



St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



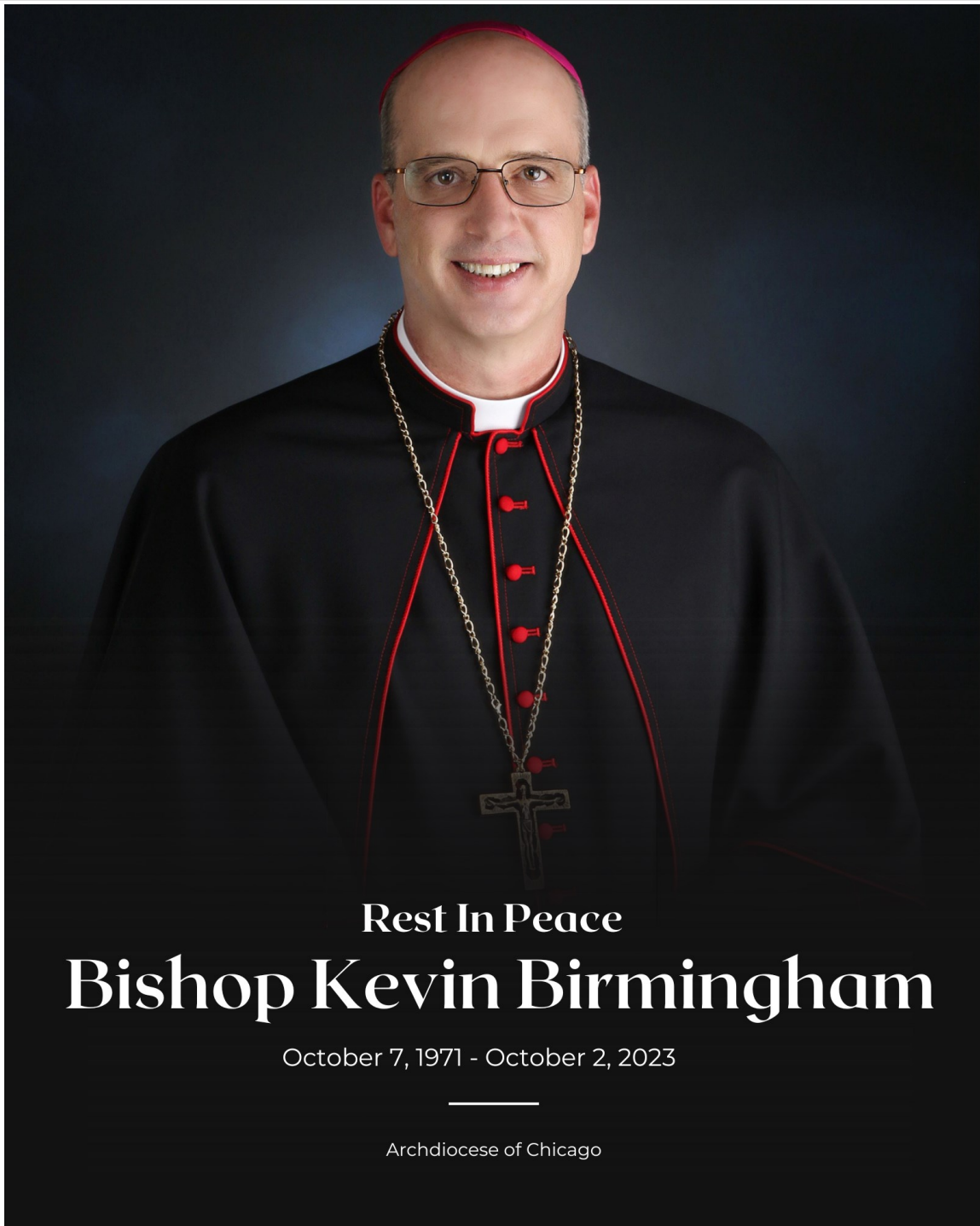
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

www.stapostleparish.org



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our vicariate bishop, Bishop Kevin M. Birmingham. Bishop Birmingham was ordained a priest in 1997 and ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2020 by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich. Bishop Birmingham was a kind and warm priest who loved his ministry and the people he encountered through his various ministerial positions. He will be missed.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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,

Ninety Nine years ago this week, a resident of Hyde Park walking down 55th street passing Kimbark would have seen a very different site than what we experience today. In October 1923, there would have been a Gothic structure facing 55th street and behind it would have been a construction site to build an edifice that was completely different from anything convention at the time would have predicted.

October 12th marks the 99th anniversary of the dedication of our church building. While the parish is 154 years old, this year we celebrate the 99th anniversary of the dedication of our church building. This third building, designed by famed architect Francis Barry Byrne, to the glory of God and the service of God's people in extraordinary variety is a testimony to our continued presence in the neighborhood.

Sometimes, as I drive up to the church on Kimbark, I imagine what the wonder of those walking by 99 years ago experienced as they saw a unique building rise from the ground. The sacrifices that were made by the community under the leadership of Msgr. Thomas V. Shannon to build this place that would bring heaven and earth together in the Mass. In the intervening years the innumerable baptisms, weddings, first communions, confirmations, funerals, devotions, tears, and thanksgivings to God for an answered prayer is something that always causes amazement in my own mind.

The people who have worshiped in this building through the 99 years have seen a city change, grow, struggle, come to terms, and all the while have been able to do it in their spiritual home. Fiery homilies from the high pulpit about social justice, seeing Christ in our sisters, and brothers, and beautiful music which raised our hearts to heaven. When I think about all these things that took, and continue to take place, in this space I remember that we are part of a living history that transcends not only the physical, but the spiritual.

My hope is that next year, October 12, 2024 we can come together in a parish celebration to thank God for being able to pray in this building for 100 years.

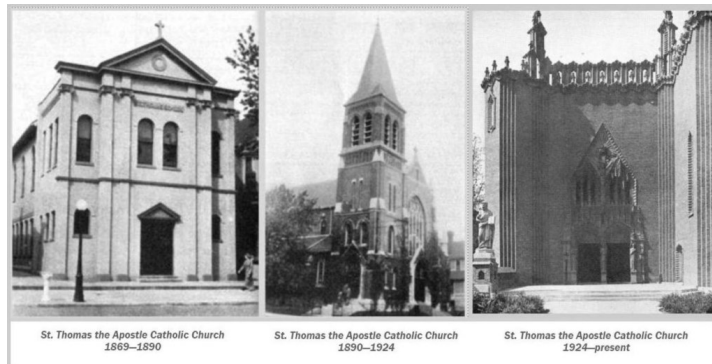
I hope you can join us this Thursday, October 12, 2023 as we celebrate this anniversary with evening prayer at 7 PM and to hear our fall distinguished preacher, Fr. John Kartje. Fr. Kartje worshiped here during his years as a student at the University of Chicago while he was working on his doctorate.

Fr. Kartje is a dear friend of St. Thomas and I know it will be a powerful message.

In all things, may God bless our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail





Worship

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

Isaiah 5:1-7 ♦ Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a) ♦ Philippians 4:6-9 ♦ Matthew 21:33-43

Joakim Tuynh (special intentions) ✠Malcolm Barnett Collins ✠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-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

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, October 9

Saint Dennis, priest

Readings: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 | Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 | Lk 10:25-37

✠Estrella Alamar

TUESDAY, October 10

Readings: Jon 3:1-10 | Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 | Lk 10:38-42

✠Virginia McDivit

✠Will White

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Saint John XXIII, pope

Readings: Jon 4:1/11 | Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 | Lk 11:1-4

✠Wes Talton

THURSDAY, October 12

Readings: 1Mal 3:13-20b | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Lk 11:5-13

🍰 Timothy Johnston (Birthday Blessings)

FRIDAY, October 13

Readings: Bar J | 1:13-15; 2:1-2 | Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 | Lk 11:15-26

✠Dr Herman Neal

SATURDAY, October 14

The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Readings: J | 4:12-21 | Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | Lk 11:27-28

✠Caroline & Frank Bacik



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 Graniczky, 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.

Most Reverend Kevin Birmingham

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.



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

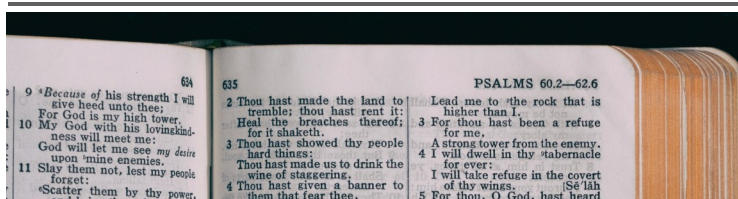


We get hurt. We wear out. The lungs, the eyes, the memory, and any of the many limbs and organs that compose us break or ache. Gloom comes over us then: pity for ourselves, sorrow, depression, anger. But hope can come, too, and courage, and sometimes peace.

All of this is marked and celebrated in the rites of our tradition. With a word and a deed, with touch and breath and spit and mud, Jesus heals those who ail. In every place and time, we who are the church remember and tell stories of healing, anoint the sick with oil and share the one bread even with those who cannot assemble for Mass. Thus the sick and the healthy, the homebound and the spry, saints and sinners are made one and remain one, a single body of many parts.

Anyone who is seriously ill can be anointed, including the elderly who become weaker, even if no illness is present; those waiting for surgery when a serious condition is the reason for the operation; sick children who have sufficient use of reason to be helped by the celebration; and those who are unconscious or who have lost the use of reason, provided that they probably would have asked for the sacrament had they the use of their faculties. Furthermore, many forms of mental illness are now known to be serious. So the mentally ill may be anointed, provided that they will be helped and not harmed by the rite. If you have questions, consult a priest or other parish leader.

The most complete celebration of the sacrament is a communal one, a celebration in which those to be anointed 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.



Faith FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

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

Baptism Preparation Sessions - [Sunday, November 5 and 19, 2023 from 11:30am-1pm](#)

Family Faith Formation - [Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11am-2pm](#)

Preschool Family Faith Formation - [Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 9am-9:45](#)

For more information on these upcoming Faith Formation opportunities, contact rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.



**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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Dealing with Injustice

"Jesus said, 'Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.'" (Matthew 21: 43)

Isaiah 5: 1-7

The vineyard song

Philippians 4: 6-9

Joy and peace in Christ

Matthew 21: 33-43

Parable of the tenants



Adults: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?
Children: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

Care for God's Creation

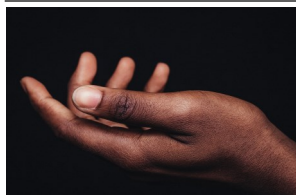
Care for God's Creation

We concluded the Season of Creation this past week, when we celebrated the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. As the patron saint of animals and the environment, St. Francis is a model and a witness for us to see all of God's creation and to protect and care for it. This week, reflect on the words of the Canticum of the Sun, as set to music by Marty Haugen, which states:



- The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy, Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

- Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who light up the way, Unto your throne.



Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

September 30 & October 1

Offertory	\$7,841.45
Give Central	\$4,624.00
Funeral	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$345.00
Mass Offering	\$130.00
Candles	\$191.00
Hospitality	\$104.00
Flowers	\$100.00
Faith Formation	\$100.00
All Souls	\$75.00

Total \$14,010.45

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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.



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



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School is the foundation of our lives and it plays an essential role in shaping our future. From learning the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic to mastering complex scientific and mathematical concepts, school helps us develop the skills and knowledge we need to succeed in life. It provides us with the tools we need to navigate the world around us, and it opens a universe of possibilities that we might not otherwise access.



Dates to Remember

Monday 10/30
Trunk or Treat



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If you're looking for a school that can provide a well-rounded education, look no further than St. Thomas the Apostle School! We are dedicated to helping our students achieve their full potential and preparing them for success in all aspects of life. From our experienced teachers to our supportive community, we strive to provide an environment that fosters growth and development.

SO WHY WAIT?

Join us today and discover why we are the right school for you!



The central sign is a chalkboard with a wooden frame. It features the St. Thomas the Apostle School logo in the top left corner. The text on the sign reads: "St. Thomas the Apostle School", "SCHOOL TOUR" (with "SCHOOL" in white and "TOUR" in red), "Sign Up Today!", and "We Strive To Provide An Environment That Fosters Growth And Development." at the bottom. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the sign.

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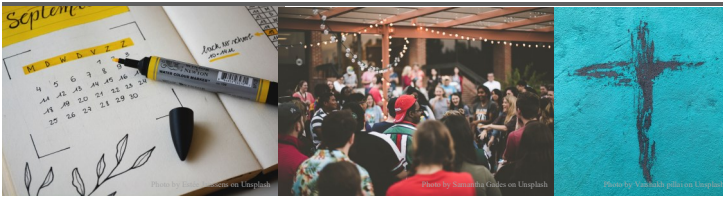
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Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



Thank you for coming to our
FALL BAKE SALE

We hope you enjoyed your treats!

Want to help make the magic next time?

The St. Thomas The Apostle
CHRISTMAS MARKET

is coming up fast, and we're always
looking for **bakers, makers, and people**
who like to host a good party.

❖ ❖ **Drop Us a Line** ❖ ❖

Our email is christmasmarket@stapostleparish.org

We'd love to hear from you!

Please note: We are a donation market and
we will not be taking applications for vendors, though we
wish you luck in the holiday season!



9TH DECEMBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH ADVENT DAY
OF REFLECTION



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SILAS HENDERSON, SDS




GOOD LUCK

"I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I
HAVE KEPT THE FAITH"

RUNNERS!



BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

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LIFE

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The Chicago 40 Days for Life Campaign
starts on September 27th. This is an
opportunity to be a prayerful witness for
life outside of abortion facilities and to
give witness to the sanctity of life. Go
to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/about-overview.aspx> for a description. To
sign up yourself and some friends for
hours in the Chicago campaign, go
to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/chicago>. There is contact information for
the organizer in the link."



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St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**2023
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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

Church Address

5472 S. Kimbark Avenue
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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.