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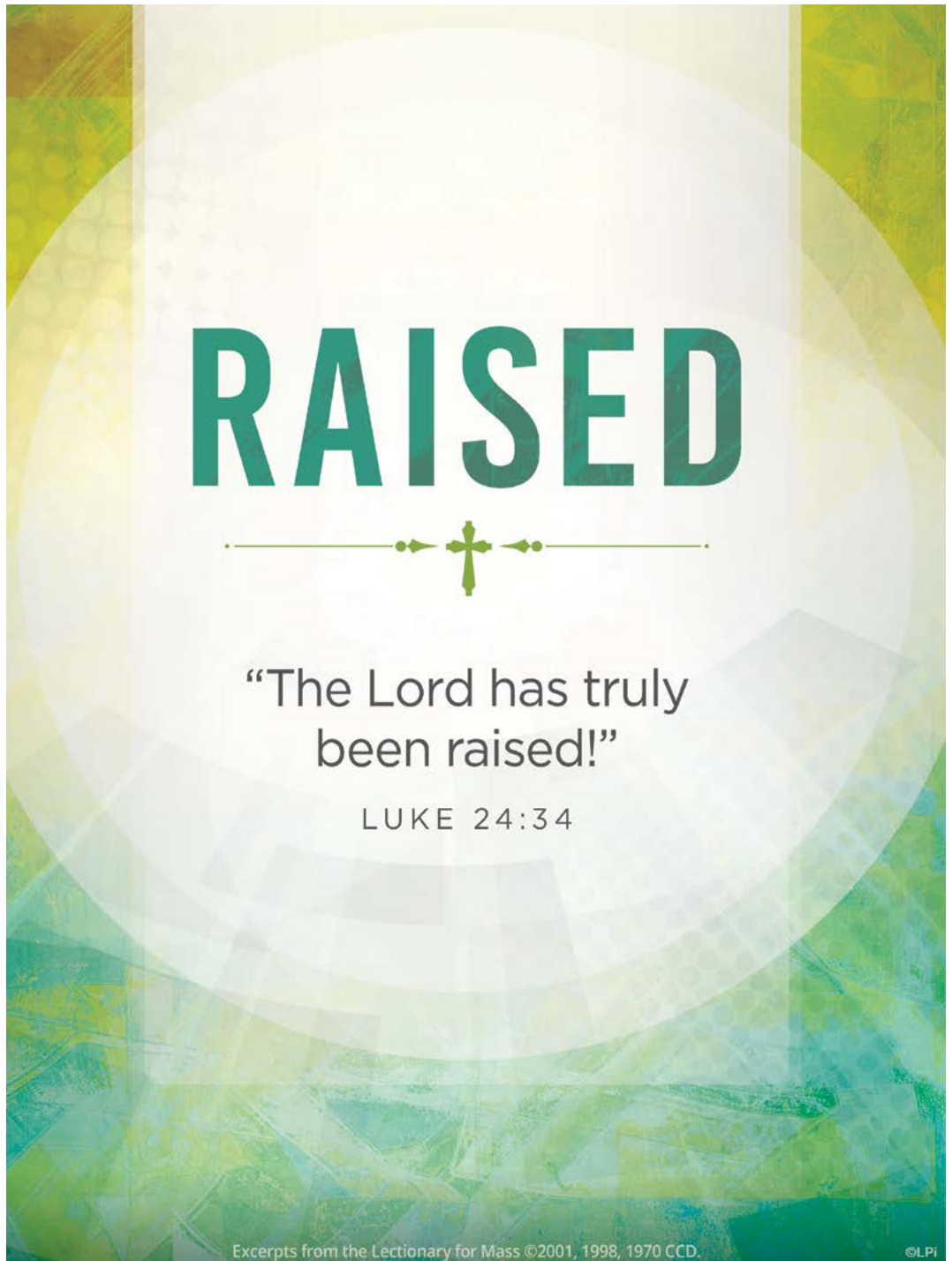
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

Luke 24:15-16

**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.



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“The Lord has truly
been raised!”

LUKE 24:34

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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.

Not Just a Walk in the Park

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking 10 to 15 miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints and a discovery of how to travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed.

~Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Presider Schedule April 29-30

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Larry Kearney

11:15 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Presider schedule is subject to change.

Golden Jubilee Celebration for Fr. Joseph

The Golden Jubilee Celebration for Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal, 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 — "This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

Gospel — And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

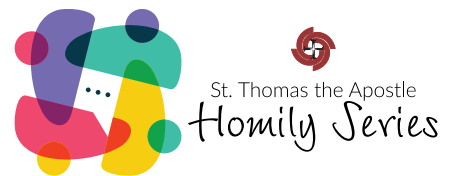
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Reflection on the Readings

Jesus says "Love One Another as I have loved you." We all have days when that commandment feels difficult — yet if we see with clarity God's love for us, we have a chance of extending that love to those we sometimes don't like.

Homily Series

During this second week of our spring series, Belonging to One Another — The Blessings and Challenges of Community, let's reflect upon how we can move deeper into relationship with one another. Try to connect in a life-changing way and notice the blessings that follow.



Donut and Welcome Sunday is TODAY!

You are invited to be part of Donut Sunday and Welcome Sunday in the St. Thomas Gathering Area after all Sunday Masses today!



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Prayer

*Draw us forth, God of all creation.
Draw us forward and away from limited certainty
into the immense world of your love.
Give us the capacity to even for a moment
taste the richness of the feast you give us.
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,
with questions,
with doubts.
Help us to experience the resurrection anew
with open wonder and an increasing ability
to see you in the people of Easter.
Amen*

Labyrinth Walk for Peace

On Saturday, May 6 at 1:00 pm, St. Thomas will participate in the outdoor labyrinth walk “Planting Peace with Every Step.” Founded by The Labyrinth Society in 2009, the first Saturday in May is designated as World Labyrinth Day. Many thousands of people around the globe will participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many “Walk as One at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next.

Join Patti Essig, Spiritual Director, yoga teacher and Certified Labyrinth Facilitator, on the outdoor stone labyrinth behind the Ministry Center at 12:45 pm so the walk can begin at 1:00 pm. In case of rain, this event will be held on the canvas labyrinth in the Gym.

Register for Women’s Retreat

It’s Back! After years of isolation and hibernation, all women are invited to the 2023 STA Women’s Retreat Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am–5:00 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien, Ill., to Reconnect with Ourselves, to Reconnect with Each Other and to Reconnect with the Joy and Hope that the Divine Spark instills in us.

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!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
†Richard Kuna by Audrey Easton
- 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

Monday April 24, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Mary Growney by John Growney

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 8:30 am †Jim Rioux by Ann Rioux

Wednesday April 26, 2023

Easter Weekday

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

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Jesus Paras by Gemma Paras

Friday April 28, 2023

Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am †Special Intention for Pat Leach by Audrey Easton

Saturday April 29, 2023

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
†Richard Kua by Buddy and Mely Mallorca

Sunday April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am †Kevin Kane by the Staskon Family
- 9:30 am †John Patrick McDonald by Pat Moran
†Craig Setula by Ann Mitchell
- 11:15 am †Elsie Nance Breen, by Jim and Mary Jo Breen

Cashless?

Support St. Thomas Using Your Smartphone to Access Online Giving

Look for this QR code in your printed weekend worship aids and check it out using your phone’s camera.

We are grateful for your financial gifts enabling us to continue all of God’s good works here at St. Thomas!





C.A.R.E CORNER

This column has now completed a long series highlighting some of the many saints of our Church. When you think about saints, do you think primarily of those who accomplished great things? Some of our saints were brilliant in natural sciences, theology and mathematics. Some were brave pioneers who started movements, moved to foreign lands, boldly preached the faith and opened schools and hospitals. Some came from wealth and they were very charitable with that wealth. Some were mystics who experienced deep union with God and shared those experiences with us through their writings. Some were fearless shepherds, eloquent preachers and self-sacrificial martyrs.

But we must not forget that some of our best known saints were people who were very simple, ordinary and unassuming. Some spent their days performing works of manual labor like cooking, gardening and being door keepers. They did small things, but with great love. Many showed the fullness of their human condition by the sins of their youth, considering we can name criminals, adulterers and murderers among the most admired saints of our past. What they all had in common was their humanity. Pope Benedict XVI once said “To become saints means to fulfill completely what we already are, raised to the dignity of God’s adopted children in Christ Jesus.” That means we too can join their ranks.

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.

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.

Teens with Character – Summer Edition

Teens with Character – Summer Edition is an opportunity for middle school students (entering 6th–9th grades) to gather together to serve, to grow in faith, to learn and to have some fun. These gatherings combine many of the elements of a Teens with Character meeting (games, faith lesson, sharing a meal) with parts of a middle school mission trip experience (service projects, reflection time, and shared prayer and discussion).

Dates: June 8, July 13, August 3

Time: 1:00–6:00 pm in the St. Thomas gym

Cost: \$15/session (covers the cost for service project supplies, food and T-shirt)

Questions: Contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

Registration information will be available soon.

Teens with Character – Summer Edition is service, learning, prayer, fellowship and a whole lot of fun. Join us!

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.





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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.

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

Dear St. Thomas Family:

- I would feel happy about receiving First Communion because then I am apart of God's family and he will always be there for me.
- The reason I want to receive communion is, I want to make my family and religice ed teachers proud, and be closer to God.
- I want to do my first communion so that I can learn more about my faith and become closer to God.
- I am excited about first comuin the body and blodds is Jesus.
- I am happy to receive my first communion. I am happy because I will receive God.
- Thank you for sharing your kindness and peace. I very exsited for my 1st communion. Sorry if there are spelling mistakes.
- Please pray for me because I can't wait. The class is so excited. We are getting ready.
- Please pray for me. I am nervous to go up and sing " This Little light of Mine" in front of everyone.
- Please pray for me for my first Holy Communion. We are nervous, ready, excited. And I am ready to sing this little light of mine. Please wish the best for me and for the priest.
- I am very exited for my first communion. I am prepared.
- I love church and I am very exited for my first communion very exited.
- I'm really exited to receive the Eucharist. This is really important to me please pray for me as I prepare.
- I want to receive communion because I want to have God with me at all times. I feel happy about it because I want to make my faith stronger.
- the reson why I want to do first communion is that I want to be more connected to god. And feel close to him.

A BIG shout out goes to ...

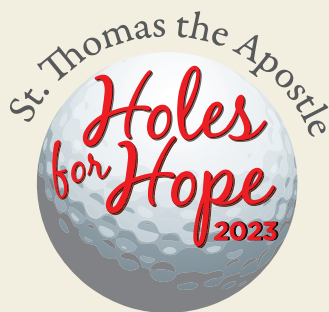
The St. Thomas elementary, middle school and high school students: Natalie Fee, Lorelai Garlough, Tim Howley, Mia Kirkman, Nathan Kuhn, Teagan Maynard, Addie Mitchell, Rosalie Pecoraro, Tristan Thurm Reece Voller, Owen Voller, Magnus Wehr, Leah Wojciechowski, and musicians Nadia Bocher, Abby Galer and Jacob Lee who helped to make Good Friday's Living Stations such a meaningful and prayerful experience.

Thank you so much!



Question of the week

When have you recognized that Jesus is with you?



Holes for Hope Golf Outing Silent Auction Items Needed

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.

One of the highlights of the golf outing is the silent auction. You may not be a golfer, but you can help with the golf outing by providing a silent auction item. Two suggestions for providing an auction item: 1) purchase the item yourself, or 2) ask businesses you frequent on a regular basis for a donation (e.g., beauty salon, restaurant, where your car is serviced, etc.). If you have any questions, contact Mike Ryder at 630.355.8980, x121 or mryder@stapostle.org.

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.

Care for God's Creation

A Principle of Catholic Social Teaching

Earth Day April 23, 2023

This past week many events and activities were held around the world to celebrate Earth Day and honor the achievements of the environmental movement while raising awareness of the need to protect the Earth. As Catholics, not only is it important to participate in protecting the Earth but it is our moral responsibility to do so. Below is a list of some small steps that we can take as individuals that help protect the Earth, God's creation. Choose a couple (or more) of these activities to begin your personal journey to protect the Earth.

- Go meatless on Mondays and/or Fridays
- Walk, cycle, carpool or use public transport
- Reuse, recycle, lower your consumption of resources
- Use less water
- Replace incandescent and compact fluorescent lights with LED lights
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and spread wildflower seeds
- Pray for our common home and all Earth protectors

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

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 rez 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.

If you were unable to join us on April 13 to view the documentary Walking the Good Red Road concerning Nicholas Black Elk's journey to sainthood, you can view it at vimeo.com/420363725.

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

Hesed House PADS May Food Donation Sign-Up

St. Thomas Hesed House PADS Ministry serves the homeless at Hesed House in Aurora the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. The ministry prepares and serves dinner and breakfast ... and provides a bag lunch.

Thanks to those who helped with April donations. We are now asking parishioners to donate the food items needed for Thursday, May 4. If you are willing and able to provide food for May, you can sign up at stapostle.org for specific items. If you enjoy cooking, you can sign up to prepare the entrée or the dessert. Recipes and pans are provided. If cooking is not your greatest gift, there are many other items needed. Please deliver all items to the St. Thomas Gathering Area on Thursday, May 4, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.

Hesed House Derby Party

You are invited to the Hesed House Annual Derby Party! Join us May 6 “under the tent” at White Eagle Golf Club in Naperville for an incredible afternoon of celebration and impact as we raise much-needed funds to help our neighbors in need! Go to <https://bit.ly/HesedDerbyParty> to view a short video on the Derby Party and to purchase tickets.

Hesed House’s mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. It serves Aurora and Naperville, along with portions of Kane, Kendall and DuPage Counties through emergency overnight shelter programs for men, women and families, on-site and off-site supportive housing, case management and much more!

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 630.355.8980, x121 or mryder@stapostle.org.



Respect Life Illinois State Bill 1909

Illinois Right to Life is a non-profit organization that works to build a culture of life that welcomes and loves all human life from conception through natural death. They work with our political leaders to promote pro-life policies in our state. Below is information on Illinois State Bill 1909 from Illinois Right to Life.

Illinois State Bill 1909 is known as the Deceptive Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers Act. It targets pregnancy help centers (like Waterleaf Women’s Center) by making them civilly liable for engaging in “deceptive acts or practice” for any concealment, suppression or omission of a “material fact.” The language of the bill is overly broad. There is no guidance as to what is a “material fact.” This could lead to an unlimited interpretation that would force pregnancy help centers to inform a pregnant woman about how to obtain an abortion. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/ILBill1909>.

Please educate yourself on Illinois State Bill 1909. As advocacy opportunities arise, the Respect Life Ministry will communicate those opportunities for you to express your view to our legislatures. There is a Protect Pregnancy Resource Centers rally on Wednesday, April 26 at 12:00 pm at the Lincoln Statue, 301 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL.

Men of St. Thomas Prayer Breakfast May 13

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 on “How to Bless and Feel Blessed as a Man.” Our experience of being blessed and of blessing is central and essential to our lives as men.

To sign up, please visit stapostle.org/mens-prayer-breakfast/. Signing up is highly encouraged so that we can properly plan for the breakfast. You’re also encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor or coworker! A free will offering will be collected. Email deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



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St. Dymphna Mass

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Please join us for Mass and a special celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as we commemorate the feast of St. Dymphna. A reception will follow in the Gathering Area, and representatives from Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, SamaraCare Counseling as well as Jim Kintz, Ministry Chairperson and Speaker on Domestic Violence, will be joining us with important resource information.

St. Dymphna is the patron saint of people living with illnesses in body, mind or spirit. Her mother died when Dymphna was 17. Her father struggled with emotional issues following his wife's death. These difficulties led to St. Dymphna's martyrdom. Cures and miracles were attributed to her and as a result highly successful treatment centers are named for her.

Please come to celebrate her life and to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. For more information contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108.

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. The upcoming meeting will be April 27.

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.

Contemplative Walking

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

Did you know that ...

Walking enhances moods ...

Walking reduces stress ...

Walking improves self-esteem...

Walking helps reduce cognitive decline ...?

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.

Teen Hope is Worth Sharing

- A professionally facilitated support group for teens
- A safe place where teens 13-19 may come to discuss their challenges/concerns
- Structured with an open approach where teens can sign up anytime
- Dynamically Catholic

When: Monday evenings at 5:30 pm beginning May 15

Where: Ellie Mental Health, 745 McClintock Dr, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527; 630.491.6846

Lead by: Dr. Lauren Kaplan, Psy. D. and Meredith Entler, LPC

Cost: \$55 per session financial assistance is available for those in need from Need You Right Now, a mental health ministry

Register: The teen's parent or guardian need only email contact information to NYRNHelp@yahoo.com

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.



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Weekly Sunday Offertory

April 16, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$7,830
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	\$13,432
Total for the week	\$21,262
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,386,580
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,014
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,415,561
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$28,981)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	79%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$366,019

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$28,981** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$90 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2023 (as of April 16, 2023)

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec
Parish Appeal Goal	\$168,000	\$189,200	(\$21,200)
Pledges received	\$151,833	\$108,049	\$43,784
% of goal pledged to date	90.38%	57.11%	33.27%
Unpaid pledges	\$32,446	\$16,575	\$15,871
Paid to Date	\$119,387	\$91,474	\$27,913
% of goal paid to date	71.06%	48.35%	22.72%
Number of Donors	482	347	135

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update

I want to thank the 482 people who have already pledged and or paid gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

Because of your generosity, we are about \$43,784 ahead of last year's performance at the same point in time. This is approximately +40% more raised versus the same time a year ago.

I encourage everyone to consider a gift to the CMAA. No matter how small, every gift matters. With your support we can make our goal for the first time in five years. Even more importantly, 70% of every dollar raised above goal will come back to our parish, and I have committed to using that money to help bring young adults back to church.

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 24, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

7:00-8:30 pm	Baptism Class, Galilee
7:00-8:30 pm	Voices of Faith, Church
7:00-9:00 pm	Wellspring, Lighthouse

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:15-11:15 am	Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
11:00 am-12:30 pm	Small Jobs Group, Galilee
6:30-9:00 pm	Evangelization, Lighthouse

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:15-11:15 am	Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
3:30-5:00 pm	Adult Confirmation, Judea
6:30-8:15 pm	Life Team, Gym and Youth Center
7:30-9:00 pm	Thursday PM Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, April 28, 2023

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00-10:30 am	Saturday Men's Group, Cana
9:00-10:30 am	Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse
3:30-4:15 pm	Reconciliation, Chapel
4:30-5:30 pm	First Communion Mass, Church
5:30-6:00 pm	Gathering after Mass, Gathering Area

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:00-9:15 am	Anointing of the Sick, Chapel
9:00-11:00 am	Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Gathering after each Mass, Gathering Area
9:30-10:30 am	First Communion Mass, Church
11:15 am-12:15 pm	First Communion Mass, Church

Let's do this for the future of St. Thomas the Apostle!

Just a reminder, the CMAA:

- Trains future priests for St. Thomas
- Helps pass on the faith to the next generation for St. Thomas
- Forms future deacons for St. Thomas
- Provides emergency shelter, food, counseling, early childhood resources and veteran services for those who are struggling in our Diocese

Thank you!

Fr. Peter Infanger
Pastor



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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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:

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