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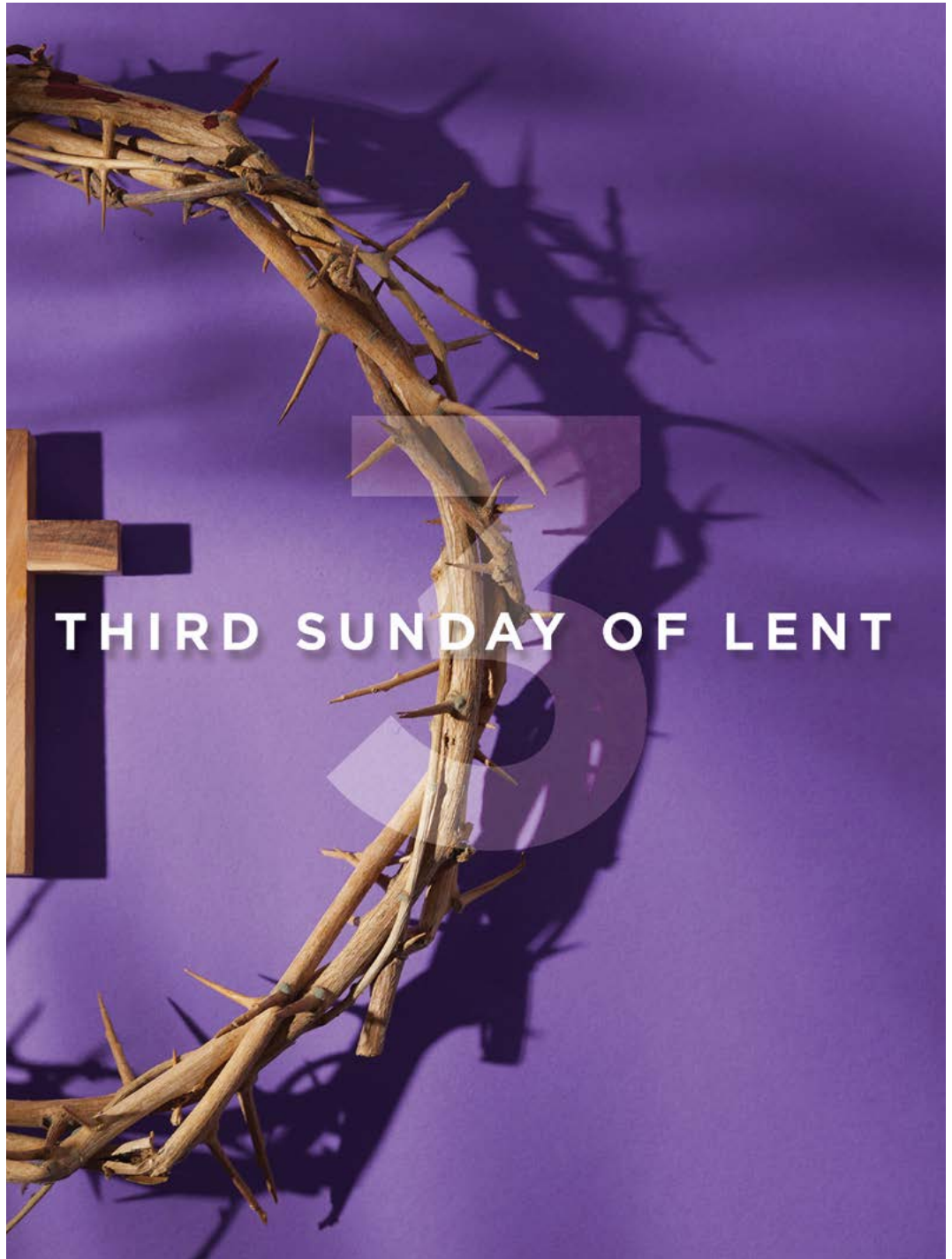
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many of the Samaritans ... began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

John 4:39

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

Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Eucharist, St. Thomas the Apostle strives to be an inclusive servant community – to be Christ in the World. We bear the Good News of God's unconditional love to all generations through worship, faith formation, witness and service.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday


Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

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

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

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

A Fountain of Life

The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted — a marriage, a job, a home. Yet she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, Could anyone help me?

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for "living water." The woman at the well would then no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them, that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life — a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet just as often the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, "Thanks be to God."

~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!

New Parishioners

Monica Yague and Jose Ibarra

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading — And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel — "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Reflection on the Readings

The story of the Samaritan woman unfolds the growing insights of the Woman as she changes what title she uses to name Jesus. May we all search through our lives and find the living water offered to all who seek Christ in our lives.

Presider Schedule March 18-19

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Larry Kearney

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Easter Flower Fund

Make a donation in honor of your loved one to the Easter Flowers that will decorate the worship space. Place your monetary gift along with an order form in the weekend collection basket from now until April 2. Find the order form online or printed in the bulletin over the next couple weeks.



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Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent

7:00 pm | Church

Lent Reconciliation

St. Thomas will have Lenten Communal Reconciliation Services Wednesday, March 22 as part of our Parish Mission.

Mid-Day Meditation – Tuesdays of Lent

12:00 pm | Chapel



Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†James Johnson by His family

†Andrea Hjorth by Larry and Lisa

8:00 am †Esperanee Noronha by the Noronha Family

9:30 am †Lottie Durnas by Family

†Irene Wojcik by Ken Wojcik

11:15am †Jane Louise Bavely by the Mallorca Family

Monday, March 13, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †Benjamin Parrilli by Parrilli Family

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †James Johnson by his family

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †William Raef by Battisto Family

Friday, March 17, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am †Marlene Fagerburg by the McElligott Family

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Lenten Weekday

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†John Vesper by Mark Vesper

†Andrea Hjorth by Larry and Lisa

Sunday, March 19, 2023

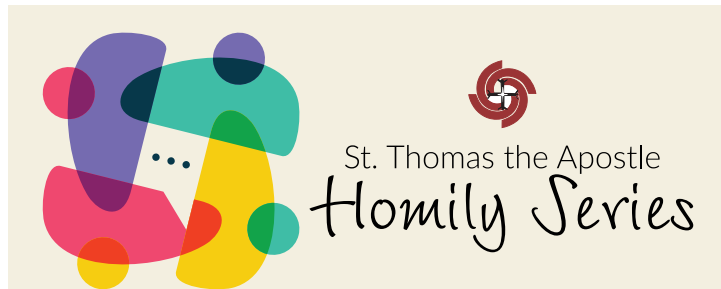
Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am †Michelle Skvarek by family and friends

9:30 am †Dennis DeMeo by St. Joseph Table friends

†Esther Stierman by Dawn and Pat Moran

11:15 am



St. Thomas the Apostle Homily Series

Reminders from Affirming One Another as Beloved

- All are dearly loved no matter what. Nothing can separate us from God's love. No one is outside of God's Love.
- To love others we need to first internalize our beloved-ness.
- Affirming the other as beloved draws forth their goodness and their calling.
- When it's difficult to love, try dialogue.
- In harmful situations, prayer is a safe, loving action we can take while maintaining healthy boundaries.
- Ignite love by: Doing something for someone else (love is a choice!); naming what you're grateful for each day; spending time with children who naturally reflect God's love; leaning into Scripture (See 1 John 4:7-8.).

View the homily online [here](#) or scan the QR code. Homily starts at the 29:40 mark.



Written by Fr. Peter and Tammy Winn Bocher. (Visit TammyWinn.com to view Tammy's weekly blog, "Words")

Mark your calendars for the Spring Homily Series (2 weeks): April 15–16 and April 22–23: Belonging to One Another – The Blessings and Challenges of Community.

Women's Retreat

After its COVID-induced absence, the Women's Retreat is returning Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am–5:00 pm at the Carmelite Center in Darien.



Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends,

Our diocese will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 19, and it could not come at a more fortunate time.



As the arm of the Catholic Church that helps the poor and vulnerable overseas, Catholic Relief Services plays a vital role during emergencies such as the earthquakes that occurred last month in Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services immediately contacted its partners in those countries to provide safe shelter for individuals and families, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies.

Your support of Catholic Relief Services funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

This is life-saving work. Thank you for your support of our neighbors overseas with your donation to the humanitarian mission of Catholic Relief Services.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

C.A.R.E CORNER

As we near the end of our series on Saints, let's take a look at some who lived in more modern times and would be considered our contemporaries. We begin with Helena Kowalska, born in 1905. We know her as Maria

Faustina Kowalska of Poland. She entered the Polish Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy congregation in 1925. After two years with the Sisters, she began to receive visions of Jesus in a white garment with red and white rays of light streaming from his heart. During her life she wrote about her encounters with Jesus Christ in her diary, which was published after her death. Jesus requested that she paint an image of him with flames of mercy coming out of his chest. He asked for a Feast of Mercy to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, first in her chapel and then around the world. Her message of Christ's mercy has indeed made its way around the world.



Faustina's priest confessor insisted she undergo a psychological exam after she shared her visions of Jesus with him. She was found to be of sound mind, so he encouraged her to continue to write down her visions. She also found a painter to paint the image of Jesus as she described it, along with the inscription, "Jesus, I trust in you." Faustina died in 1938 at the young age of 33, likely from tuberculosis. In 1965 it was the Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla, who asked for an investigation into her life. That same Archbishop – later as Pope John Paul II – canonized her in the year 2000. Faustina was a major proponent of Christ's desire to pour out his mercy on souls for the purpose of healing – a message we would all do well to remember.

Pause for Prayer

Middle and high school students, take time to Pause for Prayer. On March 17, from 6:00–7:30 pm, in the gym, middle and high school students are invited to come together for a time of shared prayer, faith sharing and dinner. It's a perfect way to enter more deeply into Lent while having some time for fellowship, too. If you are planning to attend, please register by March 15 with Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org or Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org.

Middle School Mass

A BIG shout out goes to all of those who made the March 4 4:30 pm Mass special for middle school families.

- The middle school students and catechists who volunteered to serve as lectors, gift bearers, altar servers, greeters and reception helpers.
- Fr. Peter for presiding at liturgy and for his message about being beloved.
- Samantha Delke for all of the liturgy details.
- Casey Braun for the online sign-up;
- The middle school catechists for sharing their faith and the example of their lives;
- Middle school families for making religious education a priority;
- All of those who prayerfully support middle school faith formation by praying with us and for us.
- To the BELOVED middle school students for being the amazing, faith-filled people you are!

Thanks for helping us to pray and praise!



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Teens with Character

Middle school students ... Teens with Character will meet this 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!



Girl Scout Mass

Thanks to all the Girl Scouts who joined us for the 11:15 am Mass Sunday, March 5.

First Communion Family Prayer Service

The March First Communion Family Prayer Service is “It’s About Celebrating in the Breaking of the Bread.” The prayer service is Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP for the prayer service at the Religious Education/Faith Formation office at readmin@stapostle.org. Please bring your “My Mass Booklet” to the prayer session. This service involves many types of breads. Parents of children with food allergies should contact the Religious Education/Faith Formation office to discuss options.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation Family Services for fourth graders and their families will be at the Church Saturday, March 18 at 1:00 pm. Please pray for these children and their families that they may always know the love and forgiveness that God offers through this sacrament. May we all know the joy that comes with forgiveness as we celebrate this sacrament. Anyone needing information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation may contact the Religious Education/Faith Formation Office at readmin@stapostle.org or lkatz@stapostle.org.

Scripture Safari

Come and see the Holy Spirit in action during our Scripture Safari week June 12–16 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm daily including a Mass June 17 at 4:30 pm. Be part of this fun-filled retreat. Currently, Scripture Safari is looking for adult volunteer leaders. Scripture Safari is for children entering kindergarten through grade 4. Younger children of adult volunteers can be part of the program. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or the Religious Education office at readmin@stapostle.org to see how you can get involved.



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **March 11, 18 (last class):** Saturday Elementary RE sessions at All Saints Catholic Academy.
- **March 14, 21, April 11 (last class):** Tuesday Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.

Middle School

- **March 13, 20:** Monday Middle School RE classes meet.
- **March 11, 18:** Saturday Middle School RE classes meet.

Question of the week

If Jesus were alive today, what kind of people would we least expect him to talk with?



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Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas
Tuesday, March 14 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.

- Peanut butter
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Jell-O
- Large soup
- Meal in a can (SpaghettiOs, chili)
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels/Kleenex

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.

Immigration Initiative Ministry Action Opportunity

DREAM Act of 2023

Once again, the DREAM Act (of 2023) has been introduced in Congress with bipartisan support. The St. Thomas Immigration and Refugee Initiative has long advocated for this legislation that would provide an opportunity for citizenship to young people who were brought to the US by their parents as children and whose status remains in limbo. The Catholic Church (USCCB) strongly supports Dreamers and their families. They are a part of our Church and valuable parts of our communities.

Educate yourself on the DREAM Act of 2023. To express your views to your Congressional representatives, go to <https://bit.ly/DREAMAct2023>.



Haiti Twinning Visit from Fritz-Gerald

Fritz-Gerald Polyte was a translator for our St. Thomas medical teams that visited and served in our Twinning community in Duchity, Haiti. He attended Saint Thomas school in Duchity and then went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration in Port-au-Prince. He will visit St. Thomas next weekend and will give a short talk at the 11:15 am Mass.



Soup and Bread Night Results

The Lector Ministry sponsored their 28th Soup and Bread Night March 1. About 70 people attended and enjoyed the excellent soups and breads provided by the Lectors. Thanks to the Lector Ministry for continuing this meaningful Lenten tradition.



The free will donations (totaling \$768) benefited the St. Thomas Care Pantry. Michelle Hunt and Chris Sehgal, Care Pantry facilitators, spoke of the services provided by the Care Pantry. To quote from their talk:

“To borrow a phrase from the US Postal service: Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night and I would like to add ‘pandemic’ can stop the work of the St Thomas Care Pantry.

Many years ago, when the Care Pantry was started, they purposely chose the word Care instead of Food for the name. The definition of care is the provision of what is necessary for the health, welfare and protection of someone. That is what we strive for in our work at the pantry and above all we want the clients to feel that they are treated with respect and dignity because it can be very humbling to ask for food.”

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.

St. Thomas Lenten Project



Ste. Marie-Madeleine Church under construction

Building Hope

Helping to build HOPE by
helping to build
Ste. Marie-Madeleine church

The Need

Ste. Marie-Madeleine Parish, our Twinning community in Duchity, Haiti, will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. Life is especially difficult in Duchity in these times. The unrest in Port-au-Prince has resulted in rampant inflation and scarcity of goods in the country. In conversations, Fr. Frantzdy, Ste. Marie-Madeleine Pastor, communicates the struggles and discouragement in his community. "The continued construction of the church will give encouragement and hope."

Construction Status

Front, sides, and back in place. Next step is to put on the roof. That would allow Mass to be celebrated. \$50,000 needed. \$30,000 recently donated by St. Thomas parishioner. \$20,000 remaining.

Lenten Project Goal - \$12,000

How to Help Put a Roof on the Church!

- Pick-up a little brown box at the church exits and save your change during Lent.
- Checks to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Lenten Project" in the memo. Drop in the weekend collection baskets or mail to "St. Thomas OSJ".
- Donate on the St. Thomas website home page (4% service fee).



Father Frantzdy Joseph, CSC

Last August, Fr. Frantzdy was assigned as Pastor of Ste. Marie-Madeleine Parish. He previously served there for one year as a seminarian in 2004.

He is not new to St. Thomas. He was with us in both 2010 and 2011 participating in the English Immersion program conducted by St. Thomas parishioners.

Please pray for Fr. Frantzdy as he ministers to the Ste. Marie-Madeleine community in these difficult times.



St. Thomas the Apostle Church



Knights of Columbus Council 15822 Lenten Fish Dinner



Come celebrate renewed fellowship and shared dining
Friday March 24th, 2023

5:00 pm till 7:00 pm in the gym

Buffet Style includes:

Baked Fish
Fried Seafood
Baked potato
French fries

Grilled cheese
Steamed Vegetables
Cole slaw

Rolls
Dessert
Soft drinks
Coffee

<u>Tickets</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Kids 6 - 10</u>	<u>Kids under 6</u>
Early Reservation/Sale	\$15	\$5	FREE
Walk-In Purchase	\$17	\$7	FREE

Early discount price available by either:

- Reservations on-line through the Parish Website from March 11th through March 23rd
- Purchasing tickets in Parish Office from March 11th through March 23rd (Cash or Checks)
- Purchasing tickets after all Masses on the weekend of March 17/18th (Cash, Check or Credit Card)

Walk-In Purchases can be made by Cash, Check, or Credit Card

Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle

Proceeds to Benefit Knights Of Columbus Charities

Including: Hesed House, Waterleaf, Habitat for Humanity, St. Thomas OSJ, and others..

Hesed House 40th Anniversary

On the night of February 21, 1983, the Hesed House PADS ministry serving the homeless began when one guest was welcomed. More guests came. Each night one of six churches in Aurora would host PADS, giving guests a warm meal and a safe place to sleep for the night. In 1986, the city's old incinerator building was purchased for \$1. It was renovated and became a permanent facility for the homeless. It now serves more than 150 guests on a regular basis and provides additional services to help many individuals and families to become self-sufficient. St. Thomas parishioners have been serving the guests at Hesed House PADS once a month since 1985.



Hesed House PADS – April 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 March. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, April 6.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for April, you can sign up for specific items on the St. Thomas website home page at stapostle.org. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or 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 Thursday, April 6, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.

The Race Card Project

When you go to stapostle.org/race-card-project to enter an online Race Card, you have the option of entering a 'back story' and explain, in more detail, the meaning of your 6-word Race Card. Here are two Race Cards and their associated back stories:



at St. Thomas

I know Fritz, Dof and Hoa

I grew up, regrettably, in a community that was prejudiced against black people. Not until I got to know black people myself and see how we are ONE did my prejudice melt away. Ever thankful for that transformation!

Not much changed since the 1960s

I was acquainted with a couple of people who were freedom riders in the early 1960s. Their activities did result in some segregation laws in the south being changed. However little changed in the more subtle practices of racism in our entire country.

If you haven't submitted a Race Card, please join the conversation. If you've submitted a Race Card, join the conversation often. A hope of The Race Card Project at St. Thomas is to encourage dialog about race. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular Race Card, and you'd like to share your thoughts with us, you can do so by emailing RaceCardProject@stapostle.org. If you would be open to and interested in some in-person discussion on thoughts expressed in Race Cards, please email RaceCardProject@stapostle.org and let us know.

Introducing the Roundtable Opportunity for Job Seekers

**Come and
Share your
Journey**

Roundtable is a new opportunity for Job seekers.



Small group meetings will provide opportunities for personal interaction in an informal setting with others on the journey to a new job or profession including:

- Sharing job search experiences.
- Gaining new knowledge and skills important for a successful search (winning resumes, interviewing skills, networking opportunities, potential job leads and emotional support).
- Personal coaching and mentoring from subject matter professionals.

Roundtable is unique in providing special attention to each individual's needs and concerns. Come as you are!

Roundtable Hosts

Walt Reilly – Retired Senior Officer and Human Resources VP.
Suzanne Edgar, Ph.D. – 25 years experience coaching and counseling those in transition.

Initial Roundtable Meetings

- St. Thomas Church, Wednesday, March 15 at 11:00 am.
- Compass Church (1551 Hobson Rd, Naperville), Thursday, March 23 at 11:00 am.

For more information, contact Walt Reilly, wereilly@comcast.net

PATH March Zoom Meeting Staying Sane, Motivated and Productive

Register for the March 14 Zoom meeting featuring Conor Cunneen at: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_xzszRhJ_QyWvonoC1j6iWA



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From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

“Rise and do not be afraid,” are the first words that Jesus spoke to his apostles after his Transfiguration. They had been with Jesus for a while at this point in the Gospel and had seen Jesus heal the sick, expel demons, forgive sins, raise the dead and show mercy to both saints and sinners, in dozens of ways. Yet, upon witnessing the Transfiguration they still didn’t get it! They fell to the ground and lay prostrate in fear and confusion! “But Jesus, touched them, saying ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’” Really? How exactly were they to do this after witnessing such an amazing manifestation of God’s love in Jesus? How will life ever go back to normal? Well it wouldn’t. Something would change for them, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Their eyes were to eventually open to a different way of living in the world. They would learn to see injustice and stand with those who were victims of the culture, the unlovable and the unclean, who were often branded as sinners. They were to learn to see the world again, through a different lens, and to refocus on the love of God for all. Father Peter challenged each of us in last Sunday’s homily to understand that “we are a part of something bigger than ourselves.” We are God’s beloved, all of us.

Lent calls each of us to a time of more focused discipleship. This God, of Jesus, who called us into existence and who loves us at every moment, even in our confusion and imperfection, asks nothing more than we embody this love and share it with others.

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

Let us know how your Journey through Lent is going. As you read and ponder scripture, as you walk the path of Christ, as you reflect on the miracles of His public ministry, please share your reflections, insights, challenges. Your comments will be gathered and shared in the bulletin. Email akubalanza@stapostle.org or call 630.355.8980, x124.



PASTORAL CARE
St. Thomas the Apostle

- 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

The St. Thomas Senior Connection Visitation and Phone Ministry is Back!

- What is it?** A ministry of care
- For whom?** All who cannot come to St. Thomas physically
- Where?** In homes, care centers, assisted living
- How?** Personal visits or phone calls

The goal of the Visitation and Phone Ministry is to ensure that no member of our faith community is forgotten and to encourage a sense of belonging and connection.

- Do you know someone who would benefit from this ministry?
- Would you like to learn how you can help?

Please phone the pastoral care office 630.355.8980, x124 or email akubalanza@stapostle.org. Training will be provided.

Save the Date Saturday, April 22 Mental Health First Aid Training

Chances are you know a loved one, a friend or a youth who is struggling with an emotional or mental health issue. Chances are you would like to be able to help them. Chances are you might not know how to help them.

There is a guaranteed way to learn how to recognize when someone is hurting: Mental Health First Aid Training. Mental Health First Aid Training will be offered Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Thomas (blended – 2.5 hours independent and 6 hours in-person).

Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the website about how to register for this informative and life saving class or contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net.

St. Thomas Blood Drive

The Versiti Mobile Unit will be in the St. Thomas parking lot March 25 from 9:00 am–1:30 pm for a blood drive. Sign up at https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5601215. Thank you for your support!

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

March 5, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$16,309
Credit Card Online Giving (for February)	\$15,448
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$20,443
Mailed in and stock donations	\$8,831
Total for the week	\$61,031
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,211,778
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,658
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,213,338
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$1,660)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	69%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$540,921

This week, the Sunday collection is \$1,660 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$504 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

PrimeTime March Event



Join us Tuesday, March 21 from 10:00–11:30 am in the Lighthouse for an enlightening pet therapy program presented by Kelly Sebold and her dog, Gretchen, both representing Canines for Christ and the Naperville Human Society, in understanding the value of interacting with a therapy dog for individuals in need of emotional, physical, social and/or spiritual support. This is sure to bow-WOW your appreciation for our four-legged furry friends and their handlers!

After the presentation, enjoy a potluck luncheon. Please provide an appetizer, salad, soup or main course to feed 6-8 people. Desserts, coffee and water will be provided. Please RSVP no later than March 16 to Judith Wolcott at wolcottjudith4@gmail.com or 630.605.2518.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 13, 2023

5:30–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
7:15–8:30 pm Middle School RE at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Drive-thru Donations
12:00–12:30 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Drive-thru Donations
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church
7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
4:30–5:30 pm Stations Practice, Church
7:00–8:30 pm First Communion Prayer Service, Church
7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Senior Center

Thursday, March 16, 2023

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

Friday, March 17, 2023

7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:30–9:45 am RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
1:00–2:00 pm First Reconciliation, Church
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 am–1:00 pm Donuts and Welcome Sunday, Gym
9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
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
7:00–8:30 pm Journey Night, Church
7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Lighthouse and Youth Center

Holy Land Pilgrimage: October 8–18, 2023

Fr. Bob leads his 35th 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 more information, please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8433 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois 60561; 630.969.4141.



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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Church Office and Building Hours

8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday–Friday.
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9:00 am–4:30 pm Friday; and
9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.

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Sign-up for our Emails

Stay up to date with the latest happenings
at St. Thomas by signing up for any of our
emails at stapostle.org.

Baptism: Parents are required to attend
a Baptismal awareness and renewal
session prior to the Baptism. Call the Main
Office a few months in advance to make
arrangements.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is
available Saturday, 3:30–4:15 pm, in the
Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our
priests are available during the week by
appointment.

Matrimony: A couple planning on being
married at St. Thomas should contact the
church six months to a year in advance.
Either the bride or groom, or their parents,
must be a registered parishioner at least
three months before setting a date. Call
Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

Anointing: Call 630.355.8980.

Communion for the Homebound: Call
630.355.8980 to receive prayer/Eucharist
from a Minister of Care.

Funerals: Call Samantha Delke, x120, for
pre-planning or immediate need.

Religious Education: Call 630.305.6318 to
register.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults):** Any person wanting to learn more
about the Catholic Faith should call Chari
Rosales, x138.

Counseling Resources: Call 630.355.8980.

Our Outreach Twinning Parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle has an ongoing
twinning relationship with the following
parishes:
St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti
St. Agnes on the Lakota Indian
Reservation, Manderson, South
Dakota
St. Nicholas in Aurora, Illinois

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