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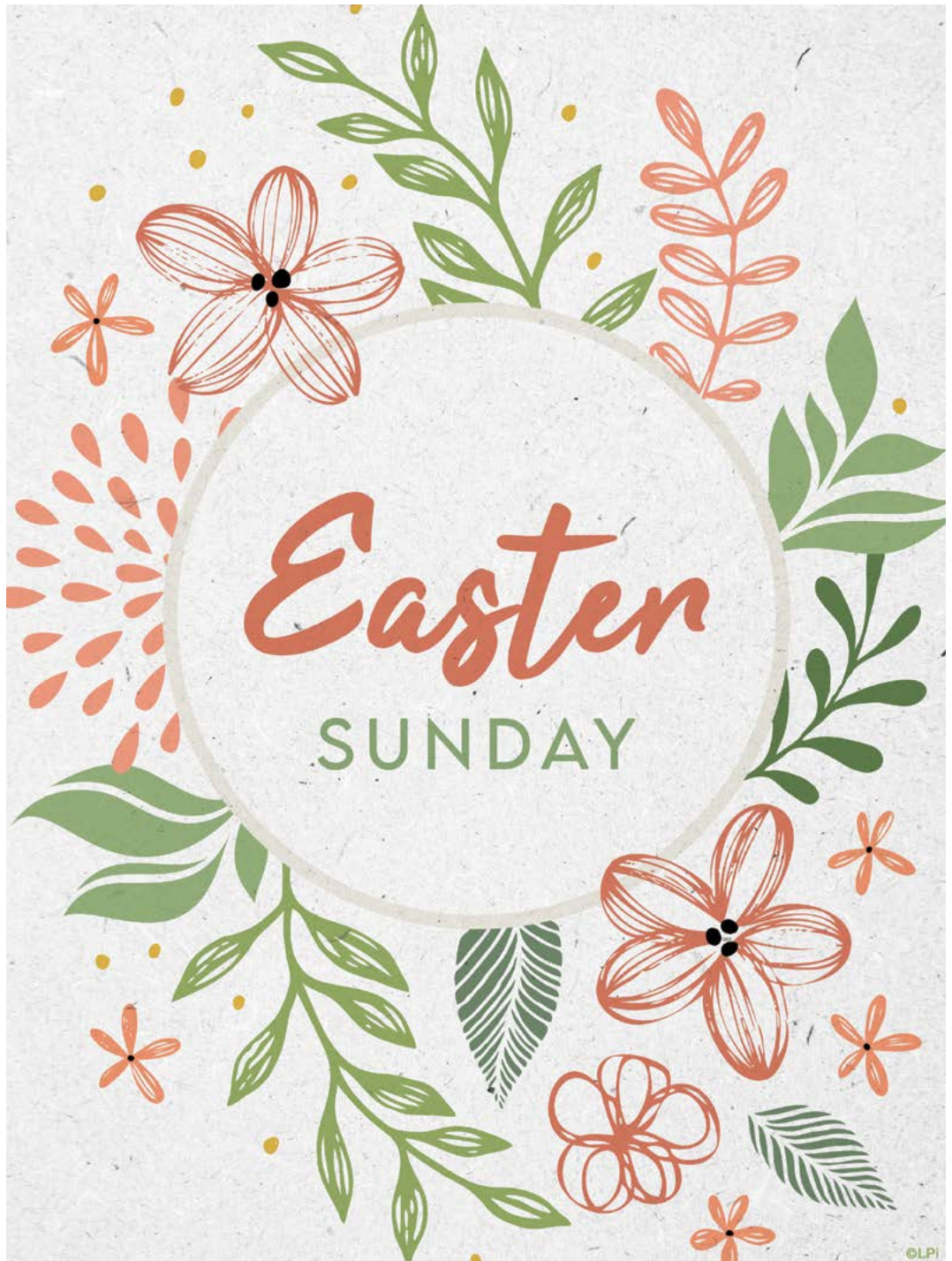
EASTER SUNDAY

Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8

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.

Learning "Alleluia"

I overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:

Child: Mom, I wouldn't have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.

Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.

Child: But won't you miss me, Mom?

Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you'll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.

Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.

Mom: What do you think you'll be doing in school today? It's getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.

Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.

Mom: Oh, I think it'll get better once you're busy in school.

Child: Mom, couldn't I stay home with you today? I'll miss you.

Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it's only for a couple of hours. How's your apple juice?

Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to; we have to go into what seems to be "the tomb of death" if we're going to find life. Easter's Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn't become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death's home. It's how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it.

~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

Michael McNelis and Stephanie Demos

Tom and Sue Norton

David and Christine Polanic and Family

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Second Reading — If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel — For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Reflection on the Readings

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! There are 25 readings chosen for the vigil and day of Easter. There are so many we can feel overwhelmed. The gospel acclamation gives this summary:

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. As paschal lamb, Jesus, who died for us, is the Risen Christ. For us all! We feast with joy!

- What needs to be dead in me so I can live in Easter joy?
- What fills me with joy?
- How will I joyfully behave?

Presider Schedule April 15-16

Saturday, April 15

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, April 16

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

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

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



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Ministry Help Needed!

The Liturgy and Music office is in need of ministers for:

Altar Guild – once a month cleaning of liturgical items in the Church and Chapel.

Audio/Visual Ministry – run the sound and visual equipment for liturgies.

Contact Samantha Delke at sdelke@stapostle.org or Jim Clauer at jclauer@stapostle.org to sign up or receive more information.

Divine Mercy

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It is a day in which we Catholics purposefully acknowledge the outpouring of mercy from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through the Paschal Mystery culminating the Resurrection.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a devotion – a method of repetitive prayer to call upon the Mercy of Christ to the many evils and injustices of our world.

All are invited to the Chapel after Masses April 15–16 to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Rosaries, prayer cards and an instructor will help guide all through this prayer – whether your first or hundredth time!

Please join us.

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

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Holy Saturday
7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 am †Patricia Kent by Peggy and Dennis Nowicki
8:45 am †Dennis DeMeo by the Choir
†Ricardo Mallorca by Buddy and Mely Mallorca
10:30 am †Jerry E. Brasseaux by Monique Barras
12:15 pm †Eileen Lane by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

Monday, April 10, 2023

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Fred Rinkenberger by Richard and Adela Auskalnis

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

Friday, April 14, 2023

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †William Raef by The Battisto Family

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Richard Kuna by Ken and Maxine Wiejaczka
†Patricia Kent by Kate Nowicki

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 am †Richard Edwin Schaper by Jim and MaryJo Breen
9:30 am †Jill Bates by Audrey Easton
†Juanite (Jei) Roco by the Hurtado Family
11:15am †Daniel Grimley by Patrick and Mary Eyre

Easter Blessings

From our homes to yours, may you experience the light, love and joy of this holy season! We pray that Christ's peace and love may flow with you gently as you experience God's embrace.

The Liturgy Team
Jim, Samantha and Kay



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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

He was known in his time as Pius of Pietrelcina, Italy. But we know him by the name of Padre Pio. His given name was Francesco Forgione and he came from a family of farmers in Italy. As a child he loved to go to church and pray. It seems he already knew his vocation. In 1903, at the age of 16, he joined the Capuchins and took the name Pio. He was ordained in 1910 at the young age of 23. About one month later, he received the gift of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ – invisible, yet painful. Those wounds became visible in 1918 and caused him great physical pain throughout his long life.

Padre Pio devoted himself to saying Mass and hearing confessions in spite of a host of ailments. While saying Mass, he often entered into long pauses of contemplative silence. His Masses sometimes lasted for hours. Garnering a reputation for piety, Pio began to attract pilgrims from all around the world. His spiritual gifts included prophecy, healing, discernment of spirits, the gift of speaking in tongues and the ability to see angelic beings. In 1946, he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering. Today it is a 1,000 bed hospital. Padre Pio died in 1968 and was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. They had met in 1947 when Fr. Pio absolved him in the confessional. Padre Pio remains a marvelous example of humility, calm, prayer and hope.

Faith, Fellowship & Fitness (F3) Men's Workout Group

Men of St. Thomas – Interested in a men's workout group with others who value living faith-filled, service-oriented lives? Please consider starting your week with an outdoor workout that strengthens your entire body, concluding with prayer ("Circle of Trust") and informal fellowship. The workouts will be diverse, yet flexible for all abilities. Dress to be outside, including work gloves that can handle a cinder block. The indoor fellowship afterward will be relaxed ... and caffeinated, in case that is helpful! Please share this with others who want to join.

Join us Mondays for a workout from 5:15–6:00 am in the St. Thomas parking lot followed by informal Fellowship from 6:00–6:30 am or as you are able. Contact Ryan Fee at 630.881.0224 or Ben Bocher at BenBocher@hotmail.com or 414.254.0297 with questions.

Young Adult Happenings

Men's Faith, Fellowship & Fitness

Monday mornings at 5:15 am. See story above.

"He is Risen" Potluck

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

Feed My Starving Children

Volunteering Opportunity
Saturday, May 6 from 2:00–3:45 pm
RSVP by Saturday, April 29

Youth Ministry

Alive in You – High School Youth Ministry Mission Trip

This year's Mission trip is Alive in You Mission Trip to Appleton, Wis., July 11-16. Deadline for registration is April 30. Don't miss out on a chance to make a difference for others in Christ's name! Incoming freshman to outgoing

seniors invited! Chaperones needed. Cost is \$420. Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at 355.8980, x117 or ym@stapostle.org.

Steubenville Conference – Refuge – July 28–30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28 Escape the spiritual desert and be empowered to live every day as a joyful disciple of Christ. Cost is \$349 per youth. Travel with the Diocese to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Teen registration deadline is April 23!

NCYC "Fully Alive" – National Catholic Youth Conference – November 16–18

Join thousands of Catholic teens for NCYC at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Cost is \$460 for 3 days of great speakers, music, workshops, prayer and inspiration. Sign up by May 15 to save your spot.



First Eucharist Family Prayer Service

The April First Eucharist Family Prayer Service is “It’s About Making Peace.” This last prayer service is on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm with Fr. Peter. 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.

First Communicant Church Visit

The First Communicant church visit is Saturday, April 15, from 8:30–10:00 am or 10:15–11:45 am. Please RSVP for the prayer service at the Religious Education/Faith Formation office at REAdmin@stapostle.org. This is required for first communicants. Parents are welcome to attend. The children will learn about First Communion procedures and taste the unconsecrated host as well as learn about treasures in our chapel.

Being Easter (Young) People

The troubles and stresses of our current world can get us down. But, we are Easter people! And often it is our young people who are models to us, of Easter people, sharing one of their most valuable gifts: their time and energy. Be encouraged by these examples of service: the young people who were part of this year’s Living Stations and gave of their time and energy to provide meaningful prayer for the community, the young people who are eager to be part of mission trips, service days, and faith conferences, and those students who faithfully come to Teens with Character seeking ways to model Christian life.

This generous spirit of service is so present in our young people. Although they are not looking for recognition or thanks, let’s encourage them with it anyway! When we think what it means to be Easter people, let us look to our youth who are blessing us with their model of quiet, unselfish love.

What’s on Their Minds and Hearts

In mid-March, a group of middle school and high school students gathered for an evening of prayer and reflection. At one of the prayer stations, these students were invited to write down their prayer intentions. Here is a sampling of what our young people bring to prayer ...

“...that we, as a human race, become more open to change so that we can better the lives of everyone in this ever-changing world.”

“...for my brother and sister, that they don’t follow my wrongs, but look and acknowledge my rights and they grow up strong.”

“...for my brother and sister, my mom and dad ... my friends all stay safe because of the world we live in.”

“Thank you for everything you have done for us. Please give us the strength to carry on and put our foot down strong when we need to.”

Lord, hear our prayers.

Religious Education Dates

Elementary

- Saturday Classes at ASCA have ended for the year.
- **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 are available now in the Gathering Area. Adult volunteers with children age 4 and younger can be accommodated into the program. 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

What traditions does your family have to celebrate Easter?



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Easter Prayer from the Outreach and Social Justice Office

The people of St. Thomas are messengers of hope and light. Your witness of service, care and compassion are the embodiment of the Easter message. May you and your loved ones be blessed with Easter joy and renewal.

~ Mike, Anne and Sally

In the quiet of the morning, what was said?
 Who was there to experience the miracle of the Resurrection?
 Do we recognize the miracles in our lives?
 The small "Aha" moments when God's grace is revealed through word, action, and memory
 The whisper of a child sharing a secret
 The touch of a hand, reaching out to us in joy and in sorrow
 The incredible beauty of a bud unfurling in the rays of the sun
 A hug, a pat on the back, a smile

Open our eyes, Risen Jesus, so we may see the miracles that are blessings from you
 Open our hearts, Risen Jesus, so we may experience the joy of the good news of your resurrection
 Open our lips, Risen Jesus, so we may proclaim that you have brought new life, life in abundance
 Open our ears, Risen Jesus, so we may listen attentively when others share the gift of their stories

Fill us with wonder and awe as we ponder the miracle of the Resurrection
 The extraordinary presence you bring to the world
 A presence that conquers death, fear, war, and strife
 A presence that brings joy, compassion, healing, and forgiveness

Wrap us in the miracle of your love and peace
 Shower us with the miracle of your creation and abundance
 Empower us with the miracle of your direction and example
 Love us with the miracle of your everlasting love

Christ has Risen!
 Amen! Alleluia!

~Anne Schultz

2023 Lenten Project – Building HOPE

Goal Exceeded – Thank you, St. Thomas!

Fr. Frantzdy, the Pastor of Ste. Marie Madeleine, our Twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti, visited us during Lent. He expressed his community's hope to put a roof on the church by July so the 25th anniversary of the parish could be celebrated in the church. In these difficult times in Haiti, "That will bring hope to our parishioners and the entire community of Duchity." We have made that hope possible by exceeding the Lenten Project Goal. Thank you, St. Thomas!

Funds collected above the goal will help with additional construction needed to finish the church.



Ste. Marie-Madeleine church under construction.

GOAL \$20,000
 To put the roof on the church!
GOAL EXCEEDED!

Much more construction required after the roof.
Funds above goal will provide for additional construction.



Youth Ministry Deanery Basketball Tournament Winners!
Congrats to our St. Thomas the Apostle guys for winning our March Madness Tournament!

Walking the Good Red Road Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood

Join us Thursday, April 13 from 6:30–8:00 pm (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

LEAP of Faith

"We are most human when we see the humanity in others." ~author unknown

The Inclusive Justice Initiative is periodically highlighting different groups and traditions. We invite you to take a LEAP of faith with us ... discovering the commonalities we all share.

April: A month of Holy Days for Christianity, Judaism and Islam

Learn: This month, important Holy Days for all three Abrahamic faiths are celebrated – Easter, Passover and Ramadan, which is 30 days of fasting and prayer. Lent and Ramadan are similar yet distinctive ways two religions practice our spiritual instinct for remembrance and repentance. Hear from a practicing Christian and Muslim about what these practices mean to them: <https://bit.ly/Lent-Ramadan>

Explore: John Dunn, Notre Dame Theology professor, wrote often about "passing over" to another's viewpoint, culture or religion and then "passing back" to one's own with greater understanding and deeper compassion. Explore one man's experience of "passing over" into Ramadan and what he learned about his own spirituality. <https://bit.ly/Passing-Over>

Act: Be open to encounters with people of other faiths and to share in their traditional celebrations.

Pray: Pope Francis' prayer for the children of Abraham

Almighty God, our Creator, you love our human family and every work of your hands: As children of Abraham, Jews, Christians and Muslims, we thank you for having given us Abraham to be our common father in faith. Open our hearts to mutual forgiveness and in this way make us instruments of reconciliation, builders of a more just and fraternal society.



at St. Thomas

The Race Card Project ... Let's Talk

One of the hopes of The Race Card Project at St. Thomas was that we might grow in our understanding of the way racism can be at work in our personal lives and in our society. The Race Card posts offer personal reflection. A next step can be listening to others and sharing further thinking and feeling.

Join with others in the St Thomas family Sunday, April 16 after the 9:30 am Mass (10:45-11:30 am) in the Lighthouse to talk about Race Cards, what they've said, and how we feel about what they expressed. Each of us has a story to tell. Let us hear each other on this journey.



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PASTORAL CARE
St. Thomas the Apostle

From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

One of the most profound experiences of Easter that I had was in the Spring of 2002 when I attended Paschal Vespers at the University of Notre Dame. This was my first experience completing the cycle of Easter prayer and it changed the way I thought about life (and the afterlife) forever. The best way to explain it is through the following quote from St. Augustine's Easter homily (411) that was read as a part of the service.

"Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God for it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar that possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain."

May you know the joy of Easter.
Alleluia!

Last Day to Register – April 14 Mental Health First Aid Training

Sign up today for Mental Health First Aid Training Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Thomas (blended – 2.5 hours independent and 6 hours in-person).

Register at <https://042223StThomas.eventbrite.com>. Deadline for registration is April 14, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org.

PrimeTime April Event – Jane's Journey

Are you overwhelmed with how to navigate Senior Care in a potentially unexpected time of need? PrimeTime is pleased to provide a comprehensive presentation by Senior Living Experts including a personal story from Jane Sanchez who became a caregiver for her husband, with Alzheimer's. Joining Jane for this presentation are Kerry Quirin, Chicagoland area eldercare expert; Eileen Fitzgerald, Jane's Attorney; and Maureen Wood, BrightStar Home Care. Together these women will lend their support, insights and expertise to help navigate this often times challenging health journey for our loved ones along with the overwhelming options for senior care. A light lunch will be served following the presentation. This program is open for ALL AGES as well our 50+ audience.

The event is Tuesday, April 18 from 10:00–11:30 am in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. Reservations required by April 14. Email or Call Judith Wolcott at wolcottjudith4@gmail.com or 630.605.2518.



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" by 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.



St. Dymphna Mass

Please join us for Mass Monday, May 15 at 7:00 pm to celebrate the feast of St. Dymphna, the patroness of Mental Health. We will pray for all those who suffer the pain of mental illness.

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 26, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$9,134
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$26,308
Mailed in and stock donations	\$6,305
Total for the week	\$41,747
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,297,217
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,262
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,314,449
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$17,232)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	74%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$455,382

This week, the Sunday collection is \$17,232 below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$10 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Caregivers' Support Group

All caregivers, relatives and friends of those who struggle with anxiety, depression, bipolar, eating disorder or self-injury, please join us for an evening of prayer, discussion and reflection April 13. Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd. Naperville. Enter in the back of the church and check the event board by the lower level entrance for the room number. Please email welisten2017@gmail.com or call Joe at 630.569.1635 with any questions.

A Hearty Congratulations STA Blood Donors!!

Seventy-five lives may be saved as a result of the Versiti/St Thomas Blood Drive held Saturday, March 25. Well done donors!

Each pint of blood donated by our St Thomas the Apostle participants is relevant for three (3) recipients with lifesaving needs. This is a reality with every blood drive.

The Knights of Columbus were in attendance while Pastoral Care staff were present in the Gathering Area. It was an atypical blood drive for St. Thomas as the Versiti Blood Mobiles were parked side by side in the St Thomas parking lot. All procedures and refreshing liquids and snacks were provided by Versiti.

Mark your calendar for the next blood drive June 22.

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 10, 2023

Easter Monday — Offices Closed
Building Closed after 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations
4:30–5:45 pm RE at Brookdale School
5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
6:15–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
7:00–8:30 pm First Communion Prayer Service, Church

Thursday, April 13, 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, April 14, 2023

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00 am–12:30 pm First Communion Church Visit, Church, Gathering Area
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
9:30 am–4:30 pm Marriage Prep Retreat Day, Lighthouse
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, April 16, 2023

9:00 am–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
9:00 am–1:00 pm Donut and Welcome Sunday, Gym
9:30–11:30 am OCIA, Senior Center

Ministers of Care in the Community

We all like to see our friends, but do you have friends or family at Ascent, Auberger, Harbor Chase, Meadowbrook Manor, St Patrick's Residence, The Springs, Sunrise North, Tabor Hills Nursing Home or Supportive Living? They are all in the St. Thomas Parish. With the priests and deacons, our ministers of care serve the residents in each of these communities. Each month we provide more than 50 opportunities to attend Mass, rosary and communion services. Consider checking their monthly calendars and finding an occasion when you can attend a service with them. *Pictured above: Fr. Joseph with Rosita G. whose grandson made the altar cloth used at Meadowbrook Manor.*





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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Janet Simmons, *Recording Secretary*

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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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