



MARCH
31
2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

— John 20:8

**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.



Easter Sunday

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, 11:15 am
and 6:00 pm*

The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is livestreamed with an outdoor communion option.

*No 6:00 pm Mass during the Summer months.

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For this week's Opening the Word, please visit stapostle.org.



Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at bible.usccb.org for the daily readings.

Worship and Liturgy News

For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at sknisley@stapostle.org.

Easter Blessings

From our homes to yours, may you experience the light, love and joy of this Holy Season. We pray that Christ's peace and love flow with you gently as you experience God's embrace.

The Liturgy Office
Scott, Lori and Kay

Take Holy Water Home

This weekend, you are invited to come to the Baptismal font in the sanctuary and take a container of Holy Water home for your use in family prayer. Here are some ways to use Holy Water in prayer:

- When you get up in the morning or go to bed at night, bless yourself with the Holy Water to remind you that you are a Christian, protected by the Cross of Christ.
- Sign the Cross on your children's foreheads with Holy Water as you tuck them into bed at night.
- Bless the rooms of your house by sprinkling Holy Water in each room and on the doorways.

Begin by saying this prayer:

We ask you O Lord, to visit this house and bless it with your boundless love. May you dwell here and keep us in peace, and be with us always. We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank You!

The Liturgy/Music Office would like to recognize all of the Liturgical Ministers who put in so many extra hours of work to make our Lenten Season and Holy Week special. From the Musicians, to the Eucharistic Ministers, to Lectors, to Sacristans, to Altar Servers, to Hospitality Ministers: Thank you! You bring alive the paschal mystery through your work in our church. Also, special thanks to the Art & Environment team for their beautiful job of decorating the church during Lent and Holy Week. Their dedication helps us all to experience God's love for us. You truly help to make Holy Week and Easter so special for all of us here at St. Thomas.

Join Us!

Has it been a while since you've graced the doors of St. Thomas? St. Thomas is a spiritual home, a place where people can form relationships, sink roots, grow and be supported in their lives and in their relationship with God and one another. Please join us, and realize that you belong to us, for you belong to Christ! Come back to us and find once again a place to bring your burdens and find love and mercy. Now and always, all are welcome here!

A Deacon? Who, Me?

We all get emails, texts and yes, even phone calls every day. But do you feel you're getting a different kind of call? The Holy Spirit may be calling you to serve the Church in a way you may not have considered before but may be calling you now. Believe me, if the Holy Spirit is calling, eventually you'll need to answer! If you're still reading, that means you're either curious or interested in the Diaconate — or both! There is a poster on the Diaconate Program in the Joliet Diocese just outside the Main Office. Please take a pamphlet home with you and prayerfully consider this vocation. I can honestly say that being a permanent deacon has made my relationship with Jesus Christ stronger than I ever thought it could be. I invite you to email me with any questions or to set up a time to just talk. I have two ears and I'm ready to listen!

Deacon Joe Cuzzone
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New Office Hours Starting April 5

Starting Friday, April 5, we are going to transition to year-round summer hours.

New Office Hours

8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday–Thursday
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday

The Gathering Area reception desk is staffed
8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday
9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday

Schedule subject to change. You can call to check on times before coming.

Presider Schedule April 6–7

Saturday, April 6

4:30 pm: Fr. Alex Lorang, Deacon Joe Cuzzone

Sunday, April 7

8:00 am: Fr. Peter Infanger
9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Larry Kearney
11:15 am: Fr. Alex Lorang
6:00 pm: Fr. Alex Lorang

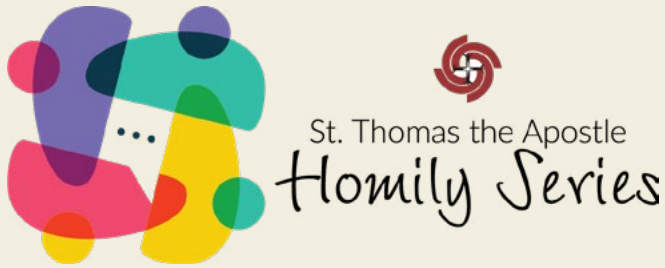
Presider schedule is subject to change.



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St. Thomas the Apostle Homily Series

Mark your calendars for the upcoming spring Homily Series:

“Spring Cleaning for the Soul”

- April 13–14: Cluttered and Overwhelmed
- April 20–21: Free and At Peace

Join us in confronting the many forms of clutter (e.g. physical, schedule, digital, etc.) that overwhelm us and crowd out our souls. Together we will explore how to make room in our lives so that we can reclaim the energy, creativity and wisdom God has deposited into us. Invite your friends to St. Thomas! All are welcome!

To compliment this series we welcome Sr. Dawn Capilupo, OSF, to speak to us Sunday, April 21, at 10:45 am in the Lighthouse. Sr. Dawn is a member of the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters, with a full-time private practice as a Spiritual Directress and Retreat Guide. If you are curious about the development of a "watchful eye" for the movement of God in one's own human growth, then you won't want to miss this!

Homily Series is a quarterly outreach to the parish and beyond, where we:

- explicitly extend invitations for others to join us at St. Thomas;
- grow in discipleship as a parish, by focusing on one topic together;
- foster community engagement with receptions after each service.

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

Samantha Janis and Matthew Moustis

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Intentions for this weekend

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am

- 9:30 am †Bear Ferguson by Voices of Faith
 †Chester and Irene Wojcik by Ken Wojcik
 †Art Borowiec by Brad Michael Patty
 †Ronald Katers by Art and Environment Ministry
- 11:30 am †Tim O'Reilly by Bill and Pat Hearn

Monday, April 1, 2024

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Kathleen Cronin by Family

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Kathleen Cronin by Family

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Nick Furibondo by Barbara Kaurin

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

Friday, April 5, 2024

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am †Unknown Souls by Auhhong Pham
 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am †Paul Webster by Parrilli Family
 9:30 am †Nick Furibondao by Kathy Ferguson
 †Sue Randolph by Audrey Easton
 †Deacon Michael Barrett by 6:30 communion service
 †Bear Ferguson by Mary Wright

11:15 am †Brenda A. Strawn by Marie Carden

6:00 pm



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C.A.R.E CORNER

Happy Easter! And congratulations! You have completed the six weeks of Lenten preparation in anticipation of Easter. Today is the holiest day of our entire liturgical year. Our readings at the Masses this weekend give us the first post-death appearance of Jesus. The most

important dogma of our faith is the belief that Jesus rose from the dead. We know this as the Resurrection. At the time Jesus lived, some of the Jews believed in a resurrection of the dead, but others did not. For us Christians, belief in resurrection is not an option. The Resurrection of Jesus was a game changer.

This truly was very “Good News” to the disciples of Jesus. He was alive! He conquered death as he had promised. He was still with them, though not physically. He continued to guide and encourage them so they could continue his mission. So they gathered each Sunday to continue to celebrate Easter as the Lord’s Day. Our Sunday and daily Masses throughout the Easter season will include Scripture accounts of the Risen Christ. So we continue to celebrate. In fact, we will celebrate this Good News of Easter for the next 50 days. A very appropriate response to that is to rejoice and be glad!



Adult Confirmation

If you are over the age of 18 and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it will be offered by Bishop Hicks at St. Raymond Cathedral Sunday, May 12. A series of six preparation sessions will be offered here at St. Thomas from 12:30–2:00 pm (after the 11:15 am Mass) on Sundays April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5 with a retreat Saturday, May 11.

To take part, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at crosales@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x138. You will need to choose a sponsor and bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Healing the Spirit Within One Note at a Time

Join us Monday, April 22 from 7:00–8:30 pm in the Lighthouse for “Healing the Spirit Within One Note at a Time” presented by Kathrine Eldridge.

Sponsored by Wellspring, this program integrates music, poetry and art while challenging participants to step out of their comfort zone with different creative processes to heal their soul. A member of Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills, Kathrine is a flutist with a Master’s Degree in Music Performance who will speak to love lost and found, hope and gratitude.

To participate, please register by April 15 at REAdmin@stapostle.org or call 630.355.8980, x118. Pre-registration is encouraged. Walks-ins are welcome. Freewill offerings gratefully accepted.

St. Thomas Young Adults

A group cultivating faith and fellowship in those between the ages of 19–39!

Upcoming events:

- Every Monday, 7:00 pm | Bible study
- Sunday, April 14 | Trip to Shrine of Christ’s Passion
- April 17, 6:30 pm | Diocesan event: Theology on tap Mike Gormely – “The Lay Evangelist”

Email ym@stapostle.org for more information and to get notifications on upcoming events. Follow us on instagram: @stthomasyoungadults

High School Youth Ministry Alive In You Mission Trip

July 9–14

Put your faith in action by joining us for this year’s mission trip right here in the Joliet Diocese.

The entire program fee of \$325 is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For more information, please contact Dorothy Grantham at ym@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x117.

Question of the week



If you were Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter or the Beloved Disciple, what would you have thought when you found the stone removed and Jesus’ tomb empty?



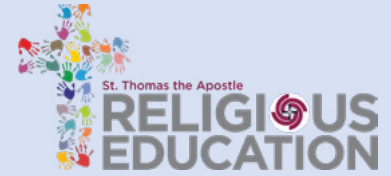


Camp Wojtyla Invites You to Live Life to the Fullest!

Named after Saint Pope John Paul II, who loved to minister to young people in the outdoors, Camp Wojtyla (pronounced voy-tee-wa) is a Catholic adventure program located on 1,200 pristine acres of wilderness in the heart of the Colorado Rockies.



Middle school and high school students, along with their parents, are invited to learn more about this great adventure opportunity in an authentically Catholic atmosphere. Camp Wojtyla will be here after the 6:00 pm youth Mass April 7 for a brief presentation and question/answer session. Join us for community, food and a little taste of the West. Come discover what it means to live life to the full as Jesus promises us in John 10:10.



Liturgy of the Word with Children
There will be Liturgy of the Word with Children Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 am Mass for children age 4 through 3rd grade.

Elementary RE

- Saturday sessions: Last class April 6
- Tuesday sessions: Last class April 9

First Communicant Schedule (RE students and ASCA students)

- Prayer Service #4: Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm
- Church Visit: Saturday, April 20 either 8:00–9:45 am or 10:00–11:15 am
- First Communion Masses are April 27–28 and May 4–5.

Middle School RE

The Middle School Classes are coming to an end. There is one last Saturday class on April 6.

We have a Teens With Character Game Night April 7 from 4:15–5:45 pm in the Lighthouse.

Look for Middle School service opportunities soon.

Join us for Joliet Youth Day

Saturday, June 1 – Sign Up Today!

Students currently in 7th–12th grade are encouraged to participate in Joliet Youth Day Saturday, June 1. Registration of \$50 is due by April 1.

Joliet Youth Day is one high energy day of faith, praise and worship with keynote speakers and uplifting music by Sonar.

Details and forms are available on the St. Thomas website. Scan the QR code to express interest, and we will email you the forms you need.

We will register and travel as a group from St. Thomas to Romeoville. We will leave about 8:00 am and return about 6:00 pm. This one-day event is meant to be a sampling of what it would be like to go to a 3-day conference like NCYC or Stuebenville.



Scripture Safari

Registration for this summer's Scripture Safari VBS at St. Thomas is available now for children, youth volunteers and adult volunteers. Forms are outside of the RE office. Contact Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x109 for more information or questions.





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NEW LIFE CENTERS OF CHICAGO/LAND NEW VECINOS

Welcoming Our New Neighbors with Hope, Love, and Dignity

2024 Lenten Project: New Vecinos

Return Boxes by April 7

The OSJ office is thrilled to share that thanks to your generosity, \$8,814 has been donated to this year's Lenten Project so far! Remember to keep 'feeding' your New Vecinos (New Neighbors) collection box during these last weeks of Lent. When you are ready to return your box, please place the contents of your box in the glass cylinders in the Gathering Area or Narthex. If you wish to contribute by writing a check, the check should be made out to 'St. Thomas OSJ' with 'Lenten Project' in the memo line. Please return your box or place your donation by April 7.

New Vecinos, a part of New Life Ministries, is helping resettle migrants who have arrived, by bus, in Chicago. New Vecinos helps in a multitude of ways including moving families out of shelters and into apartments, furnishing apartments with basic furniture, distributing basic items and winter clothing, serving hot meals, case management and being a welcoming presence at landing zones.

To support this amazing ministry, return the box before April 7 with your contribution. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to welcome our New Neighbors with hope, love and dignity.

To learn more about New Vecinos, go to newlifecenters.org/en/new-vecinos.

An Easter Message

"When we follow Jesus, the path is often through darkness to what looks to the world – to us – like failure and defeat. But when we ourselves carry the message of Jesus – when we live the life of Jesus here and now, when we, too, confront the world around us with the blessedness of those poor, those outcast, those foreigners, those women, those voiceless for whom Jesus gave his life – we carry within ourselves the promise of new life. We live the ongoing message of the Resurrection itself: What comes in the name of Jesus will not die. The darkness will not overcome it as long as we ourselves never blow out the light of Truth in our own hearts. Alleluia."

~ Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Thank you for letting the light of Truth shine brightly in your hearts. Because of the many ways you generously give of your time, talent and treasure, the Outreach and Social Justice Office can offer hope and, at times, the promise of new life to others. You are in our prayers as we strive to continue to live the ongoing message of the Resurrection.

Happy Easter!
Peggy, Nicole and Sally

PATH Ministry Needs

PATH, a ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle and Compass Church of Naperville, is currently seeking volunteers to help in its mission of serving the unemployed, and the underemployed on their journey to finding a new and worthy position. PATH is looking to fill the following needs:



Marketing: An individual who is creative, enjoys marketing, and is familiar with using various social media to help make raise awareness of the services offered by PATH.

Technical: An individual with technology knowledge to help create and manage the PATH website; the individual should have knowledge of Zoom, LinkedIn and other related media.

Administrative: An individual to assist PATH leadership in maintaining and improving the effectiveness of the ministry including scheduling meetings, meeting agendas, minutes, and maintaining records, contact lists and appropriate correspondence with people and organizations seeking PATH services.

The duties of each of these positions will require just a few hours per month at the convenience of the volunteer. For further information or to express interest, contact Walt Reilly at wereilly@comcast.net.

Illinois March for Life

Join the Saints Peter and Paul group led by Fr. Rutnicki as they advocate for women and the unborn by marching the Illinois Capitol Wednesday, April 17. The group will leave from Saints Peter and Paul at 6:00 am April 17, attend Mass at the University of Illinois Springfield stadium, rally and march at the Illinois Capitol building, have lunch and then head back to Naperville. Cost is \$30. For more information, contact Deacon Joe Verdico at jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net or 630.718.2155.

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Trips Habitat for Humanity in Tutwiler, Mississippi

St. Thomas has been building Habitat houses in Mississippi for 30 years! Mary Ann Rempe is the facilitator for the mission trips.

This June, a St. Thomas Habitat team will again travel to Mississippi to build homes for the working poor in Tutwiler. We will travel Sunday, June 9 and return Saturday, June 15.

- Habitat is a great mission trip to build community with the people of the Mississippi Delta.
- Habitat is a great mission trip for families (youth 16 years or older).
- Habitat is a great mission trip for fun, laughter, learning new skills and making new friends!
- Habitat is a great mission trip to learn about poverty in the United States.

No construction experience required. St. Thomas has an excellent foreman for the team. If you would like more information on the 2024 mission trip, contact Peggy Goralski in the OSJ office at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123 or Mary Ann Rempe at marempe630@hotmail.com or 630.344.2992.

Haiti Update

The following email was received from Fr. Frantzdy this week:

Things are getting worse and worse every single day. Most of us are still alive just because we are resilient. However, we are not really living. People are acting like they are living because they are still smiling, but in fact they are struggling to survive. In Duchity, every day, we have some parishioners knocking on the gate of the rectory looking for help, money, food or help for having a shelter to sleep and to be protected when it's raining.

At the school, the children come but they can't really concentrate on their learning process because most of them come without eating anything. Sometimes, we have to find something to give to them so that they may spend a good day learning at the school. Some of them use to come to school with great weakness just because they didn't eat anything at home day and night before. So, when that happens, we have to do something to feed them in order to save their live. But we are not always able to help them as we wish to.

To put it bluntly, if nothing is done to help the people, mostly the children, we have to expect the worst to happen. Our only hope is in God, and through him, it is in you at St Thomas the Apostle Church because of your faith and your generosity. May God Bless you!

*In Jesus,
Fr Frantzdy, c.s.c.*

So much in our world is in need of prayer. Certainly keep Haiti at the top of your list.

Hesed House PADS April Food Donation Sign-Up

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

Thanks to all those who helped with March donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, April 4. If you are willing and able to provide food for April, you can sign up on the St. Thomas website 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, April 4, before 4:00 pm.

Thanks to all who are able to help.



Food Donations for Care Pantry

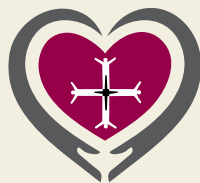
Bring donations to St. Thomas Tuesday, April 2, from 9:00–10:00 am or 5:00–6:00 pm. Place the items in the trunk or the back of your vehicle, stay in your vehicle, and we will remove the items for you. Items will be collected outside Door C, which is across from the labyrinth.

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.

- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Bar soap
- Side dish
- Paper products (paper towels, Kleenex, 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.





PASTORAL CARE
St. Thomas the Apostle

Pastoral Care at a Glance

Transitions: Riding the Waves of Change

Thursday, April 4, 7:00–8:30 pm,
Gym, presented by Nancy Kratz,
Ph.D.

Blood Drive

Saturday, April 6,
9:00 am–1:30 pm, Gym

Fun and Fitness

Patti Essig returns this Spring
for a program of exercise and
meditation, April 10, 17, 24 and
May 1. *Please register by Monday,
April 1 at 630.355.8980 or
akubalanza@stapostle.org*

Caregivers Support Group

April 11, 7:00 pm,
St. Elizabeth Seton

Blood Pressure Screening

April 13 after 4:30 pm and
April 14 after 9:30 and 11:15 am
Masses

PrimeTime

April 16, 10:00 am, Lighthouse
Spring Cleaning Extravaganza!!
Downsize, Declutter and Organize:
Steps to Transform your Space
presented by Cathy Feltz

Wellspring

Monday, April 22, 7:00 pm
“Healing the Spirit Within One
Note at a Time” presented by
Katherine Eldridge

Life Transitions: Riding the Waves of Change

- Did you know it takes an average of 6 months to adjust to a new job?
- Four months to adjust to the idea of being a new mom? Almost 2 years to adjust to a move?
- And 2 years to adjust after the kids leave home? Change is hard!



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
St. Thomas the Apostle

Join us for Life Transitions: Riding the Waves of Change, Thursday, April 4, from 7:00–8:30 pm. Presented by Nancy Kratz, Ph.D., Wellness Coordinator at St. Thomas. Learn how to manage transitions and build resilience for the next changes in your life. Sponsored by the Behavioral Health Ministry. To register, contact Susan Kearney at sdkearney@comcast.net or 630.355.8980, x108.

PrimeTime April Event

Save the date for Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 am for a Spring Cleaning Extravaganza! PrimeTime is pleased to host Cathy Feltz from Open Space Organizing, LLC in Naperville who teaches an Adult Continuing Education course at COD with an expertise in the topic “Downsize, Declutter and Organize; Steps to Transform Your Space!” More information will follow.



St. Thomas Blood Drive April 6

On April 7, 2023, 29-year-old Divinity went to the hospital to deliver her baby boy, Tyree. What she never could have predicted was that fluid from the baby’s amniotic sac would enter her bloodstream, causing her heart to stop and her body to bleed out. Doctors delivered Tyree via emergency C-section and worked quickly to control Divinity’s bleeding, giving her a staggering 276 units of blood. After 21 days in the hospital, during which she was on a ventilator and had a feeding tube, she was finally able to go home and hold her baby for the first time!



Sign up to donate blood April 6 at St. Thomas from 9:00 am–1:30 pm and save lives. Make an appointment at https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5607418

Fun and Fitness

Join spiritual director and fitness instructor Patti Essig for a fun morning of relaxing breath work and moving meditation. No experience necessary!



April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 at 11:30 am in the St. Thomas Gym. Focus your mind, relax your body, renew your spirit. Snacks are provided. See you there!



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.

Sunday Collection Report

Our Sunday Collection Report for the previous month is below. A monthly report reflects the relationship of the actual collection to the seasonally adjusted budgeted growth goal for each month and year to date.

Sunday Collection Report	
For February 2024	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$54,610
Credit card online giving	\$18,980
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$46,381
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$24,914
Total Sunday Collection Offering – February*	\$144,884
Growth Goal for February	\$156,220
Above/(Below) Growth Goal for month	\$11,336
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,303,998
Monthly Average 7/1/2023 to date	\$163,000
Sunday Growth Goal Year to date	\$1,289,350
Over/(short) of Growth Goal to date	\$14,648
Sunday Growth Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)	\$1,868,862
% of Annual Sunday Growth Goal to date	70%
Remaining for this fiscal year Sunday Growth Goal	\$564,864
So far this year, the Sunday collection is \$14,648 above the Growth Goal. Capital needs restricted gifts were \$1,850 in February. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.	

Ministry of Care Team

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 or 630.355.8980, x124.

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 1, 2024

Offices Closed
Building Closed after 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:00–10:00 am Care Pantry Donations, Outside
5:00–6:00 pm Care Pantry Donations, Outside

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
6:30–8:30 pm Pax Christi, Cana
6:30–9:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center
7:00–9:00 pm Worship Commission, Emmaus

Thursday, April 4, 2024

9:15–11:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study, Senior Center
7:00–8:30 pm Thursday PM Bible Study, Zoom
7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee
7:00–8:30 pm Behavioral Health Event, Gym

Friday, April 5, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:30–9:45 am Middle School and RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
9:00 am–1:30 pm Blood Drive, Gym
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel
5:30–6:00 pm Blood Pressure Screening, West Wing

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center
10:30 am–1:00 pm OCIA, Senior Center
12:00–2:00 pm Adult Confirmation Preparation, Judea
4:15–5:45 pm Teens with Character, Lighthouse

From the Behavioral Health Ministry Celebration Mass for St. Dymphna and Resource Fair

Join us Monday, May 13 at 7:00 pm for a Celebration Mass for St. Dymphna and Resource Fair at St. Thomas.

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- Receive the Healing of the Anointing of the Sick.
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Please watch the bulletin and the St. Thomas website for more information. Contact Susan Kearney, Coordinator of the Behavioral Health Ministry, for information at 630.355.8980, x108.



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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(starting April 5)

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Monday through Thursday and 8:30
am–12:30 pm Friday. The reception desk in
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8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday; and
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Schedule subject to change.

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