



Blessed
to be a blessing

Rooted in Family

At St. Thomas, we believe faith is nurtured most deeply within the family. Our mission is to accompany families at every stage of life, creating opportunities to encounter Christ, grow in discipleship and build meaningful relationships within our parish community.

Throughout the year, our ministries continued to support families from their earliest years of faith. During Sunday Mass, Little Sheep Club welcomed children ages 1-4 into a safe, loving environment where they could play, learn and begin experiencing the joy of belonging to our parish while their families worshipped. We are especially grateful to Lisa Wehr and the dedicated volunteers who faithfully serve this ministry.

During the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, children in PreK through Third Grade gathered for Children's Liturgy of the Word, where they heard and reflected on the Gospel at an age-appropriate level. Their enthusiasm and curiosity continue to remind us that faith is planted early and grows through the witness of a caring community.

Our Family Faith Activities provided opportunities for families to pray, learn and celebrate together throughout the liturgical year. From Advent and Lent to our Summer Kickoff and Back-to-School events, families shared food, fellowship and hands-on activities that equipped them to continue their faith journey at home. They created Jesse Tree blocks, Stations of the Cross prayer boxes and summer prayer pinwheels, discovering simple ways to make prayer a regular part of family life.

Elementary Faith Formation classes continued with another great year. These classes provide children with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with Christ. Fifty-nine children celebrated the sacrament of First Communion and 65 children received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. These milestones were made possible through the generosity of our catechists, aides and volunteers, whose faithful witness inspires the next generation of missionary disciples.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word



Lenten Family Faith Activity



Family Faith Craft



Back to School Mass



First Communion

Summer kicked off with another successful Scripture Safari Summer VBS, themed Wonderfully Made: God's Masterpiece (Psalm 139). There were 118 children, 67 teens and 38 adults who participated in a week of faith-filled learning, music, crafts, recreation and fellowship. The energy and joy experienced throughout the week reflected the intergenerational, vibrant life of our parish and the many ways the Holy Spirit continues to work through all of us.

None of these ministries would be possible without the countless ministry leaders, catechists and families who generously share their time, talents and faith. Together, they help make St. Thomas a parish where families are welcomed, children are formed in faith and every generation is invited to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Missionary Discipleship and Evangelization

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.

~ St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Mission Statement

Guided by our mission, St. Thomas continues to build a culture of evangelization rooted in inviting, listening, accompanying, belonging, praying, forming, empowering and sending. This past year, the Evangelization and Discipleship Director and Team focused on forming leaders through opportunities such as the Belonging and Hospitality Workshop and a leader formation morning. An Evangelization Team was established and is partnering with the Faith and Spiritual Growth and Parish Life Commissions to strengthen a culture of evangelization across the parish. The team also worked with the Pastoral Leadership Team and staff to develop a vision for evangelization and discipleship moving forward.

The Evangelization and Discipleship Office continues to support Alpha twice a year and has partnered with Adult Faith Formation to lay the groundwork for Small Christian Faith Groups beginning this fall.

At its heart, evangelization is sharing the Good News of Jesus in a way that transforms lives. As we encounter Christ and experience God's love, we are moved to share our own stories and invite others into a deeper relationship with Him.



Alpha Team Members



Making Blankets

Middle School Faith Formation

In our Middle School Faith Formation program, we continue to accompany the students as they transition from elementary school and work toward Confirmation by beginning to live out their faith and become more involved members of our community. The program offers opportunities to grow in faith and community, both in Religious Education classes and in our youth group, CREW (Connect, Reflect, Energize, Witness).



MLK Day of Service



CREW Scarecrow Making

"Being part of CREW helps me understand my faith in a way that really makes sense to me. I love our monthly meetings because we get to do hands-on activities like making scarecrows and doing faith activities which makes learning about God fun and meaningful. Volunteering has been amazing too! Helping with Scripture Safari this summer showed me how I can live out what Jesus taught. Collecting food for Harvest Sunday helped me see how even small contributions can make a big difference when we work together. And reading at Mass makes me feel special, like I'm part of something bigger than myself. CREW isn't just about learning, it's about making faith fun for everyone."

~ Middle School Student

"Raising teens in today's world is challenging at times. I'm thankful for the Middle School Religious Education program and monthly CREW meet-ups that provide my middle schoolers a dedicated time weekly to focus on their faith. Every week, they enjoy seeing the classmates they have met through the years. I am thankful they have another space weekly (outside of church) to learn about and feel God's love. Even if they are tired or having a tough day and aren't enthusiastic about going to RE, they always come out with a smile."

~ Middle School Parent



CREW July Food Drive



Confirmation

High School Faith Formation

As we accompany our high school students toward Confirmation, we see the transformation they make from taking in information about the faith to a desire to live their faith through prayer, worship and service in community with others. Their faith action plans reflect this desire:

"Once I am confirmed, I see myself living out my faith by continuing to make prayer a regular part of my life and staying involved in my church community. I want to keep growing by taking time to reflect through quiet prayer, listening to prayer music and thinking about how I can become a better person each day. I also plan to continue doing service because helping others is an important way to live out my faith and show what I believe through my actions."

~ High School Student



NCYC

High School Students Reflect

"As I receive the sacrament of confirmation, I want to grow in my faith by being more consistent and intentional. I don't want to be perfect, but I want to keep trying even when I make mistakes. If my friend asked me why I am Catholic, I would say it's because my faith gives me my life's meaning, direction and a sense of purpose."



Steubenville

"I hope to make friends and create bonds with people who bring me close to God and encourage my faith rather than discourage it. I also hope to be able to give back to my community by volunteering at soup kitchen or pancake breakfasts. I hope that all of these together will help me to not only keep my relationship with God but better it and make it stronger than it has ever been before."

"After confirmation, I want to grow in my faith by being more intentional. Instead of just going through the motions, I want to actually understand what I'm doing and why. I plan to share my time by volunteering when I can, my talents by helping others and being supportive, and my treasures by giving what I can, even if it's small. Being part of the St. Thomas community means staying connected and giving back, but also taking what I've learned and living it out in the real world."

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation offered meaningful opportunities to grow in faith, prayer and discipleship throughout the year. Through Bible studies, the monthly School of Prayer, Advent and Lenten meditation and learning opportunities on the Creeds and the Mass, adults were invited to deepen their relationship with Christ and discover new ways to live out

their faith. Seven adults entered full communion with the Catholic Church through OCIA, while monthly Baptism parent preparation helped families begin their faith journey together. Additional highlights included Advent by Candlelight, a Book Club featuring Pope Francis' Hope, formation of an Evangelization Team and participation in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. Together, these opportunities helped adults become more deeply rooted in faith and better equipped to share its blessings with others.



OCIA



School of Prayer

Alpha

Alpha is a place where people come together to share a good meal, watch a short video about life and faith, and then have open and honest discussions. All thoughts and perspectives are welcomed. In a world of increasing loneliness, Alpha creates a space for community and connection.

"If someone had told me a few years ago that I would one day be leading tables at Alpha and helping others grow closer to God, I never would have believed them.

There was a period in my life when I had stepped away from the Catholic Church. Yet, no matter how much time passed, there was always a tug on my heart — a deep desire to be closer to God and to feel His presence in my life again.

Then one day, my dear friend Kathy asked me if I would like to attend Alpha. I joined a few weeks into the session, and from the moment I walked through those doors, something changed in me.

Alpha isn't just dinner, a video and table discussions. It is a journey of faith, community, healing and transformation. It is a place where people feel seen, heard and loved, and where the Holy Spirit is at work in ways that are truly remarkable.

Little by little, Alpha brought me back — not only to the Church, but to God Himself.

Some of the most beautiful moments happen quietly. You see

someone's eyes fill with tears as they realize they are not alone. You hear people speak about faith in a way they never have before. You watch walls come down and hearts begin to heal. Watching others grow in their faith and experience God's love has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

Being part of the Alpha team has been just as impactful. We have become more than volunteers — we have become a family. We pray together, laugh together, encourage one another and witness the amazing things God is doing through Alpha. You can feel God's presence among us.

Alpha has changed my life. It strengthened my faith, gave me a place to belong and reminded me that God never stopped pursuing me, even when I had wandered away.

I will forever be grateful to Kathy for extending that invitation, because she had no idea that one simple question — 'Would you like to come to Alpha?' — would lead me home."

~ Rita Villasenor

"Alpha has revived and strengthened my faith through thought-provoking videos and the fellowship of our dinners and small group discussion. I have made many new friends. I feel alive in my faith again and truly connected to St. Thomas through my Alpha friends at mass. In Alpha (and beyond to the greater St. Thomas community), we support one another in uncertainty, in "aha moments", in joy, in sorrow, and always in prayer."

~ Cari Pellegrini



Alpha



Lessons and Carols

“Twenty-six years ago, I came to St. Thomas because I was invited by friends with whom I’ve done liturgical music. It was apparent from the start that being involved in STA’s music ministry was going to be the most meaningful, spiritually-enriching opportunity I had had in a long time. And with the incredible music directors we’ve had over the years, I have not been disappointed. Within a year, I was privileged to start a new small group. Sojourners was born just after 9/11, an experience that shaped our faith statement: We may not always know where we are going in life, but we know and trust that God will always be with us.

Twenty-five years later, having prayed and sung together, shared births, adoptions and marriages/re-marriages, as well as comforting one another in times of sorrow, Sojourners continues to be my primary small faith community as we gather to combine our gifts with the rest of those assembled. There is nothing so joyful as hearing the whole church singing!!!

Most importantly, I am beyond thankful for the impact St. Thomas’s rich, Spirit-filled, warm, loving liturgies have had on my daughter’s faith journey. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!!!”

~ Margo Stone

Inspiring Liturgies

The liturgy continues to be the beating heart of St. Thomas — the place where our community gathers, is nourished by Word and Sacrament, and is sent forth to live the Gospel. This year brought moments of profound joy, celebration and renewal that reminded us of the power of worship to unite and transform.

We welcomed more people into our pews and into ministry, with growing participation at Mass and an increasing number of parishioners sharing their gifts through our liturgical and music ministries. Our largest-ever Mass in the Grass, a standing-room-only Lessons and Carols and the inspiring visit of Fr. Tony Ricard during Black History Month all reflected a community eager to pray, celebrate and grow together.



Minister of Hospitality



Fr. Abel's Mass of Thanksgiving

One of the defining moments of the year was hosting the Diaconate Ordination and the Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Abel Luviano — an extraordinary blessing for our parish and a reminder that God continues to call forth generous disciples from our own community.

Behind the scenes, we also took important steps to invest in the future of our worship. Thanks to

the generosity of donors and careful planning, contracts were finalized for the reupholstery of our church seating and significant sound system improvements, projects that will enrich the experience of worship for generations to come.

Every celebration, every voice raised in song, every person who serves at the altar or from the pew tells the same story: the liturgy at St. Thomas is alive, growing and continuing to draw people into a deeper encounter with Christ and one another.

"I've been a long-time member of this St. Thomas community. As my family grew up, I felt that I had more opportunities to participate in parish activities. I've been involved in many ministries from Religious Ed, Care Pantry, Bread Baking and Eucharistic Minister.

Our parish offers many opportunities for involvement. I feel privileged to be able to serve my community and always be welcomed."

~ Deb Otto



Mass in the Grass



Homily Series

Growing Together, One Message at a Time

Homily Series continues to bring our community together around shared themes that inspire reflection, conversation and spiritual growth. By exploring these topics at the same time, we create a shared foundation that allows us to encourage one another in a specific, focused way. We are grateful for the faithful generosity of our parishioners, whose commitment makes this ministry possible!

During Lent, we explored The Radical Way of Discipleship, reflecting on what it means to be a person of integrity, transformation, compassion, vision and trust. As part of the series, Dr. Theresa Tobin of Marquette University was our Continuing the Conversation speaker. She offered a compelling presentation on how teaching philosophy to incarcerated students and researching the experiences of LGBTQ+ Christians transformed her faith. Dr. Tobin shared that the very people she had been taught to shun were among those who most clearly showed her the radical love at the heart of the Gospel. Those gathered were moved by Dr. Tobin's witness to the deep connection between compassion and justice.

This summer, we began our two-part series, Discernment: Noticing God's Guidance in Our Lives. We began with the stages Prepare the Heart, preached by Fr. John, and Gather Wisdom, preached by Deacon John. For the first time, Homily Series hosted a Continuing the Conversation speaker following the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass. The Lighthouse was packed as Fr. Michael Rossmann, S.J., shared insights on Discernment Through the Lens of Ignatian Spirituality. Participants enjoyed a pizza reception alongside this engaging presentation, and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Michael back in November for the second half of the series. We will then be exploring the stages Prayerfully Decide, to be preached by Fr. Peter, and Review and Refine, to be preached by Deacon Joe.

Homily Series continues to play an important role at St. Thomas as we welcome newcomers, deepen discipleship and strengthen our parish community. It takes a village to offer this ministry, including the work of staff and volunteers, as well as the wonderful stewardship of parishioners. We are truly blessed!

A Thank You

Earlier this year, St. Thomas Cares received a thank you note ...

"I am writing to express how very thankful I am for St. Thomas Cares helping me to repair my car recently. As a single mother, I struggle to make ends meet. Car repairs are so expensive. I didn't mean to not take care of things but couldn't save up the money to get things done. Then, my job closed for two weeks. That really put me behind. If I didn't have my car, how would I work? I am thankful to God for your prayerful assistance and spending so much to pay Ogden Motorcar out of church funds."

When she took her car to Ogden Motorcar, she was told that her car was unsafe to drive without repairs. The generosity of the faith community of St. Thomas makes a real difference in the lives of others. Thank you!



Counting our Blessings

1,847

Hams and Turkeys
Collected

1,790

Care Pantry Boxes Packed
and Distributed

1,060

Boxes Packed from Harvest
Sunday Donations

Justice Can Begin on the Deck

The Outreach and Social Justice Office has been accompanying a man who is homeless, unemployed and currently living in his car — which no longer runs. As you might imagine, his world has grown very small. At times he is hungry for food, but even more so, he is starving for connection.

With tears in his eyes, he shared a simple, heartbreaking wish:

"I just wish someone would invite me to sit on their deck."

We often think of social justice as something that happens in large, public ways — marches, legislation, service projects, organized outreach. These efforts matter deeply. But the Gospel reminds us that transformation also begins in quiet, ordinary moments — in gestures of welcome, in relationships, in seeing one another.

As warmer weather draws us outdoors, many of us will gather on decks and patios — sharing meals, celebrating milestones, enjoying time with family and friends. In these moments, perhaps we are invited to pause and ask:

- Who around me feels unseen or unheard?
- Whose burdens remain hidden?
- Where might I make room for another?

Justice does not always begin with grand action. Sometimes, it begins with an open chair, a simple invitation and the courage to see someone who longs to be known.

These moments do not need to be perfect.

They simply need to begin.

Justice can begin on the deck.

Funding a Dream

A woman reached out to the Office of Outreach and Social Justice with a request that was about more than paying a fee — it was about reclaiming a path forward. Over the years, St. Thomas Cares has walked alongside her and her family, offering assistance at critical moments so she could continue caring for those who depend on her. She shared that her current job, paying \$16.00 an hour, was simply not enough to support her family. But she also shared a dream: she had once worked as a hair stylist and believed that returning to that career could open the door to greater stability. To take that step, she needed to have her professional license reinstated. She had tried to save a little from each paycheck, but with everyday expenses pressing in, it felt out of reach. St. Thomas Cares was able to help by paying the license fee.

We cannot know exactly where this opportunity will lead, but we do know what it made possible in that moment: dignity, encouragement and the chance to pursue a better future. She was excited. She was grateful. And perhaps most importantly, she left with renewed hope — not only that her circumstances could change, but that she was not alone in trying to change them.

Because of your generosity, St. Thomas Cares can do more than meet immediate needs. Together, we can help remove obstacles, restore possibility and offer hope when it is needed most. Thank you for making moments like this possible.



Harvest Sunday

Harvest Sunday

This past year, our country and community were hit with devastating benefit cuts. As a result, many people contacted the Outreach and Social Justice Office wondering how they would feed their families day to day, not just during the holiday season. There isn't one particular story that stands out from this time. Rather, the support from the St. Thomas community and beyond speaks for itself. Hundreds of volunteers distributed flyers, collected food on routes and at Casey's Foods, sorted, packed, loaded and unloaded. Many others gave through Amazon or by drop-off and drive-thru donations. Together, you packed 1,060 boxes — a remarkable increase from the already astounding 726 boxes the previous year. Thank you, St. Thomas, for such an overwhelming response to a seemingly hopeless situation.

Care Pantry

As one Care Pantry client received Easter food and a ham, she shared, "St. Thomas is making so many people in the city happy this Easter." For some context, many regular pantry clients pick up multiple sets of items for their family members. Some pick up food for six additional families. This client picks up and delivers food to her children and other family members downtown. The image of multiple families, even downtown Chicago, sharing a meal that St. Thomas contributed to is truly a beautiful picture. Thank you for continuing to allow the Care Pantry to serve those in our backyard and beyond.

Habitat 2026

The St. Thomas Habitat for Humanity team spent a meaningful week of service in Tutwiler, Mississippi, where they worked on Houses 49 and 50. At House 49, they added finishing touches to the bathroom and kitchen and installed hardware throughout the home preparing it to be turned over to the homeowner, bringing a long-awaited dream to life.

One of the most exciting parts of the week was the work on House 50. Before the team arrived, a storm had damaged the roof tarp. Our volunteers repaired the tarp and then completely roofed the home. Throughout the week, they worked alongside the homeowner, making the experience especially meaningful.

We are grateful for the generosity, hard work and faith-filled witness of our Habitat volunteers. Their service continues to make a lasting difference for families in Tutwiler — one roof, one home and one hopeful future at a time.



Habitat for Humanity

Praying for Peace

On April 11, Pope Leo XIV led a global prayer vigil for peace, calling on world leaders, "Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue."

St. Thomas joined the rest of the world in praying for peace with a service by the Peace Pole. Approximately 50 people gathered and heard these words, "In this Jubilee Year of St. Francis, we remember that peace is not only something we ask God to give. It is also something God asks us to live." That was followed by the challenge to reflect on where God is asking each of us to be peacemakers.

The St. Thomas Peace Pole, initiated by the Pax Christi ministry, is located outside the Gathering Area doors. It is a six-sided stainless steel pole, about eight feet tall. The message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is cut into the pole in six languages: Arabic; English; Hebrew; Haitian Creole, Lakota and Spanish.

With the universal Church, the faith community of St. Thomas also prays, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." Lord, hear our prayer.



Ministers of Care

This ministry continues to be active across Naperville. Ministers visited Edward Hospital patients and 10 long-term care facilities and assisted living communities. In addition, Ministers visited homebound parishioners after surgery or due to chronic conditions. These dedicated parishioners provide Communion services and individual Communion to those they visit, as well as support and prayer. Many have served for decades. Next fiscal year we are working to invite more individuals into this meaningful ministry.



Nancy and Nyssa

Safety Initiative

This year safety consultant Nyssa Aker and safety coordinator Nancy Kratz completed the St. Thomas the Apostle Emergency Action Plan. This document clearly addresses how to prepare and respond to weather, fire, suspicious package and violent situations, among other emergencies. In addition, clergy, staff, liturgical hospitality and receptionists participated in active shooter training lead by the Naperville Police Department. The St. Thomas staff are dedicated to providing a safe environment for work and worship.



PrimeTime Christmas Party

PrimeTime Ministry

The PrimeTime 50+ ministry offered eight programs this year from September through May attended by more than 400 parishioners and neighbors. A planning team of 14 arranged speakers, planned luncheons and offered friendship, prayers and laughter at the events. We incorporated more prayer and faith sharing into our meetings and worked to invite greater participation from attendees during the events. The planning team is determined to meet the parish goal of Intentional Hospitality.

Grief and Loss

St. Thomas Pastoral Care is formalizing the support and programs provided at the Parish by creating a formal Grief and Loss Ministry. This year we held two successful sessions of the Grief and Education Support Group led by parishioner Paula Kosin. In addition, Jane Zimmerman began a pilot program named "Hope Café" after similar programs in the UK. This monthly drop-in experience is provided for those at any point in their journey of loss. Attendees found it valuable to hear other people's stories of loss and to share their own story, or simply to be with others who are experiencing grief. This ministry also reached out to all families who held funerals at St. Thomas, provided one-on-one support and participated in the beautiful All Souls Mass in November.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to be active. More than 50 shawls, chemo caps and blankets were created in prayer by the ministry team. Over 55 items were gifted this year, with a new initiative by the Ministers of Care Ministry bringing items to the homebound. In addition, 40 baby blankets were gifted to children baptized at St. Thomas this year. The team continues to be devoted to providing this service. To gift an item contact the Pastoral Care department.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Detailed Financial Report — Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

	Actual				Actuals
	Church	Religious Education	School	Total	Total
Revenue					
Sunday Offertory	2,061,561			2,061,561	1,962,255
Other Collections	139,179			139,179	131,256
Restricted Donations - Capital Needs	18,908			18,908	23,975
Restricted Donations - Liturgy	83,045			83,045	210,128
Bequests	0			0	17,455
Tuition and Fees & Other RE Revenue		65,357		65,357	82,078
Interest Income on Capital Reserves/Savings	41,823			41,823	47,276
Other Revenue	210,873			210,873	80,207
Total Revenue	2,555,388	65,357		2,620,745	2,554,630
Expenses					
Salaries & Wages	920,034	199,557		1,119,591	1,008,694
Fringe Benefits	288,564	48,826		337,390	299,994
Repairs & Maintenance	32,454			32,454	60,803
Materials & Supplies	99,894	15,505		115,399	151,360
Professional Services	444,664	42,309		486,973	445,308
Insurance	39,859			39,859	37,781
Utilities	88,177	735		88,912	75,757
Diocesan Expenditures	127,176			127,176	115,920
Ministry and Outreach Expenses	35,850			35,850	75,950
Debt Reduction from Operating Funds				0	70,300
Parish Subsidies - ASCA Parishioner Tuition			72,500	72,500	0
RE Textbooks/Curriculum		14,080		14,080	12,616
Other Operating Expenses	46,748	1,039		47,788	189,846
Total Expenses	2,123,420	322,051	72,500	2,517,971	2,544,330
Surplus/(Deficit) Excluding Capital Expenditures	431,968	(256,694)	(72,500)	102,774	

Other Unrestricted Revenue includes \$123,607 in ERC Tax Credits, and Liturgy Revenue includes a one-time contribution of \$40,000.

Diocesan Account Information	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2026
Capital Reserve and Savings	1,598,931	1,221,302
Church Operating Account	47,192	214,326

Capital Expenditures - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (313,348)

We incurred \$313,348 in capital expenditures this fiscal year which were not included in operating expenses. These expenditures include costs associated with replacing A/V equipment and Sound System Equipment, replacing the Air Conditioning Unit in the Church, Chair Reupholstery, and partial sidewalk replacement. Including the \$313,348 in capital expenditures would result in a deficit of \$210,574. Additionally, we do not include depreciation as part of operating expense.

OSJ Financial Summary Report - Fiscal Year ending June, 30, 2026					
	6/30/2025				6/30/2026
	Balance	Revenues	Expenses		Balance
St. Thomas Cares	\$ 98,043	\$ 90,031	\$ (108,832)	\$	79,242
Haiti Twinning	\$ 35,637	\$ 129,454	\$ (118,403)	\$	46,688
OSJ Other	\$ 32,707	\$ 78,273	\$ (94,228)	\$	16,753
OSJ Total	\$ 166,387	\$ 297,759	\$ (321,463)	\$	142,684

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St. Thomas by the Numbers

2,482
households

6,785
Catholic members

99
new families registered

41
baptisms

12
weddings

56
funeral Masses

59
First Communions

31
Confirmations

65
First Reconciliations

510
total enrollment at All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA)

114
children of St. Thomas families attending ASCA

75
high school students in Religious Education

109
middle school students in Religious Education

184
PreK through 5th grade students in Religious Education

185
Scripture Safari participants and youth volunteers

600
(approximate)
Mass celebrations

450
(approximate) music/liturgy ministry members

82
Prayer shawls distributed

2,355
households receiving envelopes

147
blood pressure checks

212
Anointings

Welcome Ministry

The New Parishioner Welcome Breakfast returned this year, bringing 57 new members together with our pastor, ministry leaders, staff and volunteers. With 110 people in attendance, the morning was an opportunity to build connections, discover ways to grow in faith and experience the warmth of the St. Thomas community.

One attendee described it as “a perfect example of radical, intentional hospitality,” while others shared, “I felt a great spirit of community here” and “I was happy to see so many families.”



Parish Life

Parish Life brings St. Thomas to life by creating welcoming spaces to gather, celebrate and connect. From Family Fun Night with Bingo to receptions, Mass in the Grass and more, they roll out the welcome carpet and go above and beyond to make everyone feel at home.



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Everything is gift. As we look back on this past year, we are grateful for the many ways God has blessed our St. Thomas community — and for the generosity of so many who have shared their time, talents, faith and resources to bless others. From welcoming new faces and growing in faith to serving those in need and gathering in friendship, we are reminded that God's blessings are meant to flow through us. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Thank you for being part of this mission and for helping St. Thomas be Christ in the world.

Scan the QR code or visit stapostle.org/upcoming-events/ for more information and to see what's happening at St. Thomas the Apostle. We'd love to see you at an upcoming event. All are welcome!



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