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2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said], "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

John 14:16-17a

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.



4:30 pm Saturday, April 29

Congratulations St. Thomas First Communicants

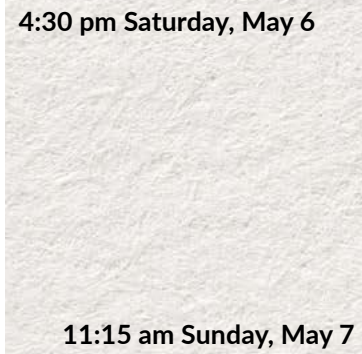


11:15 am Sunday, April 30



4:30 pm Saturday, May 6

9:00 am Sunday, May 7



11:15 am Sunday, May 7



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.



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

Apron Strings

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. "They" say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week's Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God's Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed.

~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

Janice Gries
Clyde and Carolina Nolen and Family
James and Diana Voyt

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading: For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1,
4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/

Presider Schedule May 20-21

Saturday, May 20

4:30 pm: Fr. Bob Colaresi

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

9:30 am: Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal

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.



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Vocations in the Catholic Church

In the Catholic Church there are three vocations, 1. Married, 2. Chaste generous single and 3. The Religious Celibate.

Among the celibates there are men called to Ministerial Priesthood and they are called diocesan priests. They undertake the obligation of celibacy and obedience to their bishop.



Among the religious there are men and women who take the vow of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, for the sake of the kingdom of God, to follow Christ more closely, who was celibate, poor and obedient to his Father. Religious take this vow after 4-5 years in the congregation and it is called religious profession.

Some religious men then go to seminary to be ordained priests for the priestly function in the congregation and to serve the Universal Church.

Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal CMI, is a religious priest belonging to the order of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, CMI.

On May 16 he celebrates his 50th anniversary of his religious profession.

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.

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 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Jim Rioux by Ann Rioux

†Jim Wolff by Mary Ann Wolf

8:00 am Special Intention for Paulita and Manual Bacani by Lourdes Sabado

9:30 am †Lina Arguilla by the Martino Family

†Jan Regan by Lynn and Ron Denicolo

11:15 am †Eileen Lane by Lynn and Ron Denicolo

Monday, May 15, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Anne Battisto by the Battisto Family

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Chris Barrera by Gerry Matsukane

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Tom Piha by the Dunning Family

Friday, May 19, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Pearl Salach by Dollie

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Rajeasekar Vairavan by the Mayoralgo Family

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Conor Vesper by Mark Vesper

†Sr. Mary Catherine Perkins O.P. by Jim and Denise Perkins

Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am †Johnny Disouza by the Noronha Family

9:30 am †Carl Nicolosi by Paul and Joann Guarneri

†Eileen Lane by Audrey Easton

11:15 am †Arlene M Avery by Cuculich Family



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C.A.R.E CORNER

It makes sense to begin this series on our Jewish roots at the beginning. And that means we have to begin with God. Christianity gets its concept of God from the people of Israel who were called and drawn into a covenantal relationship with the Lord of the Universe.



Approximately 2,000 years before the birth of Jesus, the people of God who became known as the Jews, began a relationship with God. God is a generic word for a deity, which humans have always believed existed. But most cultures believed in multiple gods and goddesses who were unpredictable and who liked to toy with humans. The Jews eventually came to understand that there really was only one God of all people. In ancient times, the God of Israel was seen by other nations as simply one among many gods. It was the Jews who primarily gifted us with the concept of monotheism – one God versus many gods – and brought that understanding to the world.

From our Judeo-Christian heritage, we have come to believe in this one God: who is living and eternal; who is incomparable and singular; who is present and active in the world; whose actions are intentional and originate from Divine will; who enters into committed relationships with us and works through human agents; and whose activity is effective. And how did we come to know about the existence of this one God? Through the stories passed on from generation to generation among the people of Israel. Some of those stories eventually made their way into writing. We call those writings Scripture.

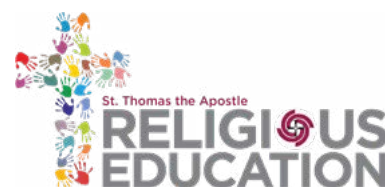
Faith, Fellowship & Fitness (F3) Men's Workout Group

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.

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.



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 Communion Thank You

The Faith Formation/Religious Education Ministry would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” in appreciation to those who have served with the formation of our children’s faith, especially to those who helped with this celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Gratitude is extended to the liturgy ministry for their beautiful music; our sacristans, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and commentators and readers; the Arts and Environment Ministry as well as Betsy Ludwig for sewing the altar cloth together. A special “thank you” is given to our pastor, Fr. Peter Infanger, Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal and Fr. Bob Colaresi and our deacons Jim Breen, Joe Cuzzone and Larry Kearney. A thank you also goes to all the Religious Education volunteers and helpers and coordinator Cheryl Kaspar and staff at All Saints and St. Thomas for sharing their faith with the children and their parents.

Scripture Safari

Calling all registration forms. Registration forms are due Monday, May 15. 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.



Drive-Thru BBQ May 20!

Pre-order your meal this weekend, May 13-14, after Masses or order online at stapostle.org.

On Saturday, May 20, from 4:30-6:00 pm, you can drive through and pick up a delicious meal to go prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Your meal includes chicken, pulled pork, bun, new potatoes, beans, coleslaw and dessert. The cost is \$15 per meal. You can pre-pay by dropping off payment at the St. Thomas welcome desk or you can pay at the time of food pickup. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas with BBQ in the memo line. Pre-ordering is recommended, but not required.

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



High School News

High School Mission Trip

There are still openings for the High School Mission trip this Summer!!! Incoming 8th graders to outgoing seniors, join us for the Mission trip, Alive in You, to Fond du Lac, Wisc., July 11-16.

Don’t miss out on a chance to make a difference for others in Christ’s name! Friends are welcome! Chaperones needed. College aged young adults are now able to join us as well! Cost is \$420. Contact Dorothy Grantham for more information at 630.355.8980, x117 or ym@stapostle.org.

NCYC Fully Alive

NCYC “Fully Alive” – National Catholic Youth Conference – November 16-18.

Join thousands of Catholic teens for NCYC at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Cost is \$460 for 3 days of great speakers, music, workshops, prayer and inspiration.

Sign up by May 15 to save your spot.



Question of the week

Did you know that the Blessed Mother Mary is the mother of us all?



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Sign-Up Sundaes ... and Saturday

May 20 and 21

Are you looking for ways to put your faith into action at St. Thomas?

Have you noticed parishioners assisting others on the weekends (and during the week) with various programs and details?

Do you want to make a difference in your faith community?

There are currently 106 ministries at St. Thomas. People of all ages and backgrounds are needed so St. Thomas can continue to be a welcoming community, living out the gospel message.

In order for all these ministries to thrive and grow, we need you! You may ask, how can I help? How much time is required? Do I have the necessary skills? Come to ministry sign-up in the gym after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, to find out. Take the opportunity to learn about all the ministries at St. Thomas, interact with other parishioners and make a tasty sundae. We need you! Be open to how our loving God is calling you to become active in ministry.

To those of you already participating in a ministry or ministries at St. Thomas, thank you! Your names will remain on our lists of current ministers. Come to the gym to make a tasty sundae and to explore what additional opportunities God may have in store for you.

DuPage United

Interfaith Solidarity-Listening Gathering

Mike Ryder, St. Thomas OSJ Office, was a table facilitator at the gathering. Below is a report on the meeting.

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 gathered at Congregation Beth Shalom in solidarity. We listened to each other's concerns as individuals and communities. We learned from each other.

Over fifty people were in attendance – 21 from St. Thomas. People were distributed among six tables, each having representatives from each faith institution, along with a table facilitator. After introductions, the following questions were posed at each table: What are the pressures/stresses experienced by your family, by your institution? What issues are urgent and concerning for you and your community?

At my table, the first concern expressed was by a member of Beth Shalom. Due to hate attacks at various Jewish congregations, they have had to take special safety precautions at their services. People are fearful.

As others joined the conversation, gun violence became the focus of the discussion. All ten people at the table identified this as a major concern. Some at the table would never have a gun in their house. Others at the table were gun owners. But, all agreed that there was no good reason why assault rifles (like AR-15 semi-automatic rifle) should be generally available to the public. It was noted that the majority of the people in our country share that view, but our elected officials, in general, do not take note of that.

The radical polarity of the positions of our elected officials and the lack of reasonable discourse leading to compromising progress was also a unanimous and major concern.

Another topic that merited a lot of discussion, was bullying in our schools and through social media. There were concerns about their children and grandchildren. And it was noted that Naperville area schools are no exception.

There was energy in the room throughout the gathering. People were engaged. As the meeting was drawing to a close, there was interest in further gatherings. The DuPage United Core Teams at each institution will do some follow-up with participants.



Race Card Project: What are your Thoughts?

Below are two of the over 200 Race Cards that were submitted over the last three months. What thoughts come to your mind? Email your thoughts to RaceCardProject@stapostle.org. Enter the conversation!

- Worked hard ... being white also helped
- What Would Jesus Do ... Rinse, Repeat

All of the Race Cards submitted at St. Thomas can be viewed at stapostle.org/race-card-submissions. If you find yourself dwelling on a particular Race Card, join the conversation. Email your thoughts to RaceCardProject@stapostle.org.



Holes for Hope 2023

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 (June 19) to benefit St. Thomas Cares emergency services to area families. We are returning to beautiful Naperville Country Club.

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 Masses.

Register now to hold your place — pay later. See the St. Thomas website home page for more information and for other ways to help.

Betty, her infant, and the baby's father moved to Naperville to be closer to the father's job sites. They got behind due to a higher than expected security deposit and a cut in work hours. St. Thomas Cares, along with other local organizations, was able to get the family caught up on rent and prevent eviction.

The Holes for Hope golf outing had always provided about 50 percent of the funds that allowed St. Thomas Cares emergency support. When the pandemic arrived, there could be no golf outing. There were many government assistance programs. The number of families needing help decreased. Now that government programs have ended and inflation continues, the needs have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Therefore, Holes for Hope is returning.

We are very grateful for all the support we received from St. Thomas in the past. That support is again needed to allow us to continue to say "Yes" to the many families coming to St. Thomas for assistance.

Jesus said, "... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do ..." We believe in Jesus and we do many of his works through St. Thomas Cares.

Help Build the Wall of Wine

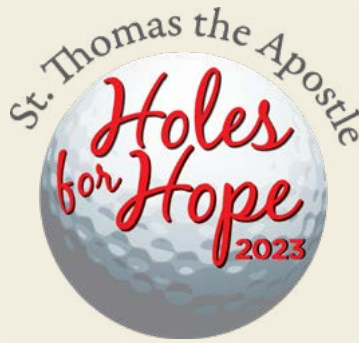
For the Wall of Wine Raffle

Not everyone can attend the golf outing. But you can still help raise funds for St. Thomas Cares.

Not everyone is able to attend the Holes for Hope Golf Outing. There is another really easy way you can help ... contribute a bottle of wine to the Wall-of-Wine raffle.

Fifty bottles of wine of all varieties from all countries are needed to build the wall. To keep the quality of the wine and the level of excitement high, please keep the wine in the \$15+ range. Bring one of your favorite wines, but if your favorite is of the \$3 Buck Chuck variety, ask the wine shop clerk for help!

The bottles of wine can be left at the St. Thomas reception desk or Main Office. During the weekend Masses, they can be left on the cart by the Outreach Office. Please provide your name and email address on your donation so we can thank you properly. Please provide your donations by Sunday May 28 ... or sooner!



Hesed House PADS

June 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.

We are asking parishioners to donate the food items needed each month. Thanks to all those who helped with donations in May. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, June 1.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for June, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website home page 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 Thursday, June 1 before 4:00 pm.

Thanks to all who are able to help.



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 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.



Mental Health and Older Adults

Between 2020 and 2030, when the last of the baby boomers will reach the age of 65, the number of older adults is projected to increase by almost 18 million. As our population grows older, we are faced with a range of challenges, including a greater susceptibility to mental health and cognitive disorders such as depression, anxiety, and dementia. These aging issues, access to resources and community acceptance can differ across ethnicity and cultures.

Research has shown that there is a relationship between these struggles, with mental health disorders often exacerbating cognitive decline. To make matters even more challenging, social isolation and loneliness are more common among older adults due to changes in health and social connections that come with aging. Examples include hearing and vision loss, memory loss, disability and the loss of family and friends.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** Read about loneliness and social isolation as a public health issue at cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/lonely-older-adults.html.
- **Depression is Not a Normal Part of Growing Older:** This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage describes signs of depression and how depression can be different for older adults. cdc.gov/aging/depression/
- **Engaged: National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults:** Find information, resources, and strategies to promote social engagement in your community. engagingolderadults.org
- **Gerodiversity – Multicultural Approach to Aging and Mental Health:** Learn about the relationship between cultural identity, aging, and mental health by visiting apa.org/pi/aging/resources/guides/multicultural.

Source: *No Shame On U. End Stigma. Save Lives.* www.noshameonu.org

Save the Date PrimeTime

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.



Blood Pressure Screening

St. Thomas will have blood pressure screening next weekend, May 20–21. Visit our nurses in the in the West Wing in either the Deacon’s office or the Pastoral Care office.

Join us for this valuable and personal blood pressure information.



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

May 7, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$12,022
Credit Card Online Giving (<i>reported monthly</i>)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$20,372
Mailed in and stock donations	\$13,911
Total for the week	\$46,304
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,514,633
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$33,659
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$1,516,672
Over/(short) of goal to date	(\$2,039)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,752,599
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	86%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$237,966

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$2,039** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$250 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

Diocesan Appeal 2023 (as of May 7, 2023)

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec
Parish Appeal Goal	\$168,000	\$189,200	(\$21,200)
Pledges received	\$160,427	\$120,899	\$39,528
% of goal pledged to date	95.49%	63.90%	31.59%
Unpaid pledges	\$28,570	\$17,649	\$10,921
Paid to Date	\$131,857	\$103,250	\$28,607
% of goal paid to date	78.49%	54.57%	23.91%
Number of Donors	497	376	121

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00–8:00 pm St. Dymphna Mass, Church
8:00–9:00 pm Reception after Mass, Gathering Area

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:00–10:00 am Fr. Joseph Golden Jubilee Mass, Church
10:00–11:00 am Reception after Fr. Joseph's Mass, Gym
10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Food Distribution, Outside
7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Senior Center
7:00–9:00 pm Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

11:00 am–12:00 pm Contemplative Walking, Gym
10:00 am–12:30 pm CPR/AED, Senior Center
10:30–1:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Lunch, Lighthouse
7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana

Thursday, May 18, 2023

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
10:00 am–12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emmaus
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 19, 2023

Saturday, May 20, 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
4:30–6:00 pm Drive thru BBQ, Outside
5:30–6:00 pm Sign up Sundae, Gym
5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:00 am–12:30 pm Sign up Sundae, Gym
9:00–11:00 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
9:00 am–12:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 8–18, 2023

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For further information, full brochure and registration form, please contact Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8433 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois 60561, 630.969.4141.





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

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