



JULY

23

2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*If you pull up the weeds  
you might uproot the wheat  
along with them.*

*Matthew 13:29*

**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.*



**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.

### Weeds in the Gardens of Life

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones — usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind.

~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

Michael and Anna Quinn and Family  
Bob and Gayle Srail

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

Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.

### Readings for Today

**First Reading:** And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

**Psalm:** Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

**Second Reading:** The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

**Gospel:** "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)

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### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,  
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-  
128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52  
or 13:44-46

### Presider Schedule July 29–30

#### Saturday, July 29

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

#### Sunday, July 30

8:00 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi with Deacon Joe Cuzzone

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

11:15 am: Fr. Peter Infanger with Deacon Larry Kearney

*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Thomas the Apostle invites you to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Sunday, August 6, at 9:00 am, in the chapel.

As a Catholic community of faith, we have the Holy Sacraments to give us strength, nourishment and healing. Anyone, of all ages, can benefit from the sacrament of anointing — as many times as needed! There are no limits to anointing, as we are all in need of healing of various troubling conditions — physical, mental, emotional or spiritual.

Please join us for this special celebration.



Kay Agustin, *Administrative Assistant*  
x112, litadmin@stapostle.org

## Looking for Leaders

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Commissions are seeking interested, invested people to guide our parish into its next decade. Consider contributing your talents by serving on one of these teams. Submit your name or the name of someone you think would make a good pastoral leader to parishcouncil@stapostle.org and look for these upcoming dates:



- **August 20:** Informational meeting for interested leaders after 11:15 am Mass
- **September 13:** Evening of prayer and discernment, 7:00 pm

## Save the Date

### Mass in the Grass – Saturday September 30 4:30 pm Mass

Help us kick off the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of St. Thomas with an outdoor Mass with a picnic and concert Saturday September 30 at 4:30 pm. John Angotti and his band will be providing the music with a concert after the Mass. Mark your calendars. More info to come.



## St. Thomas Welcomes Fr. Alex

The parish life committee and parishioners welcomed Fr. Alex to Saint Thomas the Apostle July 15 and 16.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Intentions for this weekend

#### Sunday, July 23, 2023

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

8:00 am †Will Worden by Jim Pallot

9:30 am †Joe (Cookie) Rizzo by Joe and Diane Rizzo

11:15 am †Fred Gardner by Elizabeth Costello

#### Monday, July 24, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am

#### Tuesday, July 25, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am

#### Wednesday, July 26, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Anne Battisto by the Battisto Family

#### Thursday, July 27, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am †Margaret Berman by Tom and Mary Mckillip

#### Friday, July 28, 2023

*Weekday*

8:30 am

#### Saturday, July 29, 2023

*Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

8:30 am

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Michael Armenta by Jerry and Estella Hayes

#### Sunday, July 30, 2023

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am †Jerry Johnson by Mom and Dad

9:30 am †Joe (Cookie) Rizzo by Joe and Diana Rizzo

11:15 am

## No Worship Aids

*Please note there will be no worship aids until the Fall when a new Music Director and Liturgist are in place. For songs needing participation, the song leader will announce the page number for the hymnal in the pew. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*



## C.A.R.E CORNER

Our Jewish ancestors also used candles, lamps – including menorahs – and other light sources as part of their worship ceremonies. They would have needed these first as a light source; but they also carried symbolic meaning. We still use these to indicate the Presence of the Divine. Every Easter we get a new Paschal candle for our worship space. At baptisms, we light a baptism candle from the Easter candle and offer it to the newly baptized with the words “Receive the light of Christ.” We also adorn our sanctuary with stained glass windows which allow in the light, but also add an element of color and beauty to our worship space.

Exodus 30 speaks of incense burning. If you were able to attend our Saturday night Easter Vigil, you would have experienced the incensing of the altar. When the incense burns, the smoke rises up to God as a fragrant offering. We also use sacred oils for anointings. These include the Sacred Chrism to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Oil of the Sick for healing support and the Oil of the Catechumens to be strengthened for the journey. At St. Thomas, these oils are stored in a special cabinet called an ambry, which sits behind our baptismal font and Mary statue.

### Preview the Bible School in our Diocese

The acclaimed Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall. For complete information and for a list of preview events, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) and enter “bible” in the search box.

### High School Youth Ministry

- Deanery Volleyball Tournament at St. Thomas – Wednesday, July 26 at 3:00 pm
- Steubenville Conference – July 28–30 (Contact Dorothy ASAP to sign up.)
- Pancake Breakfast – August 13 after all Masses
- LIFE Retreat Team starts planning Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 pm

*Registration for High School Faith Formation for Confirmation Year 1 and 2 is now available at [stapostle.org/high-school-youth-ministry/](http://stapostle.org/high-school-youth-ministry/).*

### Attention High School Students!

Are you looking for volunteer service hours? The St. Thomas Elementary Religious Education Department would love your help. Friendly faces are welcome. No experience is needed. Hours are flexible using your skills for organizing and sorting to replenish school supplies for upcoming classes. Contact Lorraine Katz at [lkatz@stapostle.org](mailto:lkatz@stapostle.org) to arrange times and dates that work with your schedule.

### Teens with Character— Summer Edition July Service Day

On July 13, middle school students gathered at St. Thomas for the second of our three Teens with Character – Summer Edition service days. Our role models in faith for the day were the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste and Dorothy Day. The service projects included weeding around the labyrinth, making prayer rocks for the outside Stations of the Cross and making blessing bags for the children of Hesed House. As part

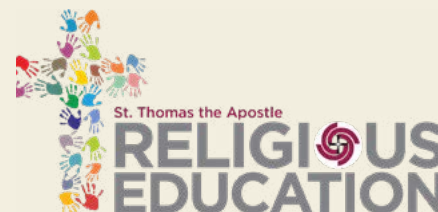


of our blessing bag service project, Larry Hjorth came and shared about volunteering at Hesed House. We prayed, shared, and worked together and then enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner. We also enjoyed a visit from Fr. Peter. Special thanks to Margaret Cotner, Gina Howley and Ann Cotner for their assistance in planning and for being present for the day. In addition, a very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the drive-through BBQ fundraiser to support this endeavor.



## Religious Education Registration – Register Today!

It is that time again ... time to register for Elementary and Middle School Religious Education for 2023-24. Registration is open for preschool children age 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration packets can be printed on the St. Thomas website or are available in the Gathering Area. Elementary classes on Tuesday can fill up. Register quickly if that is your preferred day.



### Elementary Classes

Tuesday, 4:30–5:45 pm at St. Thomas  
Saturday, 8:30–9:45 am at All Saints Catholic Academy

### Middle School Classes

Monday, 7:15–8:30 pm at All Saints Catholic Academy  
Saturday, 8:30–9:45 am at All Saints Catholic Academy

## Special Note to Parents of a Pre-K4 or Kindergarten Child

Do you have a Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten child (age 4 or 5 by September 1)? Religious Education classes are available for your child.

### Pre-K 4 Classes

Saturday 8:30–9:45 am

### Kindergarten Classes

Saturday 8:30–9:45 am at ASCA or  
Tuesday 4:30–5:45 pm at St. Thomas

Registration materials are available in the Gathering Area or blank forms can be printed off of the website. Please also check out the Parent Handbook for more information too. If you have questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 630.305.6318 or REAdmin@stapostle.org or Lorraine Katz at lkatz@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109.

## Parents and Catechists ... Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, August 22 – All Catechists Kickoff Meeting, in the Lighthouse, 7:00 pm
- Monday, August 28 – Middle School Catechists Meeting, in the Lighthouse, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, September 9 – Elementary and Middle School Saturday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- Monday, September 11 – Middle School Monday RE sessions begin at All Saints
- Tuesday, September 12 – Elementary Tuesday RE sessions begin at St. Thomas

## Teens with Character – Summer Edition

There is only one Teens with Character – Summer Edition service day left ... on Thursday, August 3. The registration deadline to participate in this service day is Monday, July 31.

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).

**Next Service Day:** 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)

**Register:** Registration packets are available outside Peggy's office or on the St. Thomas website.

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

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





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## Ertha Visit to St. Thomas

### August 12–13 Weekend

Ertha Papillon is a leader in our Haiti Twinning Parish (Ste. Marie-Madeleine) and founder and director of an orphanage and a school in the poorest areas near Duchity.

### Ertha's Orphanage Update

There are currently 25 children being cared for at the orphanage. The August 2021 earthquake made the main building inhabitable. It has been torn down. The second unfinished building had major damage. The second building was repaired and finished late in 2022. All the children stay in this building, where the dining room also serves as the boys' bedroom.

### Ertha's School Update

The 2022 school year did not start until November due to all the troubles in Haiti. The school has over 400 students attending classes from pre-school through grade nine. This is the largest number of students the school has ever received.

### Mission Appeal

Ertha is an approved Mission Speaker in the diocese. She will visit St. Thomas in August and speak at all the Masses the weekend of August 12–13. More information will be forthcoming.



## Haiti Twinning

Below are updates from Fr. Frantzdy, Pastor of Ste. Marie Madeleine, our twinning parish in Duchity, Haiti.

### Ste. Marie-Madeleine Feast Day

It was in 2016 that Pope Francis elevated July 22, the day commemorating Ste. Marie-Madeleine, to be a major feast day, putting her on par with the liturgical celebrations of the male apostles. In Haiti, every parish celebrates its namesake's day as a major feast day. Guests and priests from many churches in the diocese come to attend a special Mass and a large celebration throughout the day. This year's Ste. Marie-Madeleine feast day was even more special as it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish.



### Building the Roof

Our Lenten Project provided funds to put the roof on the church in Duchity. There have been issues getting the construction underway because ... well, because it is Haiti. Fr. Frantzdy reported that the iron that will be the support structure for the roof has arrived, and fabrication of the roof spans has begun. See the above photo.

### Prayers for Fr. Frantzdy's Mother

Please remember Fr. Frantzdy's mother in your prayers. She has been in and out of the hospital with breathing difficulties.



St. Thomas Immigration/Refugee Initiative

# Refugee Awareness Weekend

July 29-30, 2023

“... I was a stranger and you invited me in ...” Matthew 25:35

We are called to welcome the stranger. Today refugees, who flee their country to escape danger or persecution, are the strangers in our midst. How can we invite refugees into our lives?

## Imagine ...

- Feeling forced to leave the USA.
- Spending years in a refugee camp.
- Being resettled in a country foreign to you.
- Being a stranger in a foreign land.

## Awareness

- How many refugees in the world today?
- How many new refugees every minute?
- How many years do refugees spend in a refugee camp?



## Education

Jason Mohn from Exodus World Service will witness to the refugee resettlement experience in our area.

## Action

- Sign up to provide an item for a Welcome to America Pack provided to each resettled family.
- Consider other Exodus volunteer opportunities.



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**EXODUS**  
world service

Jason Mohn from Exodus will speak at all the Masses

Exodus mobilizes the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees by providing awareness and education, empowering people to be champions for refugees. They provide welcome services for newly arrived refugees, connecting volunteers with refugees through practical service projects.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Joining the Exodus Prayer Team
  - Providing a Welcome to America Pack **(St. Thomas will provide a Welcome Pack. More information next weekend.)**
  - Becoming a New Neighbor (Meet with family once a week for 3 months.)
  - Financially supporting Exodus (privately funded organization)
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## Prayer offered by Pope Francis World Refugee Day 2022

Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness,  
your light may shine,  
and where there is discouragement,  
confidence in the future may be reborn.  
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.  
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.  
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.



## Anne Schultz – OSJ Partner

### A New Adventure on Life's Journey

Everyone knows Anne! She has been with St. Thomas since the parish began. She has been on the St. Thomas staff for 22 years as a valued partner in the Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) Office. Anne recently announced that she will be taking a new step on her life's journey. If you ask her why, her response will begin with, "It is time." She will be leaving the St. Thomas staff at the end of September. Anne will remain with the parish as part of the larger St. Thomas community.

#### How Do You Replace Anne?

Actually, you do not replace Anne. You find another person with a loving spirit and other qualities and skill sets to become the new OSJ Partner ... and that person makes the job their own.

Having said that, there is a set of high-level job responsibilities that come with the position:

- Assist in achieving OSJ goals, providing opportunities for parishioners to live out Catholic Social Teachings.
- Support ministry facilitators and their volunteers.

- With care and compassion, be available and present to the people who come to St. Thomas for financial assistance and other resources.
- Assist in providing communication of OSJ actions to the St. Thomas community, witnessing the action component of our faith.
- Participate in special OSJ projects.

There is also a set of qualifications that will help assure success in the role:

- Formal education beyond high school.
- Significant years of work experience in position of responsibility.
- Excellent communication and other interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Highly organized, yet also able to work in interrupt-driven situations.
- Good computer skills using Microsoft Office applications.

If you would like to discuss the OSJ Partner position, contact Mike Ryder at [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x121.

## Refugee Awareness Weekend – July 29–30

"... I was a stranger and you invited me in ..." Matthew 25:35

A refugee is a person who flees to a foreign country to escape danger or persecution. Imagine a situation where you felt forced to leave the United States, with nowhere to go. Imagine spending years in a refugee camp somewhere in the world before gaining approval to enter another country as a refugee, having no choice as to which country that will be. Imagine coming to that country, a stranger in a strange land.



The St. Thomas Immigration Initiative Ministry is sponsoring the Refugee Awareness Weekend. Exodus World Service will visit St. Thomas on the weekend of July 29–30 and will provide a speaker at all the Masses, relating the refugee experience and witnessing refugee stories.

Exodus mobilizes the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees by providing awareness and education, empowering people to be champions for refugees. They provide welcome services for newly arrived refugees, connecting volunteers with refugees through practical service projects.

The St. Thomas community will have an action opportunity to gather a Welcome Pack of essential items for a refugee family as they are resettled in our area. We will have the opportunity to meet and greet the family ... and more. Stay tuned.



### Back to School is Here!

St. Thomas is collecting new school supplies on behalf of its Care Pantry families with school age children. Just purchase items from the list below and drop them off in the clearly marked collection bin in the Gathering Area between now and August 10. Questions? Please contact Michelle at 630.235.2997. Thank you for your generous support!

- Pencils – #2-packs of 8 to 12
- Crayons – packs of 24
- Washable Markers – Classic Colors (8 count)
- Black Pens – packs of 10 to 12
- Colored Pencils – packs of 12
- Glue Sticks – packs of 2
- Notebooks – Wide Ruled or College Ruled – 70 to 100 sheets – Please only plain colored covers
- Paper – Wide Ruled or College Ruled-70 to 100 sheets



## Summer Challenge!

This is the last article from our summer challenge on prayer. I hope these simple tips have been useful in helping to bring peace to life that sometimes becomes too busy. Making time for prayer and reflection helps to center the soul. It honors God, builds faith and helps in understanding life from another perspective. “Prayer does not blind us to the world, but transforms the world, and makes us see it, all people, and all history in the light of God. (Thomas Merton)

### Got time to pray?

“What if I’m really on-the-go and can’t take a break to pray?”

Hopefully these instances are few and far between. In a pinch, though, you can do what the many religious have done throughout the centuries: pray your way through tasks.

Offer up you day at work to God by praying the sign of the cross before beginning your day. Pray for a person when you see their name on your screen. Offer the Lord words of praise for the roof over your head as you clean up the kitchen. Using your daily actions as triggers to offer prayers of petition, praise, and thanksgiving is a surefire way to infuse your life with daily prayer.

Have a blessed rest of the summer!

*From the Catholic Miscellany –  
Diocese of Charlotte  
By Candace Bryant-Lester*

## From the Behavioral Health Ministry Domestic Violence – Does It Happen HERE?

Family and domestic violence is a common problem in the United States, affecting an estimated 10 million people every year. As many as one in four women and one in nine men are victims of domestic violence. Virtually all healthcare professionals will at some point evaluate or treat a patient who is a victim of domestic or family violence. Domestic and family violence includes economic, physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse of children, adults or elders. Domestic violence causes worsened psychological and physical health, decreased quality of life, decreased productivity, and in some cases, mortality. Domestic and family violence can be difficult to identify. Many cases are not reported to health professionals or legal authorities.

Source: [abc7.com](http://abc7.com)

Crimes against persons make up approximately one-quarter of the total crimes reported in Naperville in 2022. The vast majority (approximately 95 percent) of crimes against persons reported in Naperville fall into the category of assault, which includes domestic incidents, intimidation and incidents involving physical contact.

DuPage County State’s Attorney Bob Berlin introduced a QR code in March 2023 that first responders can share with domestic abuse victims on the scene. It leads survivors to services to help them discreetly without alerting the abuser. “The whole idea is to provide victims and survivors with as much protection as we can,” Berlin said. The state’s attorney said cases of domestic abuse in DuPage County have risen in the last year from 1,571 in 2021 to 1,743 last year, an increase of nearly 11 percent.

Source: [naperville.il.us](http://naperville.il.us)

### National Domestic Violence Hotline

**Hours:** 24/7. **Languages:** English, Spanish and 200+ through interpretation service  
**Learn more:** 800.799.7233



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
St. Thomas the Apostle

## Have you ever thought of being a part of the Ministry of Care Team at St. Thomas?

Ministry of Care is a pastoral ministry that looks after those who cannot be with us as a parish community. It is made up by men and women just like you who visit the sick and homebound in hospitals, convalescent centers and homes. They bring with them the good news of our faith community, our prayers and concern for them, and most importantly the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Do you have concerns about this ministry? Ministry of Care training will enhance the gifts you already have and prepare you to minister to those in need in a very special way. You will also receive support in doing it and will be able to reflect with others on what is helpful in working with the sick.

For more information contact Annette Kubalanza at [akubalanza@stapostle.org](mailto:akubalanza@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x124.

# 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

July 16, 2023

Sunday Collection Offering*	\$8,867
Credit Card Online Giving (reported monthly)	none this week
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	none this week
Mailed in and stock donations	\$3,585
Total for the week	\$12,452
*Based on Collection Counters Reports prior to bank confirmation	
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$67,841
Weekly Average 7/1/2022 to date	\$22,614
Offertory Goal Year to date	\$98,808
Over/(short) of goal to date	<b>(\$30,967)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,745,600
Percent of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	4%
Remaining for this fiscal year goal	\$1,677,759

This week, the Sunday collection is **\$30,967** below goal so far this year. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$65 this past week. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

## Diocesan Appeal 2023 (as of June 18, 2023)

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec
Parish Appeal Goal	\$168,000	\$189,200	<b>(\$21,200)</b>
Pledges received	\$171,987	\$137,094	<b>\$34,893</b>
% of goal pledged to date	102.37%	72.46%	<b>29.91%</b>
Unpaid pledges	\$21,986	\$12,599	<b>\$9,387</b>
Paid to Date	\$150,001	\$124,495	<b>\$25,506</b>
% of goal paid to date	89.29%	65.80%	<b>23.49%</b>
Number of Donors	542	428	<b>114</b>

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, July 24, 2023

2:00–4:00 pm E.M. Training, Church

### Tuesday, July 25, 2023

10:00–11:00 pm Care Pantry Distribution, Outside  
 2:00–4:00 pm E.M. Training, Church  
 7:00–9:00 pm Baptism Class, Galilee

### Wednesday, July 26, 2023

3:00–8:00 pm Youth Ministry, Gym  
 6:30–8:30 pm IJI, Senior Center

### Thursday, July 27, 2023

6:30–8:15 pm Youth Ministry Life Team, Gym and Youth Center

### Friday, July 28, 2023

### Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana  
 3:00–4:15 pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Church  
 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

### Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:30–10:30 am OCIA, Senior Center

## 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!



**Homily Series Reception:** Diane Castro, left, and Maryellen Jachimowski met at the Homily Series reception and discovered they had a lot in common.



**Bringing People to Church:** Barb and Craig Reynolds invited back Amy Audiffred.



## PARISH INFORMATION



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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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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**Anointing:** Call 630.355.8980.

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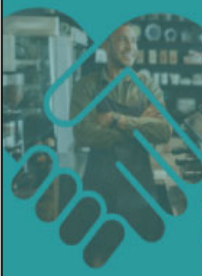
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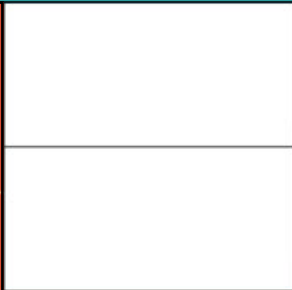
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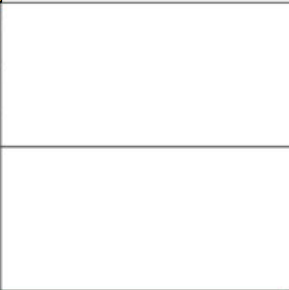
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