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2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

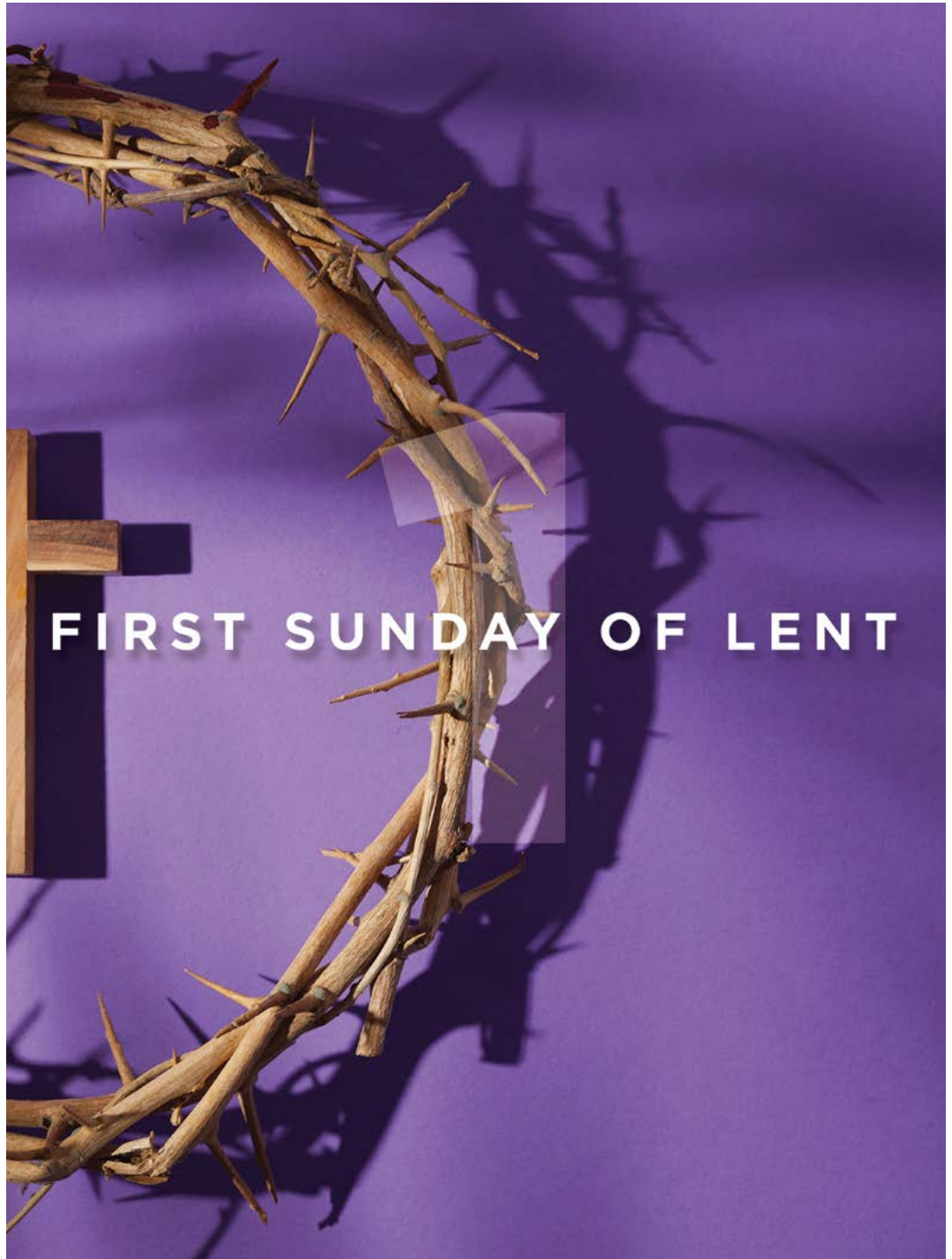
*Jesus said in reply, "It is written,  
'The Lord, your God, shall you  
worship and him alone shall you  
serve.'"*

*Matthew 4:10*

**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.*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**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.

### The Gift of Boredom

Boredom is not a bad thing. It's a good thing. In fact, boredom is a gift. Lost in boredom, we begin to explore new interests and develop unrealized talents. We daydream and begin to form new hopes for our future. For these reasons, periods of boredom are especially good for children and why computers and mobile phones become distinct drawbacks for children and adults alike. It is also in the reverie of boredom that we find ourselves recognizing our limitations, faults, and weaknesses as human beings – the beginning steps to growth and wholeness.

Being bored can be like living in a desert, and that's not a bad thing to do once in a while. Deserts and their absence of anything to distract us become places where we come to know ourselves. It's what took place in Jesus on his journey into the desert. There, he was confronted by his humanity in the temptations he experienced.

There, he came to realize his calling and the beginnings of where it would take him. There, in the desert, he came to know himself.

The season of Lent, then, becomes an opportunity for us to create a desert for ourselves. Putting limits on our television and computer time can create a desert. Snacking between meals can become a mindless distraction; thus, fasting can become another desert. Setting aside time for quiet and prayerful reflection becomes one more such desert experience. A grace of this Lent would then become a fuller and more honest knowledge of ourselves – a kind of resurrection.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

## Presider Schedule March 4-5

### Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

### Sunday, March 5

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

## Readings for Today

**First Reading** – The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

**Psalm** – Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

**Second Reading** – For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

**Gospel** – At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## Reflection on the Readings

In these scriptures, Jesus was tempted three times in the desert, and ends up reminding us all that "only God is God." Why are we tempted to be so much more than we are ... beloved children of God? How can we respond to temptation in our lives?

## 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

Timothy and Krisan Richardson and Family

### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



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## Stations of the Cross

### Fridays of Lent

7:00 pm | Church

The Way of the Cross has always been a powerful and popular part of the faith tradition and devotional life for Catholics throughout the ages. The early practice of Christians attempting to retrace and walk the path of Jesus has always been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.



### March 10, March 24

The Scriptural Stations of the Cross are based on those celebrated by Saint Pope John Paul II on Good Friday in 1991. They are an alternative to the traditional stations as a way of more deeply reflecting on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's Passion. Prayerful silence accompanies the transition between stations.

### March 3, March 17, March 31

Through the simple, intimate, yet powerful words of Everyone's Way of the Cross, those on the journey are invited to grow closer to Christ by embracing the mystery of suffering in the world. Music provides a transitional accompaniment between stations.

## Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, St. Thomas the Apostle celebrates Black History Month. Each week of February, the parish bulletin contains an insert that highlights the life of a Black individual who has lived the life of Christ, paired with an African-American Spiritual that reflects the worship tradition of the Black church.

### Black History Month Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
who has been our dwelling place throughout time,  
and through whom our hearts are filled with praise,  
grant that, as we celebrate this Black History Month,  
we work to embody the fortitude, grace, and faith  
of African Americans who have shaped  
our Church and world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

### Sunday, February 26, 2023

*First Sunday of Lent*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Ann and Bud Hjorth by Larry and Lisa Hjorth  
†Dan Quintana by The Dobby Family
- 8:00 am
- 9:30 am †Bill Feder by Family  
†Dennis Demeo by Bob and Kathy
- 11:15 am †Thaddeus Witkowski by Joanne Witkowski and Family

### Monday, February 27, 2023

*Lenten weekday*

8:30 am

### Tuesday, February 28, 2023

*Lenten weekday*

8:30 am

### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

*Lenten weekday*

8:30 am †Alex Bajusz by Bajusz Family

### Thursday, March 2, 2023

*Lenten weekday*

8:30 am

### Friday, March 3, 2023

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30 am

### Saturday, March 4, 2023

*Lenten weekday*

8:30 am

4:30 pm †Rick DeAngelo by MaryAnn and Dennis Mlynski  
†Elizabeth Peterson by Pat DeAngelo

### Sunday, March 5, 2023

*Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am †Divine Arthur by The Noronha Family  
9:30 am †Joe(Cookie) Rizzo by Joe and Diana Rizzo  
† Judy Fiaush by Audrey Easton

11:15 am

## Donut and Welcome Sunday is February 26!

You are invited to be part of 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 after all Sunday Masses today. Meet other parishioners and enjoy the warmth of friendship with a donut and coffee today!



# FAITH AND FORMATION COMMISSION – ADULT

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

Bernadette Soubirous was a simple child of poor parents in France. Yet, Mary, the Mother of Jesus appeared to her 18 times in a cave close to the banks of a river near Lourdes, beginning in February of 1858. Bernadette, who had a reputation for being virtuous, was 14 at the time. She was instructed to have a chapel built on the spot where the visions occurred – the same spot where Bernadette had dug in the dirt and a spring arose.



The first apparition of Mary occurred on March 25. Bernadette described the “lady in the white robe and blue sash” as identifying herself as the “Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette didn’t know what that meant until she was told later who the Lady really was. The Immaculate Conception had been declared an official dogma of the Church in 1854. Her visions created controversy and Bernadette was hounded by the public and by civic officials. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame convent for protection. Due to the many miracles that occurred at Lourdes, the Catholic Church confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. Having suffered from chronic health problems, Bernadette died at the age of 35 in 1879. Her body was exhumed 30 years later and was found to be incorrupt. She was declared a saint in 1933. St. Bernadette was someone who lived by faith in things she did not understand. And isn’t that what faith really is?

## Marriage Enrichment Opportunity

“Marriage & the Messy Family: Making the Most of Your Mess.” That’s the focus of the presentation sponsored by the Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team to be held from 9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday, March 4 at Holy Spirit Catholic Community, 2003 Hassert Blvd., Naperville. Mike and Alicia Hernon of The Messy Family podcast will reassure you that you are not alone in the great adventure of marriage and family life. Gain insight, inspiration and practical tools to nurture your marriage and build unity and a Catholic culture in your home whether you are a parent or grandparent. Register NOW at imetevents.org for \$50 per couple. You can mail a check payable to IMET to Cathy and Phil Gorski, 633 Maywood Ln., Lisle IL 60532, including your name, address, phone and email address.



## Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Help support the All Saints Catholic Academy second grade Brownie troop today! They will be selling Girl Scout cookies for \$5 per box before and after all Masses February 25–26. Payment can be made with cash or Venmo. Hope to see you there!

## Girl Scout Mass

The Girl Scout Mass is March 5 at 11:15 am. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 to find out how you can be part of this special Mass.



## Mid-Day Meditation

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus plaintively asks the apostles “Couldn’t you spend a little time in prayer with me?” A response to that is an invitation to you to participate in Mid-Day Meditation from 12:00–12:30 pm in the Chapel on the Tuesdays of Lent: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4.

Come to reflect on Jesus’ pouring out his life for us and pour out to him your joys and sorrows, hopes and failures. He will hold you in his compassion.

## Question of the week

Have you made your Lenten promise yet?



## Scripture Safari

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School is called Scripture Safari and will be here June 12–16 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm daily including a Mass June 17 at 4:30 pm. Registration forms to volunteer and participate will be available in April.



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## Living Stations of the Cross

Practices begin this week for the Living Stations of the Cross. Middle school students are invited to be part of this beautiful prayer service on Good Friday, April 7. The Stations are prayerfully 'acted out' with still poses. This is a wonderful opportunity for middle school students to come to a deeper understanding of the gift of the Christ's love for us. Practices will be held weekly beginning Wednesday, March 1, from 4:30–5:30 pm. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.



## Middle School Families Invited to Come Together for Mass

Middle school students and their families are invited to celebrate the 4:30 pm Mass Saturday, March 4. After Mass, the celebration continues with a reception in the Gym. Join us as we pray and celebrate together.

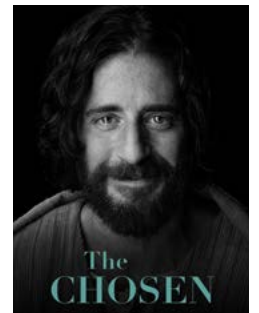
## Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet Sunday, March 12, 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!



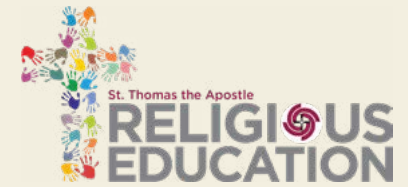
## Attention Tuesday RE Parents

Join us for fellowship and discussion Tuesdays 4:30–5:40 pm at Brookdale School starting February 21. It's hard for us, as parents, to fill ourselves up socially and spiritually while taking care of the needs of our children. Carve out a little time to join other parents with weekly topics on episodes from The Chosen series Season 1. You do NOT have to watch the episodes but it is an engaging series and encouraged. The main purpose is fellowship – getting to know one another in a faith-filled environment.



## Register for National Catholic Youth Conference – November 16–18

Celebrate "Fully Alive" @NCYC with thousands of other Catholic teens from across the nation. For more information visit nyc.info or contact the Youth Ministry Office at ym@stapostle.org. Outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to outgoing juniors will be eligible.



## Religious Education Dates

### Elementary

- **February 25, March 4, 11:** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
- **February 28, March 7, 14:** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.

### Middle School

- **February 27, March 6, 13, 20:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **February 25, March 4, 11, 18:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.



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## Think Spring! K of C – TOP Golf Event

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the social event of the year (so far) at Top Golf in Naperville. Sunday March 5, from 1:00–4:00 pm. All proceeds support St Thomas OSJ and Knights of Columbus Charities. Golf and Dinner: \$100/person; dinner only: \$75/person.

Tickets are available in the Gathering Area after all Masses this weekend. Detailed information available in the flyer found on the St. Thomas website home page.

## Save the Date Lenten Fish Dinner

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all to a Lenten fish dinner ... Friday, March 24. Come celebrate renewed fellowship and shared dining. Stay tuned for more information.

## The Race Card Project ... Continue the Conversation

Sharing about race is often not a 'one-and-done' thing. If you've submitted a Race Card and feel you have more to say, you can join the conversation often.

You can do that by completing a paper Race Card and putting it on the Race Card Project at St. Thomas bulletin board, or you can submit an online Race Card at [stapostle.org/race-card-project](http://stapostle.org/race-card-project).

Besides viewing the Race Card Project bulletin board, you can view the Race Cards that have been submitted at [stapostle.org/race-card-submissions](http://stapostle.org/race-card-submissions). If you would like to share any thoughts or comments, please email [RaceCardProject@stapostle.org](mailto:RaceCardProject@stapostle.org).



at St. Thomas

## Harvest Sunday St. Patrick Thank You

Last November, St. Thomas shared 40 percent of our Harvest Sunday food collection with St. Patrick's food pantry. Fr. Dof, our past associate priest from Haiti, is the Pastor at St. Patrick's in Joliet. We received a long, heartfelt thank you from Paul Boley, the leader of the food pantry there. Below are excerpts from that thank you.

*I, Paul and Fr. Dof Arty, slaves of Jesus Christ by the will of God in the church of St. Patrick ... to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus in the church of St. Thomas: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus.*

*Last year (Harvest Sunday 2021), we at the food pantry were taken aback by the thoughtful and generous food donation ... If Harry (Carey) was here, he would have given the "Holy Cow" of approval. This allowed us to build staple food boxes for our patrons for almost the entire year.*

*As of this day (December 2022, after receiving St. Thomas 2022 Harvest Sunday food), that thoughtfulness and His grace has put us into position to tend to the needs of our neighborhood, probably into 2024. I know that teacher Dof is forever grateful and prays for his parish in Naperville daily. We volunteers are as well grateful to you for helping to enable us to "feed His sheep". God bless us, everyone!*

## Hesed House PADS March 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.

Thanks to all those who helped with donations in February. We are now asking parishioners to donate the food items for Thursday, March 2.

### How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for March, 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, March 2, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all that are able to help.



## “Companions Journeying Together” Mother’s Day Project 2023

### Last Opportunity to Donate

St. Thomas is joining with “Companions Journeying Together” to provide packets of stationery and note cards for incarcerated women and youth. Communication with loved ones and other people who can be supportive is very important for people who are imprisoned. It helps keep them grounded and better prepares them for their release. It is also important for families, especially children, to hear from their mothers.

There will be a collection box in the Gathering area — through Wednesday, March 1 — for the following supplies:

- stationery (these do not need to be complete sets)
- cards (blank note cards, “thank you”, “thinking of you”, Mother’s Day)
- gallon size Ziploc bags
- postage stamps

Please do not donate cards, envelopes or stationery that have any glitter or anything glued, pasted or taped on them or have stickers attached. Nothing with crayon or marker.



### Habitat Trip to Tutwiler, Mississippi

*St. Thomas has been building Habitat houses in Mississippi for 29 years! Mary Ann Rempe is the facilitator for the mission trips.*

Visit the Habitat table at “donuts” after Mass this Sunday. View the drone video of Habitat houses we help build in Tutwiler ... and gather more information on the next trip in June.

Next June, a St. Thomas Habitat team will again travel to Mississippi to build homes for the working poor in Tutwiler. We will travel on Sunday, June 11 and return on Saturday, June 17.

- Habitat is a great mission trip to build community with the people of the Mississippi Delta.
- Habitat is a great mission trip for families (youth 16 years or older).
- Habitat is a great mission trip for fun, laughter, learning new skills and making new friends!
- Habitat is a great mission trip to learn about poverty in the USA.

No construction experience required. St. Thomas has an excellent foreman for the team.

If you would like more information on the 2023 mission trip, contact Mike Ryder in the OSJ office at [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x121 or Mary Ann Rempe at [marempe630@hotmail.com](mailto:marempe630@hotmail.com) or 630.344.2992.

### Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry Thank You

The Marie Wilkinson Pantry receives hams from St. Thomas at Christmas. We recently received the following thank you note.

*St. Thomas Church,*

*We at Marie Wilkinson’s would like to thank you for your generous donation. With almost 6,000 lbs of hams, we were able to feed over 300 families in our community. Thank you for your continuous generosity and best regards.*

*Erica Jones, Volunteer and Operations Manager*



### Soup and Bread Night

**Wednesday, March 1, 6:30–8:00 pm**

Each year, prior to shutting down during COVID-19, the St. Thomas Lector Ministry sponsored this event during Lent, designed to highlight the concept of getting back to the basics and showing solidarity with those who may have only soup and bread to eat, or even less. The Lector Ministry is pleased to renew this special tradition.



*Drive-thru food distribution*

The beneficiary of this year’s free will donation is the St. Thomas Care Pantry. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Care Pantry provided food to an average of 65 families and 323 individuals each month. Food costs are escalating. The amount of food provided to Care Pantry families has not decreased.



# SERVICE COMMISSION – PASTORAL CARE

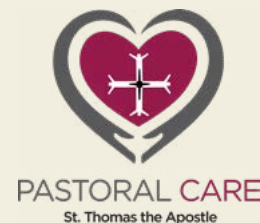
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## WAGES: A Lenten Journey of Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul

Over these past weeks the concept of pastoral care has been explained as addressing the needs of the whole person. With this in mind, the pastoral care team is offering a program for caring for the whole person titled WAGES: A Lenten journey of caring for the body, mind, and soul. The acronym WAGES is a plan of action involving the whole person. It is for everyone, and can be accomplished anywhere. It involves self-care through a variety of activities that include walking, meditating and praying and focuses on the question presented in Isaiah “Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what does not satisfy?” (Is 55:2)



**W**alking – everyday at home and once weekly here (if you are able)

**A**wareness – mindfulness, meditation, (Choose a scripture passage of your choice to ponder)

**G**enerosity – do a kindness each day

**E**ating healthy – for your body, mind, spirit, attend Mass, bring a friend

**S**pirituality – prayer, be the good news, be intentional

### How it works?

Choose a path for your journey with Jesus from the two options listed below:

- Journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem: Jesus’ public ministry – 65 miles; Mt 13: 54–Mt 21
- Journey to the Crucifixion: Way of Sorrows – 88 miles; Mt 21–27

**Each day pick a passage from the journey of your choice to ponder. Choose a challenge level:**

**1**  
**7,000 steps each day**

**2**  
**10,000 steps each day**

**3**  
**Set your own daily goal**

*2,000 steps is equal to one mile or 15 minutes of walking is equal to one mile*

- Walk every day at home, outside, treadmill or wherever you can to get your steps in.
- Walk in the parish gym: Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 from 11:30 am–12:30 pm for those who can.

Those who plan to participate please email [akubalanza@stapostle.org](mailto:akubalanza@stapostle.org). Please phone Annette at 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.

## From the Office of the Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening

St. Thomas Blood Pressure Screening will take place after all Masses next weekend, March 4–5. Nurses will be stationed in the Deacon’s office and in the Gathering Area small conference room.



Visit the nurses and hear the importance of a healthy blood pressure without the complications of heart attacks, stroke and dementia. Know your numbers.

## February is American Heart Month Tips for a Healthy Heart

- Eat 25 to 30 grams of protein at each meal: breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Up your intake of high-fiber grams, cereals and beans.
- Eat more colorful fruits and vegetables.
- Enjoy healthy fats and oils from seafood, nuts, seeds, olives and avocados.
- Focus on fortified dairy.
- Don’t drink your calories (or chemicals).

*Resource: Stephen Perrine et al.*

*Excerpted from: AARP Bulletin Jan./Feb. 2023*

# 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.

## Weekly Sunday Offertory

**February 12, 2023**

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,250
Credit Card Online Giving ( <i>reported monthly</i> )	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$9,138
Total for the week	\$21,388
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,094,342
Weekly Average 7/1/2021 to date	\$33,162
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,112,226
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$17,884)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	62%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$658,257

This week, the Sunday collection is \$17,884 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$358 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.



## Holy Land Pilgrimage: October 8–18, 2023

Fr. Bob leads his 35<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, our spiritual home to reflect on the scriptures. Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Way of the Cross, Western Wall, Massada, Judean Wilderness, Ein Gedi, Emmaus, the Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Jaffa, Nazareth, Cana, Caesaria, Sea of Galilee, Capharnaum, Mount of Beatitudes and Mount Tabor. Mass and scripture prayer services daily at holy sites. \$4,750 (double occupancy) covers air transportation from Chicago/Tel Aviv, and all hotels, dinners and breakfast, guide and private bus and driver – and other benefits listed in the brochure.

For further information, full brochure and registration form, please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8433 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois 60561; 630.969.4141.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 27, 2023

- 7:00–8:00 pm Lenten Taize Prayer Service, Church
- 7:00–8:30 pm Journey Group, Youth Center
- 7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

### Tuesday, February 28, 2023

- 12:00–12:30 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel
- 4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
- 7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church
- 7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

- 9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 4:30–5:30 pm Stations Practice, Church
- 6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Lighthouse
- 6:30–8:00 pm Soup and Bread Night, Gym
- 7:00–9:00 pm Elementary RE Catechists, Ministry Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church
- 7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center

### Thursday, March 2, 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, March 3, 2023

- 9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration/Benediction, Chapel
- 7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, March 4, 2023

- 8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
- 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
- 11:00 am–12:00 pm Engaged Couples Music/Liturgy Workshop, Gathering Area
- 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
- 4:30–5:30 pm Middle School RE Family Mass, Church
- 5:30–6:30 pm Middle School RE Family Reception, Gym
- 5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

### Sunday, March 5, 2023

- 9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
- 9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Senior Center
- 10:30 am–12:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing
- 11:15–12:15 pm Girl Scout Mass, Church
- 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



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**Religious Education:** Call 630.305.6318 to  
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