti Twinning relationship with Ste. Marie Madeleine parish in the village of Duchity, high in the mountains of southwest Haiti. Fr. Frantzdy, the new Ste. Marie Madeleine Pastor, will be with us to celebrate our 23 years of Twinning.

Haiti Weekend 2022

- ❖ Fr. Frantzdy, Ste. Marie Madeleine Pastor, will speak at all the Masses.
- ❖ Brief updates will be provided on the following topics.

Education

Education is the key. We continue to help assure quality teachers for St. Thomas school and Ertha's school.



Medical

Dr. Nickson, the doctor at the clinic built by St. Thomas, grew up in Duchity and graduated from St. Thomas High School. We continue to support the clinic providing equipment, some medications, and contributing to staff salaries.



Above Ground Church

In the early twinning years, St. Thomas built a large worship space embedded in the hill. It has served the community well. But the parishioners have always wanted an "above ground" church. Construction has begun.



Haiti Weekend Collection

The funds collected this year will benefit medical, education, and other Twinning projects.

1. Attend Mass and, as you are able, place your donation in the second collection.
2. **Checks** can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Haiti" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ – ATTN: MIKE (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563). Note: Checks are preferable as there is a 3.4% charge for credit card donations.
3. **Credit Card**: Go to www.stapostle.org and press the "Giving" tab. Or visit the St. Thomas website home page ("Giving" Tab).

Thank You!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

St. Thomas Prayer Day – Saturday, October 1

A 40 Days for Life prayer vigil will be held at Planned Parenthood beginning September 28 and ending November 6. The Prayer vigil location is Planned Parenthood (3051 E. New York St., Aurora) behind Waterleaf Women's Center. Parking is available at Waterleaf.

All are encouraged to participate any of the 40 days by simply going to the prayer vigil and spending an hour (or part of an hour) in prayer.

St. Thomas prayer day, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is Saturday, October 1. We would like to have representation throughout the day from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. You can sign up for a time slot on the forms in the Narthex and Gathering Area at St. Thomas after Mass this weekend and next.

You are not required to sign up ... feel welcome to come and pray anytime! Parishioner Robert Hays, from the Knights of Columbus, will be there throughout the day to welcome you. If you have any questions, please contact Robert at jrhays2@bellsouth.net or 678.435.4150.

40 Days for Life is a beautiful opportunity to join others in peaceful prayer and keeping vigil. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life. When communities rally in this effort, God works miracles. The "no show" rate for abortion appointments increases dramatically while people are praying outside.



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 by clicking **here**. 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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The Art of Compassionate Listening

From the Behavioral Health Ministry 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, LCSW, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Support Group and Counseling Manager at Wellness House, will guide us through barriers we all encounter in listening



Jill Otto

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 Readings: Why Higher At Home?

An Educational Article from the Mayo Clinic

Blood pressure measurements that are higher at home than at the doctor's office could be caused by an error in measuring your blood pressure at home or a decrease in your stress level at your doctor's office.

Having lower blood pressure measurements at the doctor's office than at home is called masked hypertension. Masked hypertension can occur if a calm, quiet environment at your doctor's office is less stressful than your home environment. Use of alcohol, caffeine or cigarettes at home can also increase blood pressure.

However, some people feel more stress and anxiety when visiting the doctor. Having higher blood pressure at your doctor's office than your home is called white-coat syndrome (Hypertension).

Be sure that your home blood pressure monitor is accurate and that you're using the correct technique. If you're not sure, ask your doctor. He or she may ask you to bring the home blood pressure monitor to the office. You may measure your blood pressure in one arm with the home monitor while your doctor measures your blood pressure in the other arm with the office equipment.

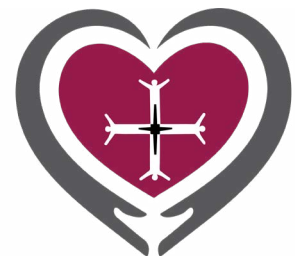
Some people consistently get different blood pressure readings outside the doctor's office even when blood pressure is measured correctly and repeatedly. If your home blood pressure readings are accurate and consistently higher than those at your doctor's office, you might be at risk for a heart attack or stroke. Your doctor will likely manage your blood pressure based on the higher reading



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE
St. Thomas the Apostle

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/Nursing, at kford@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124.
- If you are admitted to a hospital and would like Communion, please notify the church so we may make a pastoral visit. Churches are no longer notified of hospitalizations.
- If you know a senior who may be isolated at home and would like a weekly call from the Pastoral Senior Connection Ministry, contact the Pastoral Care office and let us know.



PASTORAL CARE
St. Thomas the Apostle

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 19

7:15–8:30 pm RE Middle School at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, September 20

10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
 4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
 7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana
 7:00–8:30 pm Journey Leaders, Youth Center
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, September 21

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–8:30 pm Pro-Life, Judea
 7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Senior Center

Thursday, September 22

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–8:15 pm Youth Ministry Life Team, Gym and Youth Center
 7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, September 23

9:00 am–4:00 pm Mental Health First Aid, Senior Center

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

9:00 am–1:00 pm Donuts, Gym
 9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
 1:00–2:00 pm Baptism, Church
 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse
 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Ministry Center

Weekly Sunday Offertory

September 4, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,783
Credit Card Online Giving (for August)	\$16,664
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$12,160
Total for the week	\$41,608
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$323,750
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$32,375
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$337,038
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$13,288)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	18%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,428,849

This week, the Sunday collection is \$13,288 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$645 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$140,719
Percent of Goal pledged to date	74.38%
Unpaid pledges	\$7,931
Paid to Date	\$132,788
Percent of goal paid to date	70.18%

"I am St. Thomas" Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "I am St. Thomas" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website by clicking [here](#) and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

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



Annual Stewardship Report

St. Thomas the Apostle recently published the stewardship report for fiscal year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Click [here](#) to take a look.



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Church Office and Building Hours

8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday–Friday.
Gathering Area reception desk is staffed
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Parish Pastoral Council

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Cheryl Kaspar, *Worship*
Frank Szymanek, *Service*
Scott Mygind, *Finance*
Carrie Wujek, *Faith & Spiritual Formation*

Ex-Officio
Rev. Peter Infanger, *Pastor*
Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, *Parochial Vicar*
Janet Simmons, *Recording Secretary*

Sign-up for our Emails

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at St. Thomas by signing up for any of our emails at stapostle.org.

Baptism: Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call the Main Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment.

Matrimony: A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

Anointing: Call 630.355.8980.

Communion for the Homebound: Call Kathy Ford, x124, to receive prayer/Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

Funerals: Call Samantha Delke, x120, for pre-planning or immediate need.

Religious Education: Call 630.305.6318 to register.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

Counseling Resources: Contact Kathy Ford, x124.

Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

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