

St. Thomas

THE Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"God's people in *Extraordinary* variety"

Serving Hyde Park's Catholic Community since 1869

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Please don't forget the poor boxes.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Mass Schedule

Sunday
8:30am & 11am

Monday-Friday
8:30am

Saturday
8:30am & 4pm

Holy Days
8:30am

Confession

Saturdays, 3-3:30pm.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office.


Marriage

Please make arrangements eight months in advance.

Membership

Please register at the Parish Office

Come visit us at www.stapostleparish.org



Hospitality

Please join us for donuts and coffee in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ♦ Matthew 4:12-23
 †Dr. Herman Neal; †Orelia Sykes

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

Next Sunday's Readings: Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 ♦ Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Hebrews 2:14-18 ♦ Luke 2:22-40

Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are held in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8:30 a.m.

MONDAY, January 27

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 ♦ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 ♦ Mk 3:22-30

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. Mk 3:24

Kermit Hart (Birthday blessings!)

TUESDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

Readings: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 ♦ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Mk 3:31-35

Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother. Mk 3:35

†**Ronald E. Bennett**

WEDNESDAY, January 29

2 Sm 7:4-17 ♦ Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 ♦ Mk 4:1-20

The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. Mk 4:14-15

†**Beatrice Nimpson**, †**Kathleen Hayes**

THURSDAY, January 30

Readings: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 ♦ Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 ♦ Mk 4:21-25

Any one who has ears ought to hear. Mk 4:23

†**Lawrence E. Lewis, Jr.**

†**Rudolph Comeaux**

FRIDAY, January 31

Readings: 1 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 ♦ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 ♦ Mk 4:26-34

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness. Ps 51:3

Carter & King family

SATURDAY, February 1

Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 ♦ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ Mk 4:35-41

A clean heart create for me, O God. Ps 51:12

†**Maris Adalena Comeaux**

†**Dr. Herman Neal**

†*deceased*

NEXT WEEK: Join us for Hospitality featuring STA Domestic Violence Outreach

We invite you to join us next Sunday for hospitality after Mass to learn more about the STA Domestic Violence Outreach. Our DVO ministry provides education and

assistance to the parish community regarding domestic violence. The committee works in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and its mission to provide awareness, services, and prevention throughout the archdiocese. Working at the parish level, the Domestic Violence

Outreach organizes special events, including guest lectures, in the month of October in order to increase education, awareness, and support for parishioners. Additionally, the committee participates in the Annual Archdiocese of Chicago Benefit Gala held in March (see invite on p. 5).

New members are always welcome. The committee meets on the third Sunday of the month at 9:45am in the Parish Hall.

You can read more about Domestic Violence Outreach at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/domestic-violence-outreach>.

This Week's Calendar**SUNDAY, January 26**

9:30am: *Sacramental Prep.*, 2nd fl.

9:45am: *St. Vincent de Paul*, 100

12:30pm: *Charismatic Prayer*, 110

WEDNESDAY, January 29

7:30pm: *Contemporary Choir*

SATURDAY, February 1

Blessing of Throats

3pm: *Confessions*

SUNDAY, February 2

Blessing of Throats

9 : 3 0 a m :

Sacramental Prep.,
2nd fl.

9:45am: *Knights of
Columbus*, Parish
Office


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Charismatic Prayer, 110



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020, January 26—February 1

See pages 4, 6 & 7 of the bulletin for more information.




We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people.

If you have any questions about our parish, look for the members of the Welcoming ministry. They are wearing green sashes and are here for you!

Would you like to become a parishioner? Please contact one of our ushers or call Lisa at the Parish Office, 773-324-2626.



If you or a loved one wish to receive communion at home or in a nursing home, please call Lisa at 773-324-2626, & she will arrange for a Minister of Care to visit.

A Word from Fr. Chris: The Call to Discipleship and Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

Dear parishioners and friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

The theme for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal continues the theme of the past few years, the call to discipleship, the call to follow Christ, and the call to be Christ to others. This year the theme specifies an essential way to follow Jesus by fulfilling his mission to bring healing to our broken world. "come follow me, come help heal our world"

As we think what this appeal supports, something surprising becomes clear to all of us. Whether the contributions go to parishes, schools, religious education, ministerial formation, peacemaking, respect for life, disaster relief through Catholic Relief Services, in large measure this support reaches a new generation of disciples: our young people. These contributions continue their formation in



parishes, schools, and religious education, among other initiatives, in order to equip them to become the healing presence that Jesus wants in this world.

To accomplish our goal to help heal the world, the Archdiocese has requested our support to raise funds for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our target this year, 2020, is \$35,508. As we know, when the contributions exceed the goal, St. Thomas the Apostle will receive a rebate from those donated funds. The rebate will be a good deal to support some of our parish work that needs a great boost.

I wish to sincerely thank each one of you for your support for the Annual Catholic Appeal, a great way for missionary disciples to bring healing that is highly needed in our world today. Blessings. ~Fr Chris.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. You have embraced God's call to never forget those in spiritual and material need. For this we are truly grateful. EVERY GIFT MATTERS!

93 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the critical work of the schools, parishes, agencies and ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. We do not share your information, nor do we sell or rent our lists.

To learn more about ways to give, visit <https://giving.archchicago.org/ways-to-give>.





Dates to Remember

January 26—February 1

Catholic Schools Week!

January 26

Family Mass at 8:30 am

*Current Family Open House
from 9:30-10:45 am*

January 28

All School Mass at 8:30 am

January 29

*Prospective Family Open House
from 6:00-7:30 pm*

January 31

8th Grade Graduation Pictures

February 4

All School Mass at 8:30 am

Visit STA!

Tours and shadow visits are offered for prospective families on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30-9:30 am & 9:30-10:30 am.

Please sign-up in advance on our school's website:

www.stapostleschool.com

*Facebook: @stapostleschool
Instagram: @stthomasapostle*



Catholic Schools Week 2020



January 26, 2020—January 31, 2020

Sunday, January 26th—Faith Is Our Foundation

- ❖ Family Mass—8:30 am—All families are invited to attend. Students who attend in their school uniform will receive a NUT card.
- ❖ Current Family Open House—9:30-10:45 am—St. Thomas the Apostle School—All STA families are encouraged to attend to launch the re-registration process and to meet their child's potential classroom teachers for the 2020-21 school year. The open house will begin in the gym with light refreshments and a brief program.

Monday, January 27th—We Are A Family

- ❖ Dress Down Day—Students may wear STA spirit wear.
- ❖ Motivation Monday—8th grade leaders lead a whole school community activity.
- ❖ Students will write “thank you” letters to members of the STA community.

Tuesday, January 28th—What Makes Us Different Makes Us Great

- ❖ All School Mass led by Kindergarten—8th grade—8:30 am
- ❖ “What Makes Me Great” - In each classroom, each student will decorate a square to represent what makes him/her different and special. Each class will put all of the squares together on a poster paper to create a class quilt! These will be on display in the school's north stairwell.

Wednesday, January 29th—Every Minute Matters

- ❖ All week, students have a goal to come to school on time to earn a dress down day and VIP seating at the STA Olympics!
- ❖ Teacher Appreciation Luncheon—3:45 pm—Thank you, HSA!
- ❖ New Family Open House—6:00-7:30 pm—All STA families are encouraged to invite prospective families to attend!

Thursday, January 30th—Learning Is Exercise

- ❖ Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) - throughout the day, there will be announcements made for all classes to read for a few minutes!
- ❖ Classroom Buddy Activity—Buddy classes will get together to play math games to have fun and practice math skills!

Friday, January 31st—Challenges Are Opportunities

- ❖ STA Olympics for K—8th - 2:30 pm in the school gym.
- ❖ The classroom with the highest percentage of students who arrived on time all week will earn VIP seating at the STA Olympics!

Join Us on Our STA Holy Land Tour

Before our former pastor Fr Elias retired, he had begun to organize parishioners for a second pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Due to a few challenges, Fr Elias was unable to complete these plans to visit Holy Land.

Some parishioners have kept this dream alive and they would be very proud to make the dream come true. I know Fr Elias will be very proud if we make this dream come true.

To help this dream come true to, we have organized a pilgrimage committee that has come up with the following proposal:

“St Thomas the Apostle is planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Honor of our former Pastor Fr Elias on September 14th to September 24th 2020.” With this pilgrimage we will have the opportunity to further our knowledge of the life and passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Registration for the Pilgrimage starts in this Month of January. No payments will be due until the month of March.



The following is the breakdown of the land tour:

10 to 11 passengers: \$3,772

13 to 15 passengers: \$3,522

16 to 18 passengers: \$3,442

19 to 21 passengers: \$3,322

The more people we get the lower the payments will be.

The following will be the major areas to be visited: Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, the Mount of

Olives, Mount Zion, the Passion of Jesus (last hour), and Samaria/ Jordan.

Please pray about it and if God is calling you to experience his divine love through a pilgrimage this year, register in our parish office anytime.

You may email Teresa Vazques who is in charge of the pilgrimage group at the following email: tervazma@aol.com.

Or Call Fr Chris during parish office hours.

We will be posting more information in the bulletin.

~Fr Chris



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

invites you to its

4th Annual Benefit Gala

Churches Say “No” to Domestic Violence
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

The Diplomat West
681 W. North Avenue, Elmhurst IL

DINNER | AWARDS | SILENT AUCTION |
RAFFLES | DANCING

For more information, contact us at:
gala.acdvo@gmail.com



The Hyde Park Kenwood Food Pantry

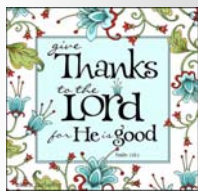
needs able-bodied volunteers for carrying and distributing groceries on Saturdays, 9:30am to 1:30pm. Minimum age to volunteer: 13; maximum group size: 7. We will sign paperwork for high school community service hours. To sign up or for more information, contact Jan Deckenbach, jandeckenbach@outlook.com.



Knights of Columbus News

Next General Meeting: NEXT
SUNDAY, February 2nd,
9:45am, School Office

Any questions about events or how to become a Knight;
please contact Grand Knight Harold Gauthier
at haroldgauthier@gmail.com



Offerings for 1/12/2020

Sunday Offertory	\$4,354.27
Give Central	\$2,188.00
Building Fund	\$320.00
Candles	\$328.81
Total	\$7,191.08

Please Remember in Prayer: Parishioners & friends who are ill:

Estrella Alamar, Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Marilyn Epps, Sebastian Farmer, Fr. Jack Farry, Joseph Foley, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczy, Kathleen Holden, Wm. G. Howard, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Charlie King, Mary Lerps, Mark Lewis, Corrine Lipinski, Linda Loggins, Ruth Magana, Mankowski Family, Maridel Moffett, Norma McCall, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Chris Mureiko, Maribeth Murphy, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, Sr. Jamie Phelps, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Elizabeth Scott, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Coletta Tinley, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak

**For those who have died:
Barbara O'Connor**

Oreila Sykes

May God grant them eternal joy and peace.

Enjoy stories and photos from the past 150 years of St. Thomas the Apostle! Parish History Books are for sale in the Parish Office for \$20.

Feb 1-2	Sat. 4:00 PM	Sun. 8:30 AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers	Wanda Castro (BC) Denise Martic-Echols (CL)	Chudi Obiaya (BC) Curtrice Scott (CL) Donald Ayers (CR) Sharon Dobbs (BL) Jim Rydel (BR) Jacqueline Callery (CL)	Gwen Anderson (BC) Elizabeth Watson (CL) Paula Jones (CR) Betty Brewer (BL) Dorothy Bennett (BR) Lena Williams (CL)
Lectors	Tom Anderson (Lector 1)	Kirk Willis (Lector 1) Vida Benn (Lector 2)	Jacky Grimshaw (Lector 1) Janet Fair (Lector 2)
Altar Servers	Anna Stephanov Kaylee Williams	Kene Obiaya Kanayp Obiaya Naima Walker	Judith Lake Ulysses Marquez-Valcrzuela
Ordinary Minister	Kurt Davis	Kurt Davis	Kurt Davis
Usher	Oscar Lanzi (1) Rebecca Smith (2)	Johnson Sinoiki (1) Claire Lipinski (2)	Athanase Gahungu (1) John Moore (2)



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Catholic Schools Week

January 26 through February 1, 2020 is **National Catholic Schools Week**, the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

What is Catholic Schools Week?

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Catholic Schools Week is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

An annual tradition that began in 1974, Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. (See page 4 of this bulletin for our own STA celebration schedule.) Catholic Schools Week events showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education on both a local and national level. Each year, Catholic Schools Week is celebrated during the last week of January.

Catholic Schools and the Students They Serve

According to NCEA, there are more than 6,000 Catholic schools nationwide. These schools—serving elementary, middle, and secondary school students—are located across all regions, giving many families the opportunity for accessible Catholic education.

The Benefits of Catholic Schools

- The integration of faith with academic subjects, culture, and everyday life
- The emphasis of living out the faith as missionary disciples
- Catholic virtues and values and Catholic Social Teaching, which contribute to productive citizenship and responsible leadership
- An environment that encourages and nurtures prayer and is safe, welcoming, and supportive for children
- A favorable student to teacher ratio

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- High graduation and college attendance rates
- Teacher commitment

For further reading and in addition to these benefits, explore NCEA's *A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools* Info Graphic below.

a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools

