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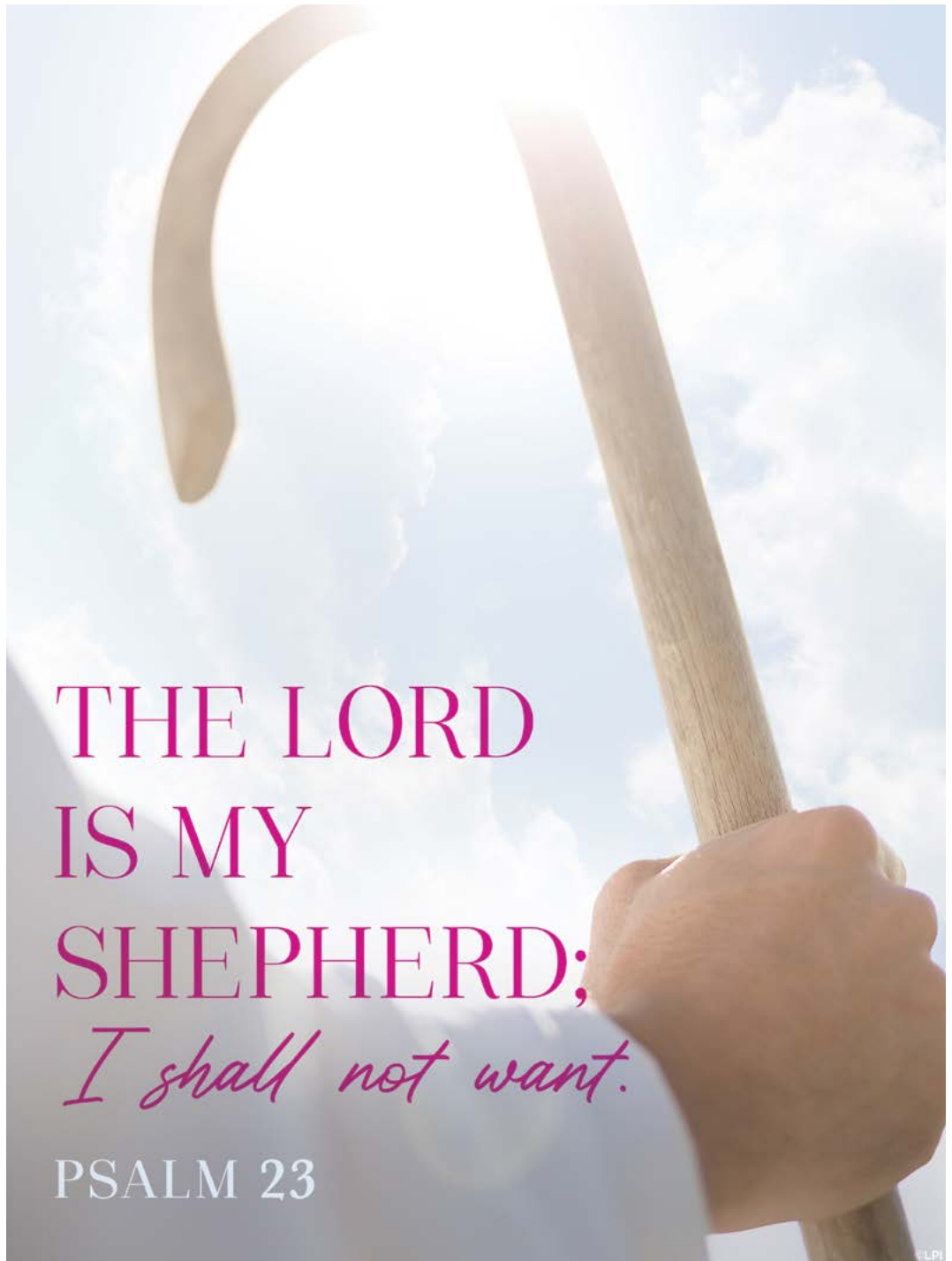
*Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you  
should follow in his footsteps.*

1 Peter 2:21

**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.*



THE LORD  
IS MY  
SHEPHERD;  
*I shall not want.*

PSALM 23

**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.

### Saved by Love, Not by Suffering

I'm not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St. Peter today: "... If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us.

Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering.

~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

William and Caitlin Baird and family  
Elizabeth Lo and Elisa Joy Carrillo  
Mrs. Maryann Carlson  
Stephen and Ashley Podorsky and family  
Karen Sims and Malachy Walsh

#### Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

### 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** — "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**Second Reading** — For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

**Gospel** — "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

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### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/  
1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

### Reflection on the Readings

Our Gospels for the next few weeks are taken from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper in John's Gospel. Today Jesus reassures that all we have to do is focus on knowing and believing in him, and we will find the way. It will not be easy to do, but that is why we have our community with us, to help us.

### Presider Schedule May 6-7

#### Saturday, May 6

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

#### Sunday, May 7

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappalumakkal

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

### Help Wanted

#### Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Thomas

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish seeks a full-time, experienced Director of Music and Liturgy. For a list of qualifications, complete job description and details on how to apply, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



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## St. Thomas the Apostle Community,

*It is with a heavy heart that I share my departure. I have accepted a position at the Archdiocese of Chicago in the Office of Parish Vitality. The Lord has been so good to me and my family, always leading the way and opening doors to where my gifts will be best put to use in the building of the kingdom. I thank you all for your support and prayers during my time in service with you. To God be the glory!*

*Blessings,  
Samantha Delke*

*It is with bittersweet emotions that I inform you that I have accepted the position of Director of Liturgy and Music for St. Mary Catholic Church in Hales Corners, WI. I am excited for this new chapter in my life and yet saddened to leave the place I have called home for over four years. I cannot say "thank you" enough for all that you have shared with and given me. Thank you for your love, your encouragement, and above all, your prayers. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this time in your life.*

*May God bless you and those you love.  
Jim Clauer*

## Homily Series

As we continue to grow in our sense of belonging to one another, challenge yourself to help build and maintain a strong faith community here at St. Thomas. Use the following steps that were discussed during the spring series as a guide:

- 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
- Pay Attention – someone is in need, society is in need
- Die to Self – make room for the Spirit working through all of us
- Embrace Diversity – variety is needed and it's time to get along
- Keep God at the Center – a foundation of Love

Mark your calendars for the Summer Homily Series (3 weeks): June 24–25, July 1–2 and July 8–9. The theme is Building Stronger Relationships – Marriage, Family and Friends. Invite someone you know to join us!



## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

#### Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

#### Monday, May 1, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Special Intention for Audrey and Dan Casey by Audrey Easton

#### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- 8:30 am †Rebecca De Voss by the Crowley Family

#### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

*Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

- 8:30 am †Beatrice T. Vega by Barbara Kaurin

#### Thursday, May 4, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Adelaida Lubguban by Amy Guzman

#### Friday, May 5, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Mellie A Hallowell by Amy DeGuzman

#### Saturday, May 6, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Cecilia Navata by Family  
†Healing for Rosario Vaquilar by Friends

#### Sunday, May 7, 2023

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00 am
- 9:30 am †Terry E Brasseaux by Monique Barras  
†Dolores Rogereo by Fernando Rosagayol
- 11:15 am † Donna Kuhn by Andy and Michelle Kuhn

## 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!





# FAITH AND FORMATION COMMISSION – ADULT

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

Our hope throughout this series on saints was that you would see how they were in many ways just like you – and perhaps you would find a bit of inspiration in that. Each person had their own specific skills, talents and passions, which God gave them with the intention that those would be used for the benefit of others in their time and place. And each one had their own unique cross to bear. Each brought their own personality, intellectual capacities and emotional stability to employ in service to God’s people.

One thing in particular they all had in common was they came to a point where they were open to receiving the gift of God’s grace, which changed their lives. That gift did not change their personalities or their talents. But it did change their attitudes and their understanding of what gave their lives meaning. And because of this, each one was able to carry out the true purpose of every human life – to manifest the divine to the world around them. We are all the better for it. So as they say, every saint has a past – and every sinner has a future. That means there is still hope for each one of us.

### 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.

### 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.



### Scripture Safari

Scripture Safari week “Let’s Be on God’s Team” is June 12–16, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm Monday–Friday including a Mass June 17 at 4:30 pm.

Registration forms to participate (pre-K-4), be a youth volunteer (grade 5 and older) or an adult volunteer are available NOW in the Gathering Area. Contact Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or the Religious Education/Faith Formation Office at REAdmin@stapostle.org for more information.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> 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!





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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.

## First Communion Masses and First Communicants

In January, our First Communicants and families committed to preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist. As they finish their preparation, we ask the faith community to hold these families in prayer. Below is a list of First Communicants and their First Eucharist Mass. If you have neighbors and friends receiving their First Communion, we invite you to attend their Mass. In the loving spirit of St. Thomas, please welcome these First Communicants, their families and guests.

### Saturday, April 29, 4:30 pm

Gabriel Auffant  
Lucas Lemes Crotty  
Stella Fleishman  
Caleb Heuer  
Sloan Hinz  
Christine Howard  
Victoria Livorsi  
Declan O'Riordan  
Annabelle Ryan  
Danica Scarborough  
Noah Showalter  
Julian Smith  
Emmalene Swade  
Annabelle Tsang  
Aubrey Zeunert

### Sunday, April 30, 9:30 am

Tyler Staab

### Sunday, April 30, 11:15 am

Alice Baker  
Brendan Carr  
Lillian Cozzi  
Killian Creek  
Caroline Escobar  
Molly Ferneau  
Johaam Mathews  
Anabella Mayen  
Daphne Pecoraro  
Sapphire Richards  
Nathaniel Romero  
Khassie Lois Sison  
Joshua Starzec  
Nolan Stewart  
Kate Urban

## Drive-Thru BBQ May 20!

Support middle school summer service days and get a delicious meal to go!

**When:** Saturday, May 20, 4:30-6:00 pm

**Meal Includes:** Chicken, pulled pork, bun, new potatoes, beans, coleslaw and dessert (Meal preparation by St. Thomas Knights of Columbus)

**Cost:** \$15.00

**Order:** Online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) or after Masses the weekend of May 13-14.

**Payment:** Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas with BBQ in the memo line. To pay ahead of time, drop off payment at St. Thomas. Payment will also be accepted at the time of food pickup.

**Questions:** Contact Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123

**Note:** Pre-ordering is recommended but not required.



## Question of the week

Jesus is our good shepherd, how does it feel to be a sheep of the good shepherd?



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## Food Donations for Care Pantry

Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, May 9 from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle, and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

In order to serve our Care Pantry families in the best possible way, we are requesting items unavailable from the food bank and items we particularly need. Please bring the items listed below.

- Ramen noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Small soup
- Jiffy mix
- Toilet paper

Thank you for your support. Consider being a drop off location for people in your neighborhood and bringing a trunk load of food to St. Thomas.



## Sign-Up Sundae

Join us in the gym Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, to learn about the numerous ways you can put your faith into action at St. Thomas.

There will be opportunities to interact with ministry leaders, sign up to serve in ministry and enjoy a tasty sundae.

## Mother's Day Opportunities

### Help Project Love Help Moms in Need

*Parishioner Eileen McGleam is Director of Project Love, the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life.*



To help pay for financial grants to pregnant women and new moms in crisis situations, Project Love is offering beautiful Mother's Day and Father's Day cards after all the Masses the weekend of May 7 in return for a free will donation. Please be as generous as you can.

Imagine being pregnant or a brand-new mom and receiving an eviction notice because you can't pay your rent; or losing your job because you needed to be on bed rest during your pregnancy; or being abandoned by your husband, your boyfriend or your parents because you refuse to have an abortion.

### Sue and Jim's Story – It takes a Village

Sue and Jim fell behind in their rent when their work hours were cut. Their baby required a special formula, which was very costly, and they were threatened with eviction. Project Love provided a \$1,000 grant to help pay their rent. St. Thomas Cares, St. Thomas SVDP and Loaves & Fishes contributed as well. The couple is now working full time and can pay their own rent going forward.

Unfortunately, these are very often the situations of the young women who seek help each week from Project Love. They are referred to us by pregnancy care centers all over Illinois, like Waterleaf and the Avenue Women's Centers.

For 27 years, Project Love has given more than a half million dollars to mothers in a financial crisis. We have helped over 1,500 moms, providing new hope in a time of crisis. We are the answer to prayers, helping to provide the support these moms need to raise their children.

Thank you in advance for your support

*Eileen McGleam, Director Project Love*

## Race Card Project Thank You

It was three months ago that The Race Card Project at St. Thomas bulletin board first appeared with a few Race Cards posted. In that three months' time, approximately 220 Race Cards were posted. The Race Cards were challenging, affirming, clever, sad and always thought-provoking. Clearly, you had something to say.

One of the hopes with the project is that people, with differing views, would enter into conversation about race. If creating a Race Card made you think and reflect, if reading a Race Card stirred up emotion in you and led to reflection, if you discussed a Race Card with someone, then we consider those successes. We thank you for your participation and for being willing to join the conversation.

Over the next several weeks, Race Cards from The Race Card Project at St. Thomas will be published in the bulletin. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular Race Card and would like to comment on it, you can do that by emailing [RaceCardProject@stapostle.org](mailto:RaceCardProject@stapostle.org). All of the Race Cards submitted at St. Thomas can be viewed at [stapostle.org/race-card-submissions](http://stapostle.org/race-card-submissions).



# 10<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Outing

Dinner and Silent Auction

## June 19, 2023

Supporting St. Thomas CARES

Naperville  Country Club

# Monday, June 19

Coming Soon!

**We are returning to Beautiful Naperville Country Club**

Proceeds from “**Holes for Hope**” benefit St. Thomas Cares, specifically the emergency service actions. Help is provided to individuals and families in the local area without regard to age, race, religion, sex, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

The emergency services provide support in many areas: housing costs (rent & mortgage), utilities, auto repairs, medical support & prescriptions, gas cards, food cards, counseling, and other needs (transportation passes, car registrations, car insurance, etc.).

Last year, St. Thomas Cares distributed just under \$55,000 to 345 client cases. (See below for details.) Proceeds from the golf outing will allow St. Thomas Cares to continue our support of area families with emergency needs.

# How can you Help?

See other side of this page.

St. Thomas CARES Disbursement Analysis 2022			
Type	Sum of Amount	Client Requests	Average Amount
Auto	10,237	25	409
Gift Card	5,326	156	34
Motel	15,024	43	349
Other	2,436	9	271
Petty Cash	220	7	31
Rent	18,012	43	419
Transportation	570	2	285
Utilities	2,931	14	209
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>54,756</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>183</b>

# Ways to Help Holes for Hope



# 1

## Golf

Individual golfer (\$250) or foursome (\$1,000)

Includes Lunch, Social Hour, Dinner, Silent & Live Auction

# 2

## Dinner Only

Gather your friends for a fun evening

\$85 (Social Hour, Dinner, Silent & Live Auction)

# 3

## Sponsor the Golf Outing

Business or individuals

Go to [www.stapostle-golf.org](http://www.stapostle-golf.org) to see Sponsorship Opportunities

# 4

## Make a donation to the Silent/Live Auction

Consider contributing such items as a vacation home rental, airline tickets, sports tickets, entertainment packages, artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, spa outings, dinner packages, wine tastings, professional services, gift cards to restaurants, or new items of any size and value.

# 5

## Donate a Bottle of Wine

50 bottles of wine needed for Wall-of-Wine Raffle

Donate your favorite wines, but if your favorite is of the \$3 variety, please ask the wine shop clerk for help! 😊

If you have questions or for more information, contact Mike (630.355.8980 x121, [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org)).

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## To Register for Golf or Dinner-Only

Contact Mike (630.355.8980 x121, [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org))  
or sign up after the Masses beginning May 6-7 Weekend.

Register now to hold your place – pay later.

## Thank you, St. Thomas!



Once again, St. Thomas parishioners generously responded to the invitation for Mother's Day packets by providing over 800 cards, numerous boxed cards and stationery, over 200 postage stamps, the flyers and Ziploc bags. These items were assembled into packets that will be delivered to Illinois prisons in time for Mother's Day. On behalf of Companions Journeying Together, Inc. — THANK YOU! You are a BLESSING!

It is difficult to put into words what the impact these packets have on the women who receive them, but Paula, a former prisoner, shares what happens when Mother's Day packets are distributed.

*"It's a happy day in prison when we receive those faithful beautiful packets. I was a recipient for decades. We read the flyer that's inside the packet with the enclosed gifts. We feel the love of those who donated and took their time to put the packets together.*

*We are thankful and send Companions a thank you note. We share with roommates and others in the building what we received in our packets. Maybe we trade for a certain color of paper, stationery, envelopes and cards. Some women start writing to their loved ones right away. Some decide who is going to get what from the packet. Their grandmothers, mothers, aunts, children and friends.*

*Such a big blessing to know many "someones" care about us. So encouraging to know we are not forgotten. As you can imagine in prison Mothers Day for most women is a difficult day. Also, besides sending a thank you note, I always thought it was important for us in prayer to ask God to bless all those who bless us year after year."*

## 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 from 1:30–2:45 pm, there is something you can do at Congregation Beth Shalom (772 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Naperville).

DuPage United has three member institutions in Naperville (St. Thomas, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Islamic Center of Naperville). On Sunday, April 30, 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.



## 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/](http://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](mailto:deaconjoecuzzone@gmail.com) with any questions.

## LEAP of Faith

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

The Inclusive Justice Initiative invites you to take a LEAP of faith with us ... discovering the commonalities we all share.

**May:** Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**Learn:** The USCCB's pastoral letter Encountering Christ in Harmony (A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters) tells a faith story that is grounded in the long history of API peoples whose strong belief in the Bible and in the traditions of the Catholic faith continues to sustain their identity and contribute to the wider Catholic Church. <https://bit.ly/USCCB-Asian-Pacific-Islander>

**Explore:** In honor of AAPI Heritage Month, panelists from the AAPI community will share their Naperville lived experiences during a 90-minute, interactive panel discussion that is open to all and welcomes everyone. Saturday, May 13 from 2:00-3:30 pm at the Naperville 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, 3015 Cedar Glade Drive. Register here to attend: <https://www.naperville.il.us/embracenaperville>

**Act:** As you go about your daily lives this week, take notice of how other places and entities are recognizing Asian American Pacific Islander heritage. This community is the fastest growing in the U.S. representing 6.2 percent of the population in the 2020 census.

**Pray:** *God of all harmony and source of our faith who chose us to be your own and formed us together as one family in Christ, send forth your Spirit among us. May our encounters with your Son through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread, remind us of our identity in Christ amid the multitude of cultural heritages present in your Church today.*



## From the Desk of the Director of Pastoral Care

In preparing for the upcoming Contemplative Walking series that will begin on Wednesday, May 3, I came across an article explaining the importance of having meaningful conversations. According to the article, the goal of every conversation is a desire to connect on some level with another person. It is a desire to know the heart of another and it is full of hope. In last Sunday's Gospel we met two of Jesus' disciples recollecting the events of Jesus' death as they walked on the road to Emmaus. "We were hoping," they said, "that he would be the one to redeem Israel" but they wandered it seemed, without hope, for the Gospel tells us that they were cast down. What must they have been thinking and feeling as they walked and talked along the road to Emmaus? Had they learned from the example of Jesus' life? Were they questioning their faith?

I think we can all identify with the emptiness and confusion that they were feeling in the face of tremendous loss. But something changed for them along the way. They connected with a stranger who set their hearts on fire and this made all the difference!

What are you hoping for as you walk along? Who will you meet that will change your life? How will you respond?

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# 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 23, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$10,887
Credit Card Online Giving (reported monthly)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$26,178
Mailed in and stock donations	\$12,550
Total for the week	\$49,615
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,436,195
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,400
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,449,265
Over/(short) of goal to date	<b>(\$13,069)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	82%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$316,404

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$13,069** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$285 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

## Diocesan Appeal 2023 (as of April 23, 2023)

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec
Parish Appeal Goal	\$168,000	\$189,200	<b>(\$21,200)</b>
Pledges received	\$154,953	\$110,149	<b>\$44,804</b>
% of goal pledged to date	92.23%	58.22%	<b>34.02%</b>
Unpaid pledges	\$31,904	\$16,750	<b>\$15,154</b>
Paid to Date	\$123,049	\$93,399	<b>\$29,650</b>
% of goal paid to date	73.24%	49.37%	<b>23.88%</b>
Number of Donors	490	351	<b>139</b>

## PrimeTime

Thank you for the wonderful turnout for the April PrimeTime event on how to navigate Senior Care. Jane's Journey proved to be a heartwarming, realistic presentation by Senior Living Experts who provided excellent resources for those in need of supporting their loved ones during a transitional time of need. If you missed this presentation, please feel free to contact Senior Advisor Kerry Quirin of Senior Living Experts at 630.800.7865.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Tuesday, May 23 will be our Swing into Summer get together including entertainment by Tom Malouf along with a picnic lunch. More details to follow. Please note the change to the fourth Tuesday in May.

## The Week Ahead

Monday, May 1, 2023

7:00–9:00 pm Buildings and Grounds, Judea  
7:00–8:30 pm Eucharistic Revival, Cana

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside  
7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center  
12:00–1:00 pm W.A.G.E.S., Gym  
6:30–8:30 pm IJI, Lighthouse  
6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana  
7:00–8:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center  
7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, May 4, 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, Zoom

Friday, May 5, 2023

9:00 am–12:00 pm Adoration/Benediction, Chapel

Saturday, May 6, 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

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center  
9:30–10:30 am First Communion Mass, Church  
11:15 am–12:15 pm First Communion Mass, Church

## Emergency Procedures at St. Thomas

Due to the recent increase in medical emergencies occurring during weekend Masses, here is a brief summary of the policies in place at St. Thomas the Apostle:

- An ambulance is called in any case where someone has lost consciousness or is experiencing chest pain.
- No medications may be provided to the person experiencing distress — only water and a cold pack.
- The liturgy will continue as the paramedics take care of the situation at hand. No additional attention needs to be drawn to the situation, as the person experiencing distress deserves privacy during the ordeal.
- The presider will be continually informed of the situation during the liturgy and acknowledge it appropriately with the congregation after the paramedics have taken care of the person in need.

This policy, and those in the case of a Fire Emergency and Financial Solicitation, can be found online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



## 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.

### Pastor

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Rev. Peter Infanger, *Pastor*  
Rev. Joseph Kappilumakkal, *Parochial Vicar*  
Janet Simmons

### 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](http://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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