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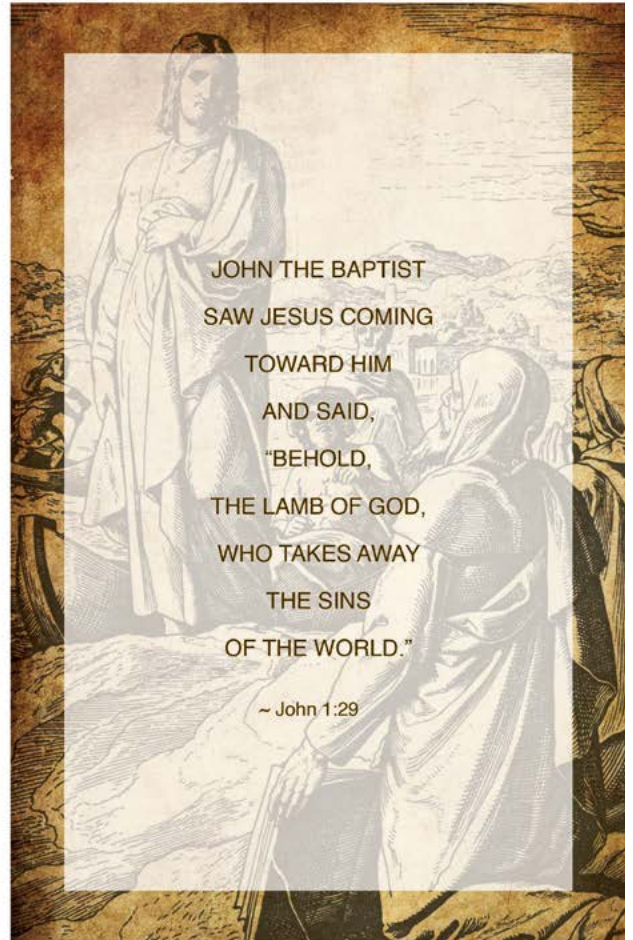
*The LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb .... I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!*

*Isaiah 49:5*

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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



JOHN THE BAPTIST  
SAW JESUS COMING  
TOWARD HIM  
AND SAID,  
"BEHOLD,  
THE LAMB OF GOD,  
WHO TAKES AWAY  
THE SINS  
OF THE WORLD."

~ John 1:29

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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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## Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends,

On January 21–22, our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean.



An example of a beneficiary of this collection are the priests in the Diocese of Guantánamo-Baracoa, who traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75 percent of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantánamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

**An important fact that you must know is that 25 percent of this diocesan collection goes to support our own diocesan mission work.** Since 1994 our diocese has sent missionaries to Sucre, Bolivia to not only offer our support with concrete actions, but to build relationships with the people who are so grateful for our presence and work there. We are blessed to have our Bolivian friends.

Let us all become missionaries by strengthening the Church in Latin America with a donation to the second collection on the weekend of January 21–22.

Paz y bien,

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**

*Bishop of Joliet*

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## Reflection on the Readings

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," the Baptist says. But, "I did not know him." Why did he identify an ordinary human being in this way? After John pointed Jesus out to the crowds, they wanted to know more about him, e.g., where did he live. If you had been in the crowd, would you have wanted to follow Jesus? Why was John so certain about Jesus when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God"? Was John watching for the Spirit? Do you watch for the Spirit in your life? Can you find and trust this Spirit of God?

## Presider Schedule January 21–22

### Saturday, January 21

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

### Sunday, January 22

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Jim Breen

Presider schedule is subject to change.

## Ministry Help Needed

Are you available for one hour, one day a week, once a month? If so, please consider joining the Temple Keeper ministry! This ministry assists in tidying the church space during the week, between weekend Masses. You can come in whenever it works for you, arrange the hymnals, tidy the pews and be done! You would be assigned one week per month.

Contact Samantha Delke in the liturgy office if you are interested at [sdelke@stapostle.org](mailto:sdelke@stapostle.org).



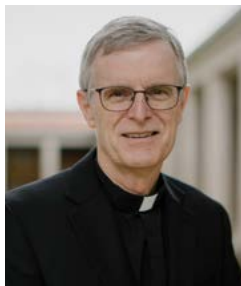
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## Fr. Peter Installation Mass

On January 28 at the 4:30 pm Mass, Fr. Peter Infanger will be installed as the Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church by the Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop of Joliet. Please join us at this special celebration.



## Prayer

*Lord our God, see how oppression and violence are our sad inheritance, one generation to the next.*

*We look for you where the lowly are raised up, where the mighty are brought down.*

*We find you there in your servants, and we give you thanks this day for your preacher and witness, Martin Luther King Jr.*

*Fill us with your spirit: where our human community is divided by racism, torn by repression, saddened by fear and ignorance, may we give ourselves to your work of healing.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



## Chapel Steinway Piano Donation

Recently the parish received a very generous donation of a Steinway Model A piano that currently resides in the chapel. The piano frame dates back to c. 1910, but everything on the piano has been restored. This kind donation came from the Glowaty family. The piano belonged to Loretta Glowaty who devoted much of her life to sharing her music and providing leadership as a church organist/pianist, choir director and piano teacher.

The piano will be used in the chapel, as well as other special events in the parish. If you were at Lessons and Carols you saw it put to use in a 'dueling pianos' type situation.

We are so very grateful to the Glowaty family for their thoughtful donation.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

#### Sunday, January 15, 2023

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

8:00 am †Graciano Querudin, by Family  
9:30 am †Gerry M. Kral-Murawski, by Bea Pierquet  
†Dennis DeMeo, by Dan and Mary Ann Manderscheid

11:15 am †Amanda Rea Carlson by Mom, Dad, Brother

#### Monday, January 16, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Ruth Gayol, by Fernando Gayol

#### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:30 am †Aerielle Arguelles, by Mana

#### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Ramona Martino, by Martino Family

#### Thursday, January 19, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Jennie Battisto, Battisto Family

#### Friday, January 20, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Robert Zevinthal, by Richard and Adela Auskalis

#### Saturday, January 21, 2023

*St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

8:30 am  
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Richard Rutkowski, by Peggy Nowicki

#### Sunday, January 22, 2023

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am  
9:30 am †Irene Page, by Kathy Edmunds  
†Gerry M. Kral-Murawski, by Bea Pierquet  
11:15 am



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### C.A.R.E CORNER

This column has been focusing on saints for quite some time. That isn't hard to do, considering there have been so many saints throughout the 2000 year history of our Church. Yet we have only touched on some of the saints who were canonized by the Catholic

Church. The primary criteria for canonization include a life lived with love for God and others, fidelity to the faith, considerable charity, and an ongoing demonstration of holiness and great virtue. Throw in a couple of miracles and you get a bonafide saint. The word saint comes from the Latin "sanctus," which means holy.

So far in this series, the majority of the saints we've highlighted have come from the geography that includes Palestine and the Holy Land, Northern Africa, the ancient Near East, and then as the Church spread, into Italy and throughout Europe. For the next three weeks we're going to focus on saints who primarily served in the United States. Please stay with us as we take a look at three women who concentrated their efforts in work that today we would label "social services."



### Eucharist and The Mass – The Heart of the Church

The sacred liturgy is at the heart of the Church – is it centered in our hearts and lives? Why does Eucharist matter so much? What does it mean to me to be part of the Body of Christ?

Come to explore, interact with, and pray the Mass in two sessions in the Chapel from 7:00–9:00 pm on Mondays January 30 and February 6. The first session will cover the who, what, why and how of the Mass, and center on the Liturgy of the Word. The second session will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist and our shared life in Christ.

To participate, please contact REAdmin@stapostle.org or call Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980, x138.

### Kindergarten Mass

The Kindergarten Religious Education Class is invited along with their families to a special Mass on Sunday, January 15 at 9:30 am. Kindergarten children may be part of the Mass entrance procession. Please meet in the hall by the Narthex at 9:00 am after finding your seat as a family.

Thank you to our catechists Juliette Follin and Zoraida Zarate and their aides Taylor Cottingham, Allison Davids, Bill Follin, Michelle Seby and Cuautemoc Zarate for their time teaching the children about our faith.

### First Eucharist Prayer Service

The First Eucharist Prayer Service, "Family Inscription Service," is Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church. It is a special liturgy for First Communicants, parents and their families.

Please RSVP to REAdmin@stapostle.org. It is required as part of the preparation for receiving First Communion. For more information or questions, contact Jenni or Geralyn in the Religious Education office at REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.305.6318 or Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109. Additional First Eucharist Family Prayer Services are February 16, March 15 and April 12. They are all at 7:00 pm in the church.

### 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 14. 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.



### Question of the week

What kind of peace did John the Baptist say that Jesus would bring?



## Roy Petifils to Speak to Teens and Parents January 29

The next Journey Night will be at a special time from 7:00–8:30 pm in the church Sunday, January 29. This Journey Night will feature a keynote talk by Roy Petifils presenting the topic “Identity in Christ, Too Blessed to be Stressed” focusing on ways for today’s teens to navigate the pressures of everyday life. Roy is a renowned youth minister, counselor, blogger and author who has touched thousands of lives in his ministry, delivering inspiring keynote talks at the National Catholic Youth Conference. For those unable to attend the later time, there will also be an earlier session on Sunday from 2:00–3:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary in Naperville.

## Alive in You – High School Youth Ministry Mission Trip

Registrations are now open for the Alive in You Mission Trip to Appleton, Wisc., July 11–16, 2023. The vision of Alive in You is to enable high school teen participants to open their hearts and allow Christ to become the center of their lives. The goal is to educate, motivate and provide young people with a life changing Catholic experience. Alive in You is grounded in the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church, and we strive to provide the perfect balance of faith, service, education and fun. Incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors eligible to sign up. Young adults are welcome, but must take Protecting God’s Children in order to go. Typical work may include painting, simple building projects, landscaping, working at a food pantry or social service organization, working with children at a low income day care, etc. Chaperones needed.

We will be having an information night Tuesday, February 21. Registration forms can be found online. Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at ym@stapostle.org or 630.852.3303, x117.

## Calling Young Adults

Stop by our table at the Pancake Breakfast February 5 because we want to meet you! We’d like to hear about your interests to restart a young adult group.

*“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are. Be generous in your active life, young people! Be deeply immersed in the contemplation of God’s mystery. Make the Eucharist the heart of your day.”*

~ Pope St John Paul II

## 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.



### Religious Education Dates

**Elementary**

- **January 14, 21:** Saturday  
Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.  
*First Grade St. Thomas church visit January 21.*
- **January 24, 31:** Tuesday  
Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.  
*First Grade St. Thomas church visit January 31.*

**Middle School**

- **January 23, February 6, 13:**  
Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **January 14, 21, February 4, 11:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.  
*On February 4 and 6, middle school RE classes will meet at St. Thomas.*



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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.



## at St. Thomas

### Wanted: Six Words

The Inclusive Justice Initiative is asking for your thoughts on race ... in only six words. To join the Race Card Project conversation:

- Stop by the Race Card display at St. Thomas and add your Race Card to the bulletin board, or
- Go to [www.stapostle.org/race-card-project](http://www.stapostle.org/race-card-project) and complete an online Race Card.

Visit the St. Thomas website home page for more information on the Race Card Project and to view all Race Cards submitted.

The Race Card Project at St. Thomas will be available through the end March. Join the conversation as many times as you would like ... and invite others in your life to join as well.

Your thoughts ... six words ... we all have a story. Accept the challenge and add your voice to the conversation!

### Hesed House PADS February Food Donation Sign-Up

*St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.*



We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those that helped with donations in December. We are now asking for donations for the Thursday, February 2.

### How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for February, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) for specific items. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area on Thursday, February 2, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.

## LEAP of Faith

"We are most human when we see the humanity in others." (author unknown)  
The Inclusive Justice Initiative is periodically highlighting different group and traditions. We invite you to take a LEAP of faith with us ... discovering the commonalities we all share.

### Muslim American Heritage

January is Muslim American Heritage Month in Illinois.

**Learn:** Our Catholic faith has some shared beliefs with our Muslim brethren. Muslims believe in the virgin birth, giving Mary ('Maryam' in the Qur'an) an entire chapter and elevating her as a person worthy of reverence. Jesus, too, is revered as a major prophet, though not recognized as God incarnate. Faith practices like fasting, almsgiving, pilgrimage and praying with beads are also shared ways to express our belief in our common supreme creator God (Allah).

**Explore:** Check out this short video featuring former football star, Ryan Harris, as he speaks about practicing his Muslim faith while attending the University of Notre Dame. The Catholic community was very welcoming. <https://sacredstories.nd.edu/portfolio/december-13/>

**Act:** Visit the Muslim American Leadership Alliance website at <https://malanational.org> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MALANational/> to read personal stories of Muslim American experiences and achievements and to see events for the month

### Pray:

#### Muhammad's Prayer of Light

O God,  
give me light in my heart  
and light in my tongue  
and light in my hearing  
and light in my sight  
and light in my feeling  
and light in all body  
and light before me  
and light behind me.  
Give me, I pray Thee,  
Light on my right hand  
And light on my left hand  
And light above me  
And light beneath me,  
O Lord,  
Increase light within me  
And give me light



## Pasta Dinner Saturday, January 28

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are holding a Family "Knight" of Food & Fellowship Saturday, January 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Net proceeds benefit the various K of C charities.

Dinner includes: pasta with marinara sauce, meatball, salad, bread and dessert. Dine-in seating in the gym or carry-out from the Gathering Area. \$10 per meal (dine-in children 12 and under are free).

Reserve your dinners at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) or after Mass next weekend, January 21-22.



## Men's Prayer Breakfast Save the Date!

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the next Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, February 25.

We will come together for the 8:30 am Mass and then move to the Lighthouse for breakfast. Following breakfast, we will feature a yet-to-be announced speaker.

Watch the bulletin and website for further updates. Plan on attending ... and bring a friend!

Email [deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com) with any questions.



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PASTORAL CARE  
St. Thomas the Apostle

### Resources to Know

#### Pastoral Care

- If you would like a pastoral visit with Communion in the home or hospital, please contact Annette Kubalanza, Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x124.
- 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 or Annette Kubalanza.

#### Behavioral Health Ministry

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

### 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.



#### From the Office of the Parish Nurse

### Music, Memory and the Brain: A Neurological Perspective

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 25 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.

#### From the Office of Behavioral Health Ministry

### Sign Up for In-person Grief Support Group

Are you mourning a spouse, parent, adult sibling or friend? You are not alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support group. We share our stories to understand all that we have gone through. We laugh and cry, all in honor of our loved ones. Learn resilience strategies so you can begin to heal the ache of your sadness and in your own timing, move forward in your life. This is a small (no more than eight), confidential and safe group facilitated by Paula Kosin, a licensed clinical professional counselor and St. Thomas parishioner. This is a ministry group, not a therapy group. 100 percent of participants in six groups so far have said that by week six they felt confident or very confident about their ability to move forward.

This six-session program meets at St. Thomas Sundays at 10:45 am, after the 9:30 am Mass, until 12:15 pm. Dates: January 29, February 5, 19, March 5, 19, and April 2. We form a trusting community, so we ask you to commit to all 6 sessions. Is this the right time for you – or do you know a friend who might benefit? Call Susan Kearney, Coordinator of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x108 to discuss or to sign up.

### Attention Caregivers

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection. The upcoming meeting will be Thursday, January 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd., Naperville. Enter through the back entrance as the main entrance may be locked. Check the event board by the lower level entrance for the room number. Please email welisten2017@gmail.com or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions.

# 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, January 16

Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Drive thru Donations  
 10:00 am–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse  
 7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana  
 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center  
 7:00–8:30 pm First Communion Prayer Service, Church  
 7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana

### Thursday, January 19, 2023

8:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center  
 10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus  
 6:30–8:15 pm YM Life Team, Reunion, Gym and Youth Center  
 7:30–9:30 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

### Friday, January 20, 2023

### Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:30–9:45 am First Grade RE Church visit  
 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana  
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, January 22

9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center  
 9:00 am–1:00 pm Donut and Welcome Sunday, Gym  
 9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Senior Center  
 4:30–5:45 pm Confirmation Class, Lighthouse  
 4:30–5:45 pm Journey Group, Youth Center  
 7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Lighthouse and Youth Center  
 7:15–8:30 pm Journey Groups, Emmaus and Youth Center

### Weekly Sunday Offertory

#### January 1, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$11,901
Credit Card Online Giving for December	\$20,774
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$11,886
Total for the week	\$44,561
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$894,963
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$33,147
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$910,003
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$15,040)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	51%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$857,636

This week, the Sunday collection is \$15,040 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$425 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$154,764
Percent of Goal pledged to date	81.80%
Unpaid pledges	\$2,240
Paid to Date	\$152,524
Percent of goal paid to date	80.62%

## 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

Thank you for joining us.

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### Church Office and Building Hours

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### Ex-Officio

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

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