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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

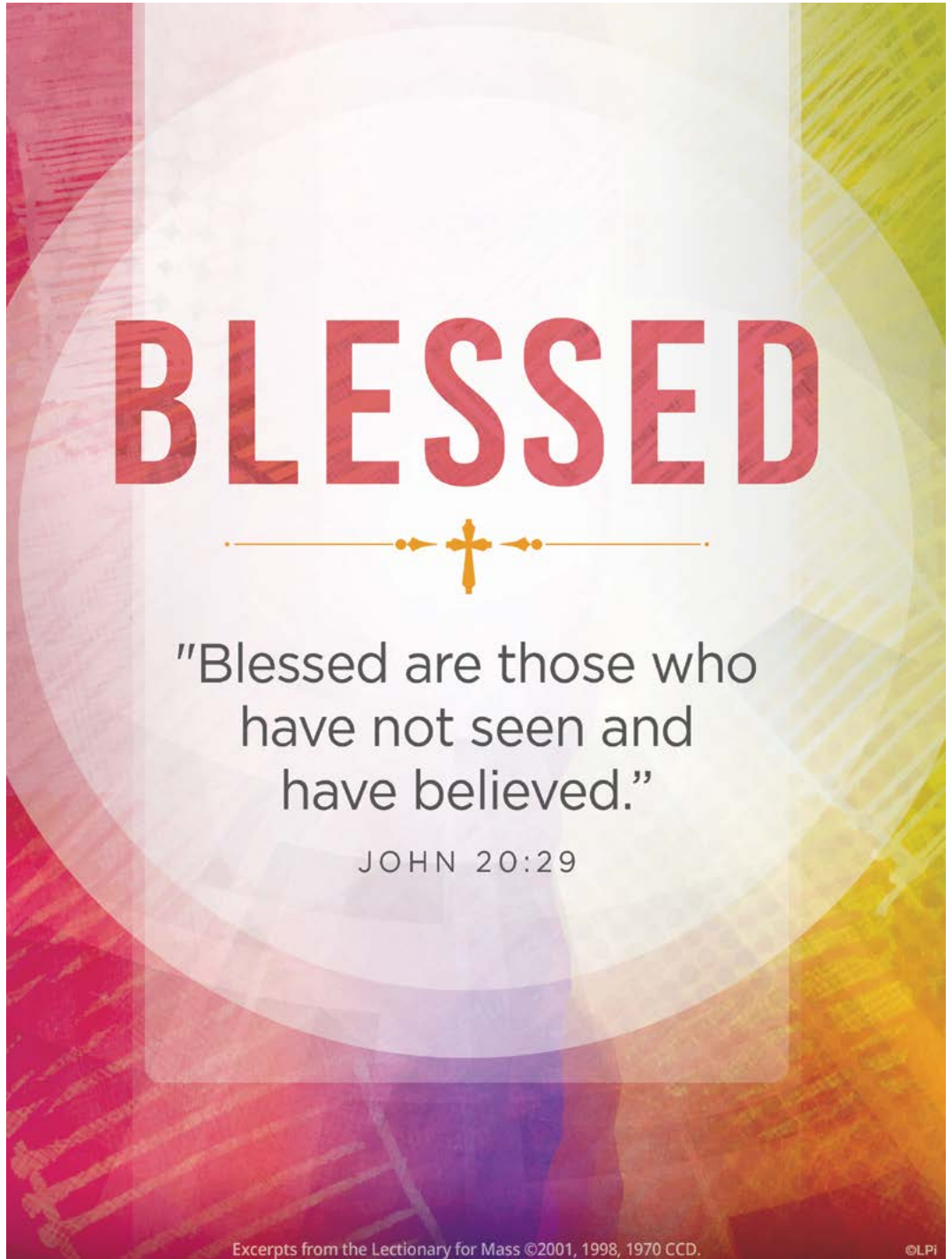
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Psalm 118

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.



BLESSED



"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday

Wednesdays

Communion Service: 6:30 am

Weekend

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

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

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

The Gift of Doubts

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something — or someone — is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

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.

Golden Jubilee Celebration for Fr. Joseph

The Golden Jubilee Celebration for Fr. Joseph Kappalumakkal, CMI, will be held Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 am. Please visit the St. Thomas website for more information and to RSVP.

Readings for Today

First Reading — Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading — Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel — On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Reflection on the Readings

Two thousand years ago "on the evening of the first day of the week," when the disciples hid behind locked doors, Jesus did three things. He stood in their midst. He gave gifts of peace and Holy Spirit. He sent them out. Jesus is still in our midst, still doing the same. Every Sunday Mass makes it so. In our midst in Word and Eucharist. Gifting us with peace and Spirit. Telling us to "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

- Who am I and who are we locking in or locking out?
- Because peace is a gift given and shared, what will I do this week?
- To whom will I go; what will I do?

Presider Schedule April 22-23

Saturday, April 22

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal with Deacon Larry Kearney

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacons Joe Cuzzone and Jim Breen

Presider schedule is subject to change.



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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 this weekend, 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.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Richard Kuna by Ken and Maxine Wiejaczka
- 8:00 am †Richard Edwin Schaper by Jim and MaryJo Breen
- 9:30 am †Jill Bates by Audrey Easton
†Juanite (Je) Roco by the Hurtado Family
- 11:15am †Daniel Grimley by Patrick and Mary Eyre

Monday, April 17, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ernersto Lopez by Amy DeGuzman

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Mary L. and Lynette Pratt by Kathryn

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Ruth Rosagayol by Bernando Rosagayol

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Easter Weekday

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

Friday, April 21, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Benito Williams by Audrey Easton

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Epifanio and Soledad Mallorca by Buddy and Mely Mallorca
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Richard Kuna by Audrey Easton
†Nya Saye by wife Aurora

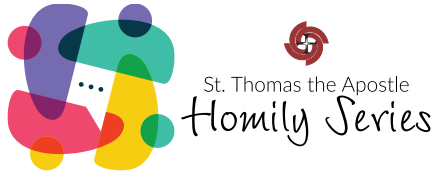
Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am †Nya Saye by wife Aurora
- 9:30 am †Jill Bates by Ted and Joan McKeown
†Dennis DeMeo by Maxine and Ken Wiejaczka
- 11:15 am †Elsie Nance Breen by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

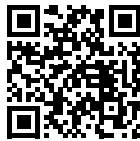
Homily Series

Please return next weekend, April 22–23, for part two of our spring Homily Series: Belonging to One Another – The Blessings and Challenges of Community.



The focus will be: Moving Into Relationship – Connecting With One Another.

All are welcome at St. Thomas, and Homily Series is a great opportunity to extend an invitation to others! Is there someone you know who hasn't been to St. Thomas in a while? Is there someone you know looking for a church home? Scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series/ for a video invitation from Fr. Peter that you can share with others.



This week let us consider ways we can *move past anonymity in our lives and let ourselves be known*. Keep in mind the following steps for getting out of the comfort zone and engaging more deeply in our parish community.

- Show up – just get here
- Participate – join in
- Take risks – be vulnerable
- Offer something – take on a responsibility
- Love mercy – allow for imperfections (yours and others)
- Be consistent – keep coming back



C.A.R.E CORNER

The final saint we are presenting in this column for our modern times is Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador. El Salvador was embroiled in a long-standing civil war. Approximately 1,000 people were being murdered every month. Romero became a very vocal critic of the violence being perpetuated by government armed forces as well as by guerrilla groups. He was an advocate of human rights, especially of the Church's social teaching on the preferential option for the poor. He seemed to be the only voice of truth in the midst of the corruption. The Archbishop broadcast weekly sermons and speeches, which became the primary source of revelation of the atrocities of the ongoing civil war.

Oscar Romero was nominated for the Nobel Peace prize in 1979. In 1980, after serving as Archbishop for three years, Romero was assassinated by a government hit squad while saying Mass. He spoke the truth into a system of evil and like the prophets of old, he paid the ultimate price for expressing that truth. Approximately 250,000 mourners attended his funeral. He was dubbed a "great witness of the Gospel." Oscar Romero was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018.

Register for Women's Retreat

It's back! After years of isolation and hibernation, all women are invited to the 2023 St. Thomas Women's Retreat Walk with Me – Women Reconnecting, presented by mother-daughter team Marianne Firlit and Katie Hayes. The retreat is Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am–5:00 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien, Ill.

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!

Donut and Welcome Sunday is TODAY!

You are invited to be part of Donut Sunday and Welcome Sunday in the St. Thomas gym after all Sunday Masses today! Are you new to St. Thomas? Become a member by registering in the gym after all Sunday Masses today. Meet other parishioners and enjoy the warmth of new friends with a donut and coffee today!

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.

Middle School Religious Education Registration

The RE registration packet for the 2023-24 RE year will be available, on the St. Thomas website and in the Gathering Area, starting June 1.

Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Save the date ... Saturday, May 20! Support middle school summer service days, and get a delicious BBQ meal to go! Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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, be a youth volunteer (grade 5 and older) or an adult volunteer are available NOW in the Gathering Area. Adult volunteers with children age 4 and younger can be accommodated into the program. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or the Religious Education office at REAdmin@stapostle.org for more information or questions.



Question of the week

How do you think the apostle Thomas felt when he finally saw the risen Jesus?



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First Eucharist Liturgies

Communion Procedures

First Eucharist Masses are on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 29 at 4:30 pm Mass
- Sunday, April 30 at 11:15 am Mass
- Saturday, May 6 at 4:30 pm Mass
- Sunday, May 7 at 11:15 am Mass

During these liturgies the First Communicants and parents are invited to come forward first to the front stations. Other guests in those rows and the rest of the assembly will wait to receive communion, allowing all First Communicants and their parents to receive the Eucharist first. Eucharistic ministers will proceed to their assigned stations as usual but will remain facing the altar at their assigned stations until all First Communicants and parents have received. Once all the First Communicants have received the Eucharist, host greeters will invite the rest of the assembly to receive, including the other guests in the First Communicant's pew. We thank you for your patience as the children and their parents receive Eucharist and thank you for the prayers you have said for these children.

Pray for a First Communicant

Parishioners are invited to pray for children receiving their First Eucharist this spring. You may pray for a specific child by taking a handprint at the church's exit doors. The handprints are made from colorful construction paper and will have the child's first name on it. On the back side is a label inviting you to write a card to this child. Drop off a card with the handprint to the box outside the Faith Formation Office by April 21. Please pray for this child as they receive Jesus for the first time and become a more fully part of our faith community.

Please read below for some thoughts from those who are making their First Communion at St. Thomas.

Dear St. Thomas Family:

- I want to receive communion because I love God and I can't wait to sing to him.
- I feel excited about first communion because I get Jesus in my body. that's why you should pray for me.
- Thank you for sharing kindness and peace. I'm very excited for my 1st communion. Sorry if there are any spelling mistakes.
- I am ready to receive communion please pray for me. I would like to be blessed like my sister. And I am so excited to be blessed for my life and my heart.
- I'm scared about my first communion because I'm singing the and am not sure if I can remember the actions.
- I am really excited for first communion because my family will see me.
- I am excited and nervous. Pray for me because it is my first communion and I want it to go well.
- I am very very excited for first communion because I'm gonna be blessed. I hope you will pray for me and my first communion.
- I am so excited But also nervous so can you please pray for me. I hope it goes good I hope it goes great.
- Please pray for me because I am nervous But I am excited to please pray for me
- I am very happy and nervous because there is going to be a lot of people for first communion.
- Please pray for me because I can't wait to sing This Little Light Of Mine. I have been practicing it with my class. And I am so EXCITED! Have AMAZING Day!
- I am very happy and nervous because there is going to be a lot of people for first communion.
- Please pray for me First communion. I am ready to be blessed by God like my sister did and the rest of Family and friends. if you pray for me I will be the lukes girl in the world. I will appreciate (appreciate) it if you do.



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10th “Almost Annual” Golf Outing

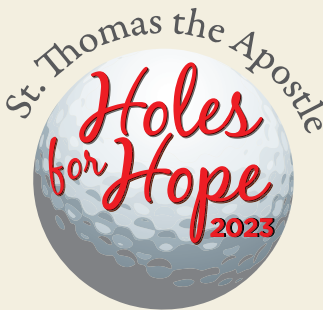
To Benefit St. Thomas Cares

June 19, 2023

We are holding our 10th Holes for Hope charity golf outing June 19, 2023. We are returning to beautiful Naperville Country Club. The Knights of Columbus are partnering with the OSJ Office to benefit St. Thomas Cares.

The pandemic interrupted our annual outing in 2020. Thus, this is our 10th “almost annual” outing. In 2019, through the generous participation of sponsors, parishioners and the community, we raised \$32,300 for St. Thomas Cares. Each year St. Thomas Cares helps hundreds of families in emergency situations put food on their tables, avoid evictions and utility shutoffs, buy needed prescription medications and resolve transportation issues (including auto repairs) allowing them to seek and keep employment.

During the pandemic years, due to the many government programs, we experienced a decrease in the number of families asking for our help. In the last year and a half, the families seeking help returned to pre-pandemic levels, and the amount needed per family has increased. Thus the need for Holes for Hope in 2023. It is a fun event for golfers and for those who choose the dinner only option. Please save the date on your calendars. More information to follow.



St. Thomas Cares Bridging the Gap

Very few charitable organizations provide motel help to families or individuals. That is because in most cases it does not lead to a longer term solution. If one week is paid, it only helps for one week and then more help is needed. Providing help in those situations is not good stewardship of funds. St. Thomas Cares will provide motel help if that help is bridging to a longer term solution.

John is 74 years old. He has serious medical problems, is on a fixed income of \$1,200 a month, and has no vehicle. There was a fire in his apartment building. He was in the hospital for a few days (smoke inhalation). The Red Cross gave him funds for four nights in a motel. He called asking for motel help for a week. He had a verbal commitment on another apartment. St. Thomas Cares provided one week in the motel to bridge to his new apartment.



Ham Drive Results

Thank you to all who donated a ham or multiple hams (and one turkey). We exceeded our goal of 500. St. Thomas purchased 250 hams and St. Thomas parishioners donated 270 hams for a total of 520!

The 520 hams were distributed as follows: 55 to Fr. Dof’s Parish (St. Patrick in Joliet), 50 to the St. Nicholas Pantry in Aurora, 315 to Marie Wilkinson’s Food Pantry in Aurora and 100 to the St. Thomas Care Pantry.

2023 Lenten Project – Building HOPE

Goal Exceeded – Thank you, St. Thomas!



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.

\$33,479
Collected as of April 6
Thank You!

\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

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 22, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the parish. That would allow the anniversary Mass to 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!

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

Follow Up Discussion

Join us on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm (via Zoom) to engage with people from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where our twinning parish, St. Agnes, is located. Members from St. Agnes and other faith communities on the reservation 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.

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.

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



Nicholas Black Elk with daughter Lucy

DuPage United What Can You Do?

Interfaith Solidarity Opportunity

Too often in these times we are exposed to prejudicial incidents and activities, frequently directed at members of the Jewish or Muslim faith communities. And we wonder what we can do! On Sunday, April 30, there is something you can do.

DuPage United has three member institutions in Naperville (St. Thomas, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Islamic Center of Naperville). On Sunday, April 30 from 1:30 to 2:45 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom (772 W 5th Ave, Naperville, IL 60563), members of all three will gather in solidarity. We will listen to each other's concerns as individuals and communities. We will learn from each other.

If you are ready to do something and plan on attending, or if you have questions, contact Mike Ryder at 630.355.8980x x121 or mryder@stapostle.org.



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 this 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.



DuPage County Center for People in Crisis

At a recent DuPage County Board meeting, leaders reviewed plans for a behavioral health crisis hub at the county complex in Wheaton. The new facility will serve as a triage center where patients are assessed and provided a plan of action within 24 hours of their arrival. Unlike an ER that deals with a variety of health concerns, the crisis hub will focus solely on mental health and substance abuse care.

Karen Ayala, director of the DuPage County Health Department, calls this a "transformational project that creates a pathway to be assessed and triaged by mental health specialists." A collaboration including the health department, law enforcement, area hospitals and regional mental health care providers is working to determine an operational plan.

DuPage United (DU – St. Thomas is a founding member) has worked since 2016 to decriminalize mental illness and those in a substance abuse crisis. A member of DU spoke at the recent board meeting. He reminded those present that a jail or a crowded emergency room is not the best place to assist someone in a mental health or substance abuse crisis. Unfortunately, that is where most people are taken today. In addition, he applauded the board in its efforts to bring this new center to fruition.

This facility is desperately needed. In 2019, nearly 50 million or almost 20 percent of adults in the US experienced some type of mental illness. In 2022, DuPage County reported depression rates among our youth at twice the national average. DuPage United will monitor progress of this facility and remain engaged until the facility is open. Target date is early 2025.



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From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

One of my favorite scripture passages is Luke 6:37-38 “*Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*”

The Ugandan theologian Emmanuel Katongole, in his book *The Sacrifice of Africa*, tells a story about a woman named Angelina whose daughter, along with several other girls, was abducted by the Lord’s Resistance Army in the north of Uganda in 2006. After the girls’ abduction, their parents would meet every Saturday to pray, fast and engage in advocacy for their children, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer. When they tried to pray the prayer, however, they could never say the words “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” How could they, they thought, ever forgive the men who had abducted, abused and kept their daughters in captivity. At one of these gatherings, Angelina told the group that she was convinced that if they could not say those words of forgiveness, they were wasting their time. They knew that they had to get

rid of the burden of anger and resentment that was destroying their souls. And so they became intentional about their prayer and gradually found peace, a way to forgive and eventually were able to say the Lord’s prayer in full.

Many people found this very difficult to understand. How could anyone forgive those people who had done such harm to their children? They could not believe that such forgiveness was possible. Are you from another planet, they asked? The answer, Katongole writes, is yes. In many ways Christian forgiveness is from another planet, it reflects another logic. It reflects the logic of the Cross, the logic of the risen Christ. Can we trust this other logic? Can we love the difficult people in our lives? Can we forgive neighbors, co-workers, spouses, trusted individuals who have offended us? Can we open our lives to strangers at our borders? Can we try to understand those who are different from us? In the midst of our troubled times, may this other logic guide us in the ways of mercy and forgiveness. (*paraphrase of homily Fr. S. Bevins*)



PrimeTime April Event

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 16. 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. Please join us for mass as we pray for all those who suffer the pain of mental illness. Representatives from local organizations will be available after mass to answer questions and distribute materials.

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

April 2, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$14,845
Credit Card Online Giving (for March)	\$15,819
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$6,264
Total for the week	\$36,928
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,334,145
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,354
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,348,153
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$14,008)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	76%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$418,454

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$14,008** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$795 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2023 (as of April 2, 2023)

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec
Parish Appeal Goal	\$168,000	\$189,200	(\$21,200)
Pledges received	\$142,419	\$89,534	\$52,885
% of goal pledged to date	84.77%	47.32%	37.45%
Unpaid pledges	\$35,779	\$74,665	(\$38,886)
Paid to Date	\$106,640	\$74,665	\$31,975
% of goal paid to date	63.48%	39.46%	24.01%
Number of Donors	467	318	149

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 at 630.355.8980, x124 or email akubalanza@stapostle.org. Training will be provided.

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00–9:00 pm Middle School Catechists, Lighthouse

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Distribution

10:00–12:00 pm PrimeTime, Lighthouse

7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana

7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center

11:00 am–12:30 pm Small Jobs Group, Galilee

6:30–8:30 pm Pro-Life, Judea

7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana

Thursday, April 20, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center

10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus

6:30–8:15 pm Life Community Night, Gym and Youth Center

7:30–9:00 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, April 21, 2023

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8:00 am–12:30 pm First Communicant Church Visit, Church and Gathering Area

9:00–10:30 am Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse

9:00 am–4:00 pm Mental Health First Aid Training, Senior Center

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

5:30–6:00 pm Gathering after Mass, Gathering Area

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center

9:00 am–1:00 pm Gathering after each Mass, Gathering Area

Contemplative Walking

Be Still and Know that I am God (Psalm 46:11)

Come experience the practice of contemplative/meditative walking. Through a series of short meditations and walks we will explore the spiritual and physical dimensions of what it means to “be still and know.”

Please join us in the gym from 11:00 am–12:00 pm on four Wednesdays in May: 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Contact Annette Kubalanza at akubalanza@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.



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 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:

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