



OCTOBER  
12  
2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said ... "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"*

2 Luke 17:17-18

### 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.*



## Pastoral Care Week

# 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: 9:00 am–12:00 pm and  
First Sunday: 7:00–8:00 pm

The Sunday 9:30 am Mass is livestreamed.

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For this week's Opening the Word, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



## Worship and Liturgy News

For more information on the activities listed below, please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office at [sknisley@stapostle.org](mailto:sknisley@stapostle.org).

### All Saints

Saturday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. Since this feast falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. On this day the Church honors all the saints of heaven, God's holy ones — known and unknown to us. We celebrate all the holy men and women who, throughout the ages, exemplified the faith; whose lives, in some way or another, mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ in profound ways. This solemnity honors all the saints; in particular those who are not individually recognized throughout the year. This day, coupled with the November 2 commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls), stands at the beginning of the month of November — a month in which we remember and pray for the dead.

### All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Liturgy will be held at St. Thomas Sunday, November 2, at the 11:15 am Mass. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. You are invited to participate by bringing a candle forward during the Prayer of the Faithful when your loved one's name is called (candles provided). You may also bring a picture or memento to place on the tables in front of the sanctuary in memory of your loved one. The liturgy will be followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. For more information, call Lori Culberson at 630.355.8980, x120.

### Save the Date ... Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Guest artists John Angotti, Tony Alonso and Meredith Augustin will join St. Thomas music makers in this seasonal offering. You won't want to miss it!



## Daily Readings

Please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) for the daily readings.

### Presider Schedule for October 18–19

#### Saturday, October 18

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

#### Sunday, October 19

8:00 am: Fr. John Regan

9:30 am: Fr. Peter Infanger

11:15 am: Fr. John Regan

6:00 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

*Schedule subject to change.*

### I am St. Thomas Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had



the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter
- bringing it to Mass next Sunday
- visiting our parish website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, October 26. As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support St. Thomas the Apostle. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. We are grateful for your support!



St. Thomas the Apostle  
*Homily Series*

## Marks of Discipleship II

- October 18–19: Perseverance
- October 25–26: Humility

Building on the last series, wherein we explored the virtues of presence and prayer, we will now consider two more qualities that we must cultivate as disciples — perseverance and humility. Why are these traits essential to our faith? Come, bring a friend, and find out! Please scan the QR code to view this video invitation and share it with others to extend the welcome!



As part of this series, we are excited to welcome Sandy Henkel to assist us in "continuing the conversation." Sandy is on staff at Christos Center for Spiritual Formation and has a ministry characterized by compassionate and courageous companionship. Her presentation, "Perseverance Under the Weight," will take place in the lighthouse at 10:45 am Sunday, October 26. Bring a friend!

Homily Series is a quarterly outreach to the parish and beyond, wherein 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 following the services.

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 12, 2025

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Alicja Aleszczyk by Mom and Dad
- 8:00 am †Divine Auther by The Noromha Family
- 9:30 am †Kevin Bauler by Donna Trapani  
†Roy C. Schultz by Kathy Kugelman
- 11:15 am †Dennis Doll by Barbara
- 6:00 pm †Vatali Kolosowski by the Kolosowski family

### Monday, October 13, 2025

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Carolyn Gayde by Deacon Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Bill Scanlon by Deacon Joe and Carolyn Cuzzone

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

*Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- 8:30 am †George Geevarghese by Kathy Geevarghese

### Thursday, October 16, 2025

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Michelle Infanger by Fr. Peter

### Friday, October 17, 2025

*Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

- 8:30 am †Jenni Anderson by Mom, Dad and Kerri

### Saturday, October 18, 2025

*Saint Luke, Evangelist*

- 8:30 am Intentions of Bernadine Bernardo
- 4:30pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†George Faeh by Family  
†Ben Rosales by Tim and Geralyn Duez

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 am †Esperance Noronha by the Noronha Family
- 9:30 am †Edythe and Joseph Caruso by Joe and Gloria Caruso  
†Nancy Funk by Linda Collins
- 11:15 am †Joe Battisto by Jim and Mary Jo Breen
- 6:00 pm

## 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!

**Welcome New Members:** Alex and Kelly Bitto, Owen Kuhm and Carla Alferro and family and David and Nancy Kratz

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





St. Thomas the Apostle  
*Homily Series*

## Marks of Discipleship II:

Oct 18 & 19: Perseverance | Oct 25 & 26: Humility



In our fall series we will explore two more qualities that we need to cultivate as students of Jesus — **perseverance** and **humility**.

*Come and learn together how  
we can grow in our faith!*

Please view this  
video invitation and  
**share it with others**  
to extend the welcome!



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## Perseverance Under the Weight

October 26 at 10:45am in the Lighthouse | Talk by Sandy Henkel

We all carry burdens that can feel heavy at times. In those moments, Jesus offers us the sustaining gifts of perseverance and humility. Together, we will reflect imaginatively on Matthew 11:28 (the easy yoke) and Luke 13:10–13 (the healing of the bent woman), exploring how Jesus cares for us personally in our struggles and how he invites us to respond with gentle compassion toward others who are weighed down.

*Sandy Henkel is on staff at Christos Center for Spiritual Formation, and has a ministry characterized by compassionate and courageous companionship. Her primary focus is on serving individuals who have been historically marginalized. Through spiritual direction, program facilitation, and retreat work, Sandy inspires people to seek a profound and empowering intimacy with God, enabling them to fully embrace the unique design that God has given them.*







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### C.A.R.E CORNER

We can be pretty sure that the 11 remaining apostles of Jesus were not running around talking about him after he had been brutally killed via crucifixion. Scripture gives us many episodes of them hiding behind locked doors and keeping to themselves. Surely they must have been afraid of meeting the same fate as Jesus. Plus, confusion and distress would have left them pondering the future. But that all changed when they received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Acts 2 gives us the account of those 11 apostles coming out from behind locked doors and engaging the crowd in discussion about Jesus.

It was Peter who stood up and began to proclaim to the crowd the explanation for all that had happened in Jerusalem regarding Jesus over the course of the prior seven weeks. Specifically for the Jewish audience, Peter linked the events to the words of the prophets and to King David. Peter's speech must have been very powerful since many took it to heart, accepted his message and were baptized that day. This is all the more astonishing considering this is the same Peter who bolted when Jesus was being interrogated and tortured by the Roman authorities, leading to his death. No matter how committed we are to Jesus, we all need additional opportunities to strengthen and demonstrate our commitment.



### Family Service Opportunity

Harvest Sunday is a great opportunity for families to serve together to support the Care Pantry of St. Thomas as well as other local food pantries serving our community. It is one of our biggest ministries, and we would love families to get involved! We are looking for 12 families to split routes placing door hangers on the doors the week of October 26 and then collecting the donated food Sunday, November 2. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org).

### Middle School Family Mass and Speaker

All students in grades 6–8 are welcome to join us Sunday, October 19, for a Middle School Family Mass at 6:00 pm. Immediately following we will have a presentation, "Peaceful Minds, Faithful Hearts: Guiding Students with Mindfulness Rooted in Christ."

All are welcome at this event being presented by Maritza Felix, LSW, of Gateway Psychological Services. This event is a collaboration of the St. Thomas Middle School Faith Formation and the Behavioral Health Ministry.

Maritza has faced many significant challenges in her life and has a powerful testimony to the work of God, which has formed her through these times, and made her a conduit of God's love to all she serves. This presentation is aimed to help parents and students partner together, and with God, to weather all the changes that this stage of life brings.



### St. Thomas High School Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast a Sweet Success!

The St. Thomas High School Youth Ministry hosted a deliciously successful Pancake Breakfast October 5, drawing nearly 200 attendees in support of mission trips, conferences and youth activities. With over 300 pancakes flipped, 300 sausages served, 30 bananas, 40 oranges and 4 pounds of chocolate chips devoured, the event was a joyful celebration of community and purpose. Thanks to everyone who came hungry and gave generously — your support fuels the faith and service of our youth!



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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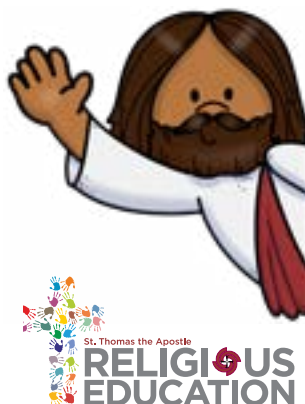


## We Are Having A Great Year!

Thank you to all who participated in "Bring a Friend Day" and in the "Stuffie Blessing." It was fun to get to meet new people and to share with each other.

### We Miss Your Child!

We are still accepting late registration, but hurry and get your child registered. We don't want your child to miss out on any of the fun! The options for elementary-aged students are Tuesday 4:30–5:45 pm at St Thomas or Saturday 8:30–9:45 am at All Saints Catholic Academy. Classes have started. Visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) to register.



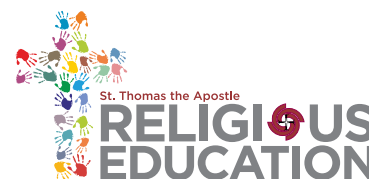
## Middle School Faith Formation

**Upcoming Monday sessions:**  
October 27\*

**Upcoming Saturday sessions:**  
October 18, 27\*

\*Monday and Saturday classes are meeting together Monday, October 27, for Harvest Sunday preparations.

Please reach out to Ann Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) with any questions, suggestions or feedback.



## First Communion and First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Parents of all students preparing for the sacraments of Communion or Reconciliation in the 2025-2026 school year are asked to attend an Information Parent Meeting on one of the following evenings:

### Wednesday, October 22

- First Communion meeting  
6:30–7:30 pm
- First Reconciliation meeting  
7:30–8:00 pm

### Thursday, October 23

- First Communion meeting  
6:30–7:30 pm
- First Reconciliation meeting  
7:30–8:00 pm

Thank you for your involvement in the preparation of your child for this special event.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues each week at 9:30 am Mass until winter break.

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. There is no registration required. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Goba at [cgoba@stapostle.org](mailto:cgoba@stapostle.org).

## Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for caring and dedicated volunteers to help in our Sunday Church Nursery during the 9:30 am Mass. If you have a heart for young children (age 1–4) and a desire to serve, we would love for you to consider volunteering in this important ministry. We are looking for 2–3 adult volunteers and 2–3 teen volunteers to add to the volunteer rotation.

As a nursery volunteer, you will provide a safe and welcoming environment for our youngest parishioners while their parents attend Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve our church family and help nurture the faith of the next generation.

No prior experience is required — just a willingness to help and a love for children. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please reach out to Laura Kmec at [lkmec@stapostle.org](mailto:lkmec@stapostle.org).

## Elementary Religious Education

### October Calendar

#### October 11

No class

#### October 14

Regular class

#### October 21

No class. Catechist meeting

#### October 22 and 23

Parent Sacrament information meeting

#### October 25 and 28

Saint celebration Grades PreK–5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to dress up as Saints for class

Scan the QR code for the full calendar or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).





## OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### Garden Donations for Care Pantry

We can still use your extra produce! If you have any extra produce from your garden, feel free to drop it off in the labeled container at Door E on upcoming pantry distribution Tuesdays, from 7:00–9:30 am.

The upcoming pantry distribution dates are October 14, 28 and November 4. Please be sure to only drop off on said dates, from 7:00–9:30 am.



### Harvest Sunday Sign-Up Now Open

Don't wait to sign up and secure your favorite volunteer role!

Harvest Sunday sign-up is now open and there are so many ways to volunteer! For more information and to secure your volunteer spot, go to [stapostle.org/harvest-sunday/](http://stapostle.org/harvest-sunday/). Thank you for your continued support of this annual St. Thomas event that provides food to the hungry. Questions? Contact Nicole Hanks at 630.355.8980, x113 or [nhanks@stapostle.org](mailto:nhanks@stapostle.org).

### LGBTQ+ Listening Session: Saturday, October 18

St. Thomas' commitment to welcoming and accompanying one another challenges us to be more deeply aware of the diversity in our community and the gifts each of us have to offer.

As a faith community committed to intentional hospitality, St. Thomas the Apostle desires to reach out to those of all sexual orientations to begin to discern how we can better be the loving, inclusive community God has called us to be. If you are part of the LGBTQ+ community or an ally, please consider attending a Listening Session on Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 am, in the Lighthouse.

What do we hope to accomplish with a Listening Session? We want to know how we can better welcome you and accompany you on your faith journey. What is it that you need or want from the faith community of St. Thomas? This Listening Session is for anyone, middle school age through adult. The goal is to create a safe space for sharing and for hearing each other.

We hope to welcome you Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 am. If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to Peggy Goralski at [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x123.



### Unused Christmas Cards and Stamps Needed

Companions Journeying Together Inc., [cjtinc.org](http://cjtinc.org), will again be sending Christmas cards to our brothers and sisters who are imprisoned. Mail is so important, especially during the holiday season. We also supply unsigned cards to several prisons and jails so that people held in custody can reach out to their families and friends.



You can help. We especially need forever stamps and unsigned Christmas cards. In donating, please remember that we cannot accept cards with any glitter on them. Cards are needed by November 1 and can be placed in the Christmas basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

### Haiti Weekend

The OSJ office is extremely grateful for your generosity during Haiti Weekend ... in how you responded to Fr. Frantzzy's request for funds for teacher salaries and school lunches. As we get a final number for the amount collected, we will pass that on to you.

If you missed the opportunity to donate and would like to do so, there are donation envelopes in the Gathering Area. However, any envelope will do ... checks should be made payable to St. Thomas OSJ with Haiti in the memo line. Thank you so much!





## Coat and Blanket Collection Results — Thank You, St. Thomas

Thank you for such an amazing response! This past weekend, 132 bags of coats, blankets and more were sent to St. Agnes Parish in Manderson, South Dakota. That's 22 more bags than last year! Here are the final numbers: 128 women's coats, 30 girl's coats, 109 men's coats, 34 boy's coats, 281 blankets, 27 sleeping bags, 4 bags of hats, scarves, and gloves, and 1 bag of boots. A huge thank you to parishioners Vicki and Tom Dau for making the trip to deliver these items!

### Respect Life Ministry A Prayer for Hope

*Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.*

*Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.*

*Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection, and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.*

*Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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October is Respect Life Month! Pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death by joining the novena from October 22–30: [bit.ly/respect-life-month-novena](https://bit.ly/respect-life-month-novena).

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life and to begin healing through a supportive process. Memories of abandonment, pain and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace. The retreat concludes with a memorial service offering messages of love and hope.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be offered October 17–19 at Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center in Lemont, Illinois. For more information or to register, call 815.370.8118 or 815.634.3796. You can also visit [rachelvineyard.org](https://rachelvineyard.org).

## LEAP

**Learn:** Who is a humanitarian? You are a humanitarian. In times of crisis and everyday suffering, we possess the hands, hearts and minds that can make a difference. While some are called to effect significant global changes, we are more often called to make a difference in our lives, families and communities. Identify your unique talent or treasure that can be utilized to alleviate suffering.

**Explore:** Humanitarian efforts play a crucial role in reducing suffering caused by food shortages, homelessness, medical needs and the devastating impact of war. St. Thomas boasts over 20+ Outreach ministries that directly address pressing needs within our local community, spanning Naperville and Aurora, as well as programs in South Dakota, Haiti, Mississippi and beyond.

Globally, Catholic Relief Services in the Holy Land is urgently addressing the catastrophic need to provide food and shelter to the families in Gaza. Over 2 million people are now crammed into an area that is less than half the size of Naperville. As humanitarian corridors begin to open, CRS is actively working to meet these urgent needs.

**Act:** Choose to contribute locally or globally by supporting or volunteering with St. Thomas Outreach Ministries or contributing to Catholic Relief Services in the Holy Land. You can donate online at [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict), by phone at 1.877.HELP.CRS, or by check mail to Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Response, PO Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517.

### Pray:

*God Almighty, We lift up to you all those suffering around the world today — those displaced, injured, hungry, and grieving from conflicts, natural disasters, and other crises. May we comfort their hearts, heal their bodies, and restore their spirits. We must also protect the vulnerable and provide for their basic needs, including food, water and shelter.*

*For the full prayer, visit [stapostle.org](https://stapostle.org).*



## PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

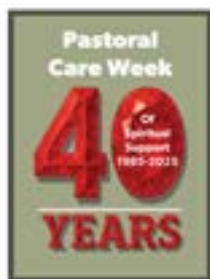
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### Pastoral Care Week

This year Pastoral Care week commemorates four decades of Spiritual Care. Underscoring the significance of spiritual care in multiple settings, the pastoral care ministers at St.



Thomas have been present and active offering solace, empathy and support to individuals and families navigating the complexities of life. The symbol for this anniversary is the ruby. Since ancient times, the ruby has been known as a sign of protection that sustains a good and whole life. Under ultraviolet light, the ruby fluoresces, reflecting an inner light that in other situations is difficult to see. The ruby is also thought to provide clarity and healing for those who wear it. Therefore, the ruby seems an apt descriptor for the type of care that is part of everyday life for pastoral caregivers.

As we reflect on four decades of nurturing the human spirit here, at St. Thomas, we thank all who serve in the pastoral care ministries and we renew our commitment to fostering healing, resilience, and holistic well-being for all. Join us in celebrating the profound impact of pastoral care on our parish, and envisioning a future where deep and genuine support remains at the core of compassionate care and of who we are as a community of believers.

### Pastoral Care At A Glance

For a list of upcoming events, please visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) or scan the QR code.



### What is Pastoral Care?

Historically, pastoral care was viewed as the care of the Pastor for the congregation. The word "pastoral" is from the Latin word for shepherd. A pastor is like a shepherd who cares for the needs of the flock. Similar to Jesus stating that "I am the good shepherd..." (John 10:14). Since a pastor can't be

everywhere, the pastoral care division of a Church takes on the role of caring for the whole parish community. In the early church, members also cared for one another, sharing food, resources, time and compassion. Here at St. Thomas, those involved with pastoral care hope to offer programs and services to care for our community. We have expanded to include a Wellness program, Spiritual Direction, Partners in Prayer, and coming in December, The Hope Café which will provide a new opportunity to accompany those who are grieving.



### PrimeTime — Balance and Stability Workshop

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 21, at 10:00 am for the next PrimeTime presentation. Feeling a little unsteady on your feet? Join us for an engaging workshop focused on improving your balance, strength and stability — all essential for healthy aging and fall prevention. Learn basic exercises to keep your muscles active and strong. Led by Nancy Meaney, Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor with 35 years of experience.

After the presentation we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish of your choice to share. RSVP no later than Sunday, October 19, to Phyllis Wempe at [PTregistration@hotmail.com](mailto:PTregistration@hotmail.com) or 630.728.3227.



### Mental Health First Aid A Program from Down Under!

Did you know the Mental Health First Aid Training offered at St. Thomas began in Australia in 2001 by Betty Kitchener, a nurse specializing in health education, and her husband, Professor Tony Jorm? Brought to America in 2008, their vision is to train 1 out of every 15 people in America how to provide initial support to individuals experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues. MHFA is a national nonprofit organization across America. St. Thomas is pleased to be collaborating with Linden Oaks Hospital in Naperville to bring you this much needed program. Attendees report using these skills at home, at church and at work.

The next Mental Health First Aid Training is Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 am–3:30 pm at St. Thomas. For more information please contact Diane McQueen at 630.355.8980, x101 or email at [dmcqueen@stapostle.org](mailto:dmcqueen@stapostle.org). To register scan the QR code or visit [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).



# ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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## 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 September

Envelopes and loose cash	\$71,653
Credit card online giving	\$25,576
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$45,755
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$54,997
Sunday Collection Offering — September 2025	\$197,981
Sunday Collection Goal — September 2025	\$232,158
Above/(Below) Growth Goal for month	(\$34,177)
Sunday Collection 7/1/2025 to date	\$478,624
Sunday Growth Goal 7/1/2025 to date	\$544,154
Over/(short) of Growth Goal to date	(\$65,530)
Monthly Average 7/1/2025 to date	\$159,541

**Sunday Growth Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30)** \$2,051,175

% of Annual Sunday Growth Goal to date 23.33%

Remaining for this fiscal year Sunday Growth Goal **\$1,572,551**

Capital needs restricted gifts were \$2,066 this past month. We are grateful to those who recognize the need and responded.

### 2025 Diocesan Appeal as of 10/6/25

	2025	2024 (final)	2024 Final vs. Current
Parish Appeal Goal*	\$170,100	\$157,500	\$12,600
Parish Amount Pledged	\$201,058	\$212,709	(\$11,651)
Unpaid pledges	\$13,730	\$4,868	(\$8,862)
Paid to Date	\$187,328	\$207,841	(\$20,513)
Number of Appeal Donors	563	602	(39)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal)		\$35,239 Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal	

\*Our annual goal for the CMAA is higher this year than for 2024 because St. Thomas Sunday giving was higher in 2024. Thank you for your generosity!

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, October 13, 2025

Offices closed for Indigenous People Day

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025

3:45–4:30 pm	Youth Choir, Church
4:30–5:45 pm	Elementary RE, Ministry Center
6:30–9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
6:30–7:30 pm	Welcome Committee, Cana
7:00–9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9:15–11:15 am	Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center
6:30–8:30 pm	Evangelization Team, Senior Center
6:30–8:30 pm	Leadership Team Formation, Lighthouse
7:00–9:00 pm	Miryam Rehearsal, Church
7:00–8:30 pm	PPC, Cana

### Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:30–8:30 pm	ALPHA, Lighthouse
7:00–8:30 pm	LIFE Team, Gym
6:30–8:30 pm	Legacy Team, Judea
7:00–8:15 pm	RE Elementary Parent Meeting, Gathering Area

### Friday, October 17, 2025

### Saturday, October 18, 2025

8:30–9:45 am	RE at All Saints Academy
9:00–10:30 am	Saturday Men's Group, Judea
9:00–3:30 pm	Mental Health First Aid, Senior Center
10:00 am–12:00 pm	LGBTQ Listening Session, Lighthouse
3:30–4:15 pm	Reconciliation, Chapel
5:30–6:00 pm	Homily Series Gathering with Donuts, Gathering Area

### Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:00 am–1:00 pm	Homily Series Gathering with Donuts, Gym
10:30–11:30 am	Partners in Prayer, Chapel

## Art and Craft Fair ... Save the Date

St. Thomas the Apostle's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Art and Craft Fair will take place Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 am–3:00 pm in the Gym. You will be able to browse beautiful artwork, an assortment of craft items, jewelry, and, this year, even chocolates! Mark your calendars!



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### Church Office and Building Hours

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm  
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*Schedule subject to change.*

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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.

**Matrimony:** A couple planning on being  
married at St. Thomas should contact the  
church six months to a year in advance.  
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Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

**Anointing:** Call 630.355.8980.

**Communion for the Homebound:** Call  
630.355.8980 to receive prayer/Eucharist  
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**Funerals:** Call Lori Culberson, x120, for  
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**Religious Education:** Call 630.305.6318 to  
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**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for  
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Rosales, x138.

**Counseling Resources:** Call 630.355.8980.

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