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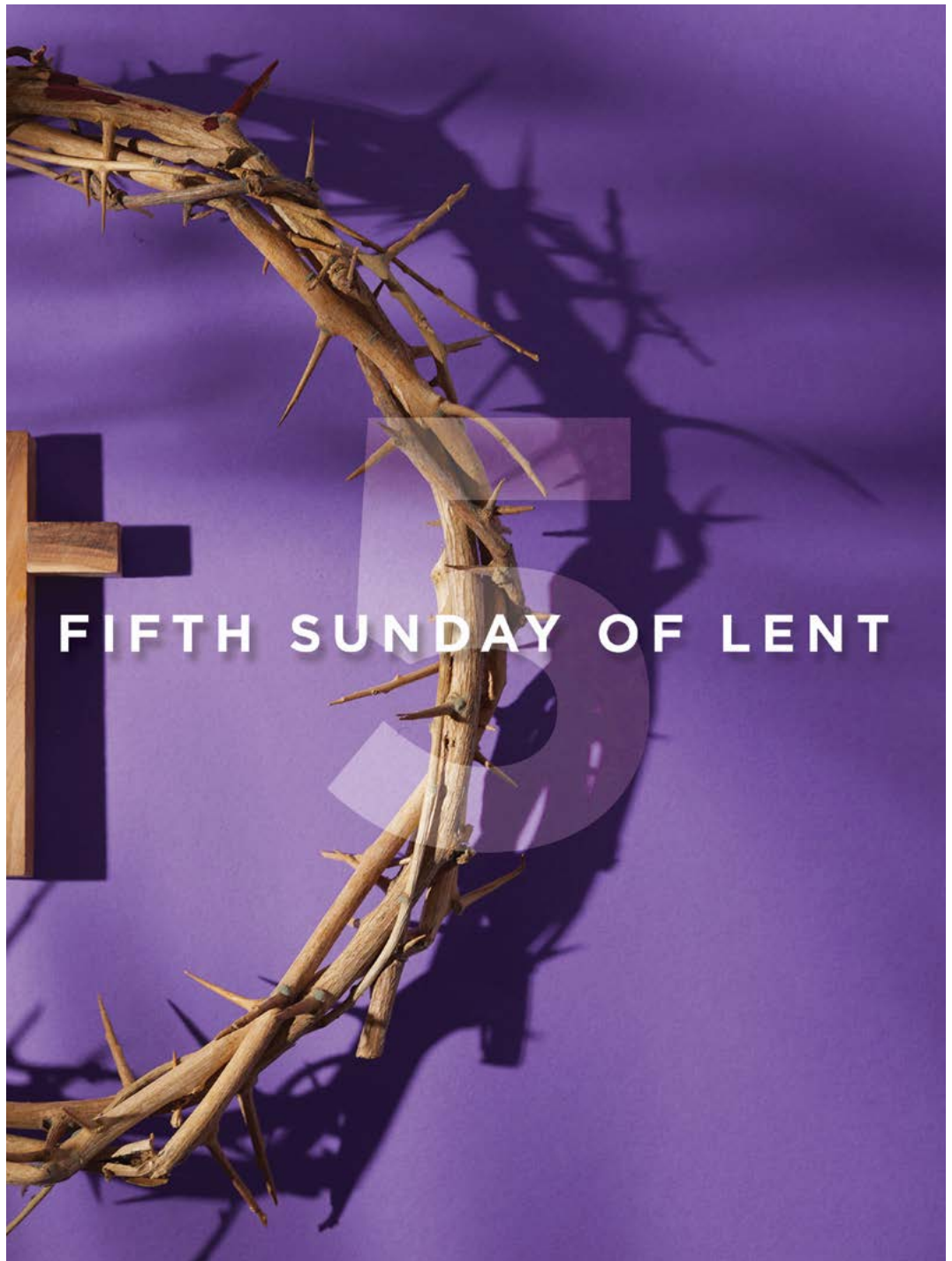
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said..., "Untie him and let him go."

John 11:43-44

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.

Called from the Pits

When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, I need to go care about someone else. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, Why didn't I do that sooner? The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth?

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis



Easter Flower Fund

Next weekend, April 1-2, is the deadline to make a donation in honor of your loved ones to the Easter Flowers that will decorate the worship space. Place your monetary gift along with an order form in the weekend collection basket.

To download an order form, please visit stapostle.org/easter-flower-fund-4/

Readings for Today

First Reading — I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading — If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel — "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Reflection on the Readings

Both Martha and Mary express great conviction in Jesus' healing power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Their conviction, however, was tied to their human experience of the fragility of sickness and the finality of death. Jesus' action surmounts human experience and reveals something entirely new: "everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die." Belief in Jesus unties us from the limits of human experience and frees us for the eternity of risen Life.

Presider Schedule April 1-2

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Jim Breen

11:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Note the change in Sunday Mass times. Presider schedule is subject to change.



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Lenten Opportunities

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 been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.

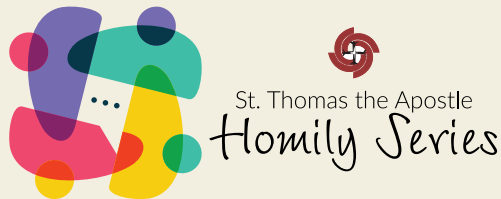


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Through the simple, intimate, yet powerful words of Everyone's Way of the Cross, those on the journey are invited to grow closer to Christ by embracing the mystery of suffering in the world. Music provides a transitional accompaniment between stations.

Mid-Day Meditation – Tuesdays of Lent

12:00 pm | Chapel



Homily Series

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

- **Week One:** Moving Past Anonymity – Letting Ourselves Be Known
- **Week Two:** Moving Into Relationship – Connecting With One Another

Scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/ for a video from Fr. Peter about the spring Homily Series.



Homily Series is a great way to foster growth in discipleship, as a parish, by focusing on one topic together. Pairing the weekend readings with the needs of the time, we aim to make each series engaging and inviting. Please take the opportunity to welcome someone you know who hasn't been to St. Thomas in a while, or ever, to join us.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Marlene Butler by Jennifer Streff
†Andrea Hjorth by Larry and Lisa Hjorth
- 8:00 am †Jim Wolff by MaryAnn Wolff
9:30 am †Rosaria Cartolano by Diana and Joe Rizzo
†Esther Stierman by Voices of Faith
11:15am †Geraldine Murawski by Rich Murawski

Monday, March 27, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Austin Komar by Kathy and Chris Singer

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Vito Battisto by the Battisto Family

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am Prayers for Healing for Rebeca Magallanes by Maria Cortes

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Deacon Will Warden by his Family

Friday, March 31, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ricardo Zarate by Mary Wright

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am †Frederic Luke Militante by the Valencia Family
4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Joanna Vesper by Mark Vesper
†Richard Kuna by Linda Schoelle and Family

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 am †Richard Kuna by Jim and Mary Jo Breen
9:30 am †Jill Bates by Jim and Mary Jo Breen
11:15 am †Ramon Petilla by the Valencia family



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Register for Women's Retreat

All women are invited to the St. Thomas Women's Retreat Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am–5:00 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien, Ill.

Walk with Me – Women Reconnecting, presented by mother-daughter team Marianne Firlit and Katie Hayes, will inspire both the young and 'young at heart,' newcomers as well as seasoned retreatants through insights, activities and small group discussions. Register at carmelitespiritualcenter.org (spiritual programs) or call 630.969.4141. The \$65 per person cost includes both breakfast and lunch.

Gift yourself with a day of renewal and reconnecting!

C.A.R.E CORNER

Edith Stein was born into a Jewish family in Poland in 1891, the youngest of 11 children. Around the age of 14, she abandoned both Judaism and God. Reading an autobiography of Teresa of Avila reignited her spiritual journey. Edith earned a Ph.D. in philosophy in 1916 and then taught at the university level. She was baptized into the Catholic Church in 1922. That put her on the path to become a Discalced Carmelite nun like St Teresa of Avila. Completing that process in 1934, she took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in recognition of her primary allegiance, which was to God.

Not knowing where the spiritual journey would take her, Sister Teresa Benedicta landed in the Netherlands in 1938. Unfortunately the Nazis took over the Netherlands in 1940. She was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 and was taken to the Auschwitz death camp. She was martyred there just one week later. Teresa Benedicta was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in 1999. She is one of multiple co-patron saints of Europe.



Adult Confirmation Offered

If you are age 18 or above and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it will be conferred by Bishop Hicks at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on May 21 and June 4. A short series of preparation sessions will be offered here at St. Thomas during the Easter season. If you would like to participate, a copy of your baptismal certificate is needed, and you need to choose a sponsor. For more information, or to register, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138 by April 1.

Young Adult

World Youth Day 2023

Sign up by April 1 for the Young Adult (18-39) World Youth Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal, July 29–August 7. For information or to make a reservation, contact Penny Borello, Inteletravel, 815.221.6029 or check out WYD2023@dioceseofjoliet.org.

"He is Risen" Potluck

Sunday, April 16 at 5:00 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle

Volunteering Opportunity

Saturday, May 6 (RSVP by Saturday, April 29) from 2:00–3:45 pm at Feed My Starving Children. For more information and to sign up for the above events, please visit stapostle.org/upcoming-young-adult-events-at-st-thomas/

Youth Ministry

High School Mission Trip – Sign up by April 12

Registrations are now open for the Alive in You Mission Trip to Appleton, Wisc., July 11–16. Mission trips are a great way to put faith in action. This year's 8th–12th graders are eligible. Typical work may include painting, simple building

projects, landscaping, working at a food pantry, social service organizations or at kid's day camps. Chaperones needed. Cost is \$420. Registration forms can be found online. For more information, contact Dorothy Grantham at 630.355.8980, x117 or ym@stapostle.org.

Refuge – Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference – July 28-30, 2023

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest". Mt. 11:28

The Diocese is forming a delegation to attend this life-changing Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference at the University to St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Great speakers, music and prayer to lift you up! Cost is \$349. Registrations due by April 20.

Registration is Open for NCYC – National Catholic Youth Conference – November 16-18

Celebrate "Fully Alive" @NCYC with thousands of other Catholic teens from across the Nation for a conference on steroids! You can find more information at ncyc.info or by contacting the Youth Ministry Office ym@stapostle.org. (Outgoing 8th–11th graders are eligible.) Cost is \$480. Sign up by April 30.



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Holy Week Playlist

Holy Week allows us an opportunity to experience the most solemn week of our Church year. If you are searching for a way to be present to that experience, check out some of the resources in the Holy Week playlist, 'Sacred Journey, Sacred Days.' The playlist contains links to videos, articles and activities to make Holy Week more meaningful for you and your family. Check it out on the St. Thomas website.

Family Stations of the Cross

Looking for something to do with your family? Families are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross inside the church or outside St. Thomas Stations of the Cross. Prayer guides are available leading your family through each station. It is geared for families. Please see the Religious Education/Faith Formation office or welcome desk in the Gathering Area to borrow a family guide for the stations.

Living Stations Prayer Service

You are invited ... to the moving and prayerful experience of Living Stations. Middle school students will reenact the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, at 12:00 pm. Join the St. Thomas faith community for this special time of prayer, reflection and song.

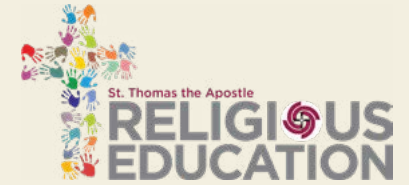


St. Francis High School Events

Those interested in learning more about St. Francis High School are invited to attend the Information Session Tuesday, April 25 at 9:00 am.

Seventh graders can check out St. Francis High School by attending a fun-packed night on April 28 at 6:00 pm. Those who attend will get a chance to meet current SFHS students and fellow 7th grade future Spartans, participate in team-building activities and compete in the Spartan Amazing Race.

Interested students can 'shadow' a St. Francis high school student for a day to see what life is like as a Spartan. Parents are invited for a tour while school is in session Monday through Friday at a variety of times. Go to sfhscollegeprep.org to register for any of these events.



Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- **April 11 (last class):** Tuesday
Elementary RE sessions at Brookdale Elementary School.



Scripture Safari

Come and see the Holy Spirit in action during our Scripture Safari week "Let's Be on God's Team" 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.

Scripture Safari is for children entering kindergarten through grade 4. Registration forms to participate, youth volunteer forms (grade 5 and older) and adult volunteer registration forms will be available April 1. If you have questions or want to participate, contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or the Religious Education office at REAdmin@stapostle.org.



Question of the week

Do you turn to God when you are tempted?





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2023 Lenten Project – Building HOPE

Fr. Frantzdy is the Pastor of Ste. Marie Madeleine, our Twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti. He spoke the following words in his homily during his visit with us.

“It is our hope to put the roof on the church by this coming July for the 25th anniversary of Ste. Marie Madeleine parish. While there will be more work to do, with the roof we will be able to celebrate Mass on the feast day of Ste. Marie Madeleine. That will bring hope to our parishioners and the entire community of Duchity.”

We can make that hope a reality!

Construction Status

- The front, sides, and back are in place. The cost to put the roof on the church is \$50,000.
- \$30,000 was recently donated by a St. Thomas parishioner.
- The revised Lenten Project goal is \$20,000 – to put the roof on the church.

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 “Church” 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). <https://bit.ly/buildingchurch>



Ste. Marie-Madeleine church under construction.

Quench our Thirsts for Living Water Fr. Frantzdy Joseph

Fr. Frantzdy from our Twinning parish of Ste. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti, blessed us with his homily at all the Masses the weekend of March 11–12. Below are excerpts from his homily. To view the video of his homily or to read his homily, go to the St. Thomas website and click on “2023 Lenten Project – Building Hope.”



- We are living in a world where we have plenty of means, but never enough, and that is why we are always thirsty for something. However, being thirsty is not bad at all. It is a way of letting us know that we are not in command on everything, but we are depending on God.
- ... the first step to do for quenching our thirsts is to talk to God, to let Him know what we need.
- He told to Moses to strike the rock with the staff and water flew out from it. How can that be possible? That happened because nothing is impossible to God. Where we can't, God can; where we have to stop, God keeps on moving.
- Guided by the Holy Spirit, with love, our faith and prayers, we keep on bringing people to quench their thirst with the living water.
- Dear St. Thomas parishioners, by your commitment and generosity according to your faith in God, you have shared the living water with us in Duchity throughout the years. In our turn, with the deepest respect and gratitude, we never stop praying for every one of you here at St. Thomas.
- Thank you, Lord, for calling us to your mission. Thank you for using us as pipes of faith and hope to bring eternal life to your flock. May we always stand in your grace and boasting in hope of your glory through our Lord Jesus Christ from whom we gained access to quench our thirsts in the living water forever and ever. Amen!



April 4 Election

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) provides election information on its website vote411.org. Simply enter your address and be directed to information for the candidates in your area. All candidates for a particular office were asked the same questions and the LWV website provides responses. You may research candidates individually or ask to see a comparison of candidate responses. No candidates are endorsed.

Key races in Naperville include Mayor, City Council, Park District Commissioner and various School Board members.

Become informed and vote April 4!

Walking the Good Red Road

Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood

Join us on Thursday, April 13 (via Zoom) to watch the documentary Walking the Good Red Road concerning Nicholas Black Elk's journey to sainthood. Following the film, a panel discussion will explain the canonization process and the honors Nicholas Black Elk has previously received.

Black Elk is a revered Holy Man among the Lakota. He bridged the gap between traditional native spirituality and Catholicism. He showed his people that you did not have to choose between the two, you could be both. He did not abandon his native ways when he became a Christian. To him it was together – praying to the one God.

A Mass in June 2019 at our twinning parish, St. Agnes Catholic Church in Manderson, SD, celebrated the completion of the diocesan phase of the Cause for Canonization of Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. At the Mass, Bishop Robert Gruss stated "Our hope and prayer is that one day Nicholas Black Elk will become one in the Communion of Saints as recognized and named by the Church for his life of heroic virtue and holiness and intercession."

To register and receive the Zoom link, contact Anne Schultz at aschultz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x113.

Mark your calendars for a follow-up session Thursday, April 27 (via Zoom). Members from St. Agnes will share their insights on Nichols Black Elk and what it would mean for the St. Agnes and Lakota communities if he were canonized a saint.



Nicholas Black Elk with daughter Lucy

Easter Ham Collection – Next Weekend April 1-2

Take Home A Reminder Card This Weekend!

Next weekend is the annual Easter ham collection. We provide hams to our Care Pantry families as well as to the St. Nicholas Pantry, St. Patrick Parish in Joliet (where Fr. Dof is the pastor) and the Marie Wilkinson Pantry in Aurora. This year's goal is 500 hams. If you forget your ham, you can make a donation at the collection truck and one will be purchased for you. Thanks for all who are able to help. If you know of a family in need of food, please contact Anne Schultz at aschultz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x113.

The Race Card Project

A hope of The Race Card Project at St. Thomas is to encourage dialogue about race. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular Race Card, and you'd like to share your thoughts with us, email 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.

Here is a recent post and 'back story' from stapostle.org/race-card-project.

I was joking. Was it prejudice?

The other day, I was in conversation with two friends, one of whom is a man of color. We were talking about meeting with a larger group for 'wings.' I was warned that the gathering could get loud. In a joking way, I said, "I bet Steve is the loud one," and implied that my friend of color would be the boisterous life of the party. He laughed it off. As I thought more about it, at the very least, my remark was not in good taste. At its worst, I think it revealed some prejudice. The thing is ... Steve is a wonderful man, kind, sensitive, thoughtful, affirming, and I've never seen him be unnecessarily loud. I've thought back, many times, to my remark and wondered where it came from and what I was thinking. I realized that I have more work to do to root out my own biases and prejudices. God help me!

If you haven't submitted a Race Card, please join the conversation. If you've submitted a Race Card, join the conversation often.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Save the Date!

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the next Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 13. We will come together for the 8:30 am Mass and then move to the Lighthouse for breakfast. Dr. Jim Healy, former director of the Office of Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, will address our group.

The registration link will be published once it is available on the website. Plan on attending ... and bring a friend! Email deaconjoecuzzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



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From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

I have had many wonderful experiences in parish ministry but the most moving



encounters have been with the folks who came to the Catholic Church seeking to know God in the person of Jesus. This experience has made a lasting impression on me because, although I am a cradle Catholic, I often struggle with understanding God's will and how belief in Jesus can make a difference. What I have learned from these "seekers" is to hope and to trust in God's providence, a kind of surrender in the knowledge that God (and not me) is in control. Having faith in a God who keeps promises can make all the difference!

The Gospel readings over these past weeks have helped me to reflect on my own faith as I pray for and accompany in spirit those who in two short weeks, will come to the Easter Sacraments. In a way, their story of faith is my story too (and maybe yours). For me, the meaning of life in Christ is wrapped up in the Gospel stories that were read during the Scrutinies and are being played out in the drama of everyday life. The journey of a thirsty heart searching for living water, of blind eyes searching for the gift of true sight, and the search to be free from all that burdens and binds our spirits, are stories that can hold meaning for everyone.

What do you think? What experiences have shaped your life in Christ?

WAGES: How's it Going?

Walking – everyday at home and once weekly here (if you are able)

Awareness – mindfulness, meditation, (Choose a scripture passage of your choice to ponder)

Generosity – do a kindness each day

Eating healthy – for your body, mind, spirit, attend Mass, bring a friend

Spirituality – prayer, be the good news, be intentional

"I was never in the habit of reading gospel passages each day and then actually thinking about them. This has made a difference in my prayer. Thanks for providing structure." JJT

"Doing a kindness each day is fun!" Mike

As we enter into the most holy week of our liturgical year, may God send the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts into a deeper encounter with Jesus, who through his life, suffering, death and resurrection continues to show us his immense merciful love. On this last week of our Lenten journey, may we be drawn ever closer to Jesus and to each other. May our WAGES bring us to a healthy life physically and spiritually. Join us in the gym 11:30 am–12:30 pm Wednesday.

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).

Cost for the training is \$23.95. 7.5 continuing education units available; LCPC/LPC, LCSW/LSW, LMFT, RN and Psychologist.

Register at <https://042223StThomas.eventbrite.com>. Contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net with questions.

Wellspring Presents: A Spiritual Spa

Need a spring refresh to lift your spirits? On Tuesday, April 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Gym, A Spiritual Spa awaits you. Spend some time relaxing and revitalizing in a "spiritual spa" sampling yoga, reflexology, guided meditation and a longevity lifestyle as you rotate through the various stations. Presenters include: Patti Essig (yoga), Amrit Yoga Certified 2nd Level Teacher, Spiritual Director, Retreat Facilitator; Kathy Ford, R.N. (reflexology), Director of Pastoral Care/Service, St. Raphael Parish; Chari Rosales (guided meditation), Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Thomas Parish; Dr. Steve Superczynski, D.C. (longevity lifestyle), Superczynski Family Chiropractic LTD.



To take part, register by April 23 with REAdmin@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x118. A freewill donation will be gratefully accepted.

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Weekly Sunday Offertory

March 19, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$7,701
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$14,885
Total for the week	\$22,586
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,255,470
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,039
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,280,746
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$25,275)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	72%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$497,129

This week, the Sunday collection is \$25,275 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$521 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 27, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

12:00–12:30 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
11:30 am–12:30 pm W.A.G.E.S. – Gym
4:30–5:30 pm Stations Practice, Church
7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, March 30, 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, Zoom

Friday, March 31, 2023

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

Saturday, April 1, 2023

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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 and Emmaus
7:15–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Lighthouse and Youth Center

From the Office of the Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure Screening

St. Thomas Blood Pressure Screening will take place NEXT WEEKEND. Nurses will be available in the Gathering Area small conference room and in the Deacon's office.



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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!

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



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.
Gathering Area reception desk is staffed 9:00
am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;
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
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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.

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