

St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

September 24, 2023

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Welcome!

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, please call or email our parish office.



FROM THE

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of
St. Thomas the Apostle,

I have some office updates to share with you.

Beginning on Monday, September 18th we welcome our new Director of Marketing for the church and school, **Kianda Boyd**. Kianda comes to St Thomas after finishing her work in the State Attorney's office. She is also pursuing a master's in theology at Catholic Theological Union through the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Program.

In her role, Kianda will be doing marketing and communications for both the church and school. Her work will help unify our branding, articulate and communicate the gospel message and parish/school mission, and help promote the relationship between the school and the church internally, as well as our shared message externally.

This is a big step for our parish as it is an opportunity to have a unified message for the parish. Kianda will now be responsible for the bulletin and for social media for both the church and school. Kianda will introduce herself in a future bulletin.

Welcome Kianda!

I also share with you that **Lissa Romell**, bulletin editor for the church, has concluded her time with us after 20 years of service to the parish. We wish her well in her future endeavors and are extremely grateful for the many gifts she has shared with us over the years.

I also share with you that **Alex Audziayuk**, who ran social media and maintained the church website, also completes his time at St. Thomas the Apostle. I also wish him well in his work in Washington DC and offer our gratitude for his technological gifts.

As we continue to grow and maintain our presence in the community, I am rooted in God's providence and guidance that he will be lead us where we need to go.

In all things may God bless our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail



Worship

TODAY'S READINGS: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6–9 ♦ Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18 ♦ Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a ♦ Matthew 20:1–16a

✠Jean Herring and ✠Dr. Maurice Scott

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: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18:25–28 ♦ Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9 ♦ Philippians 2:1–11 ♦ Matthew 21:28–32

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, September 25

Readings: Ezr 1:1–6 | Ps 126:1b–2ab, 2cd, 4–5, 6 | Lk 8:16–18

✠Dasha; Williams Family (special intention); Pat White (special intention)

TUESDAY, September 26

Readings: Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 | Ps 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5 | Lk 8:16–18

Hogarth-Delmas Families (special intention)

✠Eva Marie Villarin (birthday blessings)

WEDNESDAY, September 27

MEMORIAL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, *priest*

Readings: Ezr 9:5–9 | Tobit 13:2, 3–4a, 4befghn, 7–8 | Lk 9:1–6

Lewis Family (special intention)

THURSDAY, September 28

Readings: Hg 1:1–8 | Ps 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b | Lk 9:7–9

✠Tom Bacik and ✠Monica Horvath

FRIDAY, September 29

FEAST OF SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, *archangels*

Readings: Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab

Ps 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 4–5 | Jn 1:47–51

✠Iris Carter and ✠Michael T. Hogan-Thomas

SATURDAY, September 30

MEMORIAL OF ST. JEROME, *priest and doctor of the church*

Readings: Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a | Jer 31:10, 11–12ab, 13 | Lk 9:43b–45

✠Don Charon; Hildegard Ratcliffe (special intention)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Janet Banks, Romulo Barreno, Betty Black, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Elizabeth Copper, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczny, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Angela Jackson, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Corrine Lipinski, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Nate Moffett, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Fr. Leonidas Nishemezewe, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrence Watson, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

And for all who have died.

RECEIVE COMMUNION

At home, in a hospital, or nursing home

If you or a loved one are ill or homebound and unable to attend Mass, Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion to your home, the hospital, or senior facility. The Ministers of Care are fully vaccinated, will wear a mask, and practice other safety measures. We ask that others present also wear a masks. To schedule a visit, call Lisa in the parish of-



office at 773-324-2626.



MINISTERS OF CARE FALL RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

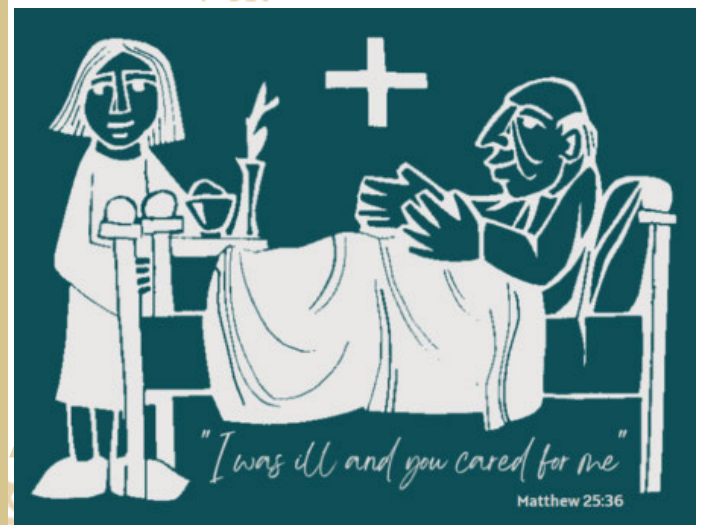
If you are compassionate, prayerful, attentive to others, and yearning to serve the parish and Church in a more profound way, come explore becoming a Minister of Care here at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Ministers of Care, using the Church's rites for visiting the sick and homebound, bring Holy Communion to, pray with, and offer a compassionate presence to patients at UC Hospitals, residents at Montgomery Place, and our homebound parishioners.

We greatly need new/additional ministers to assist with this wonderful and necessary ministry. Our parish has a rich tradition of having a strong presence to those who are sick and homebound.

Training begins on **September 30** with a self-study portion (in-home), which is followed by an in-person session on **Saturday, October 7 from 9AM to 1:30PM** in the parish hall.

For more information and to register, please contact the parish office at 773.324.2626 or email parishoffice@stapostleparish.org.



2023

DISTINGUISHED
PREACHER SERIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 7:00 P.M.
 EVENING PRAYER FOR THE
 DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

Rev. John Kartje
*Rector/President and Associate
 Professor of Biblical Studies and
 Homiletics, University of Saint
 Mary of the Lake*

Saint Thomas the Apostle
 Catholic Church and School

Celebration of the Sacrament of the

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, October 21
during the 4:00 p.m. Mass



UNITY OF POSTURE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

by Timothy A. Johnston, *pastoral associate*

PART IV

In part IV of this series, I hope to wrap up this brief overview or introduction on posture in liturgy. Parts I-III ground the conversation in the Church's liturgical documents and current practice established for the dioceses of the United States. Be sure to read those (available online) before reading Part IV.

The overall point-and maybe too simply stated-for this series is to say standing during the Eucharistic Prayer was the norm up through the thirteenth century when genuflecting (or even kneeling) became standard practice at the words of consecration. As I noted in Part I, it was the US Bishops and their approved adaptation to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* that prescribed kneeling from the end of the Sanctus until after the Amen.

If you go to the original Latin text promulgated after the Second Vatican Council it is clear that "the ancient practice of standing for prayer has thus been restored as the norm, but the thirteenth-century exception (kneeling at the consecration) has nevertheless been maintained." Yes, the Second Vatican Council restored standing at the universal norm during the Eucharistic Prayer. But, the GIRM (without the US adaptations incorporated) goes on to say that Bishops' Conferences should adapt the GIRM to the customs of the local church. Hence, how kneeling in the United States became the norm (see GIRM 43) and why around the world you may encounter varying practices.

Here's a side-by-side comparison of the Latin text with the current English text in the GIRM adapted for the United States.



St. Clement and Others at Mass, c. 1100 © Collegio San Clemente

LATIN ORIGINAL NO. 43	LATIN ORIGINAL NO. 43	ENGLISH ADAPT. FOR US NO. 43
Genuflectant vero, nisi valetudinis causa, vel ob angustiam loci vel frequentiore numerum adstantium aliasve rationabiles causas impediatur, ad consecrationem. Hi vero qui non genuflectunt ad consecrationem, inclinationem profundam peragant dum sacerdos genuflectit post consecrationem.	They should kneel at the consecration unless prevented by the lack of space, the number of people present, or some other good reasons. <i>Loose translation</i>	In the Dioceses of the United States of America, they should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the <i>Sanctus</i> (<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>) until after the <i>Amen</i> of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another suitable cause.

From this, you can see how the US Bishops adapted the text for the Church in the United States as well as how they incorporated parts of the original text.

What is extremely interesting to note, and often overlooked or ignored, is the GIRM states: "However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration" (no. 43). So, while we were in the gym for Mass, it would have been the norm and proper for the entire assembly to bow (not kneeling, as some did, in order to retain the unity of posture as noted in previous articles) when the presider genuflected both after the consecration of the bread and the wine. Again, this note in the Church's law stresses the importance of the unity of the assembly's posture. These things are not left to individual discretion.

For example, the assembly is asked to bow at other times in the Mass, but these too may be forgotten, not taught, or overlooked. One is during the Profession of Faith (Apostles' or Nicene Creed). The "Order of Mass" instructs the assembly to bow "At the words that follow:" *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man* (Nicene Creed) or in the Apostles' Creed during this phrase: *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*. Is this something you practice during Mass? If not, be attentive to incorporate this posture into your prayer.

There are many gestures and postures included in the liturgy and the Church's documents firmly teach that the Body of Christ, the gathered assembly, in its prayer should assume a unified posture. It is clear that one's person preferences or piety do not dictate the prayer posture at Mass and so this is a cause of reflection for all of us. Take a moment to assess the way you are engaging in prayer in the midst of the celebrating assembly. Ask: Is my personal preference trumping that of the needs of the community? Am I in sync with the rhythm of the praying assembly and attuned to how the community prays? I know this short series just scratches the surface, but I hope it sparked some thoughts and opened up some of what the Church teaches and why.



Faith FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Do you have an infant or toddler who is in need of the sacrament of baptism? Are you expecting a child?

Our next baptism preparation session is being held on Sundays, October 1 and 15, 2023 following the 10AM Mass.

Parents who are seeking the sacrament of baptism for their children are asked to attend this two-session course to deepen their understanding of the sacrament and prepare to celebrate it. The preparation course may be taken while you are expecting your child or after your child has been born.

To register for the upcoming session, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

God's Generosity

The [landowner] said, "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?"

Or are you envious because I am generous?"

(Matthew 20:14-15)

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seeking the Lord

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Spreading the Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The laborers in the vineyard

ADULTS: What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

CHILDREN: Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

CONNECTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

The Scriptures on this Fourth Sunday within the Season of Creation remind us that God's ways are not our ways and they invite us to contemplate some of God's Jubilee ways of living on Earth, giving birth to the New Creation.

PRAYING AT HOME

► SING

Litany of the Earth by Barbara Bridge
<https://youtu.be/jlWlthGJd0k>

► READ

Psalm 65; the faithful, aware of its unworthiness, offers praise for God's bounty and victory over creation.

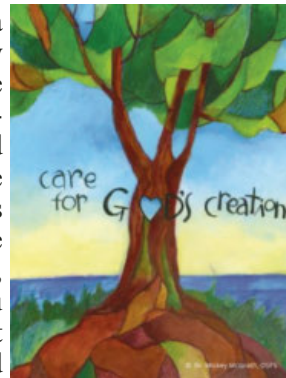
► PONDER THE WORD:

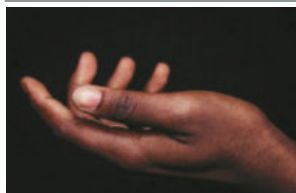
What words, phrases, or images stir your heart from this reading? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what you are to learn and enact from this prayer.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

Care for God's Creation

As with all aspects of social justice and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, there are two feet to caring for God's creation. First and foremost, we have our individual actions that can impact our sphere of influence. Second, we have a call to advocacy and working for systemic change. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to consider five separate areas where change in our common home is occurring. The first area is that of pollution and climate change. In particular, we are challenged to look at a societal trend towards a throwaway culture that embraces single-use products and results in an accumulation of waste. We are also invited to explore the problem of climate change and how human actions may be contributing to the decline of the environment. This week, take time to consider ways that you might be able to reduce actions that contribute to these two areas and learn about advocacy efforts.





Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

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September 16 and 17

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Please contact Allen Hawkins, 630-945-4133 for more details.

PARISH CREATION CARE COMMITTEE



The Archdiocese of Chicago encourages each parish “to form integral Creation Care Committees that reflect the teachings of *Laudato Si’* and here at St. Thomas, we’d like to explore this possibility. We want to learn who within our community would be interested in such an initiative that would help the parish bring to life the Church’s principles of synodality, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Caring for all of God’s creation is a fruitful avenue for bringing new

life across the generations as we find ways to renew our Church together. If you are passionate about the intersectionality of Care for Creation/Environmental Issues and the Church’s social doctrine and responsibilities, then please contact Timothy Johnston at tjohnston@stapostleparish.org.

THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry



is open to give out groceries from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays at the **Hyde Park Union Church** at 56th & Woodlawn.

For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for setting up on Fridays 3:00 pm–4:30 pm and food distribution on Saturdays 9:30 am–1:30

pm. For further information and to sign up, please contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

“Stewardship leads us to recognize, develop, and use God’s gifts within us. We use them to satisfy our own needs and those of our neighbor. The Gospel call to love our neighbor necessarily includes serving other people and there is no better way to do this than by using our gifts in responding to our neighbors needs.”

—B. Evans,

Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call, p. 66

How shall I share my gifts?

Book available from Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

Stewardship

Living a Biblical Call

Bernard F. Evans





Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



St. Thomas The Apostle **FALL BAKE SALE**

Sunday, Sept. 24th
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

**Come in for a
tasty homemade treat**

hosted by the
CHRISTMAS MARKET



**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Families with Young Children

Sunday, October 8, 2023 11AM-1PM
On the Parish Lawn (Rain location: Gym)

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship following the 10AM Mass. Additional details coming next week.

Contact Rosina Hendrickson
at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org with any
questions or to assist in planning this event.

Join us!



9TH DECEMBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH ADVENT DAY
OF REFLECTION



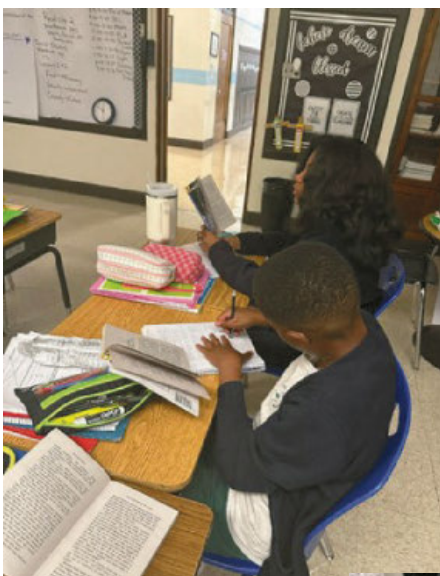
WITH DEACON
SILAS HENDERSON, SDS



Today's Readers...Tomorrow's Leaders!



Our middle school readers have been busy diving deep into their first novels of the year. Our middle schoolers are reading "Freak the Mighty" and "The Outsiders" in Mrs. Pierce's language arts class. They have discussed the topics of point of view and narration in novels. They completed illustrations of the characters based on the book's description. They also are answering questions as they read



to help them monitor their own comprehension as they read. As the novel units continued, they discussed perspective. They examined how the characters see themselves, their initial perspectives of the characters, and how the information from each subsequent chapter changes their perspective of the characters. It is great to see our middle school students excited about sharing during discussions and growing in their critical thinking skills. Mrs. Pierce was excited to share that several sixth grade boys found another novel in the class library that they wanted to read together in a book club! It is so amazing to see them thrive as readers!



Dates to Remember

Friday, 9/29
Spirit Day and Spirit
Snacks Sold



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CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP PERRY!

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, publicized that Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Titular Bishop of Lead. Bishop Perry celebrated his 75th birthday on April 18 of this year. All bishops are required to submit a letter of resignation on their 75th birthday.

Bishop Perry was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1975 for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Pope St. John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Titular Bishop of Lead on May 5, 1998. Bishop Perry has faithfully served the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago for 25 years.

Throughout his priestly and episcopal ministry, Bishop Perry has served in a variety of roles, including

- Vice-President of the board of the National Black Catholic Congress
- Chairman of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on African-American Affairs
- Archdiocesan Postulator for the cause for sainthood for Fr. Augustus Tolton
- Associate Pastor at St. Nicholas, Milwaukee, WI
- Pastor of All Saints, Milwaukee, WI
- Member of the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Instructor of Canon Law at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corner, WI; Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI; Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Bishop Perry has a great love for the liturgy and for the people of God. His prayerful dedication to his priestly ministry has given us a model of faithfulness and provided a witness of his love for God. We are fortunate to have him in residence here at St. Thomas the Apostle and wish him well in his retirement.

With gratitude, thank you Bishop Perry for not only responding to God's call, but for your many years of service to the Church, especially here in Chicago. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill you with the fire of his love.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER?
Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School?
Email admissions@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE?
St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.



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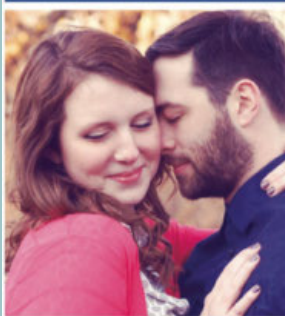
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