



OCTOBER
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*The prayer of the lowly pierces
the clouds; it does not rest
until it reaches its goal, nor will
it withdraw till the Most High
responds.*

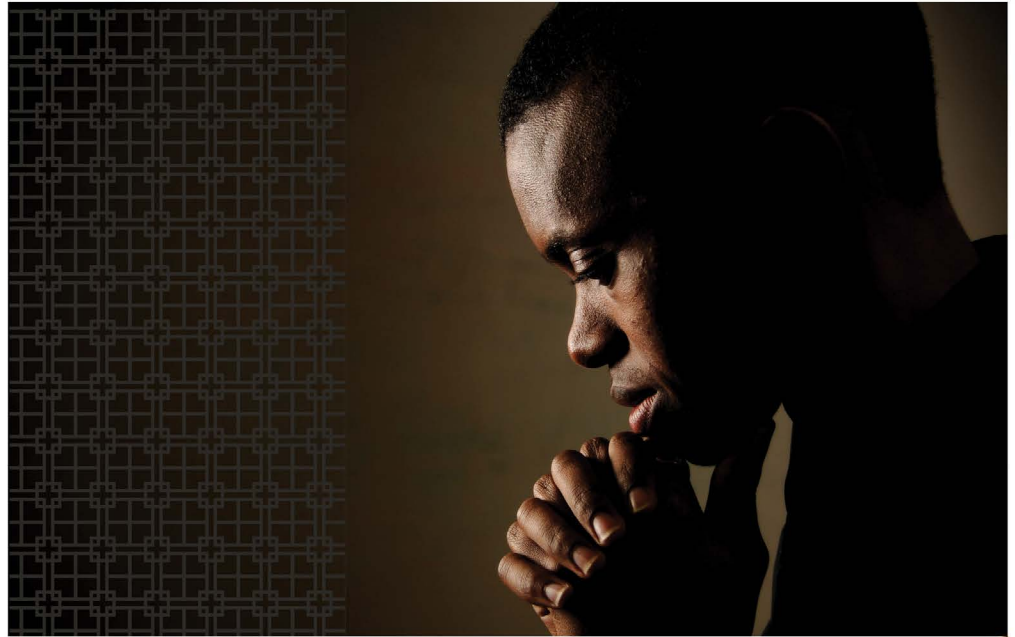
– Sirach 35:17 18a

**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 ONE WHO SERVES GOD WILLINGLY IS HEARD;
HIS PETITION REACHES THE HEAVENS.

~ Sirach 35:16



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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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Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends,

On October 23, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church.



Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Acts of the Apostles for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). In his message, he notes the work of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, a young French woman who founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 200 years ago: "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries, so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday.

Your donations and prayers support priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father and our Diocese of Joliet missions to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You help to build churches, schools and orphanages in remote areas that few visit. And you provide food and essentials for our missionary priests and religious brothers and sisters so they may spread the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments.

Let us follow in the footsteps of Blessed Pauline Jaricot by donating to the second collection on October 23.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

Reflection on the Readings

Today's readings remind us that prayer always begins with an attitude. It does not matter what we've done, how much we have or who we are. What does matter is what is in our hearts. The constant message has been that God hears the cries of the poor. Whatever our circumstances, humility and a concern for justice matter most. This is either consoling or challenging, depending on the state of our hearts.

Readings for Today

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Presider Schedule October 29–30

Saturday, October 29

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, October 30

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Thanksgiving Sing!

Give thanks to God through song!

All are invited to music ministry on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 at the 9:00 am Mass

No experience required, just a desire to praise. Please arrive 45 minutes prior to Mass, dressed in your Autumn best!

For more information, contact the Office of Liturgy and Music.



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The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The past year has been difficult for us all. Each of us has had to face different challenges, some more complicated than others.

As a Catholic community of faith, we have the Holy Sacraments to give us strength, nourishment and healing.

On Sunday, November 6 between the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone, of all ages, can benefit from this sacrament – as many times as needed! There are no limits to anointing, as we are all in need of healing of various troubling conditions – physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

During the Ritual of Anointing, the Priest will anoint the foreheads of all who come forward with the Oil of the Sick and proclaim, “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”

Please join us for this special celebration. No online registration is necessary. Contact tracing will be done upon entry. Some more information about the sacrament can be found below:

What are the effects of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

The special grace of the sacrament unites the sick person to the passion of Christ, gives strength, peace and courage to endure sufferings of illness or old age, imparts the forgiveness of sins if the sick person was unable to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance, provides for the restoration of health and helps to prepare the person for passing over to eternal life.

Who may be anointed?

“The sacrament of the anointing is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death” (Catechism 1514). The sacrament of anointing is appropriate for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or advanced age. This includes persons who are seriously ill whether at home, in hospitals or in nursing homes, as well as sick children who are old enough to experience benefit from the sacrament. It could be physical, mental or emotional. The sacrament may be repeated if the person becomes ill again or if their condition becomes worse. A person may also be anointed before surgery.

Sources: *Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB Catholic Catechism for Adults*

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Rick DeAngelo by Mary Ann and Dennis Mlynski
†Marilyn Pallot, by James Pallot
- 8:00 am †Cynthia Babiarcz, by Mary Ann and Michael O'Brien
- 9:30 am †Genevieve and Mitchell Zoladz, by Joe and Gloria Caruso
†Tony Zapata, by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am †Mary Eckerson, by Kathy Singer and Family

Intentions for this week

Monday, October 24, 2022

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

- 8:30 am †Eva P. Sakharet, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am †Mary Gowney, by John Gowney

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Weekday

- 8:30 am 50th Anniversary Emiliano and Cecilia Querubin by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Weekday

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

Friday, October 28, 2022

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

- 8:30 am †Lauriano and Gaudiosa Mallorca by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Saturday, October 29, 2022

- 8:30 am † Danilo Palomares, by Buddy and Mely Mallorca
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
The People of St. Thomas

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †Ann Reische by Voices of Faith
- 9:30 am †Edythe and Joseph Caruso by Joe and Gloria Caruso
†Henry Silva by Francisco Pulgar
- 11:15 am †Thomas O'Grady by Mom and Dad



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Diocese of Joliet Synod Report

In this weekend's bulletin you will find an insert synthesizing recurring themes and comments collected from parishes across the diocese, including St. Thomas. You will note that our concerns and thoughts are reaffirmed by our fellow Catholics. A big "thank you" to everyone who participated in this phase of the Synod. All diocesan reports have now been forwarded to and received by the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops). You can read the national synthesis sent to Rome at usccb.org/synod.

St. Thomas 23rd Annual Fine Art & Craft Festival

November 12 | 11:00 am–6:00 pm
November 13 | 9:00 am– 1:00 pm

Make plans to attend and help support our vendors and our Lakota twinning parish St. Agnes. We have a few spots left for vendors. If interested, contact Donna Ryder at dryder27@gmail.com or 937.974.4363.



Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, November 13 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!

C.A.R.E CORNER

Rounding out our group of well-known missionaries, St. Damien De Vuester was born in Belgium in 1840. At the age of 13, he was forced to quit school to work on his family's farm. But at the age of 19, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary religious institute. Damien's brother was assigned to go to the Hawaiian Islands as a missionary, but he became ill and was not able to go. So Damien volunteered to take his brother's place. He arrived in Honolulu in 1864 and was ordained there. In 1873 he was sent to the leper colony on the island of Molokai.

A typical assignment on Molokai lasted three months of every year. But Damien asked to stay there permanently. He ministered to the physical, medical and spiritual needs of the lepers. He got the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope (canonized in 2012) to help staff the colony. And he acted as an advocate for the lepers, pressing the Hawaiian government to provide the money and services they had promised. The colonists were then able to build a church, a school, an orphanage and new houses, which tremendously improved the morale. Fr. Damien eventually contracted leprosy and died of its complications in 1889. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 and is the patron saint of those with leprosy. Fr. Damien is a wonderful example of a disciple who served the most marginalized of society, acting as a sign of hope and compassion to those who felt they were among the forgotten.

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

November 12: Loading packed boxes on to the food pantry trucks

Volunteers of all ages are needed ... especially to cover neighborhood routes and loading packed boxes on November 12. To volunteer, sign up at stapostle.org/harvest-sunday. This is an excellent opportunity for family service.



St. Francis High School Open House

St. Francis High School invites prospective students to visit the school and to experience the St. Francis environment. You can sign up for Open House tours Sunday, November 6. Tours will be given in 40-minute intervals and will be led by Student Ambassador Leadership Team members. This is a great way to see the school and ask any questions about St. Francis High School. Tours are geared toward 6th, 7th and 8th grade families. Go to sfhscollegeprep.org to register. St. Francis High School is located at 2130 W. Roosevelt Road in Wheaton.



Question of the week

Who will you pray for today?



Fourth and Fifth Grade 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 will include age 4 through grade 5 on October 23. Children's Liturgy of the Word for fourth and fifth graders meets five times a year – October 23, December 18, January 8, February 26 and April 16.



First Eucharist Preparation Information Packets

First Eucharist information packets have been mailed to parents of First Communicants, who are in their second year of formation, whether in Religious Education or attending All Saints Catholic Academy, St. Thomas' regional school. If you didn't receive the registration form and information concerning the parent enrichment session and family prayer services, please contact Jenni or Geryl in the Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.350.6318 or contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

First Eucharist Parent Enrichment Session

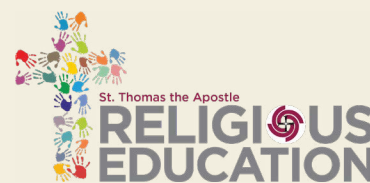
The Parent Enrichment Session for First Eucharist is Saturday, October 22 from 1:00–2:30 pm in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. A make-up session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 from 7:00–8:30 pm in the Lighthouse. Only one parent, who desires to have their child receive First Communion in the spring of 2023 and is in their second year of faith formation, needs to attend. The session will cover Theology of the Eucharist by Fr. Peter Infanger and Preparation for Eucharist by Lorraine Katz. Please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.350.6318. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 with questions.

Eagle Scout Project at St. Thomas – October 29–30

Martin Howley, a 17-year-old parishioner, is beginning work on his Boy Scout Eagle Project of restoring the Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas. The original artist's work by Don Castro will be used and the stations will be remade with new materials. A limited number of engraved name plates will be sold to aide in the cost of this project. The name plates will be placed on a donation post before the first station. Martin and other scouts will be selling name plates after Masses October 29–30 in the Gathering Area. The cost of each nameplate is \$60 on a first-come, first-served basis. Financial donations will also be accepted as well. Thank you in advance for your support.

All Saints Playlist

The Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints November 1. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Saints in our Catholic tradition and the saints, the holy ones, in our lives. The All Saints playlist, A Sainly Adventure, offers many links and suggestions for learning about and celebrating Saints. Check it out on the St. Thomas website. Enjoy the adventure!



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **October 22, 29, November 5:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy
- **October 25, November 15:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School

Middle School

- **October 24, November 7, 14:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet
- **October 22, 29, November 5, 12:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet

There are no Monday middle school RE classes Monday, October 31.

The November 5 and 7 middle school RE classes meet at St. Thomas to help with Harvest Sunday.

High School

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



Donut Sunday

You are invited to be part of Donut Sunday in the St. Thomas gym after all Sunday Masses this Sunday, October 23. Meet other parishioners and enjoy a donut and coffee.



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Pax Christi Illinois



Pax Christi Illinois Anti-Racism Workshop

Pax Christi Illinois is hosting an anti-racism workshop for all who are interested in learning more about how to dismantle racism in Church and society. The workshop is Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 am–3:00 pm at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Woodridge.

This workshop identifies ways in which the history, structures, policies and practices of racism impair our ability to build a world of peace with justice. The workshop will be led by the Joliet Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate Anti-Racism Committee.

Registration is \$15 to provide for a box lunch (turkey and cheese, vegetarian or gluten free).

To RSVP for this workshop provide your name, email address and phone number to Nancy Oetter at nloetter@comcast.net or 630.904.3859. Payment can be made at the door. (Scholarships available on request.) Please register by October 28.

Hesed House PADS November 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 October donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, November 3.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for November, 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, November 3, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.

To the Men of St. Thomas Prayer Breakfast October 29

Please plan to join 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 home page at stapostle.org. Please email Deacon Joe Cuzzzone at deaconjoecuzzzone@gmail.com with any questions.

Harvest Sunday – November 6

Volunteers for routes and Casey's still needed. Sign up on website!

How to Donate Food

The St. Thomas Challenge is for every St. Thomas family, if they are able, to make a Harvest Sunday food donation.

- **Curb Donation:** If you DO receive a flyer on your door, place your food donation at the curb by 11:00 am on Harvest Sunday, November 6.
- **Drive-thru Donation:** If you DO NOT receive a flyer on your door, make a drive-thru donation at St. Thomas during the following times: Saturday, November 5, from 4:00–6:00 pm and Harvest Sunday, November 6, from 9:00 am–5:00 pm.
- **Online Donation:** Food donations through Amazon.com. It is easy. Order from a list of items with a variety of prices. Select St. Thomas Gift Registry. Use the link: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KGBPLY5FZVYG?type=wishlist>





Representatives of St. Agnes and St. Thomas



Fr. Edmund, Pastor at St. Agnes, with blankets and coats

2022 Blanket and Coat Delivery

Another whirlwind trip from Aurora, Illinois, to St. Agnes in Manderson, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Parishioner John Przekwas, his brother Paul and a mutual friend left Aurora around 4:00 am Friday, September 30 and safely returned to Aurora at 1:15 am Sunday, October 2. The trip went well; all items were successfully delivered. Thank you to the drivers who were will willing to make a long trip in a short period of time and to all who contributed to this project.

Christmas Card Project 2022 – VERY SHORT DEADLINE! Please Provide Cards and Postage Stamps

St. Thomas is joining with “Companions Journeying Together” again this year to provide Christmas cards for people who are incarcerated. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten. You may think receiving a card is a little thing. For those incarcerated, receiving a card is a very big thing.

Companions has requested blank Christmas cards, signed Christmas cards (first name only) with a message (if you choose) and postage stamps (especially needed). Messages should be uplifting and express compassion and caring concern.

If you choose to provide cards, please follow these guidelines from the prisons very carefully.

DO ...

- use cards that represent a diverse population
- sign only your first name
- refrain from adding the year (ex: Merry Christmas 2022)
- place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes
- separate and rubber band cards signed by children
- refrain from using cards that talk about Masses or Novenas

DO NOT ...

- use markers, crayons or gel pens when signing the cards
- provide any cards that contain glitter in any amount
- use cards with anything taped, glued or pasted to them; no labels or stickers
- enclose anything, seal envelopes or place stamps on envelopes

Please return all cards and postage stamps to the box in the Gathering Area by Monday, October 31. Thank you!





From the Office of Behavioral Health Handling Grief During the 2022 Holidays

Monday, November 7

7:00–8:30 pm

St. Thomas Ministry Center

The holidays may be a very painful and difficult time if you and your family have experienced the death of loved ones in the past few years. Those who have had significant losses discover it may be hard to find joy during the holidays while others happily gather around the holiday table with family and friends.

This in-person program will be presented by Paula Kosin, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and facilitator of the Grief Support Group at St. Thomas. She will discuss these challenges and identify strategies to experience the holiday season with some quiet joy, including ways to honor your deceased loved ones and experience the healing presence of Jesus.

Social distancing and masking is your choice. Come by yourself or invite a friend or family member to join you.

The program is free, but registration is required by Thursday, November 3. To RSVP, please contact Susan Kearney, Behavioral Health Ministry Coordinator, at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108.

Pastoral Care Week

Relevant and Responsive in Times of Crisis

October 23-29, 2022

“Hugs & Kisses” to our parish family and to all those volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to provide spiritual and emotional care and support to all those in need!

Every October, Pastoral Care Week is celebrated across the globe and encompasses the care of the parish family through the body-mind-spirit connection. At St. Thomas, Pastoral Care is an integral, woven thread in the fabric of our parish.

Pastoral Care, here at St. Thomas, encompasses not only the role of our beloved ordained, but also trained volunteers who go out to homes, hospitals and nursing facilities, bringing Christ to the sick, isolated and homebound. A prayer network team prays for the intentions of others. A grief support group has been formed to comfort and aid in the healing of those who have lost loved ones. Gracious volunteers created a prayer shawl ministry of knitted and crocheted prayer shawls and baby blankets for baptisms that provide emotional and spiritual support. Behavioral Health Ministry, in addition to day-to-day support, provides opportunities of healing through Liturgy of Anointing of the Sick as well as Mental Health First Aid training. Of course, the doors of Pastoral Care Staff are always open to offer a listening and quiet presence, providing emotional and spiritual support, and two nurses who have the knowledge base to connect parishioners to resources in the community.

This year’s Pastoral Care Week theme is, “Relevant and Responsive in Times of Crisis.” Spiritual wellbeing goes hand-in-hand with our physical and emotional selves. When one aspect of the body-mind-spirit connection within struggles or is in crisis, so too do the other aspects of ourselves suffer.

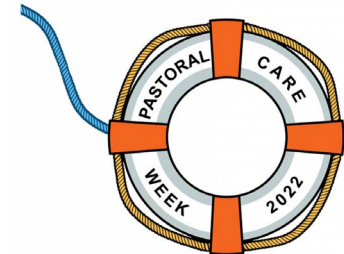
Our Pastoral Care Team was relevant and responsive to the crisis at hand, making phone calls to parishioners, especially our seniors, checking in, offering emotional and spiritual support as best they could. They were present and a witness to the golden thread of God’s presence through the phone lines. When safe to do so, our Ministers of Care went back to homes and nursing facilities to offer Communion, a friendly smile and a listening presence.

To celebrate Pastoral Care Week, you will find the Pastoral Care Team after all Masses this weekend, October 22–23, handing out “Hugs & Kisses” in the form of little packets of chocolate!

May you always know that you are never alone!

Your Pastoral Care Team

Relevant & Responsive



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The Week Ahead

Monday, October 24

- 7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Class, Cana
- 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center
- 7:00–8:15 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
- 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, October 25

- 10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside
- 4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
- 4:30–5:45 pm Third Grade RE Labyrinth, Gym
- 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, October 26

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 7:00–8:30 pm First Communion Parent Meeting, Lighthouse

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday, October 30

- 8:00am–1:00 pm Harvest Sunday Flyers, Pick Up, Gathering Area
- 9:00am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
- 9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center

Dear Padre addresses many interesting and topical questions people have about Faith and the Church and how it should impact our life.

Dear Padre

October 23, 2022

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six — kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys — anything that won't make more noise — to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

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