



DECEMBER

15

2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 4:7

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, service, friendship and witness.

be the light

ADVENT 2024



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Schedule

Daily

Mass: 8:30 am, Monday–Saturday followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month: 9:00 am–12:00 pm

The Sunday 9:30 am Mass is livestreamed.

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



Daily Readings



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.

Advent Reconciliation

St. Thomas will have an Advent Reconciliation Service Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 pm. The opportunity for individual confession with a priest will conclude the service.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note the new times for some of the Christmas liturgies. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

3:00 pm Mass* – Church *This Mass includes the Children's dramatized proclamation of the Gospel.*

3:00 pm Mass – Gym

5:30 pm Mass – Church

9:30 pm Choir Concert* – Church

10:30 pm Mass* – Church

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

9:30 am Mass – Church

11:15 am Mass – Church

*livestreamed

Christmas Tree Thank You

Special thanks to Rick Cotner for coordinating the setup of the Christmas trees. The trees are beautiful and set a very peaceful atmosphere for Advent. Thank you for sharing your time and energy!

New Year's Liturgy Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God takes place on January 1, New Year's Day. This is a holy day of obligation (and opportunity!). St. Thomas will have a Vigil Mass December 31 at 4:30 pm in addition to the usual 8:30 am Mass January 1.



Advent Midday Meditation

"Let your God love you." Take a break in your busy day to rest in God during Midday Meditation from 12:00–12:30 pm in the Chapel Tuesday, December 17. Enjoy the peace that only God can give.

Advent Little Books

They're here! The Advent daily devotional known fondly as the "Little Blue Book" is available in the Narthex and Gathering Area. Grow your faith in just six minutes a day! A freewill offering is appreciated.



Eucharistic Adoration

Participants from St. Thomas and St. Margaret Mary came together for a special night of Eucharistic Adoration to prepare their hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. This special evening of Praise and Prayer was led by Fr. Alex, accompanied by Noelle Daugherty from St. Margaret Mary and organized by Dorothy Grantham. Thank you to all who made this a beautiful beginning to the season of Advent.

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!

John and Therese Berger and Family

Kathryn and Nowell Blecha

Robert and Monika Lee

Would you like to become a parishioner? Call the Main Office at 630.355.8980.



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Donations toward the Christmas Environment/Flower Fund in recognition of a loved one are due today, Sunday, December 15. You can access an order form at stapostle.org/christmas-environment-flower-fund-2024/. A suggested donation of \$10 per name (exact change or check made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle) should be sent in with the order form. The completed form and payment should be placed in an envelope, to the “Attn. of Flower Fund” and can be brought in through Door A during the building open hours or placed in the offertory collection basket. **Orders must be received by Sunday, December 15.**

Christmas Pageant

Practices are underway for the Children’s dramatized proclamation of the Gospel at the 3:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If you would like to be a part of this special tradition, please contact Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org.

Presider Schedule December 21–22

Saturday, December 21

4:30 pm: Fr. Alex Lorang

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am: Fr. Alex Lorang

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzzone

6:00 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

Schedule not available at time of printing.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Joanie Spellane by the PAM Group

†Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Apollon by Marie and Nick Apollon

8:00 am †J.R. Johnson

9:30 am †Laura Falk by Brookdale Friends

†Ed Simmons by Bob and Loretta Kurland

11:15 am †Viola Fores by Adriana Munoz

6:00 pm For the People of St. Thomas

Monday, December 16, 2024

Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Prakash Mathew by the Mulaikal Family

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Laura Falk by Brookdale Friends

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Dennis Allan by the Hayes Family

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †John Rinkenberger by Richard and Adela Aukalnis

Friday, December 20, 2024

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am †Paul Hlavacs by Ray Hlavacs

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am †John Ginnan by the Ginnan and Storelli Family

4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*

†Bob Patterman by Dick and Kay

†Gerard Phillip by Marie Bonhometre

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Deacon Will Worden by Ann Worden

9:30 am †Joseph Brozovich the McGee Family

†Ruth Casey by Audrey Easton

11:15 am For the People of St. Thomas

6:00 pm



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Given its stance on human rights and its notion of freedom, Christianity has a history of being behind the abolition of slavery. Slavery was a social norm throughout most of human history. Many cultures viewed certain categories of people as natural slaves. Pagan and pre-Christian cultures all over the world did not question slavery; mass slavery and human sacrifice were common. Christianity introduced many doubts about the legitimacy of slavery as an accepted practice. In the first century, St. Paul's letter to Philemon asked him as a slave owner to see his former slave Onesimus as a brother in Christ rather than as his slave. St. Patrick, in the fifth century, campaigned against slavery, since he himself had once been forced into slave labor and captivity.

In the seventeenth century, the Catholic Church's official stance on slavery via the Papal Holy Office was that slavery was wrong and all captors, buyers and owners of slaves were to free them and compensate them. Unfortunately, Church members often ignored the official Church teaching on this matter. We do have saints in our history, such as St. John of Matha (1160-1213), who worked tirelessly to redeem slaves by buying them in order to set them free. We also have missionaries who openly preached against the harsh treatment of native peoples by their Spanish masters. Unfortunately, we also know other missionaries were fully complicit in slavery. Though the Catholic Church has been officially condemning slavery throughout its history, here in the United States our Church has all too frequently acted in noncompliance with the ideal. It is still a topic of relevance. In our time, Pope Francis in his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* decried the practice of human trafficking.



Question of the week

Crowds came to the desert to listen to John the Baptist preach. Who is someone who encouraged you to live well? Is there anyone who makes you want to be like Jesus?

EVANGELIZATION OUTLOOK

Both St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Mary as the “Star of Evangelization” because of the way in which she brings people to Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on the meaning of Mary's journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth writes, “[Mary] wants, above all, to help others meet Jesus. We have come to the truest meaning and most genuine purpose of every missionary journey: to give people the living and personal Gospel, which is the Lord Jesus Christ himself.”

High School Youth Ministry

Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast is this Sunday, December 15, after all Masses. Free will offering. Please come and support our High School Youth Ministry events such as the Mission trip and the Steubenville and NCYC conferences.

Movie Night – The Polar Express

Take a break from studying and join us for a showing of the Polar Express Thursday, December 19, from 6:30–8:30 pm in the Youth Center. Feel free to bring a snack to share and a friend. Comfy clothes/pjs encouraged but not required.



Young Adult Ministry

College-aged Care Packages

We would like to do an outreach to our college-aged young adults to let them know we care, think about them and pray for them. Whether you are in college, in the armed services, working or at home and are college-aged and would like to be a care note or package recipient, please sign up at stapostle.org/college-aged-care-packages-sign-up/

Parents feel free to sign your young adult up. If you would like to be on our college-aged outreach team, contact Dorothy Grantham at dgrantham@stapostle.org.



Advent Kickoff Fun

Thank you to all families who joined in fellowship to kick off the Advent season. Families sipped hot chocolate and put together Advent wreaths to take home.



Connect, Reflect, Energize, Witness

Join us December 15, from 4:15–5:45 pm in the gym for our December CREW Christmas event. We will have open gym, watch and discuss a Christmas special, and enjoy pizza, ice cream and snacks. All students in grades 6–8 are welcome, but please RSVP by 12:00 pm December 15 by using this QR code or emailing Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org.



RE Tuition Angel

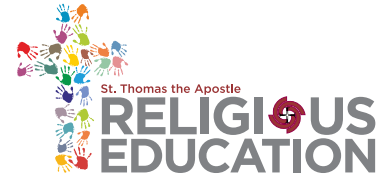
Would you like to be a tuition angel and support our Religious Education (RE) program? For some of our St. Thomas families, it is a struggle to pay RE tuition. If you can help, the fees are: \$175 for one child, \$290 for two children or \$380 for three children. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle Church with tuition angel in the memo line and send your donation to the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office. Thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date

Scripture Safari Summer VBS will be held Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27. Make plans to join us for the most fun week at St. Thomas! All ages can participate – campers are preschool through incoming fourth graders. Fifth graders through adults can volunteer in one of the many different classrooms/stations.

Halfway to Scripture Safari Mass and Celebration

We are almost halfway to Scripture Safari. Celebrate with us Saturday, January 11. See this week's bulletin insert for all the details.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue next week, December 22. During the Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass, the children Pre-K to Grade 3 are invited to gather separately to hear the Gospel story of the day proclaimed in language, activities, music and prayer appropriate to their age. No registration required.

Upcoming Religious Education Calendar

Class(es) remaining before Christmas break:

Saturday 8:30–9:45 am at All Saints Catholic Academy

December 14 (*Classes resume January 11*)

Tuesday 4:30–5:45 pm at St. Thomas
December 17 (*Classes resume January 6*)

Middle School Religious Education Upcoming Saturday sessions

December 14 (*Classes resume January 11*)

Upcoming Monday sessions

December 16, (*Classes resume January 6*)

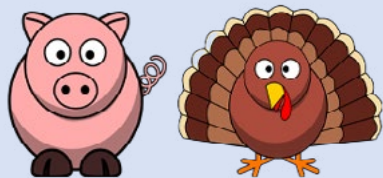
Full calendar can be found on the website at stapostle.org.





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Christmas Ham/Turkey Collection this Weekend

The annual Christmas ham/turkey collection will take place this weekend, December 14–15! Volunteers will be collecting hams and turkeys at all Masses except for the 6:00 pm Mass. We will be outside the Narthex entrance from 4:00–5:00 pm Saturday and from 7:30 am–1:00 pm Sunday.

Many thanks in advance for your overwhelming generosity.

A Big Thank You from Transitional Housing

This year, the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection was given to the Transitional Housing Ministry. St. Thomas, through our Transitional Housing Ministry, is currently supporting a family who is trying to work their way from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This year's Thanksgiving collection totaled \$1,657. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Temporary Host Homes for Refugee Families

Naperville area churches are working together to collectively identify temporary host homes for refugee families resettling in the area. The temporary stay can be anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks. Becoming a host home volunteer provides safety for refugees as they rest and orient themselves to a new culture and community. If you are interested in offering your home or learning more, please contact Peggy in the OSJ office at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

Christmas Swaddling Project

The St. Thomas Respect Life Ministry Swaddling Project is collecting baby items through mid-January. Multiple area pregnancy centers will benefit from these items, including Birthright, Waterleaf and Avenue Women's Center.



Swaddling Bags with a list of items most needed are available in the Gathering Area – or you can provide your own bag. Items requested include: diapers (newborn, sizes 1-6), pull-ups, baby wipes, baby wash or shampoo, diaper cream, baby board books, pacifiers and onesies.

Gift cards to Walmart, Target and grocery stores in denominations of \$20 or \$25 are also accepted, as well as monetary donations. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas OSJ with Swaddling Project in the memo.

Please return all donations to the playpen in the Gathering Area by Sunday, January 13. Thank you for your support!

A Prayer for a Home for All

Creator God, your loving care is a home for all. No one is a stranger to you. With your generous blessings, watch over migrants and all who leave their homes to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, trauma, and violence. Help us to also be sources of blessings through our acceptance and valuing who they are as persons eager for wholeness of life.

Creator, you taught us to welcome all. Help us to remember that the land we call ours is a gift to be cared for and a gift to be shared with all who come. May we be open to all those searching for a safe and peaceful life.

Maryknoll Sister Elizabeth Knoerl

December 21–22 ... Save the Date!

The Fraternalite Notre Dame (Sisters of Notre Dame) are again visiting St. Thomas. They will bring their delicious baked goods for your Christmas and holiday celebrations. The Sisters of Notre Dame minister to the poor in the Austin neighborhood in Chicago. Their pantry serves 250 families every week. Their after-school program serves more than 60 children.

AND ...

Zachary from Bethlehem Arts will be on hand with a selection of olive wood religious goods perfect for gift giving. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Please stop by the Gathering Area the weekend of December 21–22. Your support of these causes is appreciated.

OSJ Holiday Giving Opportunities

Care Pantry Christmas Gift Cards

Gift cards from Meijer, Target and Walmart in denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$25 are needed for our Care Pantry families. Gift cards will be accepted until Sunday, December 15. You can drop the gifts cards off at church (to the attention of the OSJ office).

Haiti Christmas Cards

For a donation toward the education of students in Duchity, Haiti, you can receive a Haitian Christmas Card which explains how the donation is used. This makes a meaningful Christmas gift that helps provide hope to those in tremendous need. Donation checks should be made out to St. Thomas OSJ with Haiti Education in the memo line.

Transitional Housing

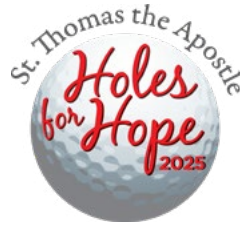
St. Thomas is currently supporting a mother and young daughter to help them move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. If you would like to contribute financially toward the support that St. Thomas provides to our family, checks can be made out to St. Thomas OSJ with Transitional Housing in the memo line.

The OSJ office is extremely grateful for your support. Thanks so much!

Holes-For-Hope Auction Items

Although our Holes for Hope Charity Golf Outing is still several months away (June 23, 2025), you can help Holes for Hope by being on the lookout for silent and live auction items. You can purchase a gift item to donate or you can ask businesses you frequent on a regular basis for a donation of a gift or a service.

The golfing, the dinner and the live and silent auction make for such a fun event for a good cause. Questions? Contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org.



Hesed House PADS January 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 December donations. We are now asking for donations for Thursday, January 2.

How to donate food for Hesed House

If you are willing and able to provide food for January, 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, January 2, before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who are able to help.



An Update from Fr. Frantzdzy

Fr. Frantzdzy, the pastor of our twinning parish, St. Marie Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti, shared this message with us:

"I just want to inform you that yesterday afternoon I had a car accident while driving from Les Cayes to the airport. Hopefully, I'm not injured, but I have pain in my neck. The parish car had fallen on the side of the road. Many parts of it have been damaged or destroyed. Please continue praying for me and thanking God for saving my life from this car accident."

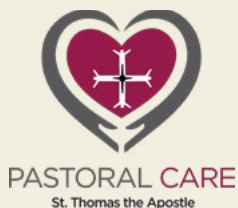
"Thank you very much for your constant prayers for Haiti and for me. After the accident I realized that I was helped by so many people's prayers if I could get outside the fallen car breathing easily while the surrounding crowd thought that the driver should have died from that accident. Thank you very much! I think that God has His ears close to your heart and I'm part of His grace through your deep faith and Humanity. I will always be grateful to you all for the rest of my life. May God, in return, not cease to pour His blessings in your life forever and ever!"

Car Donation Needed

St. Thomas CARES often receives requests for assistance with car repairs. Sometimes, our mechanic advises that the car is not repairable. When that happens, a family is left without any means of transportation. Often, this also impacts a person being able to work.

We are currently assisting a family in this situation. If you are thinking of replacing a vehicle and are able to consider donating the car being replaced, please reach out to Peggy in the Outreach Office at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x123.

A donated car is a tremendous blessing.



Pastoral Care At A Glance

Blood Pressure Screening

December 14–15 after 4:30 pm,
9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses

Pastoral Care Presents

Finding God One Moment at a Time
Saturday, December 21
10:00–11:00 am, Senior Center

Grief Support

Drop in the first Sunday of each month
1:00–2:30 pm
St. Raphael Parish, Naperville
Call 630.615.7613 for details

Mental Health First Aid Training

January 18, 9:00 am–3:30 pm
Registration required

Prayer Partner Ministry Coming to St. Thomas

“Don’t be afraid to try to deepen your relationship with God, to seek the Lord through prayer and through living the spiritual life vibrantly. It’s a commitment, but the rewards are tremendous – to have that relationship with God, to know God’s presence not only in prayer but in the midst of daily life, and to be able to seek and find God in all things.” Pope St. John Paul II

Over the next few weeks some of the important questions regarding prayer and the benefits of praying with a companion will be addressed. Prayer partners will be available one Sunday each month in the Chapel following the 9:30 am Mass beginning with the first Sunday in February.

What is a prayer partner and why do I need one?

Simply stated a prayer partner is someone who supports and accompanies others in prayer. In my own experience, I have found having a companion in prayer to be a great help to me in that I have someone to sit with me in the silence, to prayerfully listen to what is stirring in my heart and not to have any specific agenda other than being together in God’s presence.

What exactly do prayer partners do?

They help others attend to God’s presence and revelation and prepare to respond to him. In short, prayer partners support us as we discern God’s voice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: God calls us first. In prayer, our own first is a response to God’s initiative (CCC2567). Prayer partners support this response.

Next week: Does everyone need a prayer companion? When is the right time?

Questions? Contact Annette Kubalanza at akubalanza@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in our Blood Drive November 23 by giving the gift of life. We are happy to report that we met our goal!!

Thanks also to members of the Knights of Columbus, for recruiting the volunteers who were on site checking people in and providing encouragement and support to donors.

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.

Grief Support

On the first Sunday of each month from 1:00–2:30 pm, St. Raphael parish is offering a program called “Drop in Sunday” for those experiencing grief or loss. The program is lead by Fr. Terman Monteiro, Parochial Vicar at St. Raphael, who has a master’s degree in pastoral counseling. Please call Pastoral Care at St. Raphael Parish at 630.615.7613 for details.

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.

2024 Diocesan Appeal as of 12/1/24			
	2024	2023 (final)	2023 Final vs. Current
Parish Appeal Goal*	\$157,500	\$168,000	(\$10,500)
Pledges received	\$201,471	\$193,699	\$7,772
% of goal pledged to date	127.92%	115.30%	12.62%
Unpaid pledges	\$7,472	\$1,660	\$5,812
Paid to Date	\$193,999	\$192,039	\$1,960
% of goal paid to date	123.17%	114.31%	8.87%
Number of Donors	587	584	3

**Our annual goal for the CMAA is lower this year than for 2023 because Sunday giving was lower overall in 2023. This year Sunday offertory collections are thankfully up so next year our goal should be higher.*

Save the Date

Mental Health First Aid January 18

Mental Health First Aid (Blended Learning) will be held Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 am–3:30 pm at St. Thomas. The course is taught by Diane McQueen and Tony Lyons.



**Mental Health
FIRST AID**

What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an early intervention program that educates adults on recognizing signs of potential mental health challenges, offering nonjudgmental support and reassurance to those experiencing difficulties, and guiding individuals toward appropriate professional help and services.

Need a Compassionate Listener, Consultation or a Referral to Community Services?

The services of the Pastoral Care staff include 1-3 session consultation services.

Through compassionate listening and reflection, our staff can assist you in clarifying your concerns and needs and, when desired, work with you to find professional resources in our community. Contact the Director of Pastoral Care, Annette Kubalanza, at akubalanza@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, x124 for more information.

The Week Ahead

Monday, December 16, 2024

- 4:30–5:30 pm Christmas Pageant Practice, Church
- 7:00–8:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Senior and Youth Centers
- 7:00–8:30 pm OCIA Team, Senior Center

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

- 10:00–11:00 am Care Pantry Distribution
- 12:00–12:30 pm Advent Meditation, Chapel
- 4:30–5:45pm Religious Education, Ministry Center
- 7:00–9:00 pm Voices of Faith, Church
- 7:00–9:00 pm Finance Committee, Cana

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- 7:00–9:00 pm PPC, Cana
- 7:00–8:00 pm Advent Reconciliation

Thursday, December 19, 2024

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

Friday, December 20, 2024

Saturday, December 21, 2024

- 9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Cana
- 10:00–11:00 am Catholic Mindfulness Series, Senior Center
- 3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

Sunday, December 22, 2024

- 9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center

Cashless?

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Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to make your gift today. We are grateful for your financial gifts enabling us to continue all of God's good works here at St. Thomas! Thank you!





PARISH INFORMATION



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Thank you for joining us.

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8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday; and
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