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WELCOME TO OUR COMMITTEE ROUND UP!

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Committees for our 150th Anniversary Celebration

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Celebrating God's People in Extraordinary Variety

Welcome!

*Thank you
for offering YOUR help
to plan our*

**150th Anniversary Celebration of
St. Thomas the Apostle PARISH!**

Steering Committee

- ▶ **Candace M. Scheidt, Chairperson**
- ▶ **Paula Jones**
- ▶ **Gwen Anderson**
- ▶ **Rev. Alex Audziayuk, Assistant**
- ▶ **Rev. Elias O'Brien, O.Carm., Pastor**

Welcome!

Thank you for offering your help.

Our Agenda

- 1. Welcome!**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Explanation of the PLANNING COMMITTEES
(slide show)**
- 4. Committees meet to exchange contact
information and set a first meeting date**
- 5. Adjourn**

GOALS of the 150th Anniversary

- ▶ Thanksgiving to God for this church Community!
- ▶ Celebrate the growth and achievements of the parish over 150 years.
- ▶ Create excitement and promote socializing and enjoyment of membership.
- ▶ Celebrate the diversity of the parish.
- ▶ Make the church better known in the diocese AND Hyde Park.

GOALS of the 150th Anniversary

- ▶ Increase parish registrations and welcome back those who have left.
- ▶ Involve many parishioners in planning and celebrations.
- ▶ Inspire financial commitment to physical plant so that buildings are preserved and protected for future use.
- ▶ Poise the parish for future direction and strategic planning for mission and ministry.

Committees that have already formed

- ▶ Steering Committee (Candace, Paula, Gwen).
- ▶ Liturgy - special prayers and hymn (Parish Liturgy).
- ▶ Advancement (Parish Finance Committee).
- ▶ Parish Retreat (Charismatic Prayer Group).
- ▶ Architecture Book and Church Tour Booklet (Sarah Bond coordinates).
- ▶ Pastor-led Pilgrimage to a religious site (Organizer assigned).
- ▶ Parish History Book—(assigned) but helpers needed.

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Anniversary Promotion and Sales

September 9, 2018 and ongoing in 2018-2019

Anniversary Promotion and Sales

Purpose

- ▶ Organize a sales program for promotional items & souvenirs Marking the anniversary.
- ▶ Choose products for popularity and profitability, e.g., tee shirts, pins, Christmas tree ornament, mug, car magnetic clings, etc.
- ▶ Coordinate the sales of family-sponsored street banners. Determine number and placement of them.
- ▶ Keep clear and accurate records of orders, sales, payments, and profit. Issue periodic reports.

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Opera Benefit Promotion and Reception

October 21, 2018

Opera Benefit Promotion and Reception

Purpose

- ▶ Develop advertising with the Music Director.
- ▶ Promote the event throughout Chicagoland area.
- ▶ Assist with the hospitality before, during, and afterward.
- ▶ Organize and serve at the Reception held afterward.
- ▶ Arrange for photo and news coverage.

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Valentine Dance

February 9, 2018

Valentine Dance

Purpose

- ▶ This kick-off event is a Valentine's Day themed DANCE.
- ▶ Plan an adults-only party that will excite the parish about upcoming celebrations.
- ▶ Ideally it should be held off campus.
- ▶ Profit from ticket sales will benefit the Anniversary budget.

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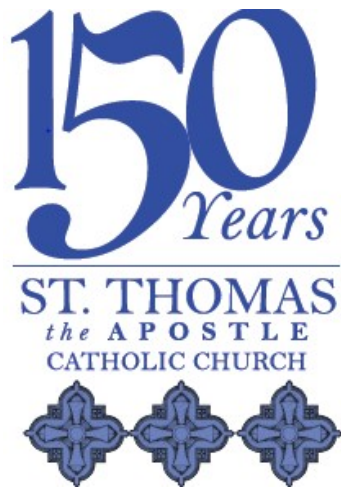
Parish Service Outreach

**Choose dates: July/August and November 2018
and in July/August 2019**

Service Outreach as a Parish

Purpose

- ▶ Plan and conduct at least three Community Service activities as a Parish.
- ▶ The *Corporal Works of Mercy* are a guide.
- ▶ Adults and Youth Groups will participate.
- ▶ The model for this is the “Give Back Day” conducted by Big Shoulders a few times every year.
- ▶ Arrange for photo and news coverage.



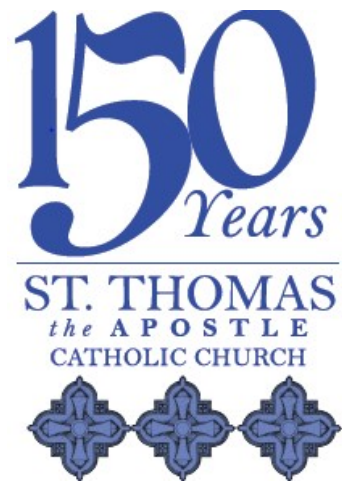
Advent Celebration

**Presentation in church in the afternoon
of December 2, 2018**

Advent Celebration

Purpose

- ▶ Develop a 35-40 minute program that includes Scripture, lively music, a skit, and religious expression with an Advent theme.
- ▶ Provide a spiritual start to Advent for students on the first Sunday of Advent.
- ▶ Involve the School and R.E. directors, musicians, and the Youth Group.



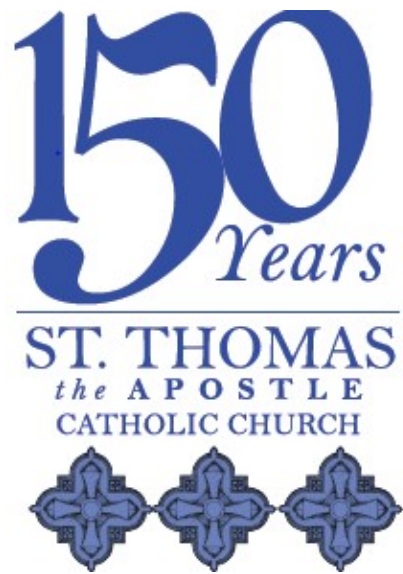
Parish History Dramatized

Presentation on February 1, 2019

Parish History Drama

Purpose

- ▶ Plan a dramatic presentation of the parish history. (decide: a play, wax museum, tableau)
- ▶ The actors will be K-12 school-age children from the parish.
- ▶ Direct the production.
- ▶ Organize and develop: scenery, props, lighting, costumes, and advertising.
- ▶ **Arrange for photo and news coverage**



STA “Un-Sung Heroes”

Completed by December 1, 2017

STA “Un-Sung Heroes”

Purpose

- ▶ Honor individuals who had a significant influence on the parish life over the past years.
- ▶ Committee will determine criteria for choosing individuals.
- ▶ Write a short narrative and/or make a bullet-point description of their contributions.
- ▶ Locate picture(s) of the persons in action.
- ▶ Input will be used in the bulletin, the history book, and/or on a poster.

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Recent Parish History- **Last 50 years**

Completed by September 30, 2017

Recent Parish History-last 50 years

Purpose

- ▶ Conduct interviews with designated parishioners to compile a history of the past 50 years.
- ▶ Record the interviews and transcribe them for the authors of the Parish History book.
- ▶ Separately research and record local, city, national, and church events that have bearing on the parish history.

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Reunion and Reception for Former Religious & Laity of the Parish and School

February 24, 2019

Reunion and Reception for Former Religious & Laity of the Parish and School

Purpose

- ▶ Acknowledge *former* teachers and principals from the Elementary and High School.
- ▶ Provide an opportunity for a reunion with them by their former students.
- ▶ Organize a reunion and reception in the school gym after the Sunday Masses.
- ▶ Arrange for photo and news coverage.

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Ministry Groups RECOGNITION and RECEPTION

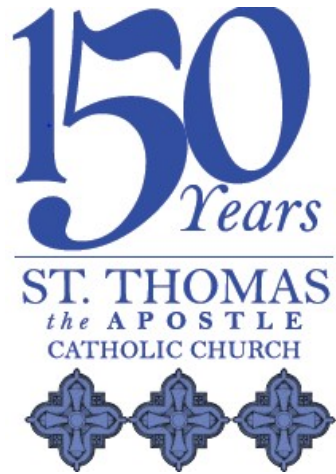
March 3, 2019

Ministry Groups

RECOGNITION and RECEPTION

Purpose

- ▶ Plan a parish reception to acknowledge the various ministries within the parish and their contributions to parish life.
- ▶ Coordinate with the Liturgy Committee for recognition at Mass.
- ▶ Promote and coordinate this celebration to involve all ministries.
- ▶ Arrange for photo and news coverage



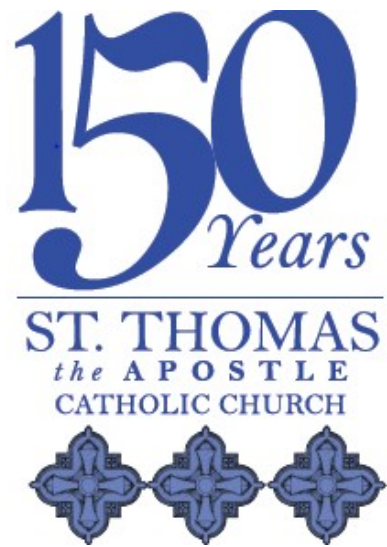
Reception for Priests and Ministers in Hyde Park and Deanery

November 9 or 10, 2018
finalize

Reception for Priests and Ministers in Hyde Park and Deanery

Purpose

- ▶ Plan a reception for invited clergy.
- ▶ Organize the event to include refreshments and a program.
- ▶ Develop a list of guests and send invitations to the clergy.
- ▶ Arrange for photo and news coverage.



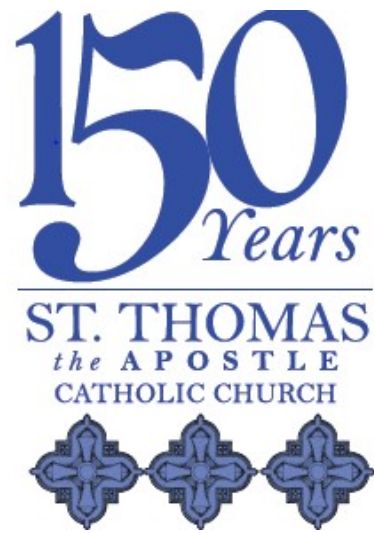
Anniversary Lecture Series

**March-June & October-November 2018
and January-March 2019**

Anniversary Lecture Series

Purpose

- ▶ Make a plan for getting input from parishioners on spiritual themes to strengthen and revitalize our faith community
- ▶ Clarify the logistics of the presentations (when, where, format, specific audience appeal, presenter, cost?).
- ▶ Discuss the rationale for them with the pastor for his support from the pulpit.
- ▶ Confirm presenters and advertise strongly.



Parish Gala Celebration

Saturday evening April 27, 2019

Parish Gala Celebration

Purpose

- ▶ Plan and conduct a totally memorable celebration honoring 150 years of service to the community.
- ▶ Hold it off-campus and include fund-raising for both the school and the parish building fund.
- ▶ Include refreshments or a meal, entertainment, tributes, and a video.

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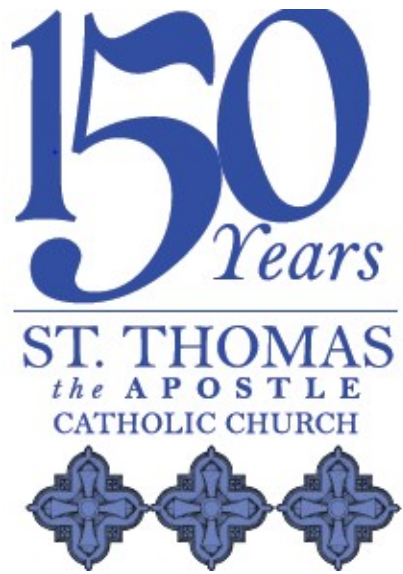
Corpus Christi Procession and Celebration

June 16, 2019

Corpus Christi Procession and Celebration

Purpose

- ▶ Organize a Corpus Christi procession outdoors after the 11 AM Sunday Mass to altars on the campus and/or in the neighborhood.
- ▶ Coordinate the logistics and involve youth as well as adults to work with the Liturgy Committee on the scope of the event.
- ▶ Provide an Ice Cream Social after the services.



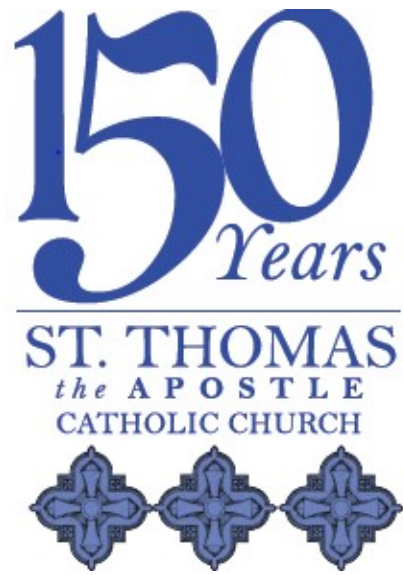
Art and Environment

Ongoing

Art and Environment

Purpose

- ▶ Beautify the gardens around the parish property.
- ▶ Help arrange periodic displays of archival material and memorabilia.
- ▶ Assist the Graphic Artist with mounting the Parish History Wall.
- ▶ Coordinate with the Liturgy Committee and Sacristans to help decorate for special events in the church.

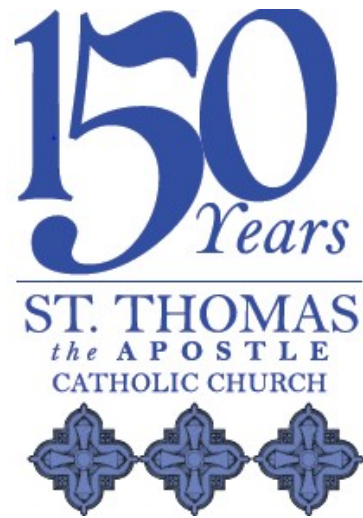


Other Projects

Ongoing

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- ▶ Building Repairs and Improvements
- ▶ Sunday Bulletin Anniversary page
- ▶ Word Processing and recording
- ▶ Clerical Help
- ▶ Parish Membership Survey
- ▶ Mission and Vision Statements
- ▶ Pastoral Planning

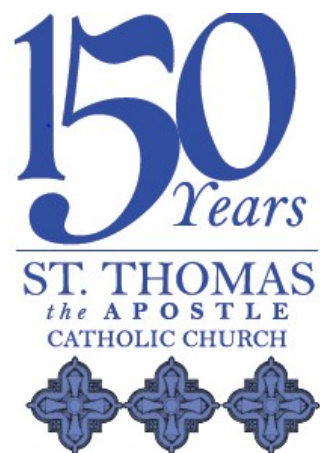


Choose a Committee NOW

Handout

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1. Choose at least one Committee.
2. Meet others in your group.
3. Talk about what excites you about our Anniversary celebrations.
4. Share personal contact information.
5. Arrange your first meeting date and time.
6. Each group shares a copy of your group contact information with Paula.



Expanding Your Committee Membership

Recruit others to join the fun on your committee!

Expanding Your Committee Membership

- ▶ Spread the word! Talk about what you heard here today with others.
- ▶ Encourage others to join a committee and to be involved.
- ▶ At your first meeting, brainstorm ways to expand your committee membership.
- ▶ Another parish ***Committee Round Up*** will take place in May.

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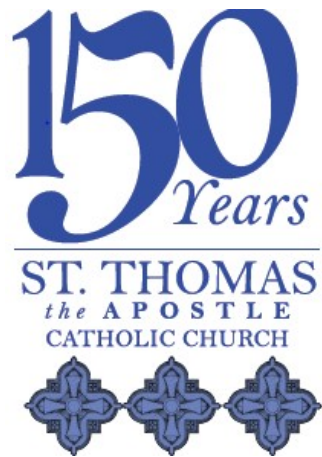


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Paula is the Volunteer Coordinator. She can be reached at the Parish Office:

- ▶ Phone: 773-324-2626 ext. 109
- ▶ Email: pjones@stapostleparish.org
- ▶ Let her know your committee point person and membership as it changes.
- ▶ Arrange meeting room and scheduling with her for meetings held before 5 PM at the parish.



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to help us **CELEBRATE!****

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