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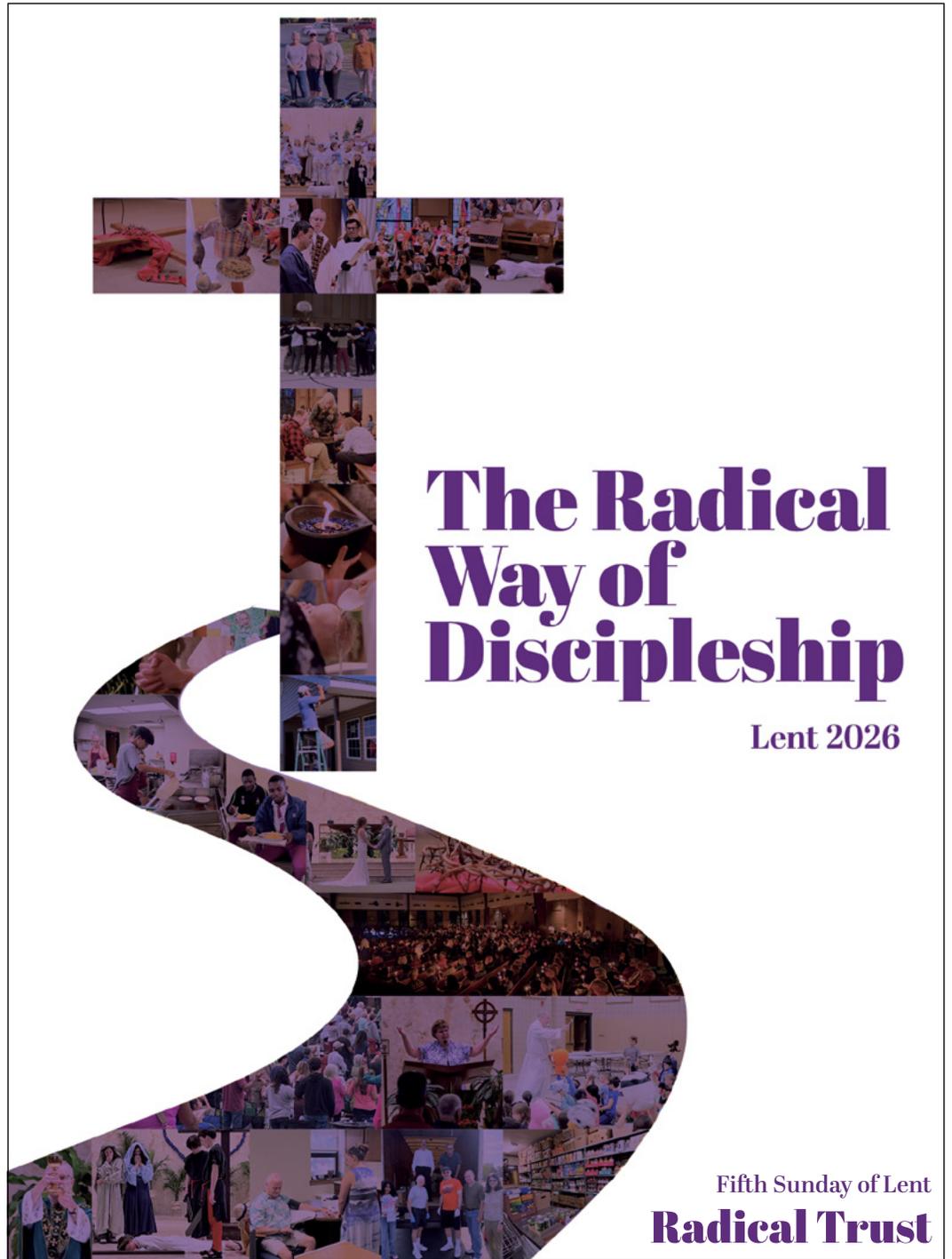
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

*I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land," [says the Lord God].*

*Ezekiel 37:14*

**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.*



**The Radical  
Way of  
Discipleship**

Lent 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**Radical Trust**

**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.

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



## Liturgy and Music 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).

### Parents of Students 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

There is no better way to bring your student closer to God spiritually and physically than having them become Altar Servers. As such they serve both the community as a whole and support their own spiritual life. (Pope Leo was a server!) Mentoring server positions are available for high schoolers that will provide service hours in a leadership position. Please contact Scott Knisley in the Liturgy Office for more information.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church. Prayer, response, song, movement and art will be used to help us reflect on Jesus' greatest act of love for us. Having a simple meal (observing Friday as a day of fasting) and attending this service yourself or with family/friends can be a wonderful Lenten practice.

## Presider Schedule for March 28–29

### Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

### Sunday, March 29

7:30 am: Fr. John Regan

9:30 am: Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Joe Cuzzone

11:30 am: Fr. John Regan, Deacon John Freund

6:00 pm: Fr. Peter Infanger

*Presider schedule subject to change.*



## Easter Environment/Flower Fund

Make a donation to the Easter Environment/Flower Fund in memory or honor of a loved one. Their names will be displayed at the Easter Masses.

Suggested donation: \$10 per name (cash — exact change — or check payable to St. Thomas the Apostle). Submit your order form (available online or at St. Thomas) with payment in an envelope marked "Attn: Flower Fund." Place it in the offertory basket, drop it off at Door A or mail it in. **Deadline: March 25.**

## Daily Readings

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

### Holy Week Liturgies

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 28 — Mass of Anticipation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass\*

11:30 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

#### Monday, March 30–Wednesday, April 1

8:30 am Mass

#### Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, April 2

NO 8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper\*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the conclusion of the Mass, ending with Night Prayer at midnight*

#### Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, April 3

NO 8:30 am Mass

3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross\*  
*Dramatized by the youth of St. Thomas the Apostle*

7:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord\*  
*Liturgy includes communal adoration of the Holy Cross and distribution of the Eucharist*

#### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4

NO 8:30 am Mass

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food baskets

NO 3:30 pm Reconciliation or 4:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night\*

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass\* (Church and Gym)

11:30 am Mass

*\*indicates livestream*



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*The Radical Way of Discipleship* — be part of the journey!

View or review any of the messages and additional resources online at [stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series](http://stapostle.org/st-thomas-the-apostle-homily-series) or scan the QR code:

- Week 1 — Radical Integrity
- Week 2 — Radical Transformation
- Week 3 — Radical Compassion
- Week 4 — Radical Vision
- Week 5 — Radical Trust



We extend a special thank you to our “Continuing the Conversation” speaker, Dr. Theresa Tobin, for sharing her insights on Radical Love.

*Homily Series strives to welcome newcomers to St. Thomas; to help our parish grow in discipleship by focusing on one topic together; and to foster community engagement through post-service receptions. We hope to see you there!*

## Jubilee Year of Saint Francis — Join the Journey

What might happen if we tried to live the Gospel the way Saint Francis of Assisi did — with simplicity, courage, love for the poor, care for creation and a commitment to peace?



The Church is marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Francis (1226–2026) with a Jubilee Year in his honor, and St. Thomas the Apostle is celebrating by weaving the spirit and spirituality of Saint Francis into parish life throughout the year.

Some events have already begun, including our Mass for Healing and Peace February 4 and the Stations of the Cross inspired by Saint Francis. We are also planning a special celebration for the Feast of Saint Francis October 4.

If you have an interest in Saint Francis or the themes of peace, prayer and care for creation, you are warmly invited to help with planning and implementation during this Jubilee Year. Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, April 8, at 11:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle. For more information, please contact Fr. John Regan at [jregan@stapostle.org](mailto:jregan@stapostle.org).

## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 22, 2026

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
People of St. Thomas
- 8:00 am †Janet Fellingham by Ron and Lynn DeNicolo
- 9:30 am †Jean Farrell by Residents of Harbor Chase  
†Teresa Varkey by Kathy Geevarughese
- 11:15 am †Deacon Michael Crowell by Becky Botos
- 6:00 pm †Ping Casipit by Roi Casipit

### Monday, March 23, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Elena Trinidad by Gemma

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Ted McKeown by Joan McKeown

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Bill Scanlon by Dalena Kemma-Kahn

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Marilyn Kerwin by Sue Cornell-Ohl

### Friday, March 27, 2026

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:30 am †Catalino Trinidad by Gemma

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

*Weekday*

- 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm *Mass of Anticipation*  
†Mildred Johnson by Mary Malone  
†William Gayde by Canticle

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

- 7:30 am
- 9:30 am †Mike Updike by Carol Purcell  
†Chuck Buckman by Margie Galvin
- 11:30 am †Chester and Irene Wojcik by Ken Wojcik
- 6:00 pm For the People of St. Thomas



# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## C.A.R.E CORNER

If we attach the label of “Christian” to ourselves, it means that we should always be in the process of transforming our old self into a new self by more closely imitating Jesus Christ in our interior life and outward actions; what St. Thomas a Kempis called “imitatio Christi.” Our goal is to become a Christ mini-me if you will. And that comes with tremendous responsibility. The early Christians were originally called people of “the way” given that Jesus had said “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (John 14:6) When the label “Christian” was used to refer to those who were followers of Jesus, it was intended to be a very derogatory term. It referred to those people whose leader was shamefully executed as a common criminal. And who in their right mind would want to be associated with, much less a follower of, such a person?



By calling ourselves “Christian,” it means we are disciples of Christ. And a disciple is a follower, an apprentice, a student learner. And that learning process takes a lifetime. We are always works in progress. Fortunately God is very patient – and forgiving. To grow in discipleship requires taking on the mind, the speech and the actions of Jesus Christ. So this column is going to explore what Jesus said and did, and what he told us to do, in order to help us conform our lives to the greater imitation of Christ. Meet us back here next week and we’ll get started.



### Save the Date St. Thomas Ministry Fair

The 2026 St. Thomas Ministry Fair is Saturday, May 16, from 5:30–6:30 pm and Sunday, May 17, from 8:45 am–1:30 pm.

All are welcome to celebrate our Ministries and Teams! Join us for food, activities and children’s games and a \$1.00 book sale too!

### Young Adults at Feed My Starving Children

All Young Adults (ages 19-39) are welcome to join together Friday, March 27, starting at Feed My Starving Children from 5:00-6:30 pm, followed by a bite to eat. Scan the QR code to RSVP so we reserve enough spots. Please reach out at ym@stapostle.org with any questions.



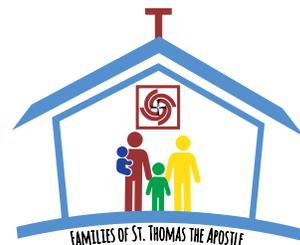
### Families of St. Thomas the Apostle

#### Register Now for 2026 Scripture Safari Summer VBS

Scripture Safari this summer is June 8-12 from 9:00 am–12:15 pm. Registration is now open for campers and volunteers. Scan the QR code to sign up to secure your spot. It’s the most fun week of the year!



Our first Scripture Safari Leader Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 pm. We will announce the theme and start the creative planning for the week. Email Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org if you have any questions, or just come meet us March 25.



#### Church Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Attendance is growing each week with our smallest parishioners in the Church Nursery. What a blessing! This means we need more volunteers, both adults and youth helpers (age 12+) to care for the children during 9:30 am Mass. Any commitment is helpful: once a week, once a month, once every other month or whatever works best for your schedule. If you love working with children ages 1-4, consider giving your time to this ministry to help support young families attend Sunday Mass! Please email Laura Kmec at lkmec@stapostle.org for details.

#### Families of St. Thomas

Join our Facebook group for the Families of St. Thomas. This is a space to stay connected, share events/resources, prayer requests and build community beyond Sunday. Search “Families of St. Thomas” on Facebook and request to join.

# FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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## High School/Middle School Pause for Prayer

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to a time of Lenten reflection Wednesday, March 25, 5:30–6:30 pm at St. Thomas. Students are invited to stay for our Soup & Bread night. Families are also welcome to join us at Soup & Bread night in the Gym, 6:30–8:00 pm. Registration is required. Please scan the QR code. Please reach out to Ann Cotner with any questions, suggestions or feedback at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org),



## Middle School Faith Formation

### Upcoming Saturday Sessions

Last class April 11

### Upcoming Monday Sessions

March 23, last class April 13

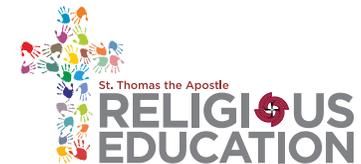
Please reach out to Ann Cotner at [acotner@stapostle.org](mailto:acotner@stapostle.org) with any questions, suggestions or feedback.



## KNOWN Middle School Youth Rally

Our middle school students had an incredible day at KNOWN, the Diocese of Joliet's youth rally for grades 6–8! Nearly 900 students from across the diocese gathered for a day of music, games, prayer and inspiring talks from emcee Kris Frank, Olympic athlete Jadin O'Brien and musician John Paul Von Arx.

The day focused on the story of the Woman at the Well, reminding students that each of us is known and deeply loved by God. The event concluded with a beautiful closing Mass – an inspiring and faith-filled experience for all who attended!



## Elementary Religious Education

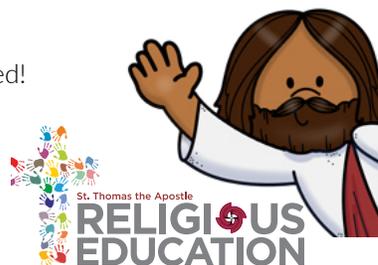
March 24 Class

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



## First Communion News

First Communion Mass selection sign-up has started! Families with a child making their first Communion this spring, who have not signed up yet, please sign up by clicking the link on the Flocknote email that was sent to you.



**First Communion practice:** Saturday, April 11, 8:30–9:45 am or 10:00–11:15 am

First Communion will be celebrated during the Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass and the Sunday, 11:15 am Mass on the weekends of April 25–26 and May 2–3.

## Short Takes

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each week at 9:30 am Mass. There is no registration required.

### Sunday Nursery

The Sunday nursery is open during the 9:30 am Mass. Children walking age 1 to age 4 can be dropped off by a parent/guardian during Mass. No pre-registration required.



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## Lenten “Better than Door County” Fish Boil and Dinner

There are some good things about Lent ... one of them is the Knights of Columbus “Better than Door County” Fish Boil and Dinner.

**When:** Friday, March 27,  
5:00–7:00 pm

**Dinner includes:** boneless cod, fried seafood, potatoes, French fries, vegetables, grilled cheese, salad, coleslaw, rye bread, dessert and beverages

**Cost** (Pre-sale): \$18/adults, \$5/children (6-10)

**Cost** (Walk in): \$20/adults, \$5/children (6-10)

### Three Ways to Register

- Online at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org) or scan the QR code (*available through March 26*).
- Stop by the Parish Office through March 26, cash or check accepted.
- Purchase tickets this weekend, March 21–22, after all Masses.



Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities. Join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious fish dinner and a chance for wonderful fellowship.

## Lenten Project 2026: A Place to Gather, a Beacon of Hope

As this year’s Lenten almsgiving project, we are collecting donations for St. Agnes Parish on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Donations are needed to help to repair and update Tekawitha Hall (their parish ministry center).



To donate, you can take a brown box (found in the Gathering Area and Narthex) to collect your donations during Lent. Boxes should be returned by April 12. If you wish to donate by check, please make check payable to St. Thomas OSJ with ‘Lenten Project’ in the memo line. Lastly, you can donate on the St. Thomas website at [stapostle.org](http://stapostle.org).

Please keep the people of St. Agnes in your prayers.



## Thank you, F3

In February, the Care Pantry received a special donation from the men’s fitness group, F3. We have our very own F3 group at St. Thomas, The Levee, or as some of us know them, “the exercise guys”. F3 stands for fitness, fellowship and faith. Their mission is to provide a space for men to exercise in small groups while building community. There are groups all over the country, but Naperville



has a very strong hub. For their recent Feed the Gloom food drive, F3 donated many boxes of non-perishable food as well as a very generous monetary donation to our pantry. Thank you to Joe Pecoraro and the rest of the F3 guys for choosing our pantry as the recipient for the Feed the Gloom food drive!

## Soup and Bread Night

Save the date! On Wednesday, March 25, the St. Thomas Lector Ministry will sponsor the 31<sup>st</sup> Soup and Bread Night from 6:30–8:00 pm in the Gym. You are invited to show solidarity with many around the world who can only



afford a simple meal (or less) each night. Proceeds from Soup and Bread Night will be donated to the Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights. The Young Center helps unaccompanied immigrant children through the legal system and advocates for the child’s and family’s best interests. Additional information about this important work will be available at Soup and Bread. The delicious soups and fellowship make for a wonderful evening for a good cause. All are welcome!

## Care for Creation: Fasting from Excess Energy Use

This week, Care for Creation is asking, as your Lenten practice, to consider reducing your use of energy generated from fossil fuels. Per a 2022 EPA report, in the United States, 80 percent of the greenhouse gases released during combustion is carbon dioxide. Greenhouse gases are largely responsible for climate change.



As disciples, we can honor God's creation by looking for ways to reduce our use of fossil fuels:

- Calculate the amount of carbon dioxide emissions associated with your household activities. Use the free EPA free carbon footprint calculator at <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/carbon-footprint-calculator>. Understanding which of your activities are carbon-intensive allows you to know where you can take action.
- Educate yourself about Naperville's pending contract to continue purchasing electrical power from the Illinois Municipal Electrical Association (IMEA). Currently, eighty percent of the power provided by IMEA is from coal-burning power plants. You can check out the IMEA and the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST) websites for information.

## DuPage United Update

Twenty-two years ago, 2,000 leaders from 45+ institutions, including St. Thomas, met at Benedictine University to launch DuPage United. DuPage United is still an advocate for change in the county. Over the years, DuPage United has helped to bring about the following changes and improvements in DuPage County:



- The defeat of a proposed county zoning ordinance that would have prohibited places of worship from building or expanding in residential areas.
- Protected and expanded tuition-free English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at College of DuPage, impacting more than 2,000 students.
- Identified financial mismanagement of a government entity, the DuPage Water Commission (DWC).
- Took the lead in getting funding reinstated for the DuPage County Human Service Grants Fund, which has provided over \$7 million to non-profits to assist with food, shelter and other basic needs.
- Was instrumental in getting the village board of Glen Ellyn to approve the sale of hotel properties on Roosevelt (Road) to Full Circle Communities to build affordable housing.
- Directly supported the development of the Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) for law enforcement in DuPage County.
- Supported the creation of The DuPage County Crisis Recovery Center (CRC) which opened September 2, 2025.

In addition, DuPage United has worked on issues of affordable housing, gun safety and traffic safety. Are there changes that you would like to see in DuPage County? Would you like to be a change agent for a more just society? Consider being a part of a group of St. Thomas parishioners working to present ideas for action to DuPage United. Contact Phil Hanegraaf at [philwhane@gmail.com](mailto:philwhane@gmail.com) with your interest and ideas. Watch future bulletins for next steps.

## Fr. Theodore "Ted" Hesburgh, CSC Faith That Engages the World

Fr. Ted Hesburgh believed that faith should never retreat from the world's hardest questions. As a Holy Cross priest and longtime president of the University of Notre Dame, he used his influence not for prestige, but for justice. Fr. Hesburgh served on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, standing alongside leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the struggle for racial equality. His radical service lay in his conviction that Catholic faith demands engagement – intellectual, moral and courageous – with the dignity of every human person. He reminds us that holiness often looks like showing up, speaking truth and staying at the table. He reminds us that radical servants stand publicly for justice, guided by conscience and Gospel values.



## Easter Ham Drive 2026

The annual Easter ham collection will take place March 28–29. Volunteers will be collecting at all Masses except for 6:00 pm. This year's goal is 700 hams! If you forget your ham, you can donate at the collection truck, and one will be purchased for you. This drive will benefit three area pantries in addition to our Care Pantry.

If you know of a family in need of food, please contact Nicole Hankes at [nhankes@stapostle.org](mailto:nhankes@stapostle.org) or 630.355.8980, x113.



## PASTORAL CARE

### Pastoral Care At A Glance

#### Prayer with a Partner

Every Sunday in the chapel following the 9:30 am Mass

#### Grief Support

Call 630.355.8990, x124 for information

#### Spiritual Direction

Please call Jane Zimmerman in the Pastoral Care office for information.

#### Blood Pressure Screening

April 11, after 4:30 pm Mass,  
April 12, after 9:30, 11:15 am Masses

## 10 Tips for Couples to Communicate Better

Communication is the corner stone of any successful relationship, and for couples, effective communication is vital in fostering understanding, trust and intimacy.

Here are ten tips to help couples enhance their communication:

- **Active Listening:** listen without interruption, reflect before responding
- **Express Feelings:** openly share emotions both positive and negative
- **Choose the Right Time:** Avoid discussions when tired, stressed or preoccupied
- **Use "I" Statements:** frame concerns or requests by using "I" not "you"
- **Non-Verbal Communication:** Body language, facial expressions, tone of voice
- **Respect Differences:** Don't try to change someone
- **Constructive Feedback:** Be constructive with suggestions for improvement
- **Establish Boundaries:** Respect each others need for space and autonomy
- **Quality Time:** Connecting without distractions
- **Regular Check-Ins:** Address concerns and celebrate successes together

Source: *SamaraCare Counseling, samaracarecounseling.org*

## "Hope Café" A Loving Look at Loss and Grief

Gathering the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

For those experiencing loss/grief, the pastoral care team is offering the "Hope Café" where anyone can drop in for sharing, prayer and reflection with a warm drink and pastries. The Café will be open once each month. No reservation needed.

Check in at the St. Thomas at the Reception Desk. For more information contact Jane Zimmerman or Annette Kubalanza at 630.355.8980 in the Pastoral Care office.



## Ministry of Care

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.

If you would like to be a part of this necessary and dynamic ministry, contact Annette at 630.355.8980, x124 or akubalanza@stapostle.org.



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 January 2026	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$59,140
Credit card online giving	\$24,322
Automatic Direct Debit (5 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> each month)	\$47,111
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$53,338
Sunday Collection Offering – January 2026	\$183,911
Sunday Collection Goal – January 2026	\$198,175
Above/(Below) Goal for month	<b>(\$14,264)</b>
Sunday Collection 7/1/25 through 1/31/26	\$1,243,661
Sunday Goal for 7/1/25 through 1/31/26	\$1,289,607
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 1/31/26	<b>(\$45,946)</b>

## What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship.” (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

- **Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience.** It is concerned with a person’s actual experience of a relationship with God.
- **Spiritual direction is about a relationship.** The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.
- **Spiritual direction is a relationship that is going somewhere.** God is leading the person to deeper faith and more generous service. The spiritual director asks not just “what is happening?” but “what is moving forward?”
- **The real spiritual director is God. God touches the human heart directly.** The human spiritual director does not “direct” in the sense of giving advice and solving problems. Rather, the director helps a person respond to God’s invitation to a deeper relationship.

For more information contact Jane Zimmerman, Pastoral Care Associate, at 630.355.8980, x108.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 23, 2026

7:00–8:15 pm Middle School RE, Ministry Center  
7:00–8:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Center

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

12:00–12:30 pm Lent Meditation, Chapel  
3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir Church  
4:30–5:45 pm Elementary RE, Ministry Center  
6:30–8:30 pm Welcome Committee, Senior Center  
7:00–9:00 pm Choir, Church  
7:00–8:30 pm Baptism Class, Galilee

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center  
5:00–7:30 pm HS/MS Lenten Prayer and Soup Night, Lighthouse  
6:30–8:00 pm Soup and Bread Night, Gym  
7:00–8:30 pm IJI, Senior Center

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center  
6:30–8:30 pm LIFE Community Night, Youth Center  
6:30–9:00 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse  
7:00–8:30 pm Genesis Rehearsal, Church

### Friday, March 27, 2026

5:00–7:00 pm Fish Fry, Gym  
7:00–8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men’s Group, Judea  
3:15–4:15 pm. Canticle Rehearsal, Church  
3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel  
4:30–6:00 pm Ham Drive, Parking Lot

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 am–12:30 pm Ham Drive, Parking Lot  
9:30–10:30 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center  
10:30–11:00 am Prayer Partners, Chapel  
11:00 am–1:00 pm OCIA Retreat, Youth Center and Lighthouse



## PARISH INFORMATION



# Welcome

Thank you for joining us.

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### Church Office and Building Hours

Regular hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm  
Monday through Thursday and  
8:30 am–12:30 pm Friday.  
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**Matrimony:** A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church nine months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call Diane McQueen, x101, to schedule.

**Anointing:** Call 630.355.8980.

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**Funerals:** Call Lori Culberson, x120, for pre-planning or immediate need.

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**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith should call Chari Rosales, x138.

**Counseling Resources:** Call 630.355.8980.

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