

St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



January 14, 2024

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

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Different ways of living out the Catholic faith, including different liturgical rites, should not be seen as threats to the unity of the Catholic Church but embraced as expressions of the body of Christ, Pope Francis said.

“You don’t have to be afraid of the diversity of charisms in the church,” the pope said in a video released Jan. 2, sharing his prayer intention for the month of January: “For the gift of diversity in the church“ We are not all the same,” he said, and Catholics should “rejoice in living this diversity.”

Pope Francis recalled how in the first Christian communities, “diversity and unity were very present and in a tension that had to be resolved at a higher level.” The pope also noted that “to move forward on the path of faith we also need ecumenical dialogue with brothers and sisters from other confessions and Christian communities.” Dialogue, he said, is not “something that confuses or bothers, but a gift God gives to the Christian community so that it may grow as one body, the body of Christ.”

Pope Francis pointed to Eastern Catholic churches, who, he said, “have their own traditions (and) some characteristic liturgical rites but maintain the unity of the faith. They reinforce it, they do not divide it.” The two-minute video shows several scenes from Eastern Catholic liturgical celebrations, such as using a spoon to distribute Communion and giving a blessing with large liturgical candlesticks. Although they have their own liturgical and legal system, each Eastern church is considered fully equal in dignity to the Latin tradition within the Catholic Church.

The pope added that if the church lets itself be guided by the Holy Spirit, “richness, variety, diversity never provoke conflicts.” The Holy Spirit, he said, “reminds us that before all we are children of God, all the same in the love of God and all different.



“Pope Francis ended the video asking people to pray to the Holy Spirit “so that it may help us recognize the gift of different charisms of Christian communities and to discover the wealth of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”

Article from [Pope: Diversity in the church must be embraced, not feared - Catholic Review](#)



Worship

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 ♦ Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a) ♦ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 ♦ John 1:35-42

✠ Cecelia Ruby Handy, ✠ Edward Wong Jr.

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: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John 3:1-5, 10 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a) ♦ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ♦ Mark 1:14-20

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, January 15

Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Mk 2:18-22

✠ Lawrence E. Lewis Jr.

Marcellus E. Lanfair, (Birthday Blessings)

TUESDAY, January 16

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13 | PS 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 | Mk 2:23-28

✠ Alberta Williams

WEDNESDAY, January 17

Saint Anthony, abbot

Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 | Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10 | Mk 3:1-6

✠ Beatrice Foka Nimpson

THURSDAY, January 18

Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 | Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 | Mk 3:7-12

✠ Cecelia Ruby Handy

✠ Rudolph Bijou

FRIDAY, January 19

Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21 | Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 | Mk 3:13-19

✠ Brian Comeaux

Betty Jean Jackson, (Birthday Blessings)

SATURDAY, January 20

Saint Fabian, pope and martyr

Saint Sebastian, martyr

The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Readings: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 | Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 | Mk 3:20-21

✠ Matthew & Edith Polk

✠ Mark E. Lewis \

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. Cocco, 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, Mankowski 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, Terrence Watson, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.





Worship

Song of Thanksgiving and Praise after Communion

During the six weeks of Winter Ordinary Time, you will notice a very slight change in the pattern of our Eucharistic celebration. Following the distribution of Holy Communion, before the Prayer after Communion, the whole assembly will be invited to stand and sing together a song of praise and/or thanksgiving.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* reminds us that after the reception of Holy Communion a period of silence is observed (no. 88). It also notes that instead of silence “a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may be sung by the whole congregation” (no. 88). This directive is reiterated in the US Bishops’ document *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* (no. 196). *Sing to the Lord* says, “The song after Communion should focus the assembly on the mystery of the Holy Communion in which it participates . . . The congregation may stand for the song” [no. 196]. Notice, the Church’s documents never talk about a so-called communion meditation done solely by cantor or choir; if there is a song, it is one of praise and/or thanksgiving and always sung by the whole congregation, those who have been made into the Body of Christ by their reception of Holy Communion. Fr. Paul Turner in *At the Supper of the Lamb: A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass* notes that “there is a record of a post-Communion song in the time of Sergius of Constantinople (+638):

Let this antiphon be sung: Let our mouth be filled with praise, Lord, that we may celebrate your glory, for you have graciously given us your holy mysteries. Keep us in holiness, meditating all day on your justice. Alleluia [*Chronicon Paschale*, PG 92:1001-1002; translation PT].

So, during this short beginning of Ordinary Time, we will employ this practice. Our voices united as one following communion will help us collectively offer our praise, adoration, and thanksgiving to God for the great gift of the Eucharist.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Celebrate Catholic Schools WEEK

JANUARY 28, 2024

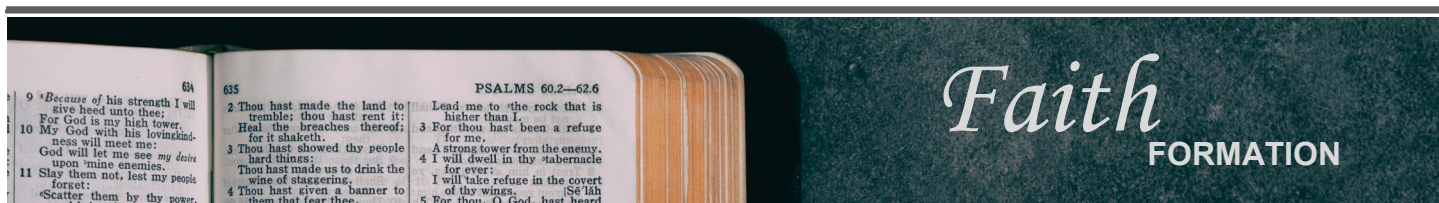
ONE MASS

ON SUNDAY 10:00 AM

COME OUT & SUPPORT

St. Thomas the Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH
"God's people in Extraordinary variety"

8:00 AM Mass is cancelled for this shared celebration.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME CONVERSING WITH GOD

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines five forms of prayer, which we have explored over the last five weeks.

This week, you are invited to consider prayers of supplication and intercession. In this form of prayer we do not pray for ourselves; rather, we pray on behalf of others, including our enemies and those we find hard to love. We call upon God to intercede in their lives and to reveal himself to them.

How will you ask God to intercede on behalf of others this week?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Time Come and See

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.
(John 1: 38b-39)

1 Samuel 3: 3b–10, 19

Revelation to Samuel

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Against Sexual Immorality

John 1: 35–42

The First Disciples



ADULTS: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

CHILDREN: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD ... AND
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"*

(LUKE 10: 27)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a joint endeavor between The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches, begins on January 18 and concludes on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.

First celebrated as the Church Unity Octave in 1908, this annual celebration invites Christians around the world to pray and work to fulfill the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17: 21). The *Decree on Ecumenism* from the Second Vatican Council notes that "every effort should be made toward the gradual realization of this unity, especially by prayer, and by fraternal dialogue" (18).

This year's theme invites Christians around the world to reflect on how we are united with our brothers and sisters by knowing of God's love for them and recognizing our common love for God in Christ. Drawn from the introductory verses to the Parable of the Good Samaritan, this invitation to consider love of God and love of neighbor as the greatest commandments challenges us to discover our neighbor and to respond with love, rather than fear, to those around us.

Visit our St. Thomas the Apostle website for prayers and reflections to include in your personal and family prayer time this week, and join with Christians around the world in praying for unity, peace, and reconciliation.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, February 4 and 18, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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



OFFERTORY

December 23 & December 24

Offertory	\$2,471.00
Give Central	\$4,025.00
Sharing Parish	\$3,334.94
Building Fund	\$100.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Total	\$9,896.95

Thank you!

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

OFFERTORY

December 30 & December 31

Offertory	\$4,043.00
Give Central	\$3,315.00
Building Fund	\$870.00
Candles	\$324.00
Mass Offerings	\$50.00
Flowers	\$15.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Total	\$8,622.00

Thank you!

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CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

December 23—December 31

Total \$30,991.95

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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.

Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;

Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;

Respect for human life shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and

Development of this world through noble human effort physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

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



**24
25
Feb**

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Paul Whittington, OP

Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish



**29
Mar**

7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Dr. C. Vanessa White

*Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry,
Catholic Theological Union*



**17
18
Aug**

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN OT

Rev. Michael C. Wurtz, CSC

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, King's College



**15
Sep**

10:00 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT / 100TH ANNIVERSARY

His Eminence Blase Cardinal Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago



**11
Dec**

6:30 PM

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Dr. Gennifer Brooks

*Professor of Preaching and Director of the Styberg
Preaching Institute, Garrett-Evangelical
Theological Seminary*

Distinguished Preachers Series 2024

Saint Thomas the Apostle | 5472 South Kimbark Avenue | Chicago, IL 60615





Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

BLOOD DRIVE



St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive

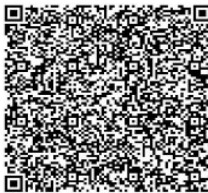
SUNDAY, JAN. 28
8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
5472 S. KIMBARK AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60615
PARISH HALL

To schedule an appointment, contact Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or vitalant.org and use Group Code **ORD0Q429**. Or, scan the QR Code to go right to the appointment schedule to make your appointment.

Appointments Required.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

Scan here to schedule.



Kick off 2024 in style with Vitalant's 24 in '24 Blood Donation Extravaganza Giveaway! All donors are automatically entered for a chance to win one of 24 \$500 gift cards in our donor rewards store.* Donors must have an on line donor account and be opted into the donor recognition program to qualify for this drawing.

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Hospitality

1st & 3rd
Sunday of Each Month

Parish Hall
Right Each After Mass

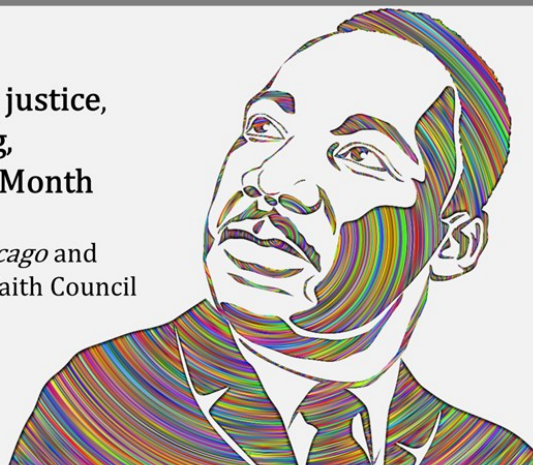
Social for the
Parishioners

PROCLAIM LIBERTY!

a choral festival for **peace and justice**,
honoring the ideals of **Dr. King**,
and heralding **Black History Month**

Presented by *Le Cantanti di Chicago* and
The Hyde Park/Kenwood Interfaith Council

Sunday 1.21.24, 5pm
Hyde Park Union Church
5600 S. Woodlawn Ave.



featuring

Baha'i House of Worship

Chatham and Classic Act
Choral Ensembles

Chicago Sacred Harp Singers

First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange

Hyde Park Union Church

Le Cantanti di Chicago

Shoresh Family Singers
from KAM Isaiah Israel

Singing Friends
from 57th Street Quaker Meeting

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish

UChicago Hindu Sangam

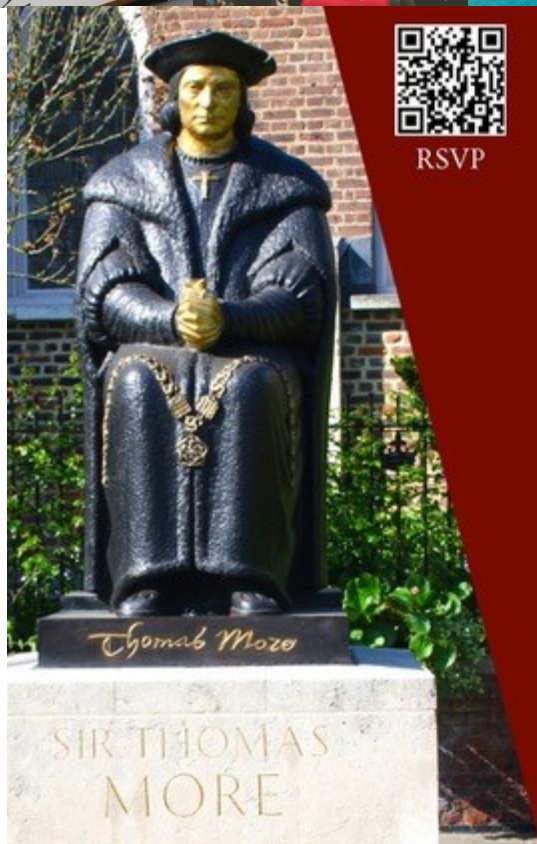
Suggested donation: \$20 at the door

All proceeds will support the HydePark/Kenwood Interfaith Council's Anti-Violence Task Force.



Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



RSVP

Join other legal professionals in Hyde Park
to offer God the fruits of our labor

Red Mass

Saturday, February 10

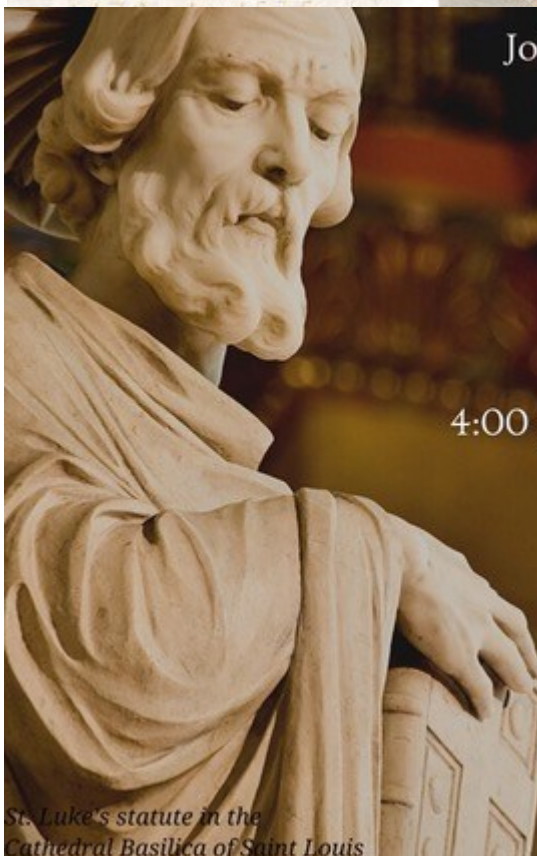
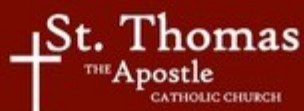
4:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration

Bp. Jeffrey Grob, JCD, Presider & Homilist

5:00 pm Reception & Lecture

Dr. Lu Ann Homza, "When Witches Litigate"

6:30 End



St. Luke's statue in the
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

Join other medical professionals in Hyde Park
to offer God the fruits of our labor

White Mass

Saturday, February 17

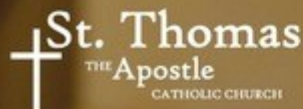
4:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration (Bond Chapel)

5:00 pm Reception & Lecture (Swift Hall)

6:30 End



RSVP



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

School

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Dates to Remember

11/6-20th: STA 2nd Annual Food Drive

11/9 Half Day @12pm for students-Parent Teacher Conferences (1pm-6pm)

11/20- No School- Religious Professional Development Day

11/21-11/24- Thanksgiving Break No School

11/26 Second Trimester Begins



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Celebrate Catholic Schools WEEK

JANUARY 28- FEBRUARY 3

- Sunday**
Celebrating Your Parish
Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Many parishes join in the National Catholic Schools Week celebration by devoting a Mass to Catholic education.
- Monday**
Celebrating Your Community
A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities they demonstrate the values and faith gained through Catholic education.
- Tuesday**
Celebrating Your Students
Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments.
- Wednesday**
Celebrating the Nation
On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders.
- Thursday**
Celebrating Vocations
By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life.
- Friday**
Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers
On this day, schools will honor teachers and principals as well as administrators and staff who support them in their work and thank those who provide volunteer service.

For more information Call the Main School Office 773-667-1142

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

Church Address

5472 S. Kimbark Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615-5297

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Chicago, IL 60615-5299

Parish Offices

Hours: 7am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday
Located in the school building.

Phone: (773) 324-2626

Fax: (773) 891-0602

www.stapostleparish.org
parishoffice@stapostleparish.org

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.