



DECEMBER

4

2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

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.

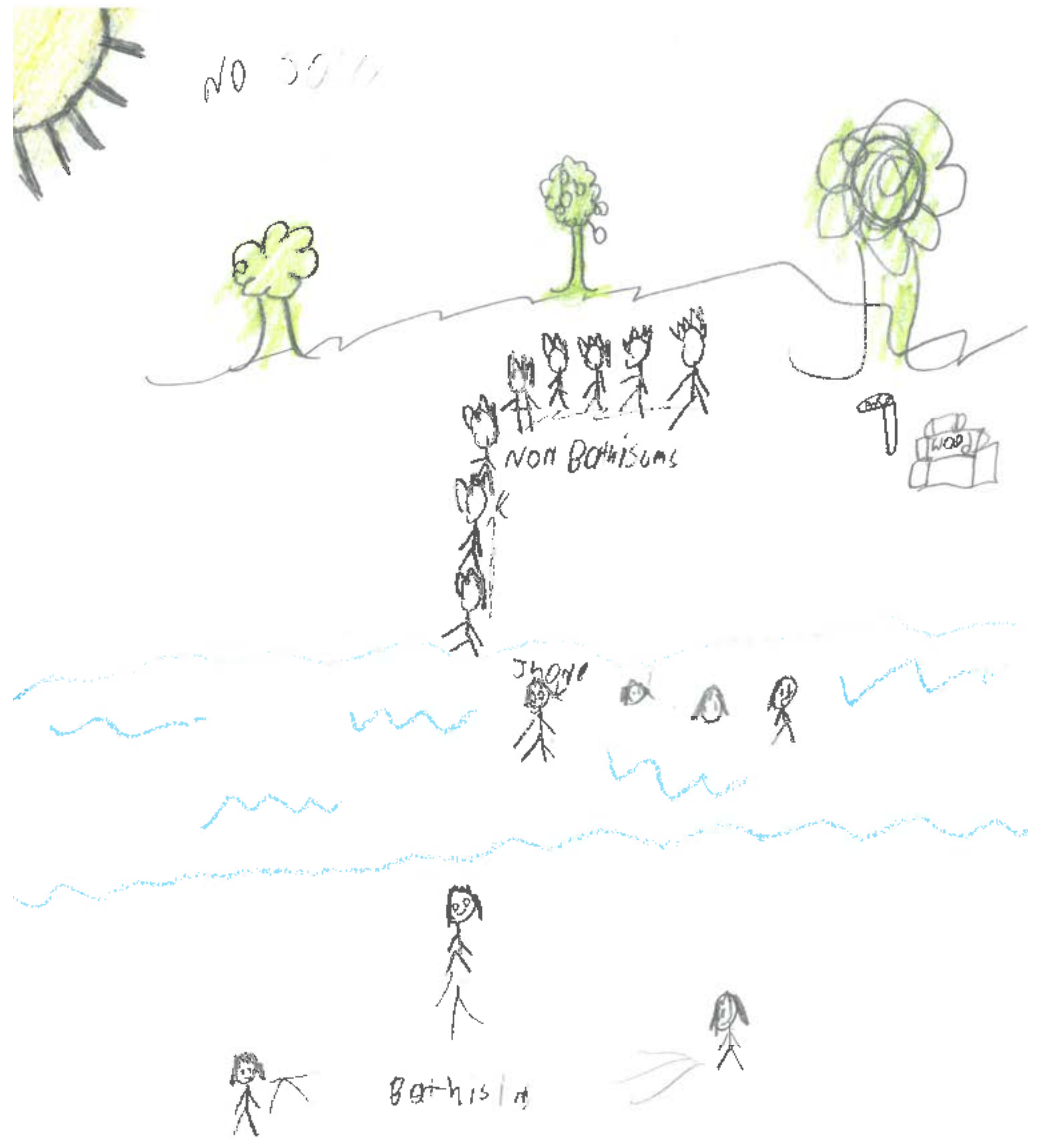


Illustration of John the Baptist baptizing people in the Jordan River by fifth grade RE student Grace M. More illustrations can be found online at stapostle.org.

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.



Fr. Peter shares insights from a variety of voices on the Sunday readings.

Pretend the Dream

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment we will live in harmony with one another.

~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

Gregg and Laura Falk
Elaine Ferrill

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

Reflection on the Readings

John the Baptist makes his first Advent appearance in today's Gospel. His familiar cry, "Prepare the way of the Lord," reminds us of the task at hand this season. In the second reading we hear, "What sort of persons ought you to be" when the day of the Lord comes? As we gather for this Second Sunday of Advent, let us pray for the renewed energy to prepare the way of the Lord in the coming week.

Presider Schedule December 10-11

Saturday, December 10

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone
(Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation)

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

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

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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Prayer

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

The Spirit of the Lord is in us.

Anointing us,

Sending us.

To bring good news

to bind up

to proclaim favor

to comfort

to provide

to loosen.

The day of the Lord is coming.

The day of the Lord has come.

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!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Nicholas and Donut

Sunday

Celebrate December 11

Join us after all Masses next Sunday, December 11 as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Nicholas and Donut Sunday. Enjoy a donut and coffee with other families. Then, explore the St. Nicholas room, Our Lady of Guadalupe room and drop in the reading room to make ornaments and crafts and learn why St. Nicholas and Our Lady of Guadalupe are so special. The rooms are open to preschool, elementary and middle school families!

New to St. Thomas? Become a member by registering in the gym after all Sunday Masses.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Virginia Kepil, by Kathy Singer and Family

†Taryn Schwemann, by Maria Lapp

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

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

Intentions for this week

Monday, December 5, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Clare Issacson, by Kathy Singer and Family

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Helen Singer, by Kathy Singer and Family

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am †John Easton, by Audrey Easton

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am †Elmer Arguelles, by Carmelita

7:00 pm Healing for Mary Malone by Ken and Maxine Wiejaczka

Friday, December 9, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Teri Gowdie, by Jim and Mary Schmitt

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Pepe Arguelles, by Carmelita

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

The People of St. Thomas the Apostle

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am †Jim Wolff by Mary Ann Wolff

9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Murawski, by Bea Pierquet

†Dennis DeMeo, by 6:30 Communion Service Group

11:15 am †Erik and Adam Piec, by Family



Upcoming Events Advent at St. Thomas

Mid-day Meditation

Tuesdays, 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.

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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 14
7:00 pm | Church
Beginning in the Church with a communal liturgy of reconciliation, this advent offering also provides the opportunity for individual confession with parish and guest priests.

(* denotes that liturgy will be livestreamed; Holy Communion distribution in the parking lot for Masses.

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

Many other women were instrumental in establishing religious congregations. The three we are including here all lived and served the Church in the late 16th and early 17th centuries and were eventually canonized. Perhaps you

have heard of the Ursulines. After losing most of her family, Angela Merici served in Brescia, Italy, working with at-risk girls in order to offer them instruction and education. She formed a group of women who consecrated themselves to Christ to teach women religious. Four years after her death in 1540, the Pope approved the Ursulines as a religious congregation.

Jane Frances de Chantal was born into a wealthy family in Dijon, France, in 1572. After the death of her husband, she devoted herself to the education of children and to kind service to others. In 1610, along with St. Frances de Sales, she founded the Order of Visitation of Holy Mary for women. Visitation nuns devote themselves to humble and gentle service.

Louise de Marillac was born in France in 1591. Though she wanted to become a nun, she married and had a happy marriage. Later she sought spiritual help from St. Vincent de Paul and together they founded the Daughters of Charity, dedicated to service to the poor.

Fifth Grade Mass Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 am

Fifth grade students and their families are invited to the fifth grade Mass Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 am. The children have been learning about and preparing for the Mass. They will contribute by being readers, gift bearers, host greeters, bulletin cover designers and caring for others with a Care Pantry tuna donation (optional).

We thank the catechists who have been sharing their faith and teaching the children in their classes: John Growney, Robert Ngeah and Allison Schroeder. Thanks to their aides: Amy Bartley, Maria Hernandez and Emily Nieves. A special thanks goes to Allison Schroeder who is also the fifth grade coordinator.

Pre-K and Second Grade Mass – December 11

Pre-K and second grade families are invited to be part of a special Mass December 11 at 9:30 am. The children have been learning about the Mass. Children will be part of the entrance procession ringing bells and donating food items for the Care Pantry. Children are encouraged to bring bells to ring for the entrance procession for the Third Sunday of Advent. This is followed by Donut Sunday (gym) and a Family Faith Event celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Nicholas (other rooms near 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 does the word repent mean and why is it important as we prepare for Jesus' coming?



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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.



A BIG shout out to the middle school students and families who gave generously of their time and packed meals at Feed My Starving Children November 21. 32,616 meals were packed ... enough to feed 89 children for one year. Way to go!!!

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.



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **December 3, 10, 17:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy. *Grade 5 is at St. Thomas December 3. Kindergarten is at St. Thomas December 10.*
- **December 6, 20:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School. *Kindergarten is at St. Thomas December 20.*

Middle School

- **December 5, 12, 19:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **December 3, 10, 17:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

RE Tuition Angel

Would you like to be a tuition angel for a family attending Religious Education (RE) classes? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay their RE tuition. If you can help, the fees are: \$145 for one child, \$240 for two children or \$315 for three children. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church with tuition gift on the memo line and send to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office, attention Lorraine Katz. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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





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Haiti Twinning The Gift of Education

Throughout Advent season, Haiti Twinning is offering a Haitian Christmas card along with a picture of a Duchity student that you might send to your family and friends, perhaps in lieu of a gift. The gift of education to the children of Duchity is a gift that will last a lifetime.



Donation Options

A donation of \$50 is suggested, but any amount is welcomed. The goal is \$30,000 (\$12,000 collected to date).

- Haiti Twinning members will be in the Narthex and Gathering Area after all Masses this weekend and next.
- Checks can be made to “St. Thomas OSJ” with “Haiti SAC” in the memo and mailed to St. Thomas OSJ (1500 Brookdale Rd, Naperville, 60563
- To make an online donation, go to <https://osvhub.com/stapostle/giving/funds/haiti-twinning-education>

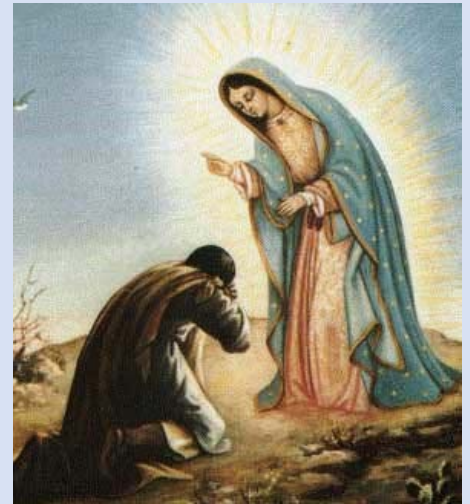
Late Start to School and Greater Need

Fr. Frantzdy, the new Pastor at Ste. Marie-Madeleine, reports that schools in Haiti finally opened toward the end of November. The late start this year was due to the turmoil throughout the country that resulted in the lack of fuel for teachers to travel to Duchity. In addition, rampant inflation has resulted in difficulty for parents to pay tuition. Our financial help is needed more than in past years to keep the school operating.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass, next weekend

Re-enactment of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego. Gathering after Mass with tamales!

Next Saturday (December 10), the 4:30 pm Mass will be a special celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Nicholas (our twinning parish in Aurora) will celebrate with us. Members of the St. Nicholas community will provide a re-enactment of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, in Mexico.



After Mass there will be a gathering in the gym with our St. Nicholas friends. Please join us and enjoy a tamale!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12 Catholics throughout the Americas celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been a source of great devotion and faith for the people from Central and South America, especially Mexico. In 1999, Pope Paul II proclaimed Our Lady of Guadalupe to be “Patroness of the Americas.”

The day is celebrated at our twinning parish of St. Nicholas in Aurora with several Masses and festivities beginning at dawn and continuing throughout the day.

Our Lady's message of love and compassion and the universal promise of help and protection to all humankind is especially embraced by those struggling with issues of poverty, violence, family separation and uncertainty. In solidarity we pray that we and our immigrant brothers and sisters experience the true shalom that ends all divisions.

Thanksgiving Turkey Results Ham Drive Weekend of December 17-18

Thank you to all who donated a turkey or multiple turkeys. We were very close to our goal of 700. St. Thomas purchased 300 turkeys and St. Thomas parishioners donated 396 turkeys for a total of 696.



The 696 turkeys were distributed as follows: 50 to Fr. Dof's Parish, St. Patrick in Joliet, 40 to the St. Nicholas Pantry in Aurora, 12 to St. Patrick's Residence, 474 to Marie Wilkinson's Food Pantry in Aurora, and 120 to the St. Thomas Care Pantry.

The Christmas ham drive is the weekend of December 17-18. Take a reminder card home next weekend.

St. Thomas Cares

Motel Help – Bridging the Gap

Very few charitable organizations provide motel help to families or individuals. That is because in most cases it does not lead to a longer term solution. If one week is paid, it only helps for one week and then more help is needed. Providing help in those situations is not good stewardship of funds. St. Thomas Cares will provide motel help if that help is bridging to a longer term solution.

Barbara was three months pregnant, homeless and had no vehicle. She had been staying with friends, but the landlord would not allow that to continue. She had just started a job as a manager in a retail store. She needed one week at a motel to get to her first paycheck. We verified that her ongoing paychecks would support her in the motel, which was within walking distance of her job. St. Thomas Cares paid for one week in the motel to bridge to her paycheck.

Nancy and her adult son both had jobs. They had been motel living for quite some time. They had managed to save some funds for the security deposit for an apartment, hadn't found an apartment as yet. They felt they were close. They asked for a week in the motel. In these circumstances, we were not willing to help. We told them to call us back when they had secured an apartment. A week later, Nancy called back. They had signed a lease and paid the security deposit for an apartment, but having paid the security deposit, needed four days in the motel until they could move into the apartment. We verified they had a signed lease and had paid the security deposit. We paid for four nights in the motel to bridge to their apartment move in date.

Please pray for Barbara and Nancy and her son ... and all struggling for housing security.



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 from 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.



Inclusive Justice Initiative Letter of Solidarity Congregation Am Echod

On November 15, thirty-nine headstones were desecrated at the Congregation Am Echod cemetery in Waukegan. A letter of solidarity from St. Thomas, signed by Fr. Peter and Carrie Wujek (Inclusive Justice Initiative), was sent to Congregation Am Echod. Please hold the people of Congregation Am Echod and all affected by hate crimes of any type in your prayers.

Dear Congregation Am Echod,

We at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Naperville express our deep sadness for the desecration of gravestones in your hallowed cemetery. The psychological pain inflicted upon the families whose ancestors were marked must be difficult to bear. Moreover, the credence this sacrilege gives to the increase in antisemitism is disturbing. We stand with you against this act of hate.

In this time of challenge, may your congregation continue to uphold your original mission of passing on the faith to future generations and gathering together as One People. May you continue to be a beacon in your community.

Please accept our promise that we will strive to find effective ways to address the hatred that is infecting our country. Our prayers for healing, hope and understanding are with you. May God's love and peace – which will never be silenced – surround you. May it surround us all.

In prayer and solidarity.



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, and 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.

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

Volunteer nurses will be available for questions and concerns at two stations:

Station 1: In a room off the Gathering Area.

Station 2: In the Deacon's Office, in the West Wing.



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 handmade 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



Thank You St. Thomas

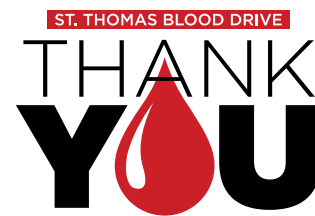
PrimeTime would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many parishioners who contributed to our November service project for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets. We collected and delivered a grand total of 24 boxes of donations filled with much appreciated household cleaning and personal items. We are grateful for your kind generosity!

Blood Drive – We Made a Difference

With the assistance of the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, the Versiti/St. Thomas Blood Drive was held Saturday, November 19 in the Gym.

Donors definitely **made a difference** and potentially **93 lives** can be saved.

A total of 31 units of blood was donated by St Thomas parishioners. Thank You St. Thomas!



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, December 5

4:30–5:15 pm Youth Choir, Cana
 7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
 7:00–8:30 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
 7:15–8:30 pm RE Middle School at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, December 6

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside
 12:00–12:30 pm Advent Meditation, Chapel
 4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, December 7

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 4:30–5:30 pm Pageant Practice, Church
 6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana
 7:00–8:30 pm Labyrinth Walk, Gym
 7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center
 7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, December 8

Masses for Immaculate Conception, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm both in Church
 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 9

Saturday, December 10

8:30–9:45 am Kindergarten Church Visit
 8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
 9:00–10:30 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
 9:00 am–1:00 pm Donuts and Welcome Sunday, Gym
 9:30–10:30 am Pre-K and Second Grade Mass, Church
 9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
 1:00–2:00 pm Baptisms, Church
 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
 4:30–6:00 pm Teens with Character, Gym
 7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Lighthouse and Youth Center
 7:15–8:30 pm Journey Groups, Emmaus and Youth Center

Weekly Sunday Offertory

November 27, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$7,170
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	\$4,735
Total for the week	\$11,905
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$694,501
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$31,568
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$741,484
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$46,983)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	40%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,058,098

This week, the Sunday collection is \$46,983 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$150 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$150,214
Percent of Goal pledged to date	79.39%
Unpaid pledges	\$3,622
Paid to Date	\$146,592
Percent of goal paid to date	77.48%

FREEWILL

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets, and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.



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.
Gathering Area reception desk is staffed
9:00 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;
9:00 am–4:30 pm Friday; and
9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.

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