



St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

www.stapostleparish.org

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,

For this bulletin article, I just want to say thank you.

In my own prayer I've been drawn towards gratitude to the many who do so much for the parish. People have said to me, "Father, thank you for all you do for the parish and school" but as I reflect I realize that my contribution is so little compared to the many who give so much of their time, talent, and treasure who support the work of the parish.

Am I busy? Yes. However, the only way this parish has been thriving over these recent years and been a pillar of our community is not what your pastor is doing, but through the generosity of so many. Allow me to take a moment to say thank you to some people:

I want to say thank you to the church and school staff. They are the backbone of the day to day operation and words cannot begin to explain my gratitude for their work, leadership, and dedication to the church. These men and women who have dedicated their professional careers in the service to God and God's people. I have learned so much from them and I am honored to work side by side with them every day. I wouldn't be able to do what I do if it weren't for them (and they don't even need me to do incredible work - I just tend to get in the way!).

I am thankful for our school teachers who do the important work of educating our students at the school which is our largest ministry. Whenever I chat with the teachers I am humbled in the way they do their work day in and day out in educating the future. Sometimes it hits me like a ton of bricks: the teachers are *literally forming a generation of scholars and leaders. Incredible!*

I am thankful for the many volunteers who spearhead the various ministries at the church - you do this out of the goodness of your heart and love of God and neighbor. Out of this love, you have sacrificed your time to foster a loving and supportive church community.

Some of you have been doing your service for more than a decade - thank you! I am thankful for those who serve in liturgical ministries as we worship God in the liturgy and thankful for those who serve in ministries for the sake of our sisters, brothers, and friends.

I am thankful for those who give of their treasure who support the needs of the Church through their financial contribution. One of the biggest lessons I have learned as a pastor is to be a good steward of your financial gifts. Your generosity has stirred in me to be more generous in my own contribution to the parish.

I am thankful for those who can't give but still show up. It warms my heart to see connections being made and friendships being formed amongst parishioners. This happens because you all care about one another and show up for each other. In my work as your pastor, I have seen how your friendships have made a bigger impact on each other than anything I could ever do. You show up for each other in good times and bad, in sickness and health, and everything else in between. When I see you all take care of, and care about, each other I am humbled, grateful, and proud to see the community support one another. I am thankful for our visitors who may only visit us one time or may call this their Chicago home, but I am grateful that our community can be a place of welcome to the traveler, the parent or grandparent of a student, or someone who is going through a struggle and just needs a place to quiet their heart and hand over their concerns to Jesus.

Let me be personal in my last point of gratitude: thank you for letting me be part of your life. As a priest and as your pastor, I am humbled to be able to walk this journey with you and I am grateful for the ways you have allowed me to be part of your lives, families, faith journeys, and into your homes. As I've gotten to know you more, I am reminded of my own weaknesses, but also blessed to see how God is working and moving in your lives in beautiful ways.

So with all of that, all I want to say is, thank you. In all things, may God bless our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail



Worship

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

Isaiah 25:6-10a ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd) ♦ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 ♦ Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

✠Dr. Herman Neal ✠Roslyn Pitts ✠David Rotterman

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ♦ Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b) ♦ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b ♦ Matthew 22:15-21

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, October 16

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

Readings: Rom 1:1-7 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Lk 11:29-32

✠Andrea Page

✠Arlene Alexander

TUESDAY, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

Readings: 1:16-25 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 11:37-41

✠Dr. Herman Neal

✠Adolf Sprudz

WEDNESDAY, October 18

Saint Luke, evangelist

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b | Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 | Lk 10:1-9

✠Valerie Williams

✠Lonija Anstrats

THURSDAY, October 19

Saint Paul of the Cross, priest

Readings: Rom 3:21-30 | Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab | Lk 11:47-54

✠Tom Boodell

✠Janina Sprudz

FRIDAY, October 20

Readings: Rom 4:1-8 | Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 | Lk 12: 1-7

✠Jenny & Jennifer Acento

SATURDAY, October 21

The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18 | Ps 105: 6-7, 8-9, 42-43 | Lk 12: 8-12

✠Ann Fennessy



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Granicz, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Manowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, 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, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Richard West, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

And for all who have died.

Arlene Alexander, mother of Jeremy Alexander

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 mask. To schedule a visit, call Lisa in the parish office at 773-324-2626.





Celebration of the Sacrament of the ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

The Church states that "Great care . . . should be taken to see that those . . . whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive the sacrament (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, no. 8).

Any baptized Catholic, over the age of seven, may receive the sacrament if he or she has reasonably judged the seriousness of the illness and remains free of serious sin.

Please call the parish office at **773.324.2626**
if you desire to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing.
Pre-registration is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK II: CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

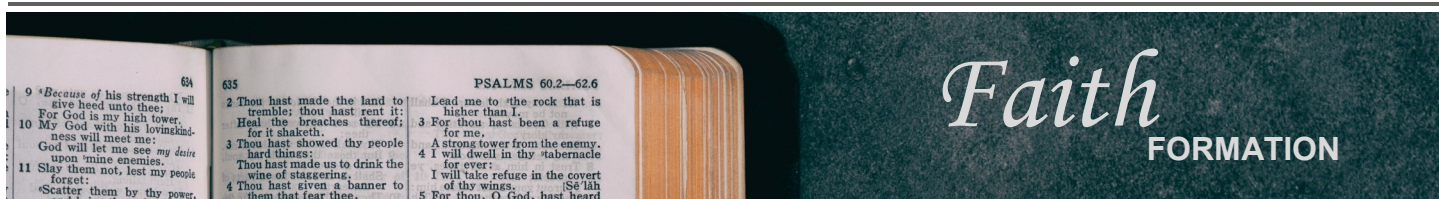
The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is a celebration in which those who are seriously ill or infirm are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home or in the house of the church (for those who can leave their beds and come here). In song and in silence, with scriptures and prayers, we strengthen the bonds of love and faith that are stronger than the most lethal disease and more powerful even than death. The sacrament may be celebrated in the context of a Mass, or on its own, depending on the needs of the person who is sick.

The celebration opens with brief introductory rites that help us remember that God is with us and that we are the body of Christ. Then follows a liturgy of the word, in which we hear scriptures that shed light on the meaning of sickness and suffering and the compassion of our God, who suffers with us. Depending on the needs of the person who is sick, one brief passage or two or three readings and a psalm may be used. A homily may be preached, too.

Then the rite continues. The gathered church surrounds the person who is sick with the prayer of faith. In response to God's word, a litany is prayed. Then, the priest does the laying on of hands, an ancient sign of the moving of the Holy Spirit to heal and save. This is done in silence. Then a prayer is said over the oil of the sick. Finally, the priest anoints the head and the hands, and sometimes other parts of the body (the feet, for example, or the part of the body that is in pain) of the one who is sick. While anointing the sick person's head, the priest says "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." And all answer "Amen!" While anointing the hands, the priest says, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." And again, all answer "Amen!" If other parts of the body are anointed, no words are said. A final prayer is then said.

The liturgy of the eucharist, or simply the giving of communion, may follow. Or the rite ends with a blessing. If you or someone you know is in need of the anointing, please call the parish office.





FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 15, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, November 5 and 19, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.

Order of Mass

THE ORDER of Mass is the script we follow for every celebration of the Eucharist. It contains the words and movements that are repeated at every Mass, from the Sign of the Cross to the Dismissal. It does not include the readings nor any of the hymns. It is the parts of the Mass that stay the same.

The Order of Mass is located in the middle of *The Roman Missal*—the big red book that rests on the altar or in the hands of a server. The Order of Mass also appears in many books and pamphlets that people use to participate at Mass. Most Catholics know their lines very well, though sometimes they consult the Order of Mass for long texts, such as the Glory to God and the Creed. Visitors find the Order of Mass helpful to figure out what is happening when, what words to say, and what postures to adopt.

In the year 2002, the Vatican issued a revised edition of *The Roman Missal*. Although the Order of Mass did not change very much, the publication of this volume in Latin prompted a new English translation of its contents.

New words always cause some initial confusion and frustration. But it is hoped that this new translation and any future adaptations from Rome will help Catholics pray with more attention and understanding.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Living our faith

Jesus said, “Many are invited, but few are chosen.”
(Matthew 22:14)

Isaiah 25:6–10

A feast for all peoples

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

Generosity

Matthew 22:1–14

The wedding banquet

ADULTS: How do you translate your faith into the work of the reign of God?

CHILDREN: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

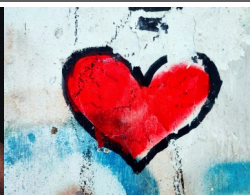
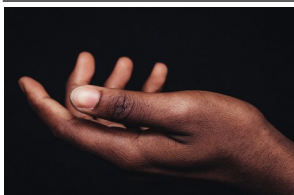


FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

BISHOP, CATHEDRAL, DIOCESE

This month we are exploring the relationship between our parish community and the universal Church. While the individual parish serves the needs of the people of a specific geographical area, we are part of the universal Church. The universal Church is divided into dioceses, which are also known as “particular churches.” The church in the United States is comprised of 176 dioceses, of which 32 are archdioceses. In addition, there is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, a diocese is “a portion of the people of God which is entrusted to a bishop for him to shepherd with the cooperation of the presbyterium, so that . . . it constitutes a particular church in which the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative” (§369). Dioceses are only established by the pope. Within the dioceses, smaller groupings of parishes may be established as deaneries or vicariates. These allow for collaboration, support, and pastoral care through common action among parishes located near each other. St. Thomas the Apostle is part of Deanery VI-B, of Vicariate VI, of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

October 7 & October 8

Thank you all your donation this past weekend. The totals were not available at this time of printing. We will update you on the weekend of October 21st & October 22nd.

Thank you!

Your generosity is essential to the life of our parish family.

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The Knights of Columbus are truly blessed to be surrounded by your abundant love and support. Our annual collection for Intellectual Disabilities exceeded our goal, because of you. We look forward to meriting your trust and confidence.

Children's Stewardship

Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents wisely, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."* (Matt 25:21)

However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they **see**, *not* what they **hear**.

Today many donations to the parish Offertory may be made electronically, monthly, quarterly, or via mail. Thus, children may never actually see their parents give. A child who never sees a parent place an envelope in the Offertory could grow up thinking, *"My parents never gave any support to the Church. Why should I?"*



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.

Using an Allowance To Help Teach Stewardship

We all know that money can't buy happiness. Wealthy people can be just as unhappy as poorer people. Rather, happiness comes from being content with what we have and feeling like we are making a difference in the world. We can put our children on the path to a happy and successful life by teaching them how to use and manage money so that it brings them contentment, fills their needs and allows them to help others.

Financial experts suggest that children should be taught to divide their allowance into three or four sections – to spend, to save, to invest and to donate. **Spending** covers basic needs and wants. **Saving** teaches patience and planning. **Investing** looks to the future. For children this might mean future educational needs. **Donating** gives kids satisfaction by allowing them to be a part of sometime important, like the Offertory.



Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



VOLUNTEER for the

St. Thomas The Apostle CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 11th - 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12th - 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

5467 S. Woodlawn, in the School Gym

- * Holiday Decor * Handmade Delights * Books * Toys *
- * Vintage Treasures * Kid's Activity Corner * Raffle *

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THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 02, 2023
7:00 PM



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

School

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Look no further than **St. Thomas the Apostle School** offers a strong academic program rooted in Catholic values, providing students with a well-rounded education that nurtures both their minds and souls. From daily prayer and monthly mass to boys & girls club and community outreach, our students are immersed in the teachings of Christ and encouraged to live out their faith in all aspects of their lives. Join our St. Thomas the Apostle School family today and give your child the gift of a Catholic education.



Dates to Remember

Monday 10/30
Trunk or Treat



Website

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We Are Looking For Volunteers

Looking for a spooky good time? Join our team of volunteers for Trunk or Treat for Church School! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to help create a fun and safe Halloween experience for our **STUDENTS**. Whether you're a master of crafts or just love to dress up, we have a role for you.

Sign up now and let's make this year's Trunk or Treat the best one yet!
Scan the QR Code on the Flyer and we will see you on
Monday, October 30th at 12pm



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Trunk or Treat



Website

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HEALTHY COPING SKILLS

**Reading a
book**

**Asking for
help**

**Eating your
favorite meal**

Gardening

**Talking about
your feelings**

Gardening

Praying

**Taking a deep
breath**

**Listening to
your favorite
music**

**Learn
something
new**

Exercise

Journaling

**Drawing,
Painting,
Coloring,
Crafting, or
Sculpting**

**Watching
something
uplifting**

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

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The Jesuits

The Passionists

Bishop Joseph N. Perry, in residence

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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 marketing@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.