



MAY

7

2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*[Jesus said], "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."
John 14:1*

**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.

LORD,
LET YOUR
mercy
BE ON US.
WE PLACE
OUR
trust
IN YOU.

PSALM 33

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.

Where the Heart Is

Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are byproducts of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around.

Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve.

~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

Richard Armstrong and Family
Edward and Gerry Matsukane

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading — So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading — You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel — Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Presider Schedule May 13-14

Saturday, May 13

4:30 pm: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

Sunday, May 14

8:00 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Presider schedule is subject to change.

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.





Kay Agustin, *Administrative Assistant*
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St Thomas Parishioners,

My name is Deacon Alex Lorang, I will be ordained a priest on May 20 of this year, and I'm excited to spend my first years of priesthood at St. Thomas the Apostle! I start Monday July 3. I've spent the past eight years in seminary, and I've often prayed for 'my first parish.' It's incredible to finally have a concrete community to be praying for, and I look forward to meeting all of you soon! Please pray for me as I prepare for my ordination, and know that I'll be praying for all of you! Fun fact: at my ordination, I will be one of the youngest (maybe even THE youngest) priest in the country at age 25. I am from Homer Glen, Illinois. God Bless!



Deacon Alex Lorang

I believe Alex Lorang's young age will be an asset as we try to reach more young people for Christ and continue the St. Thomas community for the next generation.

Fr. Peter

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.



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!



Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Monday, May 8, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am Special Intention for Audrey Easton by Phyllis Cliff

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Mary Ann MacCarthy by Family

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Vito Battisto by the Battisto Family

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Ferdinand DeGuzman by Amy DeGuzman

Friday May 12, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Jim Cliff by Phyllis Cliff

Saturday May 13, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*
†Jim Rioux by Ann Rioux
†Jim Wolff by Mary Ann Wolf

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Special intention for Recipients of Project Love
Mother's Day Cards

9:30 am †Lina Arguilla by the Martino Family

†Jan Regan by Lynn an Ron Denicolo

11:15 am

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.



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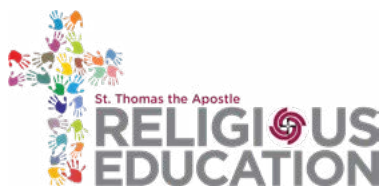
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C.A.R.E CORNER

Have you ever wondered about the origins of many of the things we believe and practice as part of our Catholic faith? We likely take so much of it for granted. But why do we believe the things we do about God? How did we come to know those things? Why do we have priests leading our worship services? Why is our worship space set up as it is and what does it all mean? How long have we been following the rubric of our worship liturgy and where did all that begin? Why are we encouraged to gather for special feast and holy days and what makes them special and holy?

So many of our beliefs and religious practices have been part of our tradition since very ancient times. If we're not aware of their history, we might be tempted to think someone just made them up along the way. But they are not random. We need to remember that our Christian faith has Jewish roots, and those Jewish roots reach back thousands of years before Jesus arrived on the scene. Those Jewish beginnings inform so much of what we believe and what we practice. Over the course of the next several weeks, this column is going to dig into the Jewish roots of our Catholic faith. We hope you'll be enlightened and enriched by the journey. Stay with us.



Religious Education Registration

The RE registration packet for elementary and middle school religious education for 2023-24 will be available on the St. Thomas website and in the Gathering Area starting June 1.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass will not be available Mother's Day, May 14. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available May 21 at the 9:30 am Mass for children age 4 through third grade before taking a hiatus until the fall. Thank you for your participation.



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.

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!





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First Eucharist Liturgies

Communion Procedures

First Eucharist Masses are on the following dates:

- 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, May 6, 4:30pm

Nana Akumfi-Ameyaw
Kwame Akumfi-Ameyaw
Ana Alonso
Drew Ambrosino
Piper Goesel
Cole Kubes
Olivia Kubes
Mason McQuaig
Martin Monzon
Destiny Ngeah
Anna Ordonez Gonzalez
Anthony Ordonez Gonzalez
Lesley Ordonez Gonzalez
Jonathan Petrie
Caralin Sturm
Christian Venus
Harper Weeks
Phoenix Weeks

Sunday, May 7, 11:15am

Annabella Baker
William Cunningham
Benjamin Del Gallo
Garrett Doyle
Madelyn Doyle
Gianni Geraci
Kianna Hernandez
Logan Hickman
Daniel Kuhn
Andrew Lempicki
Sergio Martinez
Landin Medina
Leah Medina
Jorryn Puvathingal

Congratulations to the First Communicants! St. Thomas the Apostle community celebrates with you. The community would love to see you again in your First Communion clothing. You are invited to wear your First Communion clothing on Mother's Day Weekend, May 13 and 14, when you attend Mass. Besides it will make your Mom's Day!

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 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 or 630.355.8980, x123

Note: Pre-ordering is recommended but not required.



Question of the week

What does Jesus mean when he says I am the way, the truth and the life?



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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.

Mother's Day Opportunities

Help Project Love Help Moms in Need This Weekend

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 this weekend, May 6–7, in return for a free will donation. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

These are often the situations of the young women who seek help each week from Project Love. They are referred by pregnancy care centers all over Illinois, like Waterleaf in Aurora. For 27 years, Project Love has given over 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

2023 Lenten Project – Building HOPE Goal Doubled – Thank you, St. Thomas!

Fr. Frantzdy, the Pastor of Ste. Marie Madeleine, our Twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti, visited us during Lent. He expressed his community's hope to put a roof on the church by July 22, the 25th anniversary of the parish. "That will bring hope to our parishioners and the entire community of Duchity." We have made that hope possible. The Lenten Project Goal was doubled ... \$41,000 has been collected. Thank you, St. Thomas!

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. All of the Race Cards submitted at St. Thomas can be viewed at stapostle.org/race-card-submissions.

Holes for Hope Golf Outing

Monday, June 19

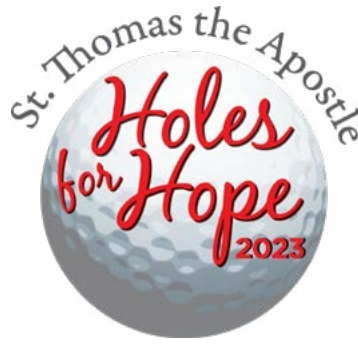
Register now for golf or dinner only

The OSJ Office in partnership with the Knights of Columbus is holding the 10th Holes for Hope charity golf outing Monday, June 19 to benefit St. Thomas Cares emergency services to area families. We are returning to beautiful Naperville Country Club.

St. Thomas Cares

Nancy's caregiver called St. Thomas for help. Nancy could not call because her electricity had been turned off and her landline phone did not work. She has serious medical issues and is on fixed SS disability income. She needs her phone. She had pending help from the LIHEAP government funded program, but it had not yet been approved. St. Thomas Cares verified her situation and paid the past dues amount. The electricity was turned back on within two hours of her call to St. Thomas.

To register for golf (\$250) or dinner only (\$85), contact Mike at 630.355.8980, x121 or mryder@stapostle.org or sign up in the Gathering Area after the Masses beginning this weekend, May 6-7. Register now to hold your place — pay later. See the St. Thomas website home page for more information and for other ways to help.



Habitat Trip to Tutwiler, Mississippi Volunteers Needed

Meeting — Tuesday May 9

St. Thomas has been building Habitat houses in Mississippi for 29 years! Mary Ann Rempe is the facilitator for the mission trips.

In June, a St. Thomas Habitat team will again travel to Mississippi to build homes for the working poor in Tutwiler. We will travel on Sunday, June 11 and return on Saturday, June 17.

Planning meeting is this Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. If you have an interest, please come to the meeting! No construction experience required. St. Thomas has an excellent foreman for the team.

Habitat is a great mission trip for families (youth 16 or older) to build community with the people of the Mississippi Delta. It is full of fun and laughter with new friends ... and good work (learning new skills or using old ones).

If you can't attend the meeting, but have an interest or questions, contact Mike Ryder in the OSJ office at mryder@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x121 or Mary Ann Rempe at marempe630@hotmail.com or 630.344.2992.

PATH Job Seeker Zoom Meeting Improve Your Interview Skills and Success

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 pm

Join us for a pragmatic, action-oriented, project-planning process to identify the specific employers you want to work for. Maximize your efficiency in seeking out positions for which you are best suited. Learn from a Certified Global Career Development Facilitator. Learn how to map out a strategic job-search project plan by scoping out your search, identifying the milestones, developing clear benchmarks and measurable metrics while setting a flexible but realistic timeline and dashboard.

Register for the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/PATH-MAY9>



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 deaconjocuzzone@gmail.com with any questions.



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 Wednesdays May 10, 17 and 24. Contact Annette Kubalanza at akubalanza@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.

Celebration of the Feast of St. Dymphna

**Monday,
May 15 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.

For more information contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108.

Organ Donation – A Life-Saving Gift

Organ donation is a life-saving gift. Roman Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love, as reported in the Catholic publication, *Origins*. Transplants are morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican. The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, a set of principles that guide the healing mission of the Church, explains the permissibility of organ donations – including living organ donation. Often people are most familiar with the National Donate Life Registry which provides organ donation directives at the time of a donor’s death, easily authorized by signing the back of a driver’s license. Perhaps less familiar, is the important role that living donors play in saving lives each year.

- The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) states more than 106,000 people are on the national transplant waiting list; of those, 92,000 (87%) are waiting for a kidney.
- In 2022, more than 6,400 transplants were made possible by living donors (UNOS).
- Organs donated via living donation may include a kidney, a liver segment, lobe of lung, portions of pancreas or part of intestine.
- Tissues donated via living donation may include skin, bone, blood (white and red blood cells, and platelets) or bone marrow.
- The National Archive lists over 400,000 Americans who are alive thanks to the generosity and courage of organ donors.

Within our own parish community, there exists a need for a life-giving organ donation. Recently, a son of longtime St. Thomas parishioners was diagnosed with a rare genetic syndrome that resulted in kidney failure. A husband and new father, Scott Mayle now requires 8 hours of nightly dialysis to stay alive until he finds a matching donor kidney.

Scott began his Catholic faith here at St. Thomas the Apostle, attending Religious Ed and receiving Sacraments. Strong in his faith, Scott is asking for our support to help him find a living kidney donor. He is registered on the kidney transplant list through Northwestern Medical Center. Please keep all patients in need of life-saving organ donation in your prayers.

You can follow Scott’s journey at: <https://facebook.com/kidneydonationforscottmayle>

To consider being a living donor kidney match for Scott Mayle, complete the questionnaire at <http://www.NMLivingDonor.org>

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 Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 pm.

Meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 2220 Lisson Rd., Naperville. Enter in the back of the church as the main entrance may be locked. 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.

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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 30, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$9,438
Credit Card Online Giving (for April)	\$17,398
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$5,299
Total for the week	\$32,134
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,468,329
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,371
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,482,969
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$14,639)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	84%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$284,270

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$14,639** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$605 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	(\$21,200)
Pledges received	\$156,402	\$116,489	\$39,913
% of goal pledged to date	93.10%	61.57%	31.53%
Unpaid pledges	\$30,265	\$17,803	\$12,462
Paid to Date	\$126,137	\$98,686	\$27,451
% of goal paid to date	75.08%	52.16%	22.92%
Number of Donors	495	362	133

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 8, 2023

5:30–9:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations

5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Drive Thru Donations

6:30–8:30 pm Habitat Team, Senior Center

7:00–8:30 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

11:00 am–12:00 pm Contemplative Walking, Gym

7:15–9:00 pm Faith Formation Commission and RE, Cana

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

3:30–5:00 pm Adult Confirmation, Judea

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

Friday, May 12, 2023

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8:30 am–12:00 pm Men's Prayer Breakfast, Lighthouse

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana

1:00–2:30 pm Confirmation, Church

3:30–4:15 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Church

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Sunday, May 14, 2023

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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.

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Funerals: Call the Main Office for pre-planning or immediate need.

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

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