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MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

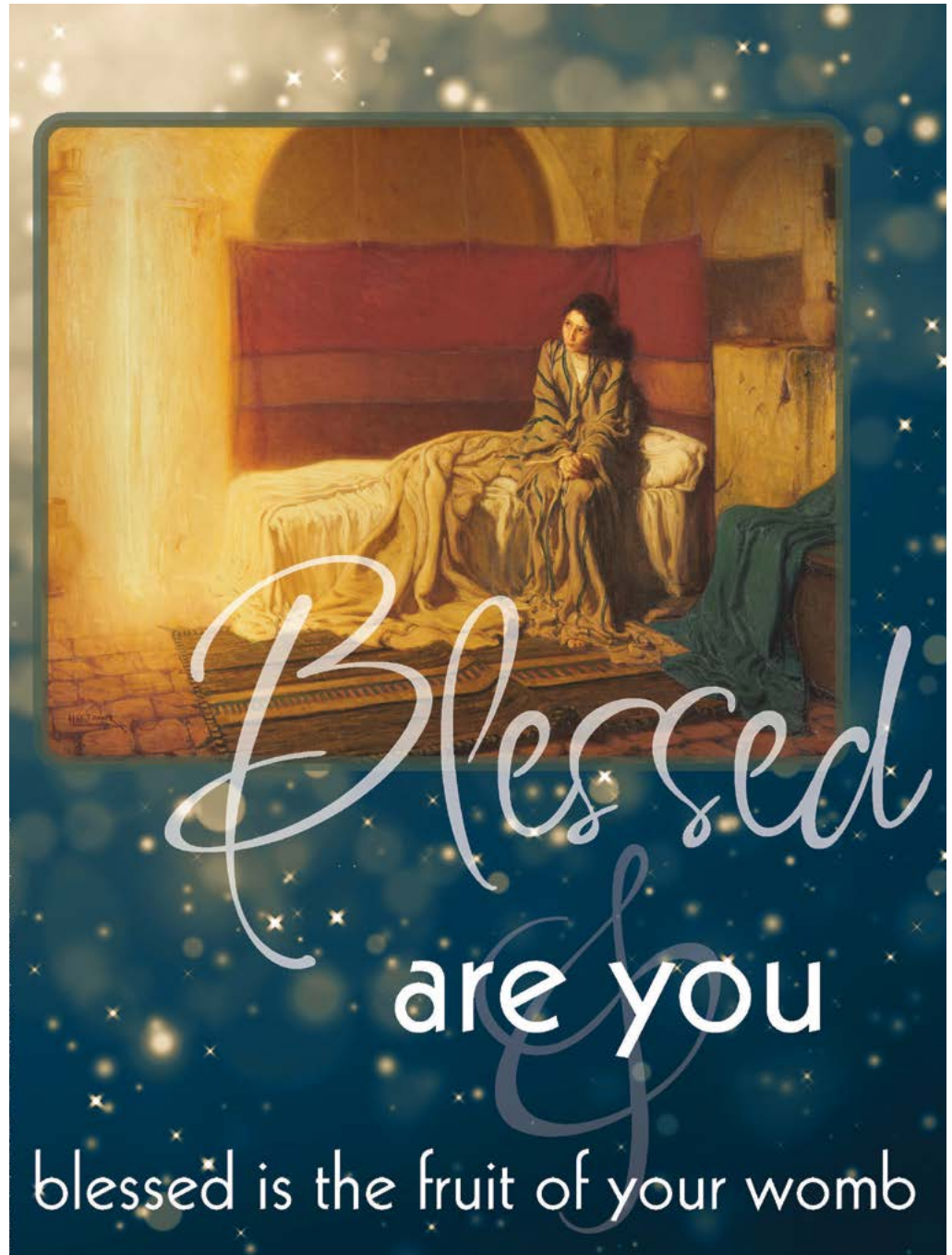
[The shepherds] made known the message that had been told them about this child ... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:17, 19

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.



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 is livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.



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

What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

On New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion — not remembering anything significant — given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts and family issues.

The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Reflect

What do the events you carry in your heart say about who you are?

Readings for Today

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Reflection on the Readings

What are the things Mary reflected on "in her heart"? Both marvelous events such as the angelic message relayed by the shepherds, and the painful circumstance such as a birth in a stable. Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus' birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed. In all this she was really pondering the mystery of God's presence and thus sublimely models how we too can recognize the Word being made flesh and dwelling among us.

Presider Schedule January 7-8

Saturday, January 7

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Larry Kearney

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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Prayer

Lord Jesus

*may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Savior of mankind;
to whom be glory forever.*

Frank Colquhoun

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

Elham Abdishi Tallackson and Family

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Thanks to all those who made a donation toward the Christmas Environment/Flower Fund in recognition of a loved one. The names of these individuals are included on the bulletin insert as well as the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

4:30pm †Donna and Casmir Cichocka, by Mark and Agatha Chalupka
†Mary Grownney, by John Grownney

8:00 am

9:30 am Thanksgiving for the RE catechists and aides

11:15 am †Fred Gardner, by Elizabeth Castello

Monday, January 2, 2023

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:30 am †Fred Gardner, by Joseph and Joan Noonan

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Christmas Weekday

8:30 am †Al Fiascone, by Family

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

USA, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 am †Pam Karlson, by Diane O'Bradovich

Thursday, January 5, 2023

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 am †Brian Viehl, by Osterman Family

Friday, January 6, 2023

Christmas Weekday

8:30 am †Livio Arquilla, by Martino Family

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Christmas Weekday

8:30 am †Gordon Faubel, by Joseph and Joan Noonan

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Dolores Butler Streff, by Jennifer Streff

†Keegan Patrick Reed, by Jennifer Streff

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am

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

†Dennis DeMeo, by Audrey Easton

11:15 am †Raymond Courney, by Karen Courney



C.A.R.E CORNER

Many look to Teresa of Avila in Spain for help with prayer. She saw prayer to God as “an intimate sharing between friends.” And the whole point of sharing time with God was that it should change us – to conform more closely to God’s will – to want what God wants. Teresa worked closely with St. John of the Cross to reform the Carmelites. Teresa underwent many ecstatic experiences from which she claimed a level of spiritual authority. She wrote her famous work – *Interior Castle* – on contemplative prayer and the interior spiritual life in 1577, just 5 years before her death.



This portrayal makes Teresa sound all too serious. Although she most certainly took her faith seriously, she definitely had a sense of humor. Based on her view that her relationship with God was, at its core, one of friendship, she once wrote this to God: “If this is the way you treat your friends, no wonder You have so few!” Teresa was canonized a saint in 1622. She holds the distinction of being the first female to be named a Doctor of the Church, which happened in September of 1970. We leave you with one of her prayers: “From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!” Prayer can be an honest and intimate sharing indeed!

A New Year’s Blessing

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, and bondedness (Nm 24:15-17; Jn 20:20).

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (Ps 94:18).

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the new year. May you know “how beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news” (Rom 10:15).

May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart. May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers (Mt 11:3).

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence (Lk 7:36-50).

May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of Earth (Sir 42:15-43:33).

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters (2 Cor 1:3-7).

May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (Ps 138:1).

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year (Jn 21:15-19).

May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God’s way for you (Lk 1:26-38).

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

– *Joyce Rupp in May I Have This Dance? An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout the Year*



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 am. It will include children age 4 through fifth grade.



Kindergarten Mass

The Kindergarten Religious Education Classes are invited along with their families to a special Mass on Sunday, January 15 at 9:30 am. Kindergarten children may be part of the ordinary time Mass procession. Please meet in the Narthex at 9:15 am. Please find a seat in the church first then have your child join their catechists in the hall beside the Narthex for the procession. Please bring a can of soup or toilet paper for the Care Pantry.

Elementary RE Catechist Formation Meeting

Mark your calendar now! The Elementary Religious Education Catechist Formation Meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Please note: Tuesday Religious Education classes start up Tuesday, January 10 at Brookdale Elementary School.

Seventh Grade Catechist Needed

A need for a seventh grade catechist has arisen for Saturday morning classes for the remainder of our religious education year. If you have EVER thought about ministering as a catechist, helping to form the faith of young people, NOW is your chance!!! They are an amazing group of students and so open to growing in faith together with the encouragement of their catechist. Classes resume on Saturday, January 9. Some exciting things are planned for the second half of the year. Consider being a part of it. Contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org if you are interested in more information.

Teens with Character

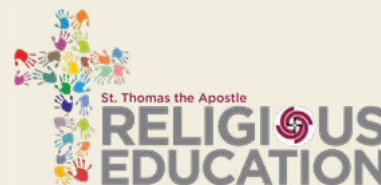
Middle school students ... do you want to get the new year off to a great start? Then, come to the January Teens with Character meeting Sunday, January 8, from 4:30–6:00 pm at St. Thomas.

Games, faith sharing, checking in with each other, and pizza are all part of the Teens with Character experience. We would love to see you!



Question of the week

How do you think Mary felt when shepherds came to adore baby Jesus?



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

We are on break but here are the classes in January.

- **January 14, 21:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
- **January 10, 24, 31:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.

Middle School

- It's Christmas break for middle school RE. Monday middle school RE classes will resume January 9. Saturday middle school RE classes will resume January 14

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. Please write tuition gift on the memo line of the check. Please send it to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office, attention Lorraine Katz.

Thank you for your generosity with being a tuition angel. It is greatly appreciated.



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Message for the New Year from the Outreach and Social Justice Office

We send a prayer for peace — in your homes, your hearts and your relationships.

The work of peace and justice continues. May you be energized to continue this work and may your work overflow with compassion and resilience.

May our loving God bless you and keep you free from worry and harm.

Mike, Anne and Sally

St. Nicholas Parish Gift to St. Thomas Our Lady of Guadalupe Re-Enactment

On Saturday, December 10, the 4:30 Mass included a special celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Nicholas (our twinning parish in Aurora) celebrated with us. During the homily time, members of Grupo Xoxhiquetzal from St. Nicholas performed a dramatization of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, in Mexico. Aztec dancers, also from Grupo Xoxhiquetzal, participated in the Mass processional and recessional.

The re-enactment of Our Lady's apparition to Juan Diego and the miracle of the tilma was a holy and beautiful prayer. The effort made to provide the story in English just for our community was a wonderful blessing. Recording the re-enactment words with some background music was a very creative way to assure that all could understand the fullness of the story. We have heard many wonderful comments from our community.

To view Grupo Xoxhiquetzal's re-enactment of the Our Lady of Guadalupe apparition, visit the St. Thomas website home page.

We are blessed in our relationship with St. Nicholas Church. We look forward to many more shared activities between our communities.

Ham Drive Results

Thank you to all who donated a ham or multiple hams. We exceeded our goal of 600 hams. St. Thomas purchased 350 hams and St. Thomas parishioners donated 256 hams for a total of 606!

The 606 hams were distributed as follows: 50 to Fr. Dof's Parish, St. Patrick in Joliet, 40 to the St. Nicholas Pantry in Aurora, 394 to Marie Wilkinson's Food Pantry in Aurora, and 122 to the St. Thomas Care Pantry.



Special New Year Gift: Car Donation Needed Single Mom with Three Young Children

Mary is a single mom trying to take care of her three young children. She has a housing choice voucher, which lowers her rent, and receives food stamps that helps with food. She receives \$650 a month in SS disability. She has a minor learning disability that limits the work she can do, but she has been able to increase her income by making food deliveries in her vehicle. That has allowed her to support her family. Mary makes every effort to make a healthy home for her children. They are doing well in school.

However, her vehicle, with over 225,000 miles on it, has stopped running and is not repairable. She is in desperate need of a donated vehicle to be able to continue to support her family.

If you are considering a car donation, contact Mike Ryder at mryder@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x121. Donate your car to St. Thomas OSJ. The OSJ Office will make any needed repairs to the donated car and enable the title transfer.

Coming Soon!

The Race Card Project at St. Thomas

What can you say in just six words? To date, over 500,000 people worldwide have participated in The Race Card Project by sharing their sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, always revealing thoughts on race, and using only six words to do so.



at St. Thomas

The Race Card Project at St. Thomas will be available beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany and continue through March. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about ways you can join the conversation.

The St. Thomas Inclusive Justice Initiative believes, and we hope you agree (!) that there is value at getting a peek at varied views about race. We want to honor and give voice to your and others' thoughts about race. There is value in sharing even when we don't all feel the same way or have the same experiences. Indeed, that is the richness of this project. We hope that these six-word thoughts will encourage reflection and spark further productive dialogue.

To start your creative juices flowing, consider some race cards that have been shared at <https://theracecardproject.com>:

I am not wrong, I'm different

One mirror with many different reflections.

Stories should be told, not hidden.

Wishing for a happily ever after.

We hope that, come January, you will add your voice to the conversation!

Christmas Swaddling Project

The St. Thomas Respect Life Ministry Swaddling Project is ongoing through mid-January. Multiple area pregnancy centers will benefit, including Birthright, Waterleaf and Avenue Women's Center.

Swaddling Bags with a list of items most needed are available in the Gathering Area — or you can provide your own bag. Items requested include: diapers (newborn, sizes 3, 5 and 6), pull-ups, baby wipes, baby wash or shampoo, diaper cream, baby board books, pacifiers and onesies.

Gift cards to Walmart, Target and grocery stores in denominations of \$20 or \$25 also accepted, as well as monetary donations. Make checks out to St. Thomas OSJ with "Swaddling Project" in the memo.

Please return all donations to the playpen in the Gathering Area by Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Thank you for your support!



2023 World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service

Out of Diversity, a Community of Peace

This year will lift up organizations that live out the call of creating and celebrating community, diversity and compassionate service. The goal is to encourage participants to get involved in creating and strengthening our diverse community in service of peace with justice.

Join us Sunday, January 8, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Wentz Concert Hall on the campus of North Central College. The service will be followed by a reception with refreshments. St. Thomas is a co-sponsor of the event.





BEHAVIORAL HEALTH St. Thomas the Apostle

CPR for the Brain

CPR Saves Lives, Maybe Yours or a Loved One

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness. You are more likely to encounter someone 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 skills to intervene and help someone experiencing a mental health problem.

How Blended MHFA Works

Two hours of online self-paced coursework followed by a scheduled 6–7 hour in-person instructor-led class (including breaks).

In-person training is Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St Thomas.

To register visit
<https://012123stthomas.eventbrite.com>

Questions contact Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101.

Save the Date – Soup for the Soul

Plan to come and warm up your Spirit and Soul with a bowl of some warm soup while speaker Jennifer Brasfield from the Riverwalk Adult Services provides some thoughts on the topic of isolation. The event is Tuesday, January 17 from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. More detailed registration information coming soon.

Music, Memory and the Brain: A Neurological Perspective

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Lighthouse as Mary Helen Ekstam, MT-BC, CDP, will join us. Mary Helen is a board certified music therapist and certified dementia practitioner. With expertise in neurological rehabilitation, hospice, palliative care and music therapy, Mary Helen has presented over 3,000 musical programs throughout the United States on the neurological implication of music, memory and the brain as well as other end-of-life topics. Mary Helen has resided in Naperville the last 30 years and continues to hold a private practice in music therapy.



Mary Helen Ekstam

Email REAdmin@stapostle.org to RSVP.

Antihypertensive Medication Use May Lower Dementia Risk

Having high blood pressure is a well-established risk factor for dementia, but a recent study found that actively treating hypertension with medications led to 13 percent lower risk of dementia. The study, published in the *European Heart Journal*, combined data from five large randomized, double-blinded clinical trials involving more than 28,000 older adults. The findings showed that a drop of about 10 millimeters of mercury (mm/Hg) of systolic pressure and 4 mmHg of diastolic pressure was associated with a significantly lower risk of a dementia diagnosis.

High blood pressure stresses blood vessels over time, causing them to become thicker, stiffer and narrower. As a result, there is a reduction in the amount of blood carrying oxygen and nutrients reaching the brain. This can affect brain health and brain function in numerous ways.

While blood pressure-lowering medication can be helpful in managing hypertension and reducing dementia risk, the researchers emphasized the importance of maintaining a lifestyle that also promotes healthy circulation. Factors such as maintaining a healthy weight, engaging in regular exercise, having a balanced diet and not smoking are among the chief recommendations for greater cardiovascular and cerebrovascular health.

Resource: MMM

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



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The Week Ahead

Monday, January 2

Offices Closed New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, January 3

7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, January 4

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center

6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana

7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee

7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center

7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center

6:30–8:15 pm YM Life Team, Gym and Youth Center

7:30–9:30 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, January 6, 2023

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration/Benediction, Chapel

7:00–9:00 pm Liturgical Ministers, Gym

Saturday, January 7, 2023

9:00–10:30 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana

11:00–12:00 pm Music/Liturgy Workshop, Gathering Area

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center

9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Senior Center

10:30–1:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

4:30–6:00 pm Teen with Character, Gym

Weekly Sunday Offertory

December 18, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,406
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	\$23,642
Total for the week	\$36,048
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$812,419
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$32,486
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$842,596
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$30,446)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	46%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$940,450

This week, the Sunday collection is \$30,446 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$455 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$153,719
Percent of Goal pledged to date	81.25%
Unpaid pledges	\$2,587
Paid to Date	\$151,132
Percent of goal paid to date	79.88%

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is We Belong to God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$168,000, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.





PARISH INFORMATION



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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

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