



NOVEMBER
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2022


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson,
Archbishop of Canterbury

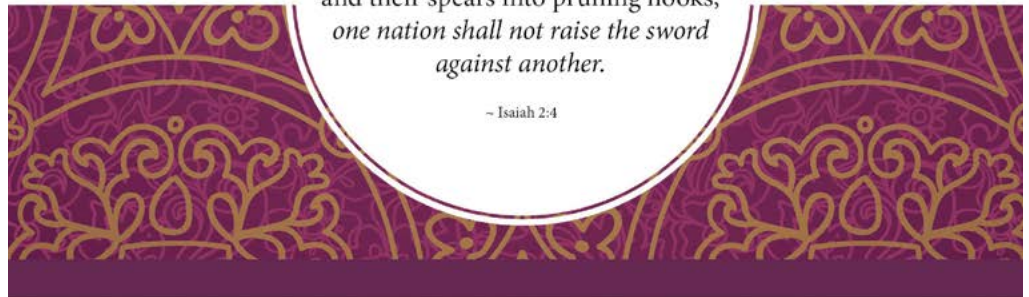
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

— Isaiah 2:4



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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.

The Waiting Game

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting — at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

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 Morton and Alex Gettinger
Casey and Marina Teets and Family
Robert Vandrey and Colleen McKeown

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Reflection on the Readings

Four times in this gospel Christ commands us, "Be watchful!" or "Watch!" While we are to watch for Christ's Second Coming, we also need to watch for Christ's coming now into our midst. Being watchful and alert for the Second Coming is not enough; we must consciously seek to identify Christ already present now. If we are proactively watching for everyday encounters with Christ, he will surely not find us "sleeping."

Presider Schedule December 3-4

Saturday, December 3

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Bring in the Christmas Trees!

On Wednesday, November 30 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, the St. Thomas the Apostle community is invited to participate in decorating the building with Christmas trees. Decorating a church this large takes many hands, so please volunteer an hour of your (and your family's) time to set up a tree. RSVP to Samantha Delke at sdelke@stapostle.org to claim your tree!



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Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus,
make us ready
for your kingdom.
Let us find you
in the crimson colored dusk,
in the crescent moon and flying geese,
Let us see you
in laughing children,
in our brothers and sisters
everywhere.
Make us always awake,
watching for you, prepared,
with our hearts open wide.
Teach us how to "greet you
the days we meet you
and bless when we
understand."

*Quotation from "The Wreck of the Deutschland"
by G.M. Hopkins*

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Cynthia Babiarez, by Terry and Ed Walsh

†Adam Paikai, by Lauryn Di Cristina

8:00 am †Darren D'Abreo

9:30 am †Steve Lackner, by Dee de Groh

†Brittney Leyva, by Kathy and Bear Ferguson

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

Intentions for this week

Monday, November 28, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Vito Battisto, by Battisto Family

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Renato Trinidad, by Family

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 am †Frank McKee, by McKee Family

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Timotea Sinfuego, by Mayoralgo Family

Friday, December 2, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Edwin Arguelles, by Carmelita

Saturday, December 3, 2022

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 am †Encarnacion Family, by Carmelita

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Virginia Kepil, by Kathy Singer and Family

†Taryn Schwemann, by Maria Lapp

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am †Richard Idstein, by Richard and Adele Auskalnis

9:30 am †Edward Wiejaczka, by Ken and Maxine Wiejaczka

†Irene Wojcik, by Ken and Bob Wojcik

11:15 am †Dennis DeMeo, by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

Choir of Angels

Welcome Jesus this Christmas with music. All youth grades 2-6 are invited to join the Choir of Angels on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 at the 4:00 pm Mass. No experience required, just a desire to praise. List of Christmas Carols will be emailed for home practice.

In-person rehearsals at St. Thomas the Apostle:

Attend 2 out of 3:

Monday, December 5, 4:30-5:15 pm

Monday, December 12, 4:30-5:15 pm

Monday, December 19, 4:30-5:15 pm

Required:

Wednesday, December 21 4:30-5:30 pm

Contact Samantha Delke at sdelke@stapostle.org to sign up!



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Upcoming Events Advent at St. Thomas

Advent Taizé Prayer

Monday, November 28

7:00 pm | Church

Gather in prayer with other members of this faith community to worship in a Taizé style — with scripture, song and silence.

Mid-day Meditation

Tuesdays, November 29,

December 6, 13, 20

12:00 pm

Join in Mid-day Meditation in the Chapel to ponder the blessings of the Incarnation and the workings of God in our lives.

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 2

7:00 pm | Church

Guest artist Chris de Silva will join the St. Thomas the Apostle 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.

Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 pm | Gym

Join in a virtual pilgrimage and walk the sacred path to be “Bethlehem-bound” with Mary and Joseph.

For complete details about these programs and all Advent programming offered at St. Thomas the Apostle, please visit our website at stapostle.org.

C.A.R.E CORNER

Now let's take a look at some female founders of religious congregations. We might automatically think of Mother Teresa who founded the Missionaries of Charity. But this column series has already covered her. So let's

address some others. Probably one of the better known orders of female religious throughout the ages would be the Poor Clares, whose founder was Clare of Assisi. As a child, Clare would take food from her family table and give it to the poor and needy on the streets. She was wholly devoted to prayer, and after hearing Francis of Assisi preach, she knew she wanted to live according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1212, at the age of 18, the future St. Clare of Assisi ran away from home to follow Francis. She arrived at San Damiano and laid aside her rich dress and fine jewels, exchanging them for a rough smock, which became the habit of the monastic order dedicated to poverty and Eucharistic prayer. This Order became known as the Poor Clares. Clare wrote extensively and her letters were positive, hopeful and encouraging. She lived for 40 years in San Damiano. She had an honest and joyful contemplative prayer practice. Clare gave her entire will over to the will of God. Clare died in 1253. The Poor Clares are renowned for their austere lifestyle from which they exude great joy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word occurs during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass and is NOW for ages 4 through grade 3 every week. Last week, many children participated in this. Come join the fun!

Children will be invited to participate in children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass by our priests gathering at the altar steps where they will be lead out to join catechists in rooms off of the Gathering Area. Children will learn about the weekly Gospel at their level using fun handouts for about 20 minutes during Liturgy of the Word at Mass. They will return to the church to families at the end of Prayers of the Faithful.

Save the Date — Fifth Grade Mass

Fifth grade students and their families are invited to the fifth grade Mass on Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 am. The children have been learning about the Mass. They have also been busy preparing for the Mass. They will be contributing by being readers, gift bearers, host greeters and will be part of the entrance procession at the beginning of Mass. After Mass, high school children are hosting a fundraiser Pancake Breakfast in the gym.

Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, December 11, 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. Join us!



Question of the week

What can you do to get ready to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas?

FAITH AND FORMATION COMMISSION — YOUTH

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Volunteers Needed for the Christmas Eve Pageant

St. Thomas young people in elementary and middle school are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant. Narrators, Mary, Joseph, an innkeeper, angels, shepherds and a very special baby are needed to help proclaim the story of the birth of Jesus at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held on Wednesdays, December 7, 14 and 22, from 4:30–5:15 pm. Costumes are provided. Contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org if interested in being a part of this special St. Thomas tradition.

Help Fill Care Pantry Christmas Stockings

St. Thomas middle and high school students are filling Christmas stockings for our Care Pantry families. Can you help by donating items to fill the stockings? Donations are needed by December 3 and can be brought to the Gathering Area or given to Dorothy Grantham or Peggy Goralski.

Suggested stocking stuffer items include Chapstick; stretchy gloves, mittens, hats and socks; gift cards (in small amounts) for Starbucks, McDonalds, Dunkin, Taco Bell or Dollar Tree. We appreciate your help!

Joint Middle School and High School Service Project

Middle and high school students are invited let their light shine while helping others. Come to the St. Thomas gym on Saturday, December 3 from 5:30–7:30 pm for a special project ... decorating and filling Christmas stockings for our Care Pantry families and some holiday decorating. Besides the service project, the evening will also include pizza and some other fun surprises.

High School Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast

Come join us for a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 4 after all Masses. There will be a free will offering with proceeds to benefit Youth Ministry activities such as mission trips and conferences.

High School Teens Help Needed

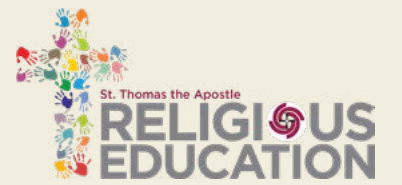
Contact Dorothy at ym@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980 to sign up.



Eagle Scout Project Update

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraising for my Eagle project of remaking and refurbishing the outdoor Stations of the Cross through donation or purchase of a nameplate. This will allow us to begin construction on the stations this winter to meet are our goal of having them ready for Good Friday. We still could use your support and there are still a couple of nameplates available on a first-come first-served basis. The cost of a nameplate is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing a nameplate or would like to make a donation of time, money or materials please email me at stthomaseagle@gmail.com or call 630.548.4355.

~Martin Howley



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **December 3:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy. Grade 5 is at St. Thomas.

- **November 29:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School. Grade 5 is at St. Thomas.

Middle School

- **November 28, December 5, 12, 19:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.

- **December 3, 10, 17:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

Advent Playlist: Family ADVENT-ure

The season of Advent encourages us to slow down and ponder ... to ponder Christ's first coming in the miracle of Christmas ... to ponder Christ's second coming at the end of time. Yet, often, Advent is anything but quiet and relaxed. This playlist is full of ideas to help you or your family have meaningful Advent time. Check out 'Family ADVENT-ure' on the St. Thomas website.



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Harvest Sunday Story Workplace Virtual Food Donations

The Dawn and Jim Eber family participated in Harvest Sunday as faithful volunteers year after year as their children were growing up. Now that the children are out of the house, they have created a new way to help with Harvest Sunday through Dawn's workplace ... a virtual food donation.

Dawn's workplace organization, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) CR&R, encourages employees to participate in a month of giving.

Dawn, using Venmo, offered her colleagues the opportunity to participate by making a donation toward Harvest Sunday food. On Harvest Sunday, Dawn and Jim went to Costco, purchased the food and delivered it to St. Thomas. This year donations from Dawn's National Risk and Regulatory Team members from all over the country totaled more than \$7,000!

A big "Thank you" to Dawn and Jim and to PwC's National Risk and Regulatory Team!



Part of Costco purchases for Harvest Sunday from Dawn and Jim Eber's virtual food drive.



Big thank you to Dawn Eber and her PwC colleagues.

Harvest Sunday Truck Packing

Thank you to all who helped pack trucks with the food collected at Harvest Sunday for St. Patrick's Church in Joliet, where Fr. Dof is the pastor, and the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chicago.

The packing for St. Patrick's Church was relatively easy as people from the church brought two rented trucks and a pickup truck. The packing for the Sisters was another matter as they brought only one truck. After looking over the situation, a plan was put into place and every box and container of food was packed, with the last few items put in the cab of the truck!



Very full truck for the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Rev. Dr. Geneace Williams The Power of Love

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion ... Belonging video and transcript

The weekend of November 12-13, St. Thomas welcomed Rev. Dr. Geneace Williams. She provided her personal witness and reflection at all the Masses. Geneace is the senior Pastor at Coppin AME Church in Chicago. She is also the Naperville's first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager. Geneace is leading Naperville's work toward creating an inclusive community that values diversity.

Geneace provided an inspiring reflection on the Power of Love. She identified five indicators of Love ... "that transformed my thinking and, therefore, my approach in everything. Giving, Believing, Forgiving, Receiving and Dying."

To read Geneace's entire reflection and/or to view the video of her reflection, visit the St. Thomas website home page. You may also enter "Geneace Williams" in the search window.

Excerpts from "The Power of Love"

"By grounding everything I do in the belief that love has transformative power, has made all the difference."

"I, you, we have a responsibility to love. It remains the only thing that will change the world."

"Our fruit is to encourage community ... by embracing its diversity, as we each are unique in how God created us, supporting equity, access and opportunity for everyone, and offering a welcoming environment where the few and the many feel valued. That is the transformative power of love demonstrated in our individual and collective power to love. It is the one true thing that will make ALL the difference. Amen!"



Care Pantry Christmas Party Gift Cards

There is no Care Pantry Christmas Party again this year. As done the last two years, we will collect gift cards. Cards will be distributed to our Care Pantry families at the drive-thru food distribution Tuesday, December 20.

Please consider donating gift cards to Meijer, Target and Walmart in denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$25. This will give us the most flexibility when we divide the cards among the Care Pantry families. Gift cards are due no later than Sunday, December 18. Drop the cards off at church or send them to: St. Thomas the Apostle, ATTN: Anne, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563. Or, consider making a cash donation to purchase gift cards. Make checks out to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Christmas Gifts" in the memo.

May you and your loved ones experience moments of Light and Hope during the Advent Season.

Farm Workforce Modernization Act Advocacy Opportunity: Send Message to Senators

In March 2021, a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021. However, the U.S. Senate has yet to act on that legislation. As the United States grapples with labor shortages, supply chain challenges and high inflation, now is the time for Congress to pass the reforms contained in H.R. 1603. Moreover, we know many of the men and women who cultivate our fields, work in food processing plants and perform other vital roles within our food supply chain currently face mistreatment, exploitation and dangerous conditions because they lack legal status, even though our very way of life has come to depend on them and, quite literally, we would not be able to live without the fruits of their labors.

H.R. 1603, as passed by the House, would:

- Establish a program for agricultural workers to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment and contributions to the U.S. agricultural economy;
- Reform the H-2A guest worker program to provide more flexibility for employers, while ensuring critical protections for workers; and
- Establish an E-Verify employment eligibility verification system for all agricultural employment.

Click here to educate yourself on the legislation and express your views to your Senators.



SERVICE COMMISSION — PASTORAL CARE

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Office of Behavioral Health Mental Health First Aid Coming January 2023

What is Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)?

You are more likely to encounter someone—friend, family member, or neighbor—in an emotional crisis than someone having a heart attack. Just as CPR teaches you how to respond to someone in a medical crisis, MHFA prepares participants to assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis. You will learn:

- Signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Risk and safety assessment
- Intervention strategies

Please watch for further details in December bulletins or contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108.

Attention Caregivers!

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection.

The upcoming meeting will be Thursday, December 8 from 7:00–8:00 pm.

Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd. Naperville. Use the back entrance of the church as the main entrance may be locked. Check the “event board” by the lower level entrance for the room number.

Please email welisten2017@gmail.com or call Joe at 630.596.1635 with any questions.



PrimeTime Honors Veterans

Our November 15 Veteran's Day Recognition gathering was filled with fellowship, pride for our country and appreciation for those who serve to protect our freedom. Over 35 people were in attendance to hear Captain Jennifer Slown, in the Marine Reserves, give her inspirational presentation on being a woman in the Armed Forces. Additionally, parishioner Leo Foley, a member of the Illinois National Guard from 1969–1972, opened the program with a heartwarming story about the Patton Prayer written by his Uncle James O'Neill, a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army serving under General George Patton, who had asked Chaplain O'Neill to write a prayer asking God's support for the safety of Patton's men. We thank all men and women for their dedicated service to our country.



Marine Corps Reserve Captain Jennifer Slown with John Walcott of PrimeTime.

Next up the Much Anticipated PrimeTime Victorian Christmas Party! What do the PrimeTime Elves have in store for you?

Come join in on the Holiday fun as we celebrate a Victorian Christmas complete with hand-made Victorian themed ornaments carefully constructed by more than 15 PrimeTime members, a delicious breakfast complete with egg casseroles, homemade breads, fruit, candies and beverages along with door prizes and spirit-filled fellowship. You won't want to miss the entertainment which will include The Lola Bard Carolers — a Victorian Caroler Duo!

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time: 10:00–11:30 am in the St. Thomas Lighthouse

RSVP: Required by December 6, 2022 (*Space is limited to 65 people.*)

Contact: Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101

Office of the Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening December 3–4

Volunteer nurses will be available at two stations:

Station 1: In a room off the Gathering Area.

Station 2: In the deacon's office, in the West Wing.



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, November 28

7:00–8:00 pm Advent Taize, Church
7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, November 29

4:30–5:45 pm RE 5th Grade, Gym
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, November 30

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
7:00–9:00 pm Advent by Candlelight, Lighthouse

Thursday, December 1

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, December 2

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration/Benediction, Chapel
7:00 pm Lessons and Carols, Church

Saturday, December 3

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, December 4

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
9:30–10:30 pm 5th Grade Mass, Church
10:30–1:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Weekly Sunday Offertory

November 13, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$13,132
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	\$6,435
Total for the week	\$19,567
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$636,065
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$31,803
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$674,077
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$38,011)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	36%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,116,534

This week, the Sunday collection is \$38,011 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$225 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$147,919
Percent of Goal pledged to date	78.18%
Unpaid pledges	\$3,992
Paid to Date	\$143,927
Percent of goal paid to date	76.07%

If It Smells Fishy, It's Probably Phishing

With data breaches on the rise, St. Thomas the Apostle wanted to take the chance to remind you to stay vigilant against phishing attempts.

Hackers use fraudulent practices to spoof people into giving up their data. The most common technique is email phishing. Hackers send messages that appear legitimate or look like they're from someone you trust so that you engage with the message or click on malicious attachments.

If something seems fishy ... it's probably phishing. Here are some tips to keep in mind to avoid falling victim:

- Be vigilant about checking to make sure the sender is who they say they are.
- Don't open attachments from people you don't know. Also, Fr. Peter, or anyone from St. Thomas, will never ask you to buy gift cards for them via email.
- Don't click a link or download from someone you don't know, or weren't expecting.
- Don't reply to a suspicious email or message from an email you don't recognize.





PARISH INFORMATION



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