



DECEMBER

11

2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

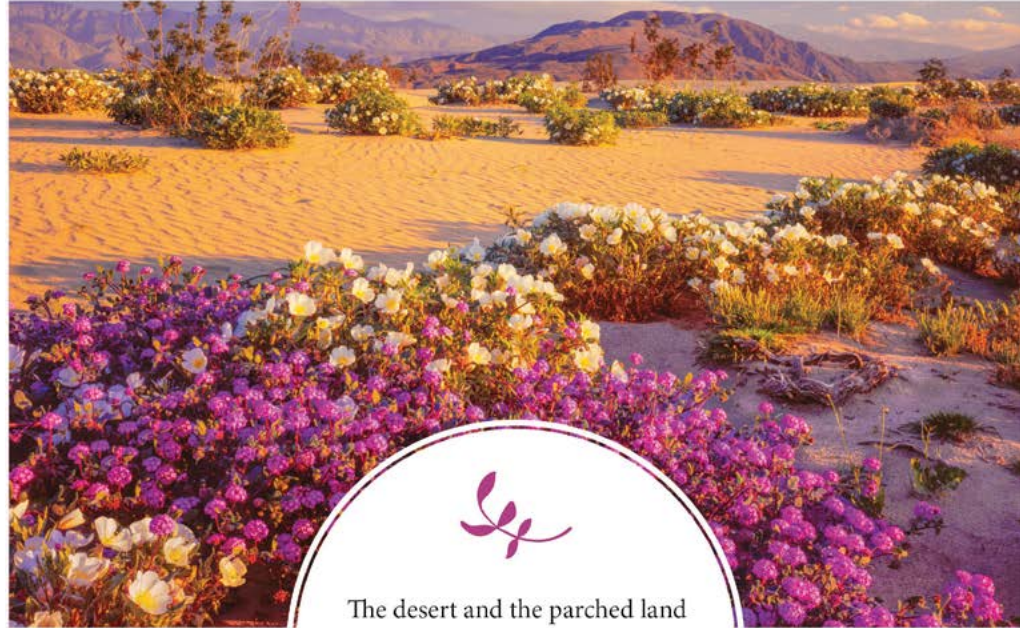
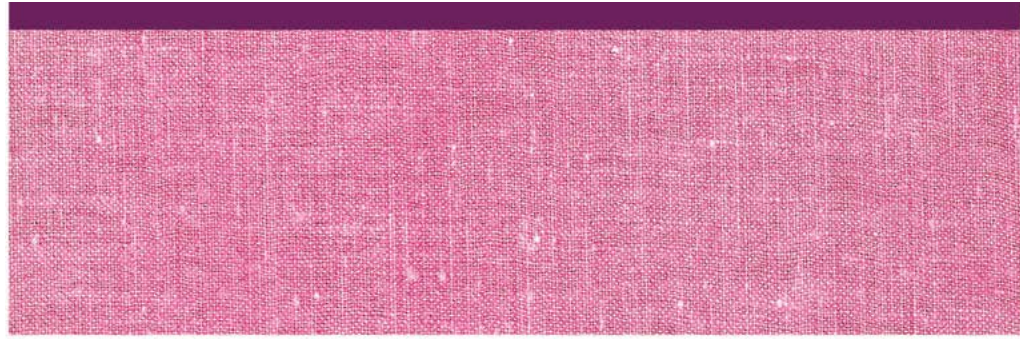
*Strengthen hands that are feeble,
make firm knees that are weak,
say to the fearful of heart: Be
strong, do not fear!*

Isaiah 35:3-4

**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 desert and the parched land
will exult; the steppe will rejoice
and bloom.

*They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.*

~ Isaiah 35:1-2



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Photos: Ron Thomas/Getty Images, pavelalexeev/Getty Images
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

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.

1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563 | 630.355.8980 (Main Office) | 630.305.6318 (RE) | 630.355.0521 (Fax)
mainoffice@stapostle.org | stapostle.org | St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville



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

Joy: A Sign of God

Once, as I was teaching a theology course to college students in their twenties, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. They were shocked. "What's wrong with being happy?" they protested. "Nothing," I said, "it's simply not the purpose of life." "But God wants us to be happy," they insisted. Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that's simply not what life is about.

Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back doors of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow and mourning would flee away (Isaiah 35:10). Joy is God's doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality — peaceful, serene, and nurturing — even when life may be unsettled.

~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!

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Reflection on the Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent is a day of joy in the midst of a penitential season. We continue our Advent journey, but we come to a vantage point from which we can see what lies ahead — Christmas joy.

Presider Schedule December 17-18

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Larry Kearney

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Today is Donut Sunday

You are invited to be part of Donut Sunday and Welcome Sunday in the St. Thomas gym after all Sunday Masses on December 11.

Are you new to St. Thomas? Become a member, registering in the gym after all Sunday Masses. Meet other parishioners and enjoy a donut and coffee.



Jim Clauer, *Director*,
x111, jclauer@stapostle.org

Samantha Delke, *Associate Director*
x120, sdelke@stapostle.org

Kay Agustin, *Administrative Assistant*
x112, litadmin@stapostle.org

Prayer

*Our World waits in darkness longing for Your light.
In the midst of darkness, enkindle our hope.
As we long for lasting peace in the midst of war, Be with us.
As we long for families to be reunited, Be with us.
As we long for enemies to be reconciled, Be with us.
As we long for decent jobs and economic security, Be with us.
As we long for love and community, Be with us.
Fulfill the deepest longings of your people and
Dispel the darkness in our hearts and in our world.
Let your word ignite the hope the world needs
To bring to life your love and justice.*

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!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
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

Intentions for this week

Monday, December 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am †Sylvester Noronha, by Neville and Family

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am †James Maul, by Maul Family

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am †Norb Crowe, by Bajusz Family

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Battisto Family

Friday, December 16, 2022

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Rick Mattioda, by Maria Mattioda

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Marilyn Pallot, by Will Worden
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Bob Pattermann, by Dick and Kay
†Mary Follin, by Juliette Follin

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am †Jerry Johnson, by Mom and Dad
9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Marowski, by Bea Pierquet
†Dennis DeMeo, by Mary Malone
11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas the Apostle

Thanks to all who attended Lessons and Carols with guest artist Chris de Silva and the St. Thomas the Apostle Music Makers. If you missed it or would like to listen again, please visit stapostle.org and search for Lessons and Carols.





Upcoming Events Advent at St. Thomas

Mid-day Meditation

Tuesdays, December 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.

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.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Mass | Church*

This Mass includes the Children's dramatized proclamation of the Gospel

4:15 pm Mass | Gym

7:00 pm Mass | Church

10:00 pm Mass | Church*

No 3:30 pm Reconciliation, Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:30 am Mass | Church

11:15 am Mass | Church

() 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

We're sure you've noticed by now that all of the saints this column series has presented were ordinary people who went on to do extraordinary things. They were each given unique spiritual gifts, which they chose to use in service of the common good. And in doing so, they became instruments of spiritual growth and transformation to countless others. In the process, they experienced considerable struggle and suffering. But that didn't stop them from fulfilling what they believed was God's design for their lives.

Perhaps you have also noticed that most of the canonized saints this column has covered so far have been men. But it's not only men who make up the communion of saints. For the last two weeks, we've looked at women who were founders of religious orders. So we're going to stick with the influential females in our faith history for a little while longer. And the four coming up were particularly influential, to the point where our Church designated them as Doctors of the Church. As a refresher, a Doctor of the Church is someone who left us rich teachings and a life legacy that profoundly influenced the whole Church. Please meet us back here next week as we begin to take a look at the lady Doctors.

December 11 after all Masses!

Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Nicholas and Donut Sunday

Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Nicholas Feast Days this Sunday, December 11 after all Masses. Enjoy a donut and coffee with other families. Then, explore the St. Nicholas room, Our Lady of Guadalupe room and the drop-in reading room as a family making ornaments and crafts and reading about St. Nicholas and Our Lady of Guadalupe and why they are so special. The rooms are open to preschool, elementary and middle school families! Meet our middle school and high school volunteers to help you with making crafts or reading a story.

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 THIS 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

How do you think Mary felt when the angel Gabriel greeted her "Hail, full of Grace! The Lord is with you?"

FAITH AND FORMATION COMMISSION – YOUTH



Lorraine Katz, Director, Elementary,
x109, lkatz@stapostle.org

Peggy Goralski, Director, Middle School,
x123, pgoralski@stapostle.org

Dorothy Grantham, Director, Youth/Young Adult,
x117, ym@stapostle.org



A BIG shout out goes to our St. Thomas middle school and high school young people who helped decorate and fill over 100 Christmas stockings for Care Pantry families. The filling of the stockings would not have been possible without the generous donations of gift cards, socks, mittens, hats, and so much more from middle and high school families and generous parishioners. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping our young people let their Light shine.

The same group of young people who worked to fill the Christmas stocking also helped to set up Christmas trees to add to the holiday spirit in our church spaces. We so appreciate your help!

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 10, 17:** Saturday
Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
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 12, 19:** Monday
Middle School RE classes meet.
- **December 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.

JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUALITY TAP-IN SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS!

Catholic Order of Foresters' next Spirituality Tap-in will be in Downers Grove, Illinois, on Wednesday, December 14, at 6 p.m. at Alter Brewing! Our very own Agent Drew Isbell will play the guitar and share lessons from his faith journey.

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or visit catholicforester.org/fraternal-outreach/spirituality-tap-in. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible!

If you have any questions, contact Agent Drew Isbell at 630-427-5379.

Cheers!

21+ Free Admission

BRINGING CATHOLIC VALUES TO LIFE
CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS
A CATHOLIC FRATERNAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY SINCE 1883
22-01-022-E1A (11/22)



Michael Ryder, Director,
x121, mryder@stapostle.org

Anne Schultz, Partner,
x113, aschultz@stapostle.org

Sally Meno, Associate,
x137, smeno@stapostle.org

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.
- 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>

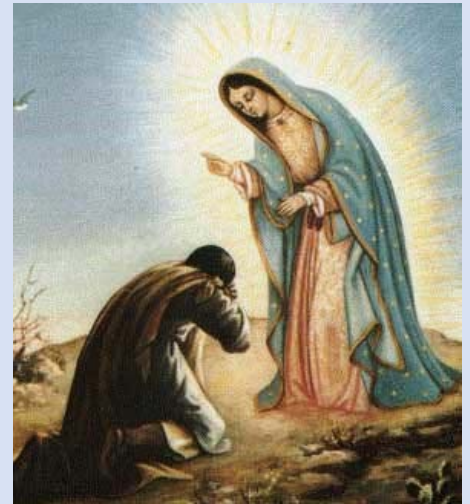
Late Start to School and Greater Need

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
This Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass

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

This 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!

Christmas Ham Collection
Next Weekend December 17-18

Take home a reminder card this weekend!



Next weekend is the annual Christmas ham collection for Care Pantry families. We also provide hams to the St. Nicholas Pantry, St. Patrick Parish in Joliet (where Fr. Dof is the pastor) and the Marie Wilkinson Pantry in Aurora. This year’s goal is 600 hams. The truck will be out front until about 1:00 pm next Sunday, December 18.

As you purchase your ham, be in solidarity with the family who will receive it ... and say a prayer wishing them a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If you forget your ham, you can make a donation at the collection truck and one will be purchased for you. Thanks for all who are able to help.

If you know of a family in need of help for food, please contact Anne Schultz at aschultz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980 x113.

Think Spring!
Think Indoor Golf!

Save the Date – Sunday March 5, 2023.

It will be the social event of the New Year, so far!



Next Weekend — December 17-18

Fraternite Notre Dame — Baked Goods

The Fraternite Notre Dame (Sisters of Notre Dame) are again visiting St. Thomas next weekend. They will bring their delicious baked goods for your holiday celebrations to the Gathering Area after all Masses.

The Sisters of Notre Dame minister to the poor in Chicago in the Austin neighborhood. Their pantry serves 250 families every week. They are the recipient of 40 percent of the food we collect on Harvest Sunday. Their Soup Kitchen serves the homeless in the neighborhood each day, Monday-Friday. Their After School Program serves more than 60 children from the neighborhood, ages 5-12.

Thank You from Companions Journeying Together

A HUGE thank you to all of the “angels of STA” who so generously responded to the request from Companions Journeying Together (www.cjtinc.org) for Christmas cards and postage stamps. Despite a short notice and a small window to respond, STA parishioners donated over 700 Christmas cards (of which over 150 included a personal message) and 690 postage stamps.



This year, Companions has mailed over 1,330 cards to individuals with a few hundred yet to be sent. In addition, they have shipped 4,300 signed cards and 4,250 unsigned cards to 16 Illinois prisons, jails or juvenile correctional centers. The cards are very meaningful to those who are often forgotten at the holidays or who have no family. Sometimes this Christmas card is the only mail they receive. Thank you to all who gave the Gift of Hope to those in prison. God bless you!



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 Club Q, Colorado Springs

On November 20, 2022, a mass shooting occurred at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ nightclub in Colorado Springs. Five people were killed, and 25 others were injured, 19 of them by gunfire. A letter of solidarity from St. Thomas, signed by Fr. Peter and Jane Barnes (Inclusive Justice Initiative), was sent to the owners and patrons of Club Q. Please hold the families of those killed, all the injured and their families, the Club Q community, and all affected by hate crimes of any type in your prayers.

*To the owners and patrons of Club Q,
Colorado Springs:*

The people of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Naperville, Illinois, want to express to you our sorrow at the profound injury and loss of lives suffered in the horrific attack on November 20. As one member of your community said in the aftermath news coverage, such a loss of safety in a trusted place is a distinct injury in itself. We stand in solidarity with you as you make your way through the even more personal loss and grief in the days that follow.

We also reaffirm our commitment to finding ways to prevent such violence and to probe the causes behind it. Building and strengthening a society that respects each other in our differences and recognizes our shared connection within the human family makes us all safer and freer to live lives of growth in wisdom, goodness, and joy.

Our hearts and our prayers are with you.



SERVICE COMMISSION – PASTORAL CARE

Felicia Lawlor, Faith Community Nurse,
x104, flawlor@stapostle.org

Susan Kearney,
Behavioral Health Coordinator, x108

Resources You Should Know

Pastoral Care

- If you would like a pastoral visit with Communion in the home or hospital, please contact Felicia Lawlor, RN, Faith Community Nurse, at 630.355.8980, x104.
- If you are admitted to a hospital and would like Communion, notify St. Thomas so we may make a pastoral visit. Churches are no longer notified of hospitalizations.
- If you would like a prayer shawl or prayer square for emotional and spiritual support, contact Felicia Lawlor, RN, Faith Community Nurse, at 630.355.8980, x104.

Health Resources or Referrals

- Health related inquiries or referrals to physician offices, community agencies and facilities, please contact Felicia Lawlor, RN, Faith Community Nurse, at 630.355.8980, x104.

Behavioral Health Ministry

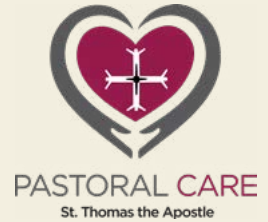
- Mental Health First Aid Workshop or Grief Support Group, contact Susan Kearney at 630.355.8980, x108.

Thank You

A Special “Grateful and Sincere Thanks” to Harry Fruechte and the Knights of Columbus volunteers who shared their time Saturday, November 19 at the Versiti /St. Thomas Blood Drive. Parishioners and others were able to donate 31 units of blood, which potentially may save 93 lives going forward.

We truly appreciate their efforts.

Pastoral Care Staff



Office of Behavioral Health Ministry Importance of Advent

Sometimes it feels as if we’re in a rush to speed through the calendar.

Pumpkin-flavored everything seems to be ubiquitous by Labor Day. Christmas decorations will start popping up on store shelves long before Halloween costumes fly off the shelves.

Advent challenges the hectic pace of our lives and the sometimes indomitable march toward Christmas. It gives us time to prayerfully remember Jesus’s birth and the majesty of the Incarnation, while looking ahead to His second coming.

Advent prayers can help us focus on this important liturgical season when it seems like so many forces pull us from summer to Christmas Eve. Praying during Advent can help us keep in mind the true purpose of all of the build up to Christmas.

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Source: Hallow – hallow.com



Prayer of Those Who are Grieving – 2022

Lord God, in the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible, it says there is a time for everything. You know that I am going through a very difficult time. I miss my loved one so much. I find it hard to concentrate or sleep. I have no energy, no enthusiasm, especially when I think of the upcoming holidays. Everyone around me seems to be in a festive mood, while I just want to withdraw.

Lord, I need you to remind me that “You have my back.” At all times, day or night. You love me with deep compassion and an overflowing heart. It hurts you to see me going through this sorrowful heartache, but you know that experiencing grief is the gateway to growth – just as nature goes through winter so that spring may once again bring forth new life. Help me to feel your presence during the times when I am most despairing and lonely. Let your peace enfold me and reassure me that, with time, I will remember my loved one with more love than sadness. Help me understand that my journey through the many emotions and physical pain of grief will take whatever time it needs to unfold. Give me the grace to grow in gratitude as I reflect how I am a different and better person because of our relationship.

Thank you for listening, Lord. Amen.

Written by Paula Kosin LCPC

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 12

4:30–5:15 pm Youth Choir, Emmaus
 6:15–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
 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, December 13

10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse
 12:00–12:30 pm Advent Meditation, Chapel
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, December 14

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
 4:30–5:30 pm Pageant Practice, Church
 7:00–8:00 pm Advent Reconciliation, Church
 7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Lighthouse

Thursday, December 15

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
 10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
 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 16

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am–12:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
 9:30–11:30 am RCIA, Senior Center
 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
 7:00–8:15 pm Journey Group, Emmaus
 7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse

Weekly Sunday Offertory

December 4, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$14,962
Credit Card Online Giving (for November)	\$15,310
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,103
Total for the week	\$35,375
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$729,876
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$31,734
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$775,188
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$45,312)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	42%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,022,723

This week, the Sunday collection is \$45,312 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$505 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$150,789
Percent of Goal pledged to date	79.70%
Unpaid pledges	\$3,120
Paid to Date	\$147,669
Percent of goal paid to date	78.05%

RSVP Deadline Extended

PrimeTime Victorian Christmas Party!

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!

When: Tuesday, December 13 from 10:00–11:30 am in the St. Thomas Lighthouse

RSVP: Deadline extended to December 12 (Space is limited to 65 people.)

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





PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

1500 Brookdale Road
Naperville, IL 60563
630.355.8980 (Main Office)
630.305.6318 (RE) | 630.355.0521 (Fax)
mainoffice@stapostle.org | stapostle.org

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.

Pastor

Rev. Peter Infanger
x102, pinfanger@stapostle.org

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, CMI
x103, jkapp@stapostle.org

Weekend Associates

Rev. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm.

Deacons

Jim (Mary Jo) Breen, 630.486.3133
jimb4853@gmail.com
Joe (Carolyn) Cuzzone, 630.355.8980
x224, DeaconJoeCuzzone@gmail.com
Larry (Susan) Kearney, 630.355.8980
x225, lrkearney@comcast.net

Administration

Communications Coordinator
Casey Braun, x110, cbraun@stapostle.org

Administration Assistant
Mary Derwinski, x143,
mderwinski@stapostle.org

Facility Manager
Bob Hartmann, x133, facility@stapostle.org

Main Office Administrative Assistant
Michelle Kuhn, x100,
mainoffice@stapostle.org

Main Office Administrative Assistant
Diane McQueen, x101,
dmcqueen@stapostle.org

Evening/Saturday Receptionists
Elizabeth Fisher
Mary Wright
nitecrew@stapostle.org

Finance/Business Officer
Janet Simmons, x106,
jsimmons@stapostle.org

Financial Assistant
Sue Sportiello, x107,
ssportiello@stapostle.org

*For a complete staff listing, please visit
stapostle.org.*

Parish Pastoral Council

Susan Wood O'Leary, *Chair*
Noble Charles
Dave Johanneson
Alison Ohl
Brittany Tres

Commission Representatives
Cheryl Kaspar, *Worship*
Rick Peterson, *Service*
Scott Mygind, *Finance*
Carrie Wujek, *Faith & Spiritual Formation*

Ex-Officio

Rev. Peter Infanger, *Pastor*
Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, *Parochial Vicar*
Janet Simmons, *Recording Secretary*

Sign-up for our Emails

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at St. Thomas by signing up for any of our emails at stapostle.org.

Baptism: Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call the Main Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment.

Matrimony: A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

Anointing: Call 630.355.8980.

Communion for the Homebound: Call 630.355.8980 to receive prayer/Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

Funerals: Call Samantha Delke, x120, for pre-planning or immediate need.

Religious Education: Call 630.305.6318 to register.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

Counseling Resources: Call 630.355.8980.

Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti
St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian Reservation, Manderson, South Dakota
St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

Our Parish School:

All Saints Catholic Academy
1155 Aurora Ave
Naperville, IL 60540
ascacademy.org
630.961.6125
Margie Marshall, *Principal*

Checked These Listings Lately? Thank You to Our Advertisers!

Make it a habit to check these advertisers when you need a product or a service. And when you purchase, be sure to mention you saw their ad in the St. Thomas bulletin!

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here: www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



BORTER

HEATING & COOLING



24 Hour Service

(630) 668-5885

catholicmatch® Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/myIL

See Your Ad in **COLOR**

Call J.S. Paluch Today!
1.800.621.5197

Naper Auto Works
Your One Stop Shop Since 1977

320 N. Mill St.
Naperville, IL 60540

(630) 420-2886



Catholic Cruises and Tours

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.

(CST 2117990-70)

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America

Catholic Cruises/Tours to Worldwide Destinations

Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email

eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support your local Catholic parish by advertising in its parish bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch. Grow your business by advertising in the church bulletin and create strong connections with your target audience. Benefits include:

J.S. Paluch will create, produce and print your ad for less than you'd spend elsewhere. They help you reach consumers at extremely affordable rates and offer options to advertise effectively and keep pace with market change.

GREAT COVERAGE - 97% of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

GREAT VALUE - 70% of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

GREAT LOYALTY - 41% of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.

GREAT PRODUCT - 62% of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

ADVERTISE WITH US

J.S. Paluch Company

Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin

Call us at 1-800-566-6170

Email: sales@jspaluch.com

1ST CHOICE
SENIOR HOMECARE INC.
7300 N. Cicero Ave., Ste. 212
847-329-5122
If Care is what you need, we are here to help!
We offer live-in and hourly service for elderly.

VOEGTLE'S
Auto Service
28 W. 224 WARRENVILLE RD.
WARRENVILLE, IL 60555
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR
SINCE 1975
CHARLES VOEGTLE
JOE VOEGTLE
393-1436

Forbes **2022** AMERICA'S BEST BANKS
BuseyBANK
Business | Wealth Management | Personal
Building Business.
Growing Wealth.
Since 1868.
OFFICIAL BANK OF THE FIGHTING ILLINI busey.com/illinoispan | Member FDIC

The Lucky Penny
Join us for breakfast & lunch
7 days a week
from 7am to 2:30pm
1224 W Ogden Ave Ste G
Naperville, IL 60563
331-229-3696
thelucky.penny@yahoo.com
www.luckypennydiner.com

Quality Work - Reasonable Prices
DEMMSIS PLUMBING & SEWER
Ask for a **PARISHIONER DISCOUNT**
Lic# 055-044826
630.991.3641 EMERGENCY SERVICE
www.demmsisplumbing.com

INVEST LOCALLY
Targeting local business makes good "Cents" -
Get your name out there by advertising in local parish bulletins. Contact us today for your next advertising move and we will work with you for your next **"AD THAT WORKS!"**
For more information email sales@jspaluch.com

Ed the Plumber
Ed the Carpenter
708.652.1444
Best Work • Best Rates
PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

Tabella
Listen To The Best Catholic Content
And Stay Connected To Your Parish!

FINDaPARISH.com
The Most Complete Online National Directory of Catholic Parishes
CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

Feze ROOFING
Residential • Commercial Industrial
Lic. #104000585
FREE ESTIMATES **630.530.5944**
111 Maple Ave., Elmhurst
FEZEROFING.COM

GET IT ON Google Play
Download on the App Store

Two beautiful locations:
44 S. Mill Street • Naperville, IL
(630) 355-0213 • Historic Downtown
15219 S. Joliet Rd. • Plainfield, IL
(815) 436-9221 • Rte. 59 & Rte. 30

Friedrich Jones
Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
www.friedrichjones.com
Dave Jones, Parishioner
Stephanie Jones-Kastelic • Ray Jones

MedTec
Healthcare & Private Duty
SENIOR DAY CENTER
1415 Bond Street Suite #111
Naperville, IL 60563

CONTACT US for more information and to SCHEDULE A TOUR
(630) 995-3408
www.medtechealthcare.com

Protecting Seniors Nationwide
Medical Alert System
\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly
• One Free Month
• No Long-Term Contract
• Price Guarantee
• Easy Self Installation
Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!
\$99 Installation*
Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with your FREE in-home estimate
Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration
CALL NOW 708-462-6373

LeafGuard® is guaranteed never to clog or we'll clean it for FREE!
• Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
• Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
• Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment
ENGLERT LeafGuard®
Get it. And forget it.®

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers
Thank You
Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

B & L Auto Body Inc.
Free Estimates
Insurance Work
Expert Refinishing
Complete Collision Repair
1340 W. Ogden Ave.
Naperville
Larry Frank
355-0865

Funeral Service **B&K** On-Site Crematory
Beidelman-Kunsch
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LTD
Family Owned & Operated Since 1861
JOHN W., JOHN L. & JOSEPH O. KUNSCH, DIRECTORS
516 S. Washington St.
Historic Downtown Naperville
630.355.0264
24021 Royal Worlington Dr.
Rt. 59/South Naperville
630.922.9630
www.BeidelmanKunschFH.com