



SEPTEMBER
20
2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Lord is near to all
who call upon him.*

Psalm 145

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.*



Umbrellas for Peace



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 and 11:15 am

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. No 6:00 pm Mass during the Summer months

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Liturgy and Music News

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

Voices of Faith Returns

After a much-deserved summer break, Voices of Faith — St. Thomas' large adult choir — will return to the 9:30 am Mass in September! The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and provides beautiful music for the 9:30 am Mass, as well as special liturgies and concerts throughout the year. Voices of Faith is truly a family: we pray together, sing together and care for one another so very well. If you love to sing or play an instrument and are looking for a place to share your gifts, grow in faith and become part of a wonderful community, we would love to welcome you! Please contact the Liturgy Office for more information.

Youth Choir

The St. Thomas Youth Choir, open to children in grades 2–7, will soon come together for a new season of music and ministry! The choir offers a wonderful opportunity for children to take a more active role in the liturgy while developing vocal technique, musicianship and confidence. For more information or to register, contact Jessica Koch in the Liturgy Office.

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!

Please give a warm welcome to: Kenneth and Paula Januszyk and Yamilka Nunez and family

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

Beware of Scams!

We have had some reports of parishioners receiving suspicious emails from what appears to be Fr. Peter. Upon closer examination, they are not. A few things to keep in mind:

- We will never ask you to do something secret.
- Check the email address versus the email address in the church bulletin.
- Watch for odd or incorrect wording or anything that looks suspicious.

If you ever have a question, please call the church office.

Daily Readings

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

6:00 pm Mass Returns Sunday, September 27

St. Thomas' Sunday Night 6:00 pm Mass resumes September 27 ... and we need you! This is a very upbeat, lively Mass geared for youth and the young at heart. We are in particular need of middle school and high school aged teens to be lectors, hospitality ministers, singers and musicians. If interested, please contact Scott or Lori in the Liturgy Office.

Armchair Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Based on his 34 pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Fr. Bob is offering an armchair pilgrimage featuring slides, songs, explanations, lunch and Eucharist— no passport needed.

The event will be held Wednesday, October 21, from 9:30 am–3:00 pm at the Carmelite Spiritual Center. Register at www.carmelitespiritualcenter.org or 630.969.4141.

Presider Schedule for September 26–27

Saturday, September 26

4:30 pm — Fr. John Regan

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am — Fr. Peter Infanger, Deacon John Freund

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

11:15 am — Fr. Peter Infanger

6:00 pm — Fr. John Regan

Presider schedule subject to change.

Stay Connected with St. Thomas All Week Long!

Follow us on Facebook at [St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville](https://www.facebook.com/St.ThomasTheApostleCatholicChurchNaperville) and on Instagram @stthomasapostlenaperville for uplifting messages, parish event updates, behind-the-scenes moments, ministry highlights and more. Let's continue growing together in faith and community — follow us today and be part of the journey!





The Saint Thomas the Apostle DMI Survey Starts October 4

St. Thomas the Apostle is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.



The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities. That is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Thomas the Apostle. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from October 4–November 8 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
People of St. Thomas
- 8:00 am †Greg Cork by Family
- 9:30 am †Tim Updike by Bob and Donna McLaughlin
†Bill Gayde by Van and Lori Culberson
- 11:15 am †Barbara Jungiewicz by Family

Monday, September 21, 2026

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30 am Elizabeth Griffin — Healing Mass by Mark Griffin

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

- 8:30 am †Mike Saad by Jerry Hayes

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30 am †Mark Goralski by Peggy Goralski

Thursday, September 24, 2026

- 8:30 am †Judy Hernandez by the Mallorca Family

Friday, September 25, 2026

- 8:30 am Judy Zielonka for healing by Ken Wiejaczka

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- 8:30 am Parishioners in assisted living
- 4:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
†Eileen P. Redding by Mary Wright
†Tim Danahy by John and Mary Pat DeYoung

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am †John Wiedenski Sr. by Mary Szczap and Family
- 9:30 am †Aggie Flynn by Delia Lopez
†Kevin Bauler by Kathy Mangan
- 11:15 am †Marilyn Cornell by Angela and Don Coar
- 6:00 pm †People of St. Thomas



FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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C.A.R.E CORNER

As Jesus was undertaking his public ministry, he called various disciples to travel with him and learn from him, so that after he was physically gone, they would keep the faith alive and spread the message of God's continual love for humanity. He called these chosen disciples "Apostles" since they were sent out with a mission. They picked up where Jesus left off and that's how Christianity spread over the centuries.

Our Church today is the product of apostolic succession. We can trace our origins back to Christ and the apostles he formed. He charged them with the mission of continuing to proclaim the Good News and revealing God's plan for the sake of the world. He charges us – the current day Body of Christ – to do the same.

Being members of the Church reminds us that we are in this human life together, as gifts to one another. That means we're here for more than our own private good. We must always be concerned with the common good of others. The Church is the People of God, whose primary authority is God. Therefore, the role of the Church is to bring the kingdom of God into all world orders and to transform them to be more reflective of the nature of God, which can be characterized by mercy, justice, love and compassion, peace and harmonious relationships.



St. Thomas Young Adults

Small Faith Groups

Would you like to gather together to pray, learn from scripture, tradition and each other? We would like to form a young adult small group for the 6-week Journey of the Sacred – St. Francis of Assisi small faith group experience. Email REAdmin@stapostle.org to express interest!

Morton Arboretum

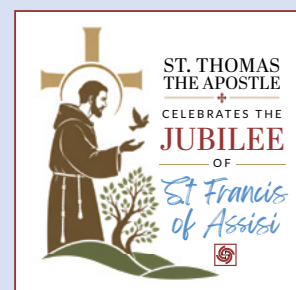
Enjoy nature with a hike, food and community at the Arboretum September 26. Details will be emailed or reach out to Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org for more information.

The Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi

Journey of the Sacred – St. Francis of Assisi

In observance of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, join a 6-week small group experience, gathering to pray, continue learning from Scripture, Tradition and each other, connect faith with life and put faith into action.

Sessions are Wednesdays, September 23–October 28, from 7:00–8:30 pm. Individual participant booklets will be available for a nominal cost. To sign up as a participant or to host a group, please contact REAdmin@stapostle.org or call 630.355.8980, x118.



Celebration of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

- Saturday, October 3 | 4:30 pm | Church
Vigil Mass for Saint Francis followed by a reception in the Gathering Area
- Saturday, October 3 | 6:15 pm | Church
Transitus Commemoration
- Sunday, October 4
Donut Sunday with "Learn More, Pray More, Do More" stations
Mass for Saint Francis at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm
Blessing of Pets at 1:00 pm in the Labyrinth

High School Students

All high school students are welcome Thursday, September 24, from 7:00–8:30 pm in the St. Thomas Gym for a night of prayer, snacks and games. Weather permitting, we will head outside for a bonfire and s'mores. Bring a chair! This is open to all students in grades 9–12.

There will also be an opportunity to sign up for a 6-week Journey of the Sacred – St. Francis of Assisi small faith group experience. In these groups we will gather to pray, continue learning from Scripture, tradition and each other.





Catechetical Sunday

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Thank you to all catechists who are passing faith onto the next generation. Please pray for our catechists.

Prayer for Catechists:

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists.
We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.
Grant them your wisdom that they may grow
in the understanding and teaching of your Word.
Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds
of your Word and lead others to love you.
Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them
to grant them wisdom about what is important;
knowledge of the truths of faith;
understanding of their meaning;
right judgment about how to apply them in life;
courage to persevere even in the face of adversity;
reverence before all that is sacred and holy;
and that loving zeal which leads others
to a transforming encounter with your Son.
We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this Sunday, September 20. This is for students ages 4–Third Grade during the 9:30 am Mass. Children will hear the readings in grade level appropriate language. Please join us.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

We are Hiring!

We are still seeking a vibrant, committed, and passionate Director of Confirmation and Youth Ministry to embrace the teens of St. Thomas community and lead the next generation of Catholics to grow in their faith and become lifelong disciples of Jesus.

The candidate will foster a welcoming, safe and Christ-centered environment where teens can deepen their relationship with God, ask meaningful questions, experience a true sense of belonging and meaningfully prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The ideal candidate has the heart for ministry and the organizational skills combined with strong communication skills to lead and oversee a dynamic Faith Formation program preparing teens for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org for the full job listing.



Faith Formation

Elementary

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 19, 26

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 22, 29

Please reach out to Alison Chandler at achandler@stapostle.org with any questions, suggestions or feedback.

Middle School Faith Formation

Upcoming Saturday sessions:
September 19, 26

Upcoming Tuesday sessions:
September 22, 29

Mark your calendar to hear Ali Hoffman as our guest speaker October 4 followed by a Middle School Community Mass at 6:00 pm.

Please reach out to Ann Cotner at acotner@stapostle.org with any questions, suggestions, or feedback.

Confirmation Preparation

Upcoming Small Group Sessions:
September 27, October 4

Year 1 students

We are looking forward to an evening of team-building Sunday, September 20.

Year 2 students

Sign-ups for your Life Retreat will open soon.

Watch your email for signing up for these important events!

6:00pm Mass Resumes September 27

Join us for Mass, stay for a sweet reception!



Oktoberfest ... Save the Date

Join the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus for a fun-filled Oktoberfest evening with good food for a good cause.

Date: Saturday,
September 26

Time: 5:00–7:00 pm

Place: St. Thomas
Gym

**Tickets purchased in
advance:** \$17

Tickets purchased at door: \$20

Children under 10: \$12

Menu: Bratwurst, pork loin, sauerkraut,
potato pancake, applesauce, soft
pretzel, mixed vegetables and dessert.

Advance tickets can be purchased at
weekend Masses September 19–20.
You can also reserve your meals online,
before September 25, at stapostle.org.



Your Vote Matters

As people of faith, we are called to bring our values of justice, dignity and care for the common good into every part of our lives — including our participation in civic life. Voting is one important way we help shape a society that reflects compassion, peace and respect for every person. If you need help registering to vote, checking your registration, finding your polling place or getting a ride to vote, our Pax Christi ministry is willing to assist parishioners. Please contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or Pax Christi ministry member Mary Ann Rempe at marempe630@hotmail.com so we can help you make your voice heard.

International Day of Peace Prayer Service September 20

Each year, the International Day of Peace invites people around the world to recommit themselves to nonviolence, compassion and peace. This year's theme, "Invest in Peace — For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day," honors the everyday people in schools, neighborhoods and local communities who help build a more peaceful world.

The International Day of Peace is observed September 21. To honor this day, we will gather for a short prayer service this Sunday, September 20, after the 11:15 am Mass, around 12:30 pm, at the Peace Pole. Please join us as we pray for and envision a more just and peaceful world.

Why All the Umbrellas?

Lamb Umbrellas for Peace is a global art project that invites children and adults to paint, decorate, and personalize umbrellas with images and messages of peace. Instead of focusing on news of war, conflict and aggression, this project encourages people to imagine peace through color, creativity, hope and love.

The umbrella is a powerful symbol because it offers shelter and protection. It welcomes everyone beneath it — regardless of race, age, gender or nationality. The canopy becomes a space for hopes, dreams, prayers and aspirations, making each umbrella both a personal expression and a shared call for peace.

More than 900,000 people in 25 countries have taken part in Lamb Umbrellas for Peace projects, creating a worldwide collection of vibrant, one-of-a-kind works of art dedicated to peace.

On September 20, we will mark the International Day of Peace with a prayer service for peace around the Peace Pole. On October 4, as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we remember his call for each of us to become channels of peace. These beautiful umbrella works of art will grace our worship space and building as we remember, celebrate and pray for peacemakers.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, October 2-4

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is an opportunity to surface and release any feelings of anger, shame, guilt or grief. There are many exercises to help grieve the loss of an unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness. The weekend will help transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Post abortive women and men are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled retreat will be held October 2-4. For information, prayer and registration, contact 815.370.8118 or 815.634.3796, www.diojoliet.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Fr. Frantzdy Joseph

Haiti Twinning

Ste. Marie Madeleine

St. Thomas the Apostle

Fr. Frantzdy Joseph to Address St. Thomas Next Weekend

Each September, St. Thomas celebrates our Haiti Twinning relationship with Ste. Marie Madeleine parish in the village of Duchity, high in the mountains of southwest Haiti. Fr. Frantzdy, unable to travel here in person, will offer a video message to St. Thomas.

Haiti Weekend 2026

Fr. Frantzdy's message will include brief updates on the situation in Haiti, efforts in education and an update on the school lunch program.

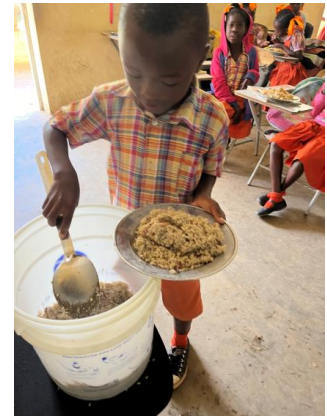
Education

Education is the key. We continue to help assure quality teachers for St. Thomas elementary and high schools. Because of your generosity, teachers' salaries have increased over the last year.



School Lunch Program

Gangs control roads from Port-au-Prince and limit the food supplies available in the Duchity area. Prices are inflated. Families are struggling to survive, and children are the most vulnerable. We are trying to provide the school children with a meal each day. For some, it will be the only meal they have.



Special Prayer Request

Over the past year, Fr. Frantzyd has shared several concerns about his health. Please keep him in your prayers. His dedication to the people of Duchity is so evident in all that he does.



Haiti Weekend Collection

The funds collected this year will benefit education and the school lunch program. There are many ways to donate...

- Attend Mass and, as you are able, place your donation (in attached envelope) in the second collection.
- If you are not prepared to donate during Haiti Weekend, use the attached envelope to earmark your donation for Haiti and place in the collection basket any weekend in the near future.
- You can donate by credit card at www.stapostle.org and press the "Giving" tab.

NOTE: Checks can be written to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Haiti" in the memo and sent to St. Thomas OSJ (1500 Brookdale Rd. Naperville, 60563). Note: Checks are preferable as there is a 3.4% charge for credit card donations.

Thank You!

Holiday Card Collection and Signing for Incarcerated Persons

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

St. Thomas Couriers of Compassion is partnering with Companions Journeying Together to collect unsigned Christmas cards and postage stamps and to invite volunteers to sign cards for persons incarcerated in Illinois prisons. This project helps those incarcerated strengthen family bonds and adds some holiday cheer.

Please place donated cards and stamps in the Couriers basket in the Gathering Area now through October 19. Guidelines:

- If donating, place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes.
- Donated cards must be unsigned and not have any glue, glitter, paint, crayon, adhesives, ribbon, cloth, stickers or string. No Mass or Novena cards.

Card Signing: Tuesday, October 20, 9:30–11:30 am at the St. Thomas Senior Center. Treats and coffee/tea provided.

To sign up or learn more about Couriers of Compassion prison ministry, contact Suelynn Hanegraaf at 630.400.3400 or suelynn111@gmail.com or Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, x123. Thank you!

Children's Coat and Hygiene Product Collection For St. Agnes in Manderson, South Dakota

Collecting Through Last Weekend in September

This year the Lakota Ministry has been asked to focus on the collection of specific children's items. These items include:

- Children's coats only, sizes infant to 18/20, can be new or gently used, boys and girls
- NEW underwear, all sizes from 5 to 18/20, boys and girls
- Hats, gloves, scarves, can be new or gently used
- Socks, all sizes from 5 to 18/20, new or gently used, boys and girls

Diapers and hygiene products have also been requested. To donate toward the purchase of hygiene products, please make checks payable to St. Thomas the Apostle OSJ with Lakota in the memo. Checks can be given to Peggy or Nicole in the Outreach and Social Justice office.

The collection ends Sunday, September 27. Please place your donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Hesed House PADS October 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 now asking for donations for Thursday, October 1. If you are willing and able to provide food for October, you can scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org to sign up 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, October 1 before 4:00 pm. Thanks to all who can help.



Sacred Earth ... Sacred Lives Saints Who Loved Creation

Each week during the Season of Creation, our weekend bulletin will feature a saint whose life reflected deep reverence for God's creation. This week, we look to St. Kateri Tekakwitha for inspiration.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was a Mohawk woman who lived in the 1600s. After surviving smallpox, she was left with scars and impaired eyesight. Although she faced rejection because of her appearance and her Christian faith, she remained courageous and faithful.

Kateri was known for her prayer, kindness and service. She cared for the sick and elderly, taught children to pray and showed great love and respect for God's creation. Today, she is honored as a patron saint of ecology and the environment.

Kateri died at the age of 24. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI canonized her, making her the first Native American woman to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

We can follow St. Kateri's example by remaining faithful in prayer, serving others, standing up for what is right, caring for creation and practicing gratitude.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha's witness invites us to reflect this week: "What is one thing I can do today to love God, help someone, or care for His creation?"

You can also find a display of these saints on the bulletin board in the main hallway.



PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS

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A Loving Look at Loss Grief Support Group

Registration is open for the next session of the St. Thomas Grief Support Group, "Grief to Growth." The session begins October 11 and runs for six weeks on Sundays from 10:45 am–12:15 pm in the Resource Center.

For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Kratz, Ph.D., Director of Pastoral Care, at 630.355.8980, x104 or nkratz@stapostle.org. You can also see the Pastoral Care Grief Support webpage at stapostle.org for details.

HOPE Café

The next drop-in HOPE Café is Wednesday, September 23, from 10:30–12:00 pm. Join spiritual director Jane Zimmerman and take some time to quiet your heart and mind in fellowship with others who are traveling this journey of loss. Please contact Jane at jzimmerman@stapostle.org for more details.

Fifty Plus PrimeTime October Event

A warm thank you to Jack Wilson-Beals for an inspiring talk at PrimeTime last week.

Join us for our next event, October 20, at 10:00 am, as we welcome elder law attorney Mary Kay Furiase. Mary Kay will discuss legal concerns as we age. Bring your questions as we explore coordinating life care, trusts, estate planning, legal documents and healthcare advocacy.

This is potluck month. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, entrée or dessert to serve 4-6 people. Beverages will be provided. To register please email Phyllis Wempe at PTregistration@hotmail.com or call 630.728.3227. All are welcome!

Special Event

Fatima Rosary Rally, Saturday, October 10

2026 marks the 11th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally, Saturday, October 10, at 12:00 pm.

As we pray the Joyful Mysteries, we will join with over 20,000 other Prayer Chains created across the country to honor the 107th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances.

All past participants will agree this 45-minute Prayer Event is a most blessed experience. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from, set up along a route connecting both parishes. We'll continue to pray the Rosario en español at Station #7 for anyone interested.

Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for World Peace, Reparation of sins, and Conversion of sinners. For details on the event and to receive the Naperville: prayer packet, email fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com or call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.



Ministry News Ministers of Care

The Ministers of Care Ministry continues to provide compassionate care to our parishioners. Our team provides individual and group Communion in the community. Contact Gary Rufo at 630.355.8980, x124 if you or someone you love becomes homebound, moves to a local assisted living facility or is hospitalized at Edward Hospital and would like to receive Communion. Please contact us if you are interested in joining this meaningful ministry.

Prayers Partners Ministry

The Prayers Partners Ministry following the 9:30 am Mass is being suspended for program review. For personal prayer, please reach out to Fr. Peter and Fr. John, the St. Thomas Prayer Network at staprays4u@gmail.com or contact the Pastoral Care office at 630.355.8980, x104.



ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP



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 August 2026					
Envelopes and loose cash	\$57,824				
Credit card online giving	\$21,071				
Automatic Direct Debit (5 th and 20 th each month)	\$45,972				
Donations from Charitable Giving Accounts	\$17,727				
Sunday Collection Offering – August 2026	\$142,594				
Sunday Collection Goal – August 2026	\$156,251				
Above/(Below) Goal for month	(\$13,657)				
Sunday Collection 7/1/26 through 8/31/26	\$290,389				
Sunday Goal for 7/1/26 through 8/31/26	\$302,683				
Over/(short) of Goal Year through 8/31/26	(\$12,294)				
2026 Diocesan Appeal as of 9/13/26					
	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 vs 2025 YTD	2025 Final	2025 Final vs 2026 YTD
Parish Appeal Goal*	\$178,100	\$170,100	\$8,000	\$170,100	\$8,000
Parish Amount Pledged	\$200,663	\$199,824	\$839	\$240,755	(\$40,092)
Unpaid pledges	\$10,316	\$15,613	\$5,297	\$5,826	(\$4,490)
Paid to Date	\$190,348	\$184,211	\$6,137	\$234,929	(\$44,581)
Number of Appeal Donors	514	560	(46)	597	(83)
Rebate to St. Thomas (70% of funds raised above goal) Rebate used for St. Thomas Evangelization Goal	\$8,574			\$45,380	
*Our annual goal for the CMAA is higher this year than for 2025 because St. Thomas Sunday giving is up. Thank you for your generosity!					

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 21, 2026

6:30–8:30 pm ALPHA, Lighthouse

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

3:45–4:30 pm Youth Choir, Church

4:30–5:45 pm RE K-5, Ministry Center

6:15–7:30 pm RE 6-8, Senior and Youth Centers

7:00–9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Wednesday Bible Study, Senior Center

7:00–9:00 pm Small Group Experience, Lighthouse

Thursday, September 24, 2026

9:15–11:15 am Thursday Bible Study, Senior Center

6:30–8:30 pm High School Community Night, Youth Center and Gym

Friday, September 25, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

8:30–9:45 am RE PreK-8, All Saints Catholic Academy

9:00–10:30 am Saturday Men's Group, Judea

3:15–4:15 pm Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

3:30–4:15 pm Reconciliation, Chapel

5:00–7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest, Gym

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:30–10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word, Ministry Center

12:15–1:15 pm Altar Server Training, Church

4:30–5:45 pm HS Class 2, Ministry Center

6:00–7:00 pm First 6:00 pm Mass, Church

7:15–8:30 pm HS Class 2, Ministry Center

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Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "I am St. Thomas" Program will continue to bring life to our community.

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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome

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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.
The Welcome Desk in the
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8:30 am–8:00 pm Monday–Thursday;
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9:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday.
Schedule subject to change.

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Religious Education: Call 630.355.8980 x109 for Pre-K–5; x121 for grades 6–8; and x117 for high school.

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Counseling Resources: Call 630.355.8980.

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