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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
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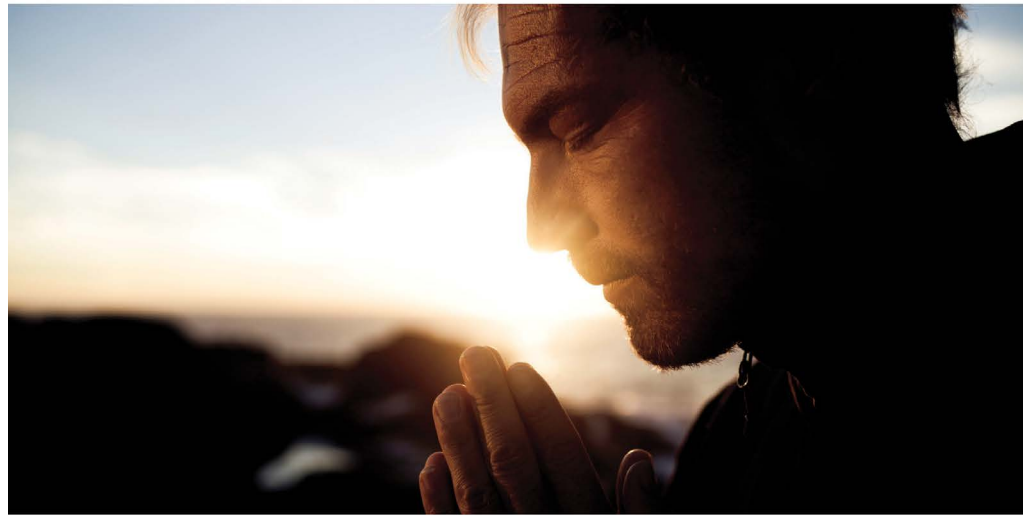
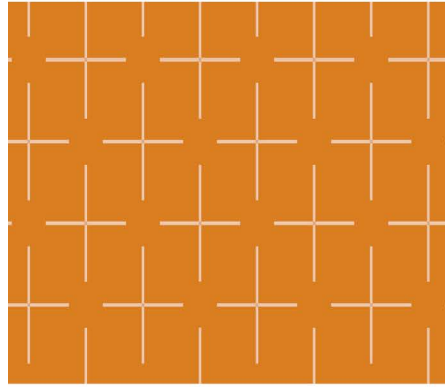
*Come, let us bow down
in worship; let us kneel
before the LORD who made us.*

— Psalm 95:6

**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.*



THE APOSTLES SAID TO THE LORD,
"INCREASE OUR FAITH."
~ Luke 17:5

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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.

Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life — one that follows and is inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?
- How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?

Reflection on the Readings

We live in times when we see the first reading's lament about misery, violence and destruction in the newspaper every day. How can we get through it all? Faith has to be the answer for us. Sometimes our faith is inadequate — yet Jesus' answer is that even faith the size of a mustard seed can do great things. Do what you can. It will be enough.

Readings for Today

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Presider Schedule October 8-9

Saturday, October 8

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Larry Kearney

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Jim Breen

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Larry Kearney

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Presider schedule is subject to change.

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

Anthony and Michaela Campagnolo and Family

Mrs. Nicola Lechner and Family

Maxy Mathew and Gerald James and Family

Katherine and Erik Skov

Would you like to become a parishioner?

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Prayer

*Boundless God,
help us to see the world differently –
not with our own limited vision
but with the gaze of love and justice.
Give us the foolishness to believe that we can change
what the world says is impossible;
and when we lose sight of the power of love
to change the world,
increase our faith.
Amen.*



Pet Blessing

St. Thomas' annual pet blessing will take place this Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm in the south yard by the labyrinth. Bring your furry, finned or flying friend for a prayer service and blessing in honor of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. All pets are welcome!



We are thrilled to be back in person again! Join us Friday, December 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Church for St. Thomas' Advent Lessons and Carols. This year, guest artist Chris de Silva will join St. Thomas Music Makers for this seasonal offering. Advent scriptures and music are combined in a prayerful setting that is sure to be an inspiring, faith-filled way to prepare the way for Christmas.



Chris de Silva

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Mark Goralski, by Peggy Goralski
†Rose Cuzzone, by Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone
- 8:00 am †Margaret Chateau, by Deacon Tom and Desiree Marciani
- 9:30 am †Diane Rockett, by Bob and Kathy Updike
†Irene Wojcik, by Ken and Bob Wojcik
- 11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

Intentions for this week

Monday, October 3, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ronald Kegaspi, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, USA, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

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

Thursday, October 6, 2022

St. Bruno, Priest, USA, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

- 8:30 am †Marilyn Pallot, by Marietta Darlas

Friday, October 7, 2022

Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:30 am †Thomas Mulaikal, by Mulaikal Family

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †John and Violet Badovinich, by Dollie Bajusz
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Edward Singer, by Kathy Singer and Family
†Marilyn Pallot, by Ron and Jean DeLacey

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Theresita Flavier, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca
- 9:30 am †Stella Wiejaczka, by Ken and Maxine Wiejaczka
†Pedro Rouy, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am †Ed and Mary Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family
Jason and Nikki Singer 1st Anniversary, by Kathy Singer and Family



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.

The Creeds – Our Faith, the Faith of the Church

We recite them regularly, but not routinely. When have you looked closely at the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, our fundamental beliefs? How, when and by whom were they formed? Why do we hold them so dear? Let's talk about them and pray them together from 7:00–9:00 pm in the Senior Center on Monday, October 17.

To participate, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138.



Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, October 9 from 4:30–6:00 pm, at St. Thomas. Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!

High School News

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

C.A.R.E CORNER

St. Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506. His father worked for the king so Francis grew up in a castle. While teaching philosophy in Paris, he met the future St. Ignatius of Loyola. Francis undertook Ignatius' spiritual exercises and was won over to Jesus Christ. In the year 1534, together with Ignatius and other friends, they formed the Society of Jesus, which we know as the Jesuits. They vowed poverty, chastity, obedience and apostolic service. Francis then went to Venice to study theology and was ordained in 1537. In 1541, he sailed to the East Indies at the request of the Pope to formally represent the Church there as a Papal Nuncio.

Francis Xavier spent the next 10 years mostly in India, building churches and ministering to the sick and the poor. He also traveled through Malaysia and ended up in Japan. He preached, instructed and baptized the people of Japan and established missions for those who would come after him in India, Ceylon, Malacca and Japan. Enroute to China, Francis Xavier contracted a fever and died near the coast of China in 1552. Though his life was somewhat short and his labors numerous, Francis was obviously very selfless. We know from his letters that he was always filled with joy – likely because he was fulfilling the mission that was uniquely his. He is the patron saint of missions.

Be a Part of Harvest Sunday

Week of October 30: Flyer distribution, food collection at Casey's

November 6: Food collection in neighborhoods, drive-by food drop off, food sorting and packing



Volunteers are needed to make Harvest Sunday a success. Here are ways that you can help:

- Sign up to deliver flyers and collect donations from Harvest Sunday neighborhood routes. These routes will be in some of the Naperville and Aurora subdivisions closest to St. Thomas (Brookdale, Cress Creek, Longwood, Stonebridge and more).
- If you are not in one of those subdivisions, consider building your own route for flyer delivery and donation pickup. For example, cover your street or a few blocks in your neighborhood. Flyers will be provided.
- Help solicit donations at Casey's Foods on October 30 during a 2-hour shift.
- Drop off your family's donation during the drive-through food collection on November 5 and 6.
- Volunteer to help with the drive-through food donation on November 5 and 6, carrying donations from cars into the ministry center.
- Help sort and pack the food collected. The number of people in the gym at one time will be limited. This activity will take place on November 6.

To volunteer, sign up at stapostle.org/harvest-sunday. Volunteers of all ages are needed. This is an excellent family service project.



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A BIG shout out goes to middle school RE classes for making fleece blankets for the Pine Ridge Reservation. Thank you for your gifts that will warm the body and warm the heart!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

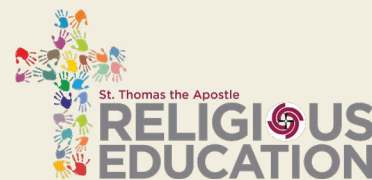
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Mass is here! Children’s Liturgy of the Word starts today, Sunday, October 2, at the 9:30 am Mass and continues throughout the school year. Sunday, October 2 is for children Preschool age 4 through grade 3.



Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally October 15

Do you have 30 minutes to pray? 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.

Families including children of all ages are welcome! There are 11 Outdoor Prayer Stations (weather permitting) to choose along a route connecting both parishes. We’ll continue to pray the Rosario en español at Station #7 for anyone interested. 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. 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. For additional questions contact Lourdes Chew.



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **October 1, 15, 22:** Saturday
Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy

Grade 4 is in the Church October 1

- **October 4, 8, 25:** Tuesday
Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

October 4 is RE Open House

There are no elementary RE classes October 8 and 11.

Middle School

- **October 3, 17, 24:** Monday
Middle School RE classes meet
- **October 1, 15, 22:** Saturday
Middle School RE classes meet

There are no middle school RE classes October 8 and 10.

High School

- **October 16:** Pancake Breakfast
- **October 23:** Year 1 Journey
Confirmation groups NET retreat, 2:00–5:00 pm

Elementary RE Open House

Find out what your child is learning and have fun in your child’s Elementary Religious Education Classroom at the Open House. Open House for Tuesday Classes is Tuesday, October 4 at 5:15 pm. We will start in the library with Lorraine Katz and then visit the classrooms at 5:30 pm. See you there!



Question of the week

What can you do to increase your faith this week?



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Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, October 4 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
- Soup (large or small cans)
- Side dishes
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Jello
- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Flour (for holiday meal boxes)
- Stuffing Mix (for holiday meal boxes)
- Sugar (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.

Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child It Starts with Education

“We want our children to go to quality schools. The parents in Duchity, Haiti are no different.”

Sally Meno, Haiti Twinning Education Team

Our Haiti Twinning Sponsor-a-Child campaign helps assure a quality education by assuring quality teachers. Over 95

percent of the students from St. Thomas School (pre-K through high school) and Ertha’s Elementary School pass the government exams. The average in Haiti is around 50 percent. Our donations do make a difference.



Elementary school students

SAC Starts This Weekend

Members of Haiti Twinning will be in the Narthex after Mass the next two weekends to answer any questions you might have and to provide you with a picture of a Duchity student for your refrigerator or other place as a reminder to pray for all the students in Duchity.

SAC Donations

The suggested Donation is \$50 but any amount is welcomed with gratitude!

- Checks to: “St. Thomas OSJ” with “SAC” in memo.
- Online donation: Go to stapostle.org and press the “Giving” tab. Or click [here](#).

Whether you are able to donate or not, please take home a picture of a Duchity student and pray for that child.

St. Thomas Cares

DuPage PADS Community Partnership

DuPage PADS recently purchased a hotel in Downers Grove and is utilizing it as a shelter for homeless individuals and families. They prioritize families with children. Once in the shelter, a PADS Rapid Rehousing caseworker is assigned to help the family find affordable housing solutions. The need for shelter rooms exceeds the supply. Rapid Rehousing also works with homeless that are struggling to live in motels and about to become homeless.

Dennis was homeless and living for years in motels based on his small Social Security check and his wife’s disability check. He was her caretaker. When his wife died, her check stopped and Dennis was unable to sustain motel living. DuPage PADS Rapid Rehousing had found subsidized housing that he could afford. But there was a delay of four days in his scheduled move-in when the housing unit failed inspection and repairs were needed. Dennis had exhausted his monthly check on two weeks in the motel and was destined for the streets.

Dennis called St. Thomas for help. A call to DuPage PADS Rapid Rehousing verified the situation and his need. St. Thomas Cares paid the additional four days to bridge to Dennis’ new move in date. Keep the homeless in our community in your prayers.



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“Let us renew our commitment to building the future in accordance with God’s plan: a future in which every person may find his or her place and be respected; in which migrants, refugees, displaced persons and the victims of human trafficking may live in peace and with dignity.” Pope Francis (September 25, 2022)

St. Thomas In Action

St. Thomas parishioners are ministering to migrants and refugees

Re:new Project (renewproject.org)

- Driving Afghan women to sewing classes and English classes

World Relief (worldrelief.org)

- Citizenship Workshops to help in preparation of citizenship applications
- Friendship Partners with refugee families

Dominican Literacy Center (dominicanliteracycenter.org)

- English Tutors
- Citizenship preparation

Advocacy Action Opportunities

Consider advocating for the two issues below. Educate yourself, and if you are in agreement, take action. See other side of this page for more information

Afghan Adjustment Act

American Dream and Promise Act

“We are called to love our neighbor, and one way we do that is by advocating for our neighbor.”

(excerpt from OSJ Reflection on Peace and Advocacy)

Advocacy Action Opportunities



Afghan Adjustment Act

It has been one year since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the harrowing scenes that captivated the world as aircraft rushed to depart its capital city of Kabul. Tens of thousands of Afghan nationals have now been resettled in communities across the United States. They are now in need of a legal pathway to real and lasting safety.

Most Afghans arrived with humanitarian parole, which only allows someone to remain in the United States for a temporary duration. The only pathway available to most is asylum, a process with years-long backlogs. People will be asked to provide documents they were advised to destroy to escape the Taliban in the days that preceded the fall of Kabul.

The bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act (S. 4787/H.R. 8685), patterned after similar laws, including legislation enacted after the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, provides an important correction by allowing recently resettled Afghans to apply to become lawful permanent residents, the same status they would have received had they been admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

For more information <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Our-New-Afghan-Neighbors.pdf>

Urge Congress to Pass the Afghan Adjustment Act

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/8tx42v4q2-BhphC8a08zHQ>



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
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Support for Dreamers

There are 3.6 million Dreamers (brought to the United States as children) who know only this country as their home but lack access to permanent legal status.

It has been ten years since the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was created. Nevertheless, DACA recipients (Dreamers) continue to lack access to permanent legal status, and their future in the United States remains uncertain.

For many years, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called on Congress to provide Dreamers with the ability to integrate as fully recognized members of our society.

Last March, the House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6) with broad bipartisan support. The Senate has failed to take up the bill. If it does not do so by the time the 117th Congress ends on January 3, 2023, the bill will have to be reintroduced and the process begun all over again in the 118th Congress.

Urge Congress to move forward with creating a pathway to permanent legal status for Dreamers.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/97705/Respond>

Pro-Life Group Invites You Join for Life! Meeting October 5

In the aftermath of the Roe decision and in the midst of a national debate about abortion, our parish Pro-Life Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year at 7:00 pm October 5 at St. Thomas

Our committees' purpose is to promote respect for all life, from conception until death. We try to engage our parish community in thoughtful discussion through various films, guest speakers and bulletin articles. We also provide opportunities to support local pregnancy centers and other pro-life work.

Our group meets four times a year and welcomes anyone, teenager and older, to join us to plan for the coming year.

Pope John Paul II prayed that all who believe in Jesus would proclaim the gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. We invite you to join our St. Thomas Pro-Life group to help us proclaim that message of love to our parish and to the wider community.

Please consider joining this important group. We hope you will join us October 5 to meet us and learn more about our ministry.

St. Thomas Pro-Life Committee

Tootsie Rolls This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus will be exchanging Tootsie Rolls for a donation to benefit Intellectual Disabilities related charities (e.g., Special Olympics and others) this weekend October 1-2. The Knights will be present outside the exits after all the Masses.

"Charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and neighbor."

Ron DeNicolo, St Thomas Knights of Columbus



To the Men of St. Thomas Prayer Breakfast October 29

Please plan on joining us for the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 29.

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the event. We will begin by joining together at the 8:30 am Mass and then move to the Lighthouse for breakfast. Following breakfast, Fr. Peter will speak to our group on vocations in our Church. The Deacons will be available afterwards for questions and answers.

Watch the bulletin for more information on how to sign up. Sign-up is highly encouraged so that we can properly plan for the breakfast. Please email Deacon Joe Cuzzone at deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



Affordable Housing Incentive Program

City Council Hearing October 4

The St. Thomas Housing Alliance Ministry has been advocating for affordable housing in Naperville for at least four years. The Naperville City Council will consider adopting the Affordable Housing Incentive Program (AHIP). At this time, it is not clear if the program will be adopted.

The City Council will have their first discussion of AHIP at the Tuesday, October 4 Council meeting. The Housing Alliance will speak at the Council meeting, presenting the 499 signed petitions supporting AHIP that have been gathered. The vast majority of those petitions were signed in the St. Thomas community.

Adopting the AHIP will bring affordable housing to people who live and work in our community, including seniors, veterans, those with disabilities, hospital/school support staff, restaurant and other employees of Naperville employers. Surveys have shown that increasing affordable housing is a priority for our community. It has been discussed and debated for many years. It is time for action. It is time to take the first step.

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, October 3

7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, October 4

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations, Outside
 4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
 5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations, Outside
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, October 5

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana
 6:30–8:30 pm Pro-Life, Judea
 7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Lighthouse
 7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, October 6

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

Friday, October 7

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration/Benediction, Chapel

Saturday, October 8

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
 4:30–7:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse

Sunday, October 9

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
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey Groups, Senior and Youth Centers
 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Gym, Lighthouse, Senior Center
 7:00–8:15 pm Journey Groups, Emmaus and Youth Center

Weekly Sunday Offertory

September 18, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$8,999
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	\$2,620
Total for the week	\$11,619
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$364,629
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$30,386
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$404,446
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$39,817)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	21%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,387,970

This week, the Sunday collection is \$39,817 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$725 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$141,114
Percent of Goal pledged to date	74.58%
Unpaid pledges	\$7,358
Paid to Date	\$133,756
Percent of goal paid to date	70.70%



PARISH INFORMATION



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–4:30 pm Friday; and
9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.

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Anointing: Call 630.355.8980.

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

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Counseling Resources: Contact Kathy Ford, x124.

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