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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
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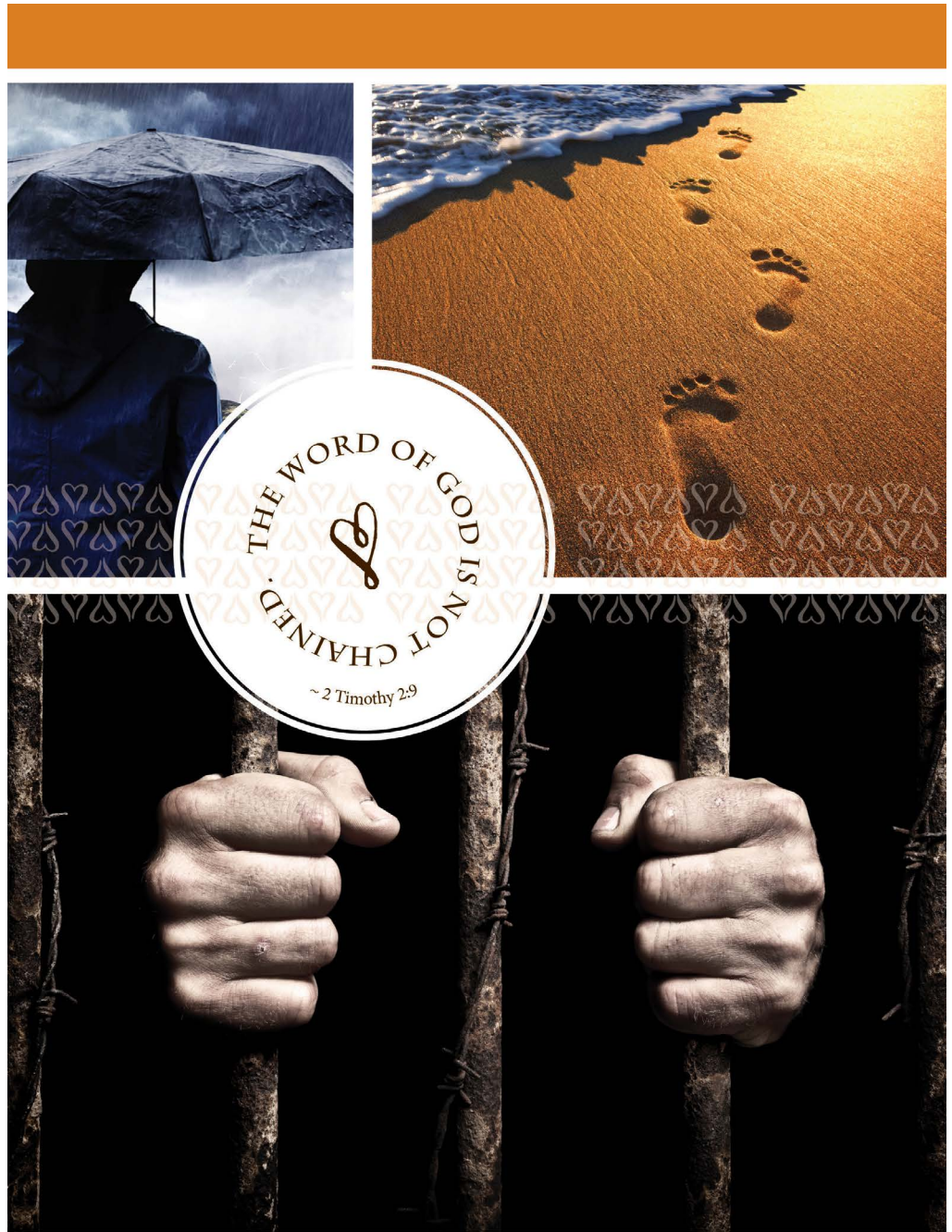
*If we have died with Christ Jesus  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.*

– 2 Timothy 2:11 12a

**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.*



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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.

### They Were Cleansed

The men in today's passages were considered outside the realm of God's concern. First, they were foreigners. Naaman was from Syria, a frequent enemy of ancient Israel. The man in the Gospel passage was a Samaritan, a descendant of marriage between Israelites and foreign people who were exiled to northern Israel around 722 BC. These men were outsiders, distrusted, even despised because they were not Israelites who believed that only they were "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6).

Besides their foreign affiliation, these men suffered from the dreaded disease of leprosy. Their affliction might not have been the disease we know by that name today, but perhaps a skin condition such as psoriasis or eczema. Whatever the case, Israel held that any form of skin flare-up rendered the sufferer unclean or unfit to participate in public ritual. Furthermore, contact with lepers threatened the religious status of others.

It was for religious, more than hygienic reasons that lepers were shunned.

It appears that God is not inhibited by human customs, even religious customs. Both men are healed of their ailment, one by the prophet Elisha the other by Jesus. This itself would make both stories remarkable. But there is more: Both returned to express their profound gratitude to the agent of God through whom they had been healed. Naaman was willing to transfer his religious allegiance to the God of Israel; the Samaritan fell at the knees of Jesus, a hated Jew. Surely, God works in mysterious ways.

~Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

- Think of someone who belongs to a different religious tradition. Reflect on how God appears to have blessed them.
- Pray for all countries that today are suffering from poverty or war.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

**Gospel** — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

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## Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

## Reflection on the Readings

Naaman's life was completely changed in our Old Testament reading today, as were the lives of the ten lepers in the Gospel. Gratitude seems to be a small price to pay for such great goodness. Yet as we hear these readings today, perhaps we can listen for the message that says how different our world would be if we all could live in gratitude for everything that God so freely gives us.

## Presider Schedule October 15-16

### Saturday, October 15

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

### Sunday, October 16

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*



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## Prayer

*Gracious and Awesome God,  
we offer our prayer to you  
with full acceptance of our weaknesses,  
and our compliance and assent to all those things  
which keep us from your path,  
your values,  
and your vision for how we are to live.  
Come and give us the strength  
to surrender,  
to empty ourselves,  
to embrace the humble way of your Son,  
Jesus, the Christ: our way, our path, and our Lord.  
Amen.*

## 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!

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



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 9, 2022

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Edward Singer, by Kathy Singer and Family  
†Marilyn Pallot, by Ron and Jean DeLacey
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by Kathy Singer and Family

### Intentions for this week

#### Monday, October 10, 2022

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Francisca Cantillano, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

#### Tuesday, October 11, 2022

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Marianne Stramaglia, by Frank Stramaglia

#### Wednesday, October 12, 2022

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Edward Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family  
†Valeria Witkowski, by Joanne Witkowski

#### Thursday, October 13, 2022

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Felicisima Bacon, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

#### Friday, October 14, 2022

*St. Callistus 1, Pope and Martyr*

- 8:30 am †Aidan Oster, by Maria Lapp

#### Saturday, October 15, 2022

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- 8:30 am JoAnne Woodfork, Mom
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Manuel and Maria Alvarado, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado  
†David Milam, by Juan and Adrienne Alvarado

#### Sunday, October 16, 2022

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 9:30 am †Mary J. Nagel, by Voices of Faith  
†Tony Razzetto, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am Dennis Doll, by Barbara Doll



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## Upcoming Events

For more information about the events listed below, please visit the St. Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://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](mailto:crosales@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x138.



## Teens with Character

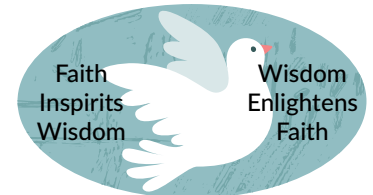
Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet **THIS** Sunday, October 9 from 4:30–6:00 pm, at St. Thomas. Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!

## High School News

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

## C.A.R.E CORNER

St. Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580. He was educated at the University of Barcelona. After becoming a Jesuit priest, Peter saw himself as a slave in service to God. He became a missionary to South America, arriving in Cartagena, Columbia in 1610. Cartagena was one of the colonies of New Spain and it was a chief hub of the slave market in South America. Ten thousand African slaves arrived there every month. Peter made it his mission to buy back the slaves at auction. He would meet the slave ships and enter their holds. He would come with food, medicine and sweets. He spoke to the slaves about Jesus Christ and taught them the mercy of God. He saw them as fellow Christians, even though they had not been baptized.



Pope Paul III and Pope Urban VIII had issued papal decrees prohibiting slavery. But the slave trade was a very lucrative business, so it endured. Over the course of his 33 year mission, Peter Claver instructed and baptized over 300,000 slaves. He had a reputation for holiness. Peter died in Cartagena in 1654 and was canonized a saint in 1888. He is known as the patron saint of slaves.

## 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](http://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

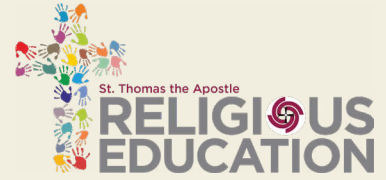
Children's Liturgy of the Word occurs during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass. It is for children pre-K through grade three and select days for grades four and five.



## 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 105<sup>th</sup> 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 15, 22, 29:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy

*Grade 3 is in the Church October 15*

- **October 11, 18, 25:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

*Grade 4 is in the Church October 18*

*There are no elementary RE classes October 8.*

### Middle School

- **October 17, 24:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet
- **October 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

## Popcorn

Did you miss buying popcorn from the Cub Scouts? Come see the variety of popcorn that is for sale. Support Cub Scout Pack 125 by buying popcorn next weekend October 15–16. Scout popcorn tables will be in the Gathering Area after all Masses.



## Question of the week

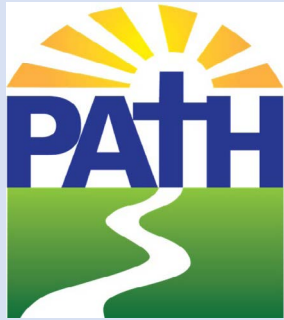
Have you thanked God for something wonderful in your life today?



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**PATH October 11 Zoom Meeting  
Let's Talk About the Job  
Search**

Tired of all those programs where the presenter tells you what you should be doing in your job search? In this program, hosted by IrishmanSpeaks – Conor Cunneen, you set the agenda as we make an effort to get to know you and also understand (and respond) to what your biggest frustrations and anxieties are in what can be a really tough job – finding a job. This is going to be a conversation where we get to know you better and what you are seeking. It will be interactive, fun, engaging which means that elevator pitches will be kept to a minimum (if not banned, says Conor.)

Register in advance for this October 11 (7:00 pm) webinar. To register, email pathgroupjobsearch@gmail.com. Once you have registered for the event, you will receive the Zoom meeting information in a confirmation email.



**Donation from Naperville Woman's Club**

The Naperville Woman's Club focuses its philanthropic activities on Art, Education and Community Service. Recently, the club presented a check for \$1,761 to the St. Thomas Care Pantry to use to buy food. The amount donated will cover the cost of almost two month's worth of food purchased from Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Thank you, Naperville Woman's Club!

**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.

Sign-up for the prayer breakfast is highly encouraged so that we can properly plan. Online sign-up is available on the St. Thomas homepage at stapostle.org. Please email Deacon Joe Cuzzone at deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



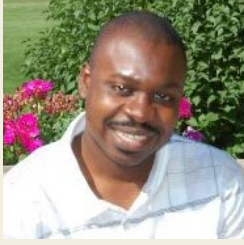
**Retired Flag Collection  
This Weekend and Next**

Did you know there is a proper procedure for disposing of old, tattered, torn, soiled and worn American flags? The Knights of Columbus are collecting American flags that are in need of proper disposal. Collection containers will be in the Gathering Area through Sunday, October 23. The Knights will respectfully dispose of them in the proper manner.



## Haiti Weekend

### Fr. Frantzdy Message to St. Thomas



Fr. Frantzdy Joseph

The plan was that Fr. Frantzdy would join us for our Haiti Twinning celebration on September 24–25 weekend. But the worsening situation in Haiti did not allow him to travel. He sent the following text message to the St. Thomas community.

*Please share my greetings to all the parishioners. Explain to them how sad and sorry I am because I can't be up there with them this weekend. I hope one day I will be able to travel and meet them. Please ask them to continue to pray for us in Haiti. In these days, things*

*are worsening because of the protests against the Government. Here in Duchity, we are locked and can't go out of the parish. Now, we can't find rice and other sort of food to buy in order to cook and eat because there is no possibility for the trucks to bring them. So, continue praying and support us in the name of Jesus! We will continue to pray for St. Thomas.*

Available for viewing on the St. Thomas website home page:

- Haiti Twinning update highlighting Twinning activities over the last year
- Haiti Weekend Gospel reflection on our Twinning relationship
- "On that Holy Mountain" picture/music meditation (55 pictures of the people of Duchity)

There was a second collection to benefit medical, education and other Twinning projects. If you would still like to make a donation:

- 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.
- Credit Card: Go to [stapostle.org](https://stapostle.org) and press the "Giving" tab.



## 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.

### SAC Is Underway

Members of Haiti Twinning will be in the Narthex after Mass this weekend 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](https://stapostle.org) and press the "Giving" tab or go directly to <https://www.osvhub.com/stapostle/giving/funds/haiti-twinning-education>.

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



Elementary school students



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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. It is a wonderful resourceful tool for home, work or school.



Jill Otto

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 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 Better Balance May Mean a Longer Life

A study published online June 21, 2022, by the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* found that people who are unable to stand on one leg for 10 seconds in middle and later life have almost double the usual risk of premature death.

Researchers evaluated the health information and balance test results of 1,700 people (ages 51 to 75, and all free of walking problems), and then followed them for seven years. During the study, 123 participants died of various causes. After taking participants' age, underlying conditions, weight and other factors into account, scientists determined that failing the balance test was associated with an 84 percent higher risk of dying within the study period, compared with passing the balance test. The study was observational and found only an association (not a cause-and-effect relationship) between balance ability and early death. However, if you want to give the test a try, it happens also to be a good way to boost balance – which reduces your risk of falls, regardless of any possible effect on longevity. Here's what to do: Stand near a counter (for support if necessary). To balance on your left leg, keep your arms at your sides and slowly place the top of your right foot on your left calf. Stand that way of 10 seconds. Then repeat, reversing leg positions. Practice every day and see how much your balance improves.

Resource: *Harvard Health, Newsletter*



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE  
St. Thomas the Apostle

## PrimeTime Let's Celebrate Oktoberfest

Pick up your passport and get ready for a trip to Germany. A German-style lunch sponsored by Brookdale Senior Living will be provided along with music and a presentation on the German city of Oberammergau and the Passion Play by Fr. Bob Colaresi.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**Location:** St. Thomas Lighthouse

**RSVP:** No later than October 12, 2022

**Contact:** Diane McQueen in the Main Office at dmqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101



# 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 10

Offices Closed for Indigenous People's Day  
Building Closed after 8:30 am Mass

### Tuesday, October 11

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside  
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School  
6:30–7:00 pm Baptism Prep Team, Senior Center  
7:00–8:30 pm OCIA, Senior Center  
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

### Wednesday, October 12

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center  
7:00–9:00 pm Elementary RE Catechists, Ministry Center

### Thursday, October 13

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

### Friday, October 14

### Saturday, October 15

8:30–9:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade RE Church visit, Church  
8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy  
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana  
11:30 am–12:30 pm Rosary Rally, Gathering Area  
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, October 16

9:00 am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center  
9:00 am–1:00 pm Pancake Breakfast, Gym  
9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center  
1:00–2:00 pm Baptisms, Church  
4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse  
7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Gym and Senior Center  
7:00–8:30 pm Journey Night, Church

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

#### September 25, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,269
Credit Card Online Giving (for September)	\$25,750
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,396
Total for the week	\$41,415
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$406,044
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$31,234
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$438,150
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$32,106)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	23%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,346,555

This week, the Sunday collection is \$32,106 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$250 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$141,354
Percent of Goal pledged to date	74.71%
Unpaid pledges	\$7,208
Paid to Date	\$134,146
Percent of goal paid to date	70.90%

## "I am St. Thomas" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100 percent participation! Return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter;
- bringing it to Mass next Sunday;
- visiting [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

**All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, October 30.**



## PARISH INFORMATION



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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### Church Office and Building Hours

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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