



JANUARY

8

2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Matthew 2:11

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

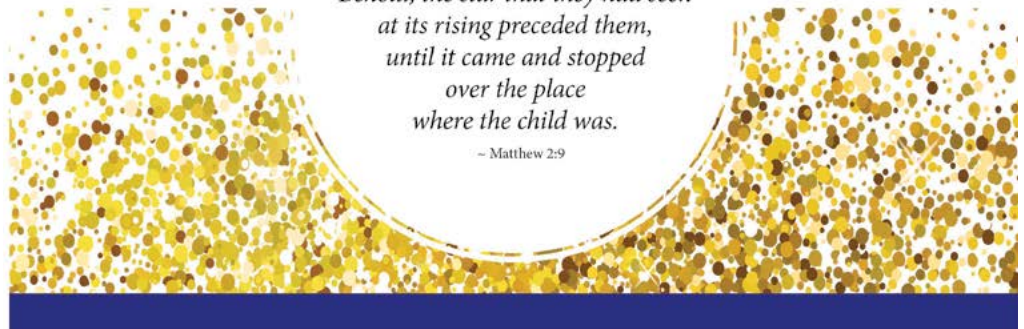
Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Eucharist, St. Thomas the Apostle strives to be an inclusive servant community – to be Christ in the World.

We bear the Good News of God's unconditional love to all generations through worship, faith formation, witness and service.



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

– Matthew 2:9



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.

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

A Trip Called Life

One way to pray with sacred scripture is to ask, "How is this biblical story my story?" So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important — the gold, frankincense and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home.

~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 — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Reflection on the Readings

Today's feast is filled with ironies for us. It celebrates those from afar who early acknowledged the Christ child and reminds us of those nearby who were threatened by him. Living in a current political climate that debunks globalism and challenges the meaning of Christianity, we must ask: "How do we make Christ's presence known?" Who do we accept into our communities and our lives regardless of their origins? Christ's coming has always turned things upside down.

Presider Schedule January 14-15

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am: Fr. Paul Hottinger with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

Presider schedule is subject to change.



Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who live here.

Leader: Bless, O Lord,
this household and family,
and allow all of us who live in this home
to find in it a shelter of peace and health.
Inspire each of us to develop
our individual talents
and to contribute wisdom and good works
for the benefit of the whole family.
Make our house a haven for us all,
and a place of warmth and caring
for all our friends who come to visit us.
Enlighten us with the brilliance
of your Epiphany star,
so that, as we go into the world,
we might clearly see our way to You
and discover You in our work and play.
This we ask to your glory
and in the power of your kingship.

All: For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory now and forever, Amen.

Then, bless the house with the sign of the cross.
After the blessing, the initials of the Magi (traditional names:
Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) are written with chalk over
the main door way of the house, like this:
20 + C + M + B + 23
(the + is a cross; the “23” stands for 2023; change the year
accordingly).

Adapted from commonly used parish prayer



Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Dolores Butler Streff, by Jennifer Streff
†Keegan Patrick Reed, by Jennifer Streff

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am †Marianne Stramaglia, Elaine Costello

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

First Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am †Thomas Faires, by Donald and Betty
Wampach

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Weekday

8:30 am †Edward Olson, by Gloria Gonzalez-Coswick

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Weekday

8:30 am †Bernice Wiedenski, by Mary Wright

Friday, January 13, 2023

Weekday

8:30 am †Josephine Quatrochi, by Battisto Family

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Weekday

8:30 am †Bryant McNeal, by Anne Valencia

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Roger Heim, by Dick and Kay
†Rosemarie Selke, by Dawn Oliver

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Murawski, by Bea Pierquet
†Dennis DeMeo, by Dan and Mary Ann
Manderscheid

11:15 am

*Thanks to our choir and all who helped with the music for
our Christmas celebrations. Your glorious work enhanced our
liturgies and was pure joy. Thank you!*



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St. Therese of Lisieux grew up in a very religious household. Losing her Mom at the age of 4, she followed in the footsteps of her older sisters, all of whom became nuns. She herself received the Carmelite habit in 1889. She saw herself as destined by God to be an apostle of apostles, with a desire to save souls and pray for priests. But her service was to be short lived. Therese died from Tuberculosis in 1897 at the age of 24.

Yet, in her short life, she managed to write 54 poems, 8 plays, dozens of prayers and hundreds of letters, as well as the three-part autobiography for which she became so well known – *The Story of a Soul*. Therese, in her humble and “little way” came to an understanding of God as divine mercy and she was able to put her complete and full trust in God’s merciful love. That was her theology. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face was canonized a saint in 1925. It was Pope John Paul II who declared her to be a Doctor of the universal Church in 1997.

Wonder of Christmas

Thank you to all of the young people who helped to proclaim the Christmas Gospel so beautifully with a Christmas pageant at the 4:00 pm liturgy on Christmas Eve: Avery Clark, Elsie Creek, Karen Drever, Evan Durnas, Abby Galer, Lorelai Garlough, Britta Hinz, Sloan Hinz, Adam Ogoudou, Carmen Pecoraro, Daphne Pecoraro, Rosalie Pecoraro, William Shields, Mira Smith, Caden Thurm, Tristan Thurm, Kate Urban, Genevieve Votta, Haley Wange and Liam Wange. In addition, a special thanks to Katelyn Garlough for help during the pageant and to Mike Ryder for his filming expertise and being able to project the pageant on the big screen so that it could be more easily viewed. Finally, a very special thank you to our adorable baby Jesus, Brady Nagle. There is nothing like young people acting out the story of Christmas to help us to feel wonder. May the wonder of that first Christmas live on in our hearts.





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.

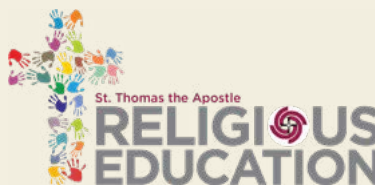
Seventh Grade Catechist Needed

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 Monday, 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!



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

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

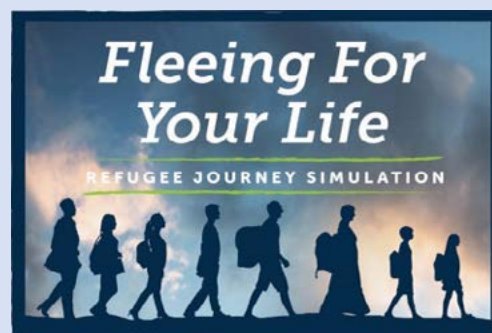
Middle School

- **January 9, 23:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **January 14, 21:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.



Coming Soon ... to Middle School RE

On February 4 and 6, as part of middle school RE classes, middle school students will experience a refugee journey simulation entitled Fleeing for Your Life. In this interactive simulation, middle school students will take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. Facilitated by Exodus World Service, this immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions. Students will gather belongings, climb into life rafts, crawl into tents and begin to understand the journey that millions of people are forced to take.





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Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, January 17 from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle, and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Ramen
- Soup
- Fruit
- Jello
- Jiffy mix
- Toilet paper

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.

Respect Life Meeting

You Are Invited

The St. Thomas Respect Life Group is meeting at 7:00 pm in the church Wednesday, January 11. You are invited to attend.

Our mission is to foster in our parish and in the wider community a greater awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life. Please join us as we plan new activities to meet that goal.

St. Thomas Respect Life Committee

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.

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!



Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events



Think Spring! Think Indoor Golf!

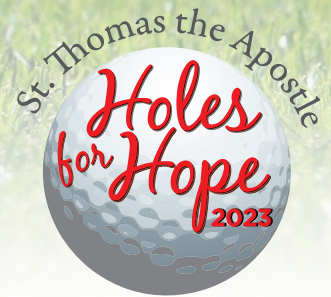
Save the Date – Sunday March 5, 2023, at Top Golf in Naperville.

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

Think Summer Think Outdoor Golf

Save the Date – Monday June 19, 2023

The 10th St. Thomas Holes-For-Hope Charity Golf Outing will return to Naperville Country Club. The Knights of Columbus are partnering with the OSJ Office to benefit St. Thomas Cares as our parish continues to provide various emergency funding services for individuals and families in need in the local area. You say you don't golf. Then save the date for the dinner after the golf! It will be the next social event of the year following the Top Golf outing!

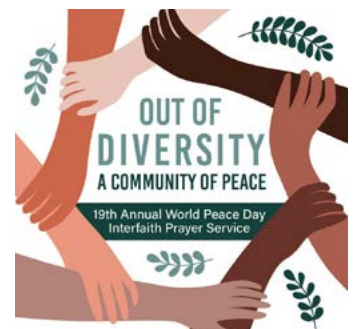


2023 World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service

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



Mangia! Mangia! Save the Date

Knights of Columbus Family Pasta Dinner will be held Saturday, January 28 from 5:00–7:00 pm. Both dine-in and carry-out options will be available. Net proceeds to benefit various Knights' Charities. Stay tuned for more details.



Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

Source: Xavier University



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.

Office of the Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure Screening this Weekend January 7–8

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.

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. RSVP by January 16 to Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x101.



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.

Email REAdmin@stapostle.org to RSVP.

The Benefits of 'Dry January'

Every year, tens of thousands of people kick off the new year by taking part in a month-long sobriety challenge known as "Dry January." The event is widely viewed as a temporary test of willpower – followed by a return to old drinking habits when the month ends. But according to research, that's often not what happens. Studies show that people who participate in Dry January and other sobriety challenges frequently experience lasting benefits. Often, they drink less in the long run and make other sustained changes to their drinking habits that lead to striking improvements in their health and well-being.

So why does Dry January seem to have a lasting effect? A month of sobriety, while it can sound daunting, is not so long that it seems impossible. And yet, it is long enough that it provides opportunities to form new habits – like turning down alcohol in social settings, which in the long run can be empowering. And taking a break from alcohol can trigger immediate health benefits, like weight loss, better sleep and a boost to your mood and energy levels, which can reinforce the new habit.

Source: Anahad O'Connor, *The Washington Post*

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION



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The Week Ahead

Monday, January 9

- 6:15–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
- 7:00–8:30 pm OCIA, Senior Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea
- 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 9:00 am–9:00 pm Take Down Trees, Church, Gym Lighthouse
- 6:30–8:30 pm Respect Life Ministry, Senior Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Elementary RE Catechists, Ministry Center
- 7:15–9:00 pm Faith Formation Committee, Cana

Thursday, January 12, 2023

- 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, January 13, 2023

Saturday, January 14, 2023

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

Sunday, January 15, 2023

- 9:00 am–12:15 pm Life Retreat, Ministry Center
- 9:00am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
- 9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Ministry Center
- 9:30–10:30 am Kindergarten Mass, Church

Weekly Sunday Offertory

December 25, 2022

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$4,806
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (<i>5th and 20th each month</i>)	\$26,651
Mailed in and stock donations	\$6,796
Total for the week	\$38,253
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$850,402
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$32,708
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$876,300
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$25,897)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	49%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$902,197

This week, the Sunday collection is \$25,897 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$121 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$154,089
Percent of Goal pledged to date	81.44%
Unpaid pledges	\$2,417
Paid to Date	\$151,672
Percent of goal paid to date	80.16%

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



Welcome

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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
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