



JANUARY

22

2023

THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers .... He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.*

*Matthew 4:21B-22*

**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.*

*They left their nets and followed him.*

~ Matthew 4:20



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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.



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

### A Call from the Wild

Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times that wild divine instinct is to go where we would rather not go, but somehow we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s Gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.... From that time on he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

## Presider Schedule January 28–29

### Saturday, January 28

4:30 pm: Most Rev. Ronald Hicks

### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: TBA

Presider schedule is subject to change.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

## Reflection on the Readings

Our first reading from Isaiah sounds as if we were still in the Christmas season: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” But paired with today’s Gospel, which repeats that phrase, it makes a powerful prelude to the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry and the calling of the first apostles. Jesus’ response to John the Baptist’s arrest is to begin his announcement of the kingdom of heaven. How can the word of God help us to respond to adversity?

## 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

Diana Cabrales and Ryan Bossart and Family  
Maryellen Jachimowski

Adam and Carmela Natonski and Family  
Ramakrishan Sharma and Annalisa Gonsalves and Family

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



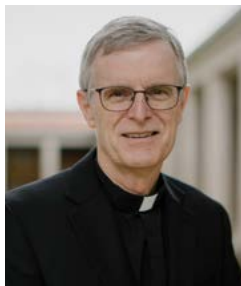
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## Fr. Peter Installation Mass

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

*Almighty Father,*

*You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.  
As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.*

*As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.  
Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.*

*Thank you for the teachers and administrators  
who sustain our schools today.*

*Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.*

*Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.  
May all school buildings be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others.*

*May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.*

*May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.*

*Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others, and may we show them your unceasing love through our actions.*

*In your name we pray.*

*Amen.*

## Anointing of the Sick

On Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 am, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the chapel. Anyone, of all ages, can benefit from this sacrament – as many times as needed! There are no limits to anointing, as we are all in need of healing of various troubling conditions – physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

During the Ritual of Anointing, the Priest will anoint the foreheads of all who come forward with the Oil of the Sick and proclaim, “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”

Please join us for this special celebration. No online registration is necessary.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

#### Sunday, January 22, 2023

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Richard Rutkowski, by Peggy Nowicki

8:00 am

9:30 am †Irene Page, by Kathy Edmunds

†Gerry M. Kral-Murawski, by Bea Pierquet

11:15 am †Rogelio Alcalde, by Mayoralgo Family

#### Monday, January 23, 2023

*USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children*

8:30 am †William Raef, by Battisto Family

#### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am

#### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

*The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

8:30 am †Anne Battisto

#### Thursday, January 26, 2023

*St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops*

8:30 am †Manuel Gudierrez, by Family

#### Friday, January 27, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Millie Longo, by The Deetjens

#### Saturday, January 28, 2023

*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am †Vito Battisto, by Battisto Family

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Judy Fiaush, by Audrey Easton

†Guanghan Zu, by Michelle Kuhn

#### Sunday, January 29, 2023

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am

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

†Kay Grabus, AnnMarie Mitchell

11:15 am †Tim O'Connor, by Mayoralgo Family

### Donut Sunday is Today!

Join us for Donut Sunday and Welcome Sunday in the St. Thomas gym after all Sunday Masses today! Are you new to St. Thomas? Become a member by registering in the gym. Meet other parishioners and enjoy the warmth of friendship with a donut and coffee today!



### C.A.R.E CORNER

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City in 1774. Her father was a doctor who made sure she received a good education. Her mother died when she was only 3, so she was primarily raised by her stepmother who was Anglican. Elizabeth was always drawn to prayer, the Scriptures and performing acts of mercy. At the age of 20, she married William Seton and eventually bore 5 children. William died of tuberculosis in Pisa, Italy in 1803 while on holiday. Elizabeth was taken in by one of his business partners who was a devout Catholic. He and his family introduced her to the faith, which she found to be full, true, joyful and intimate.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was especially drawn to how Jesus Christ was so concrete and so accessible in the Eucharist. Upon returning to New York, she entered the Catholic Church in 1805. Because of her conversion, she was disowned by her husband's family and shunned by many former friends. But she found support from Bishop John Carroll. She began to teach girls and eventually founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which was the first American women's religious congregation. In Maryland, she began the first American parish school and is considered to be the founder of the parochial school system. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 46 in 1821. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first American born citizen to be canonized, which occurred in 1975.

### 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.

### Men's Retreat

After a two-year COVID break, the Men's Retreat is returning to the Darien Carmelite Spiritual Center January 27–29. Led by returning presenter Joel Blunk, the weekend, titled "Everything Is Holy Now," is a chance to:

- Enjoy the company of other men
- Spend quality time in silence and reflection
- Receive affirmation of God's presence in your life
- Participate in authentic and deep listening and sharing
- Experience inner work that makes a difference in the world
- Reflect on your own mythic journey
- Laugh, sing, worship, celebrate and drum.

Registration is required ASAP. Call CSC at 630.969.4141 or email [retreats@carmelitespiritualcenter.org](mailto:retreats@carmelitespiritualcenter.org). Or contact Larry Hjorth at 630.636.8910 or [larryhjorth@gmail.com](mailto:larryhjorth@gmail.com). Cost is \$220 double occupancy, \$285 single occupancy or \$150 commuter rate.

### Save the Date – Third Grade Mass

Third grade students and their families are invited to the Third Grade Mass on Sunday, January 29 at 11:15 am. The children have been learning about how to be followers of Jesus. They have been busy preparing for the Mass. They will be contributing by being readers, gift bearers, host greeters, bulletin cover designers and will be part of the entrance procession. The children are also invited to bring pasta or soup for a Care Pantry donation to the Mass.

### Scout Day of Recollection

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) invites you to their annual Day of Recollection Navigating Our Catholic Faith: "Follow Me!". It is open to all registered American Heritage Girls, all levels of Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers. It will be Saturday, February 25, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 701 Plainfield Rd., Darien. For further information go to <https://www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org/day-of-recollection>



### Question of the week

If asked could you leave everything to follow Jesus, why or why not?



## 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. 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 at 7:00 pm. Registration forms can be found online. Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at ym@stapostle.org or 630.852.3303, x117.

## Calling Young Adults

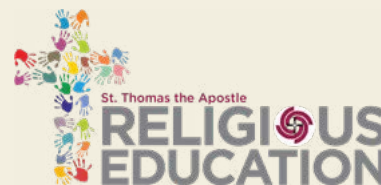
Stop by our table at the Pancake Breakfast February 5 because we want to meet you! We’d like to hear about your interests to restart a young adult group.

*“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 21, February 4:** 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 21, February 4, 11:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

*On February 4 and 6, middle school RE classes will meet at St. Thomas.*

## Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet on



Sunday, February 5, 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. Come and bring a friend. We would love to see you!



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## 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 who helped with donations in December. We are now asking for donations for 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.



## Race Card Project

Thank you to those who have added their 6-word thoughts on race to The Race Card Project at St. Thomas bulletin board. So many submissions were challenging and heart-felt. Here are a few from this past week:

- What matters is on the inside.
- Regret not dating him ... different races.



at St. Thomas

To read what others are saying, visit the Race Card bulletin board in the main hallway or go to [www.stapostle.org/race-card-submissions](http://www.stapostle.org/race-card-submissions).

The conversation is just beginning. To join the Race Card Project conversation:

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

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. If you would like to comment on the project or a particular Race Card, email [RaceCardProject@stapostle.org](mailto:RaceCardProject@stapostle.org).

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

## Haiti Twinning Ste. Marie-Madeleine

### Words from Fr. Frantzdy

Fr. Frantzdy is the Pastor of our Twinning parish in Haiti, Ste. Marie-Madeleine. In his words below, he uses the English name, St. Mary Magdalene. We received his email December 30, 2022.

Its 1:15 am, I want to sleep but, unfortunately, I can't because I'm thinking about how the condition of life is getting worse and worse every single day for the people. No one is excepted. Whoever you are, you have to deal with lots of hardships. Being in charge of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish in these times is like a challenge to overcome. I do believe that it is possible to move forward, but there are too many things to do in the parish and I don't really know how to proceed and to deal with them.

Here, in Haiti, inflation is at its peak and the people are moneyless every day. What is bad is that even if you have money, you cannot pretend to have enough to take your responsibility as wished and you have to choose to do some things and forget about some others, even if they are mandatory. So, it is even worse for those who are living in deep poverty every day. In such situations, as a parish pastor, my responsibilities are deepening, and I don't want to fight back and leave the people without help and assistance. Then, to move forward, I am more and more to rely on the twinning program and on the deep faith of the parishioners of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church to whom I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude and while assuring them of my daily and humble prayers.

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish will celebrate its 25 years foundation anniversary January 4, 2023. This will open the celebrations and events during this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will close July 22, 2023, with the big feast of Saint Mary Magdalene parish. In this occasion, the twinning sisters and brothers at Saint Thomas the Apostle parish are invited to celebrate and thank God with us. You are our special guests because you are the sculptures who, in fact, are designing the art of Saint Mary Magdalene parish. You are the tools in God's hands who are making such a wonderful work in Duchity. Only God can reward you. May you be part of his blessings every single day of your life as individuals and as faith community!

Even though life is hard here in Haiti, with the twinning program many things have been done in Duchity through the years. Many people have a better life because of your faith in God and because of your deep generosity. But, 25 years after, it is like we still have a long way to go because things are getting worse and worse. Some of you may feel exhausted with our nonproductive nation, but please don't let the people alone. You may not be aware of your deep and many accomplishments, but I can assure you that they are tremendous. Please, keep on fighting by my side because we have many loose ends to tight up for a fresh start after 25 years of foundation.

Father Frantzdy Joseph (12/30/22)



## Homeowners/Renters Needing Assistance

There are two Illinois programs that could be of major assistance to families in danger of losing their homes.

### Illinois Homeowners Assistance Fund

Can provide grants up to \$60,000 toward mortgage delinquency, taxes, and association fees. Homeowners should contact HOME DuPage first to talk about this option. Homeowners can apply through end of January. For more information: <https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf>.

### Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program

CBRAP provides funding to Illinois tenants and landlords across the state (outside of Cook County) who have pending cases in eviction court. The program is only available to litigants in eviction court. Applicants may qualify for up to \$25,000 in emergency rental payments that can include up to 15 months of past-due rent and 3 months of future rent payments to prevent eviction. For more information: <https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/cbrap>.

## 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, Joe Jackson, the Executive Director of Hessed House, will speak.

The registration link will be published once it is available on the website. 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

### Introducing our New Director of Pastoral Care

Let me tell you a story. When I was in kindergarten my mother walked me and my sister to school every day. I remember holding her hand and it was a great feeling that I never forgot. It was a feeling of being cared for and safe and of being loved and nurtured. I can still feel her touch even today.

My name is Annette Kubalanza and I am the new Director of Pastoral Care at St. Thomas. Over the course of my life, I have been blessed with care, safety, love, and the nurturing presence of the many people who have touched my life in both big and small ways. It is my hope that through the ministry of care we will be that presence for each other as we grow stronger in body, mind and spirit.

Please stop by the Pastoral Care office to say hello. I look forward to getting to know each of you and to learn more about the people of St. Thomas.

#### Contact information

Akubalanza@stapostle.org  
630.355.8980, x124

### 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



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## The Week Ahead

### Monday, January 23, 2023

- 7:00–8:15 pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center
- 7:00–8:15 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
- 7:15–8:30 pm RE Middle School at All Saints Academy

### Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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

### Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Wellspring, Lighthouse

### Thursday, January 26, 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, Zoom

### Friday, January 27, 2023

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

- 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
- 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
- 5:00–7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner, Gym

### Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
- 9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Senior Center
- 11:15 am–12:15 pm Third Grade Mass, Church
- 7:00–8:30 pm Journey Night, Church

## Weekly Sunday Offertory

### January 8, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,170
Credit Card Online Giving ( <i>reported monthly</i> )	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit ( <i>5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> each month</i> )	\$20,836
Mailed in and stock donations	\$9,088
Total for the week	\$40,094
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$935,043
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$33,394
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$943,707
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$8,664)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	53%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$817,556

This week, the Sunday collection is \$8,664 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$2,805 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### Diocesan Appeal 2022

Parish Appeal Goal	\$189,200
Pledges Received	\$154,514
Percent of Goal pledged to date	83.25%
Unpaid pledges	\$1,850
Paid to Date	\$155,664
Percent of goal paid to date	82.27%

## 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.

### St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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### Church Office and Building Hours

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

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### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, CMI  
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### Weekend Associates

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Susan Wood O'Leary, *Chair*  
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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.

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**Religious Education:** Call 630.305.6318 to register.

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