

We are called to share our gifts.

The St. Thomas the Apostle Ministries

If I grow my faith, I will want to serve ... if I serve, I will grow my faith!

~ Fr. Peter, Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle



We are many parts of the body of Christ.

Each part has a role to fill.

Each part is important.

Each of our gifts, shared with others
builds up the Church.

With love and joyfulness
find a place for your gifts at St.Thomas.



We need you! Without you, St. Thomas isn't complete.

Maybe you wonder where you fit in the St Thomas community.

Are you looking to live out your faith more fully?

Could what you are seeking in your life
be found through participation in a ministry?

Let us help you find your place at St. Thomas.

How to use this brochure

Ministry staff were asked to describe what it is like to participate in their activities. Read and discover the opportunities waiting for you.

Contact the staff member listed for more information on general volunteer opportunities and ministries in the most need of your time, energy and talents.

You can also visit the St. Thomas website at stapostle.org/ministries/ or scan the QR code for more details and to sign up.



Worship and Liturgy Ministries

The Worship and Liturgy Ministries of St. Thomas give parishioners the opportunity to be directly involved with the celebration of the Mass. Whether participation is through “behind the scenes” preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioners help our liturgies to become truly life-giving celebrations. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given our community to the fullest extent. From Art and Environment to Sacristan and Lectoring, there is a place for you to serve Our Lord and our community. In addition to these ministries, we also have a liturgical committee and worship council responsible for preparing for the various special seasons of the church year. Adults are always needed as Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality Ministers. Youth are needed to help as Altar Servers.

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Mass at St. Thomas



Art and Environment Ministry



Lector

Music Ministries

The Music Ministries at St. Thomas bring the joy of music into our celebration of the Mass and special events. St. Thomas Music Ministries include adult, children's and teen choirs. Share your love of music and join us!

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Adult Choir



Children's Choir

Elementary Faith Formation Ministries

Are you creative, energetic and find joy sharing your faith with children? The Elementary Faith Formation Ministries provide an opportunity to serve the faith needs of children and their families, PreK-Grade 5. Our programs include Religious Education, Scripture Safari (vacation bible school), and Liturgy of the Word with Children and Nursery Care during Mass on Sundays. Become a Catechist, or provide your creative talents behind the scenes developing religious education activities/crafts as a Grade-level Coordinator.

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Prayer Rocks



Palm Procession



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Middle School Faith Formation Ministries

The Middle School Faith Formation Ministries provide an opportunity to enrich and support the faith of students in grades 6–8 through our Religious Education and Middle School Youth Group programs. Are you open and understanding of pre-teens, willing to share your gifts and time with them? This rewarding ministry will deepen your own faith while providing opportunities for our youth to grow their relationships with God, each other, and our community through service.

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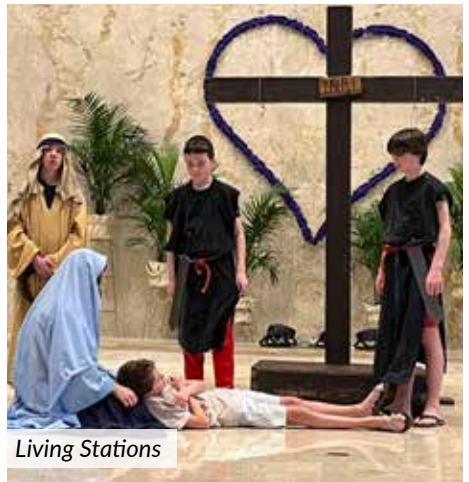
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Teens with Character – Summer Edition



Making shields of faith



Living Stations

High School Ministries

Are you open and understanding of teenagers and creative in sharing faith? Do you have a heart for service? High School Youth Ministries provide opportunities to enrich and support the faith of teens in high school. Opportunities include assisting with Confirmation preparation Small Groups, retreats, Life Community nights, Mission trips, National conferences, Journey Nights and local service and prayer events. Consider leading a Confirmation group, helping as a chaperone for a mission trip, conference or other youth ministry events. Or perhaps you prefer a more behind the scenes helping as an attendance aide, cooking for retreats, helping with pancake breakfast fundraisers or even providing tech or advertising help. Come share your gifts and faith with our teens.

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Young Adult Ministries

The Young Adult Ministries provide opportunities for young adults ages, 18-35 to grow in community and faith through Bible Studies, Faith, Fellowship and Fitness (F3), monthly young adult events such as trivia nights, bonfires, volleyball tournaments, adoration and worship, theology on tap, Top Golf, He is Risen potluck and Stay & Play. We need your ideas and talents to expand our opportunities for young adult service projects, programs for parents with young children, a mom's group, college care packages, YA conferences and pilgrimages. Are you good at planning, brainstorming or socializing? Come be on our Young Adult Committee, help with a one-time event, advertising or child care for YA parents.

For more information

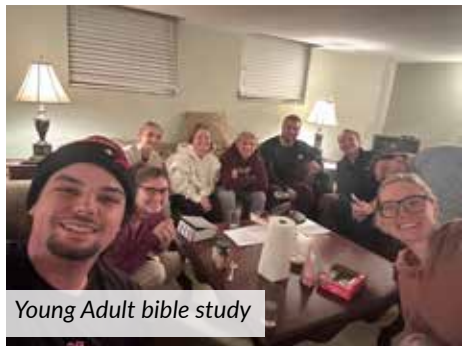
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Faith, Fellowship, Fitness



Young Adult bonfire night



Young Adult bible study

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

For adults, faith formation and spirituality is a lifelong process of growing – growing inward, upward and outward. Are you seeking to deepen and enrich your faith? Grow inward and upward by participating in prayer practices and programs, joining a Bible Study or attending retreats. Grow outward by sharing your faith. Are you willing to share your experiences with people seeking faith? Be an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) catechist or sponsor. Want to help young families get off to a good start? Assist with Marriage and Baptism preparation programs. Do you have a creative spirit? Join in the Celebration of the Arts.

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Advent by Candlelight



Wellspring Presentation



OCIA at Easter Vigil

Pastoral Care and Wellness Ministries

The Pastoral Care and Wellness Ministries at St. Thomas offer programs and services that focus on the total care of every individual in our community. To this end, we provide opportunities that nurture the body, mind, and spirit. In addition, we are always open to offer a listening and quiet presence, provide emotional and spiritual support, and connect parishioners to resources in the parish and in the local community. Are you a compassionate listener? Do you desire to bring Christ sacramentally to those who cannot physically be present at Mass? Can you knit or crochet? Are you a nurse? Do you have a heart for service to seniors? Do you have an interest in educating others about mental illness or assisting in related events? These are just a few of the ways to become active in the Pastoral Care and Wellness Ministries.

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Outreach Justice Ministries

Do you find joy in providing hope to someone who is struggling? The Outreach Justice Ministries give parishioners the opportunity to assist those who are struggling in their current life situations. Volunteering in these ministries is a meaningful way to perform the Corporal Works of Mercy (feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, ministering to prisoners, etc.). Becoming a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer or preparing food for Hesed House are two of the many ways the volunteers in these ministries bring hope to others.

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Harvest Sunday



Lakota Ministry



Habitat for Humanity

Social Justice Ministries

The Social Justice Ministries give parishioners the opportunity to understand and begin to bring about change to unfair systems. Are you sensitive to those who are unable to find affordable housing? The Housing Alliance helps to build community strength and take social justice actions to impact homelessness in DuPage County. Are you wanting to stand in solidarity with those marginalized in our society?

The Inclusive Justice Initiative works to raise awareness, provide education, and support actions that bring about systemic change.

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Care Pantry food drive



Our Lady of Guadalupe



Race Card Project

Parish Life Ministries

Do you enjoy planning or assisting with fun, social events? The Parish Life Ministries strive to fill the emotional and social needs of the St. Thomas parish community through parish-wide activities and events. Helping with Donut/Welcome Sundays or hospitality for the quarterly Homily Series are some of the ways to get involved. Parish Life is a great way to meet new friends and participate in the active life at St. Thomas. Join a committee planning seasonal events such as Trivia night, Family night and parish-wide picnics.

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Parish Administration and Stewardship Ministries

The Parish Administration and Stewardship Ministries offer opportunities to become involved in the behind-the-scenes operation of St. Thomas. Do you have time during the month to greet visitors? Do you have an interest in gardening? Are you financially savvy? Consider sharing your interests by beautifying or maintaining the Church grounds, assisting in the business office or donating your time at the reception desk.

For more information

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Volunteering for other Ministries

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All Are Welcome Invitation

Are you here with family and friends? Are you here visiting?

Or have you come by yourself?

Either way, Christ has come for you, and you are welcome here

Are you having a particularly difficult year?

Has it been a great year, or have you only been able to just get by?

Lonely, afraid, full of joy, either way, Christ has come for you,

And you are welcome here

Single, married, divorced, widowed, gay or straight, young or old,

Rich or poor, unemployed looking for work

Christ has come for you ...and you are welcome here

Are you new here - are you here from another faith tradition,

Has it been some time since you felt welcomed in THIS church?

Or are you a familiar face in this assembly?

Wherever you are in life's journey, know that Jesus Christ has come for you,

You are welcome here today and you are welcome here every day,

*It is in your diversity and in our diversity,
that the body of Jesus Christ is made whole,*

And so my brothers and sisters, you are made welcome



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