



St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



“Glory and praise for ever”

November 26, 2023

GOD’S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

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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

FROM THE

Pastor's Desk

Like a fire burning within me (Jer. 20:9): Sent to Preach

Long before the process of synodality, the USCCB encouraged the full participation of the members of the parish in the process of homily preparation.

As the USCCB document, *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly* (1982) notes, "an effective way for preachers to be sure that they are addressing some of the real concerns of the congregation in the homily is to involve members of the congregation in a homily preparation group" (36).

The Bishops' document *Preaching the Mystery of the Faith: The Sunday Homily* (2012) states *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* is still valid (44). In fact, they write:

This defines the preacher's task: enabling the whole community and each individual believer to draw on the power of the Holy Spirit and to say with one's whole being, "Jesus is Lord," and to cry out to God, "Abba, Father!" (*Preaching the Mystery of the Faith*, 9)

Preaching is both a holy act and a communal one. The Code for Canon Law permits lay persons to preach in a church in certain circumstances where it may be advantageous (Canon 766).

The Charism of the Dominican Order

The passion for preaching forms the foundation of the Order of Preachers founded by Saint Dominic in 1215. He sent his young followers out to preach, just as Jesus had sent his disciples. The circumstances of Dominic's historical time were different from ours, and yet in some ways they are remarkably similar to ours.

Dominican theologian, Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP, observes:

Most of the people in our world who hunger for the good news of salvation or liberation are not to be found in our churches. If preaching is a matter of making connections, enabling people to hear the Gospel as good news for them, then the Gospel and its preachers have to meet people where they are.

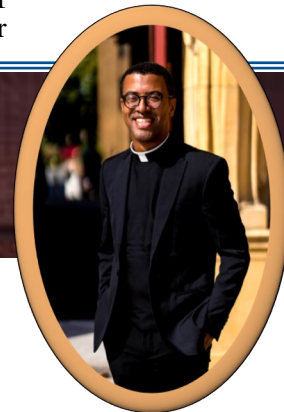
This is the task of every preaching project today: to create ways for people to encounter the Gospel message wherever they are, so that it can help them shape lives that have personal and social integrity.

Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and School has a very long history with Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. The sisters founded the school in 1886 with Sister M. Gregory as Superior. Beginning in the church's basement, the school expanded to 100 children just two years later. By 1929, a new school building was dedicated to house an elementary school and a high school for girls. The Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa continued to serve in the school until the early 2000s.

Today, three Sinsinawa Dominicans continue the congregation's presence at St. Thomas the Apostle. Sister Elizabeth Pawlicki, O.P. (J.D., Master in Pastoral Studies) previously served on the school board and participated in the RCIA program. She is currently in congregational leadership. Sister Christin Tomy, O.P. is completing her Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Theology at Catholic Theological Union. She has participated in the choir when classes allowed. Sister Laurie Brink, O.P. (Ph.D.) is professor of New Testament Studies at CTU. In the past, she has served as lector and worked with the RCIA program.

Inspired by Pope Francis' call for synodality and imbued with the charism of the order, these sisters will partner with Fr. Trail to offer reflections during on the Second Sunday of Advent at all of the Masses and on the Fourth Sunday of Advent at the 4 PM Mass on Saturday, December 23.





Worship

TODAY'S READINGS: LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 ♦ Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1) ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 ♦ Matthew 25:31-46

✠ Paul Thompson, ✠ Bernadette Elizabeth William

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: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 ♦ Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ♦ Matthew 13:33-37

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, November 27

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 | Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 | Lk 21:1-4

✠ Joseph & Dorothy A. Mulac

✠ Johnny Walker

TUESDAY, November 28

Readings: Dn 2:31-45 | Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 | Lk 21:5-11

✠ Thomas P. Dousa

WEDNESDAY, November 29

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 | Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 | Lk 21:12-19

✠ Larry Evans

✠ Johnny Walker

THURSDAY, November 30

Saint Andrew, apostle

Readings: 10:9-18 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Mt 4:18-22
Jn 2:13-22

✠ August & Mildred Mulac

FRIDAY, December 1

Readings: Dn 7:2-14 | Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 | Lk 21:29-33

✠ John Edwards

✠ Johnny Walker

SATURDAY, December 2

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Dn 7:15-27 | Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 | Lk 21:34-36

✠ Sr. Barbara Doherty, S.P.



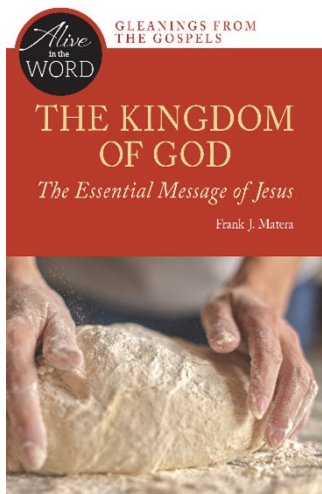
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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.



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



ADVENT: THE KINGDOM OF GOD: THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF JESUS

The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' preaching. Through stories and images, Jesus teaches that God's presence among us-his powerful reign-is both mighty and quiet, both welcoming and demanding. As small as a seed and as grand as a great dinner party, the kingdom of God grows among us and transforms everyone who embraces it. In this volume of Alive in the Word, New Testament scholar Frank Matera explores three gospel passages that will orient you to this essential, transforming message of Jesus.

Tuesdays December 5, 12, and 19

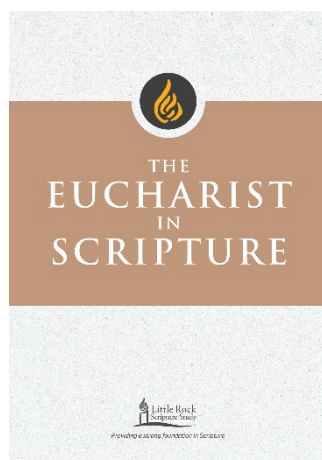
Group One: 11:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Group Two: 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

Suggested Donation \$15.00

This donation helps cover the costs of materials.

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WINTER ORDINARY TIME: THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

The Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and in covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as it is understood throughout the New Testament. Jesus' bread of life discourse and the early church's practice of "breaking bread" are also explored.

Tuesdays January 9, 16, 23 and 30 and February 6

Group One: 11:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

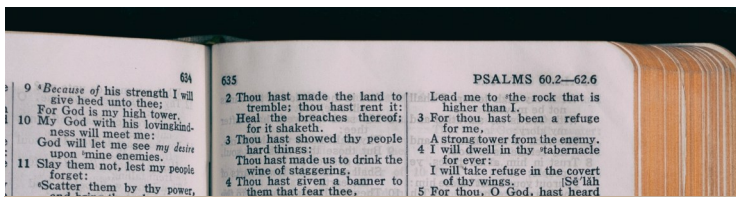
Group Two: 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

Suggested Donation \$25.00

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SCAN ME





Faith FORMATION

Our Family Faith Formation process was recently highlighted by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Check out the video to discover how families are formed in faith: https://youtu.be/mTVte_tjIFk.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

The Final Judgment

[The Son of Man] will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."
(Matthew 25: 45)

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Parable of the shepherds

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Christ, the first fruits

Matthew 25:31-46
The last judgment



ADULTS: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

CHILDREN: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME MAKING MORAL DECISIONS

Making moral decisions requires us to take time to contemplate, pray, and come to a reasoned and informed decision. Here are several steps for you to consider as you make decisions. Begin by looking at the situation and then identify possible cultural responses and their effects. Next, identify the faith response and make your personal decision. Finally, act upon the decision. These steps can guide us as we make decisions and strive to live a holy life.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, December 3 and 17, 2023 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, December 10, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

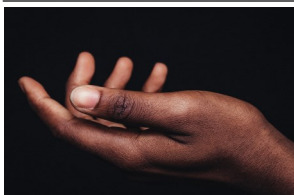
JESUS CHRIST is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). The Book of Revelation calls him, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (John 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts.

The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the Church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him.

The Solemnity of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions.

Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the Church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.

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OFFERTORY

November 11 & November 12

Offertory	\$4,451.03
Give Central	\$3,073.00
Christmas Market	\$7,774.00
Building Fund	\$465.00
Special Donations	\$150.00
Candles	\$85.65
Misc	\$20.00
Flowers	\$30.00
All Souls	\$275.00

Total **\$16,323.68**

Thank you!

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

Bring Christ to the World Through Your Legacy!

Your legacy is a reflection of your values and must be cultivated through thoughtful planning. If you want your assets to be given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it's important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan.

For more information, please contact **St. Thomas the Apostle**.

Tips for Creating an Effective Estate Plan, please contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

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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.

Don't forget to do this by December 1st

If you have an individual retirement account and you are age 73 or older, you probably know that you must take your required minimum distribution (RMD) before the year ends.

However, did you know that you can fulfill all or part of your RMD and reduce your taxable income by transferring funds directly from your IRA to your parish or the Archdiocese of Chicago?

Be sure to request the transfer before December 1st to give your IRA custodian enough time to complete your charitable distribution before the year ends. The timing is important. Don't wait until it's too late to benefit from reduced taxes. Learn more at archchicago.org/qcd.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift,

CONTACT

Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer,
Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129



The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas the Apostle invite you to discern joining the fraternal organization founded by Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882.

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



Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

To register Scan QR Code
or call the parish office
773-324-2626

Watch for the Light

AN ADVENT RETREAT

WITH BRO. SILAS HENDERSON, SDS



DECEMBER 9, 2023
9:00 A.M. TO NOON
PARISH HALL
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This morning of reflection offers participants an opportunity to enter into the sights and sounds of Advent and Christmas. Using art, music, and the prayers and liturgies of the Season of Advent, Bro. Silas will help participants to focus our attention as we await the Coming of the One who is the Light of the World.

SCAN ME



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Parishioners are invited to purchase a poinsettia as a memorial for a loved one or as a way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion. The poinsettias will be used to festively decorate our worship space for the Christmas Season. All memorials will be listed in the bulletin. Place your order by filling out the information below and submitting it to the parish office by Friday, December 1st with a check payable to "St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church."

Purchaser Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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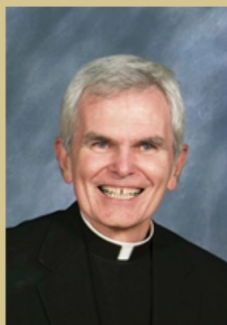
Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

2023 DISTINGUISHED PREACHER SERIES



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 6:30 P.M.
ADVENT EVENING PRAYER



Rev. Msgr. John Canary

*Retired Vicar General,
Archdiocese of Chicago*

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ADVENT EVENING PRAYER AND PARISH OPEN HOUSE



with Distinguished Preacher
Rev. Msgr. John Canary



Wednesday, December 13 | 6:30 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



BLACK CATHOLIC INITIATIVE

Elder's Retreat Day



Join us as we celebrate Black Catholic History
Month and spiritually prepare ourselves for the
Advent season!

Thursday, November 30, 2023 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Ministry Center
450 East 78th Street, Chicago, IL 60619

ValLimar Jansen will lead an Elder's Retreat
hosted by the Black Catholic Initiative. Join us
for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.
ValLimar will guide us through the day with
song and storytelling and help spiritually renew
ourselves for the mission of making disciples
and building community!

To register, please visit
forms.office.com/r/PhvWaf3snw
or call 773.224.1022.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The giving tree will be in the narthex of the church.
After all Masses on the 11/18 & 11/19 and 11/25 & 11/26.

Please bring UNWRAPPED gifts.
All gifts are due back starting on 11/24 & 11/26.
We will collect gifts after Masses on 12/2 & 12/3 and 12/9 & 12/10.
All gifts MUST be turned in by 12/10 so the St. VdeP "elves" can distribute
the gifts.

This year we gave quite a few clients whom we have helped over this past year AND
we are partnering again with the Hyde Park Food Pantry to provide hat/glove/scarf
sets for the families they serve. Please be as generous as you can—250 stars await!

NOVEMBER IS
National Black Catholic History Month

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990 to designate November as Black Catholic History Month. November marks a time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, as well as a time to recall the saints.

Servant of God Julia Greeley

c. 1833–48–June 7, 1918

Denver's Angel of Charity was born into slavery at Hannibal, Missouri, between 1833 and 1848. As a young child, Julia's right eye was destroyed by a cruel slavemaster's whip.

Freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. She spent whatever she could spare to assist poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel, and clothing for the needy. To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she went on foot to every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. She was a daily communicant and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it until her death in 1918.

To the present day, many people have asked that her cause be opened for canonization. This request was finally granted in the Fall of 2016. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia's mortal remains were transferred to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.

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The Path to
SAINTHOOD

1 SERVANT OF GOD

The local bishop opens a cause for the person's

sainthood that examines the life and writings of the candidate. If found to have lived a holy life a report is submitted to the Vatican.

The report is reviewed and if it is determined the candidate did lead a life of virtue, the candidate is given the title "Venerable".

VENERABLE 2

The investigation into their life and works continues.

3 BLESSED

To be beatified, proof is necessary of a miracle

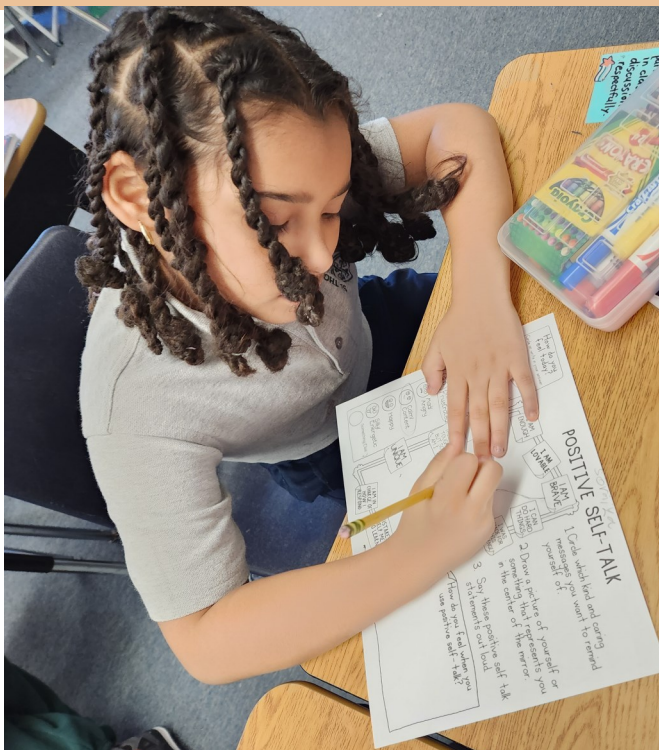
occurring due to the intercession of the candidate. A scientific commission must determine the miracle is not caused naturally.

Proof of a second miracle leads to this final stage and canonization, which merely recognizes what God is with God and worthy of has already done. A saint is one who veneration throughout the Church.

SAINT 4

NOVEMBER IS
National Black Catholic History Month

Strong Foundation... Future Success!



World Kindness Day is a day that reminds us to spread love and kindness to everyone around us. It's a day to promote compassion, empathy, and good deeds. Let's make every day a kindness day by doing small acts of kindness, such as smiling at a stranger, holding the door for someone, or giving a compliment. We should also try to be more understanding and less judgmental towards others and always treat everyone with respect. Remember, kindness has the power to brighten someone's day and



Dates to Remember

- STA 2nd Annual Food Drive
Monday, November 6th - November 20th
- No School- Religious Monday,
November 20th
- Professional Development Day
and Thanksgiving Break No
School Tuesday, November
21st - November 24th.
- Second Trimester Begins
Sunday, November 26th.
- No Pm Care or BGCC -
Students are to be picked up by
3:45 December 15th.
- No Pm Care or BGCC -
Students are to be picked up by
3:45 December 21st.



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

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School Offices

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The Jesuits

The Passionists

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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.