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PENTECOST SUNDAY



St. Thomas the Apostle

**CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY**

MAY 19, 2024

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,

This weekend, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost: the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Putting today's feast in conjunction with last weekend's Ascension of the Lord, we see how the Lord, who ascended into glory and is seated at the right hand of the Father (cf. Hebrews 10:12-13) fulfills His promise to the disciples as the Holy Spirit descends on them as tongues of fire.

As the Holy Spirit comes to rest on the disciples, they are able to speak to the crowd in their native tongue the Gospel message.

Looking at our crowd at St. Thomas I can see the whole world coming together to hear the one message of the Gospel. It was first proclaimed to you by your own family, culture, experience, and context, but now that we are all together in this community – I must always ask myself how is the Gospel preached in this context so that it can be heard with clarity?

This is a tall order given the beautiful diversity of the community, but it is very possible. It is possible because we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, which first descended on the disciples at Pentecost continues to remain with our parish community and inspires us to be our authentic selves and to live out the Gospel in our space and place.

Let us continue to pray to the Spirit to inspire all of us to hear and to live out the Gospel.

In all things may God bless our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael Trail

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Ghost to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.





Worship

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 19, 30 (see 30) ♦ Romans 8:22-27 ♦ John 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30) ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 ♦ John: 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

✠ David Merz, ✠ Susana Barciela, and Angel Damien Dousa

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: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 ♦ Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b) ♦ Romans 8:14-17 ♦ Matthew 28:16-20

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, May 20

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 | Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 | Jn 19:25-34

✠ Mary Ellen Graziano
✠ Dr Mark Robinson
✠ Angel Damien Dousa

TUESDAY, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs

Readings: Jas 4:1-10 | Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 | Mk 9:30-37

Happy Eighth Anniversary of Pastor Michael Trail's Ordination

WEDNESDAY, May 22

Saint Rita of Cassia, religious

Readings: Jas 4:13-17 | Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 | Mk 9:38-40

Ronald Spencer, (Speedy Recovery)

THURSDAY, May 23

Readings: Jas 5:1-6 | Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 | Mk 9:41-50

✠ Dr. Mark Robinson
Gwen Anderson, (Speedy Recovery)

FRIDAY, May 24

Readings: Jas 5:9-12 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 | Mk 10:1-12

Patricia Comeaux, (Speedy Recovery)

SATURDAY, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church

Readings: Jas 5:13-20 | Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 | Mk 10:13-16

✠ David Merz
Mavis Willis, (Speedy Recovery)

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, Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczny, 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, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Maria Wooder, Joan Yedinak.

For those who have died:

Dr Mark Robinson
David Merz, father of Matthew Merz





PENTECOST



The Fire Within

Lord God,
bestow upon your Church
the Holy Spirit.
Just as your Spirit
arrived with a driving force
on that first Pentecost,

may your faithful
be energized and renewed
so that with intense faith,
they might spread your fiery love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 The Lord, the Giver of Life



Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; Galatians 5:16–25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John:19–23 or John 15:26–27, 16:12–15. Today we rejoice in the sending of the Holy Spirit to the world. As proclaimed in the Gospel of John, Jesus had promised to send “the Advocate . . . the Spirit of truth.” When the Spirit arrived, Acts records, it was with a driving wind that filled the house where the disciples were and appeared as tongues of fire.

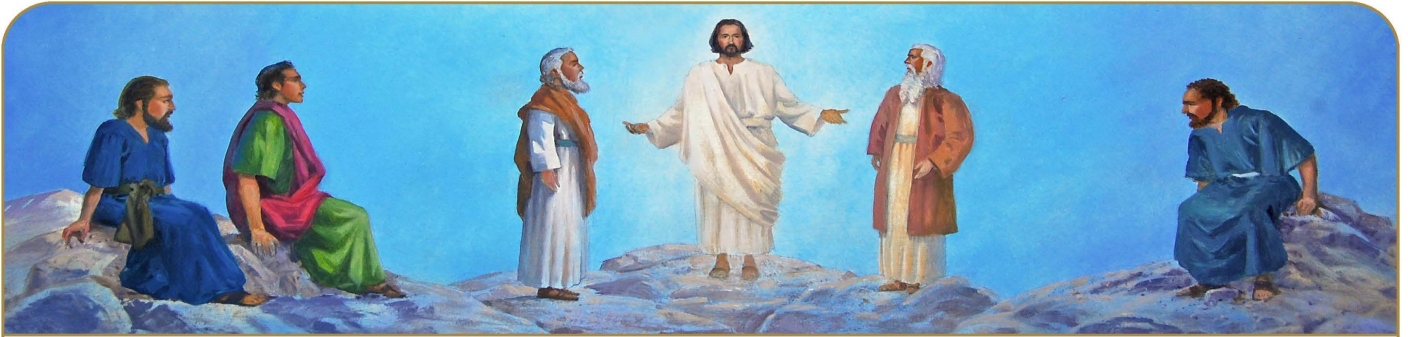
From that house, the disciples went into Jerusalem fearless as they preached the Gospel in numerous languages they had never before spoken. In the years that followed the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were persecuted, arrested, and stoned. Still, they kept their hearts focused on bringing Christ to others.

Christians receive the Holy Spirit during the sacrament of baptism, as the celebrant prays that God bestows “new life” by “water and the Holy Spirit.” The Spirit will assist the baptized throughout life to fulfill their responsibility as “members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King,” as the presider says in the anointing after baptism.

In your prayer life, be attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and you, too, could be fearless in witnessing to the light of Christ in your life. As we recite in the Nicene Creed, the Holy Spirit is “the Lord, the giver of life.” When you open yourself to the Spirit, your life can be transformed. And just as the transformation of the disciples changed lives, so will your transformation.



Worship



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, May 20

Mary, Mother of the Church

When Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, would be celebrated on the day after Pentecost, he reflected on the tradition of honoring Mary as both Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. He also wrote of the opportunity for the memorial to draw the faithful to expand their perspective of the Church. The memorial, the decree states, “might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.” How would acquiring a maternal sense of the Church influence the ministry of those who are ordained? How would it influence the laity? *Today’s readings: Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3, 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Friday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Today, we remember two miracles. The first is Mary, pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, and her older cousin Elizabeth, also pregnant in her old age. These women, and the sons carried in their wombs, had a mission to fulfill. Faith led Mary and Elizabeth to accept their mission. We, too, have a mission and purpose. As the month of Mary concludes, ask for Mary’s intercession to help you be true to your mission. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Thursday, June 13

Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua brought many hearts to God through his gift of evangelizing and knowledge of Scripture. He took seriously the words from Isaiah, “the spirit of the Lord God is upon me / because the Lord has anointed me. / He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, / to heal the broken-hearted.” At our baptism, we too were anointed and entrusted

with converting hearts and announcing the Good News. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 61:1–3d; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 21–22, 25 and 27; Luke 10:1–9.*

Monday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

John allowed the Spirit to act through him. From his mother’s womb, he recognized the presence of the Lord. As John prepared the way for the messiah, he minimized himself to allow people to see Jesus. How do you prepare the way of the Lord? Do you seek attention or are you able to minimize yourself to allow the Spirit to work through you? *Today’s readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 139:1b–3, 13–14ab, 14c–15; Acts 13:22–26; Luke 1:57–66, 80.*

Saturday, June 29

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

Today we remember the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul. These apostles and martyrs are examples of obedience and resilience; they persevered in evangelization even when their lives were in jeopardy. Pray for Pope Francis and all who continue to spread the Good News, regardless of the challenges they face. *Today’s readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; Galatians 1:11–20; John 21:15–19.*

Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine

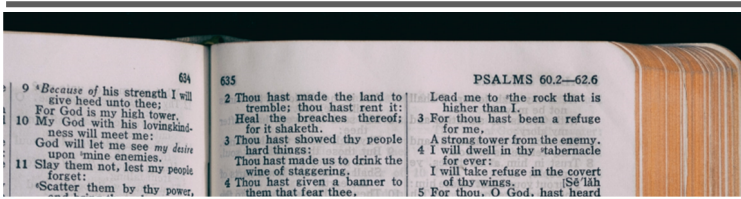
On the Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we might consider how open we are to continue our conversion and live as God calls us. After many years of a worldly life, Augustine was baptized when he was nearly thirty-three years old. In *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, he wrote of his conversion, “I have loved you too late. You were with me, but I was not with you.” Pray to St. Augustine to help you notice the presence of God and to grow in faith. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–16; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Matthew 23:8–12.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024



Faith FORMATION

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Living in the Spirit

And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues

(Acts 2: 4)

Acts 2: 1–11

Descent of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5: 16–25

Fruits of the Spirit

John 15: 26–27; 16: 12–15

Coming of the Holy Spirit



ADULTS: When have you felt filled with the Spirit and emboldened to act with courage?

CHILDREN: When have you felt strength from outside of yourself to do what was right?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

This month Family Faith Formation explores the sacraments at the service of communion: matrimony and holy orders.

In the sacrament of holy orders, the mission of the Church, given to the apostles, continues to be carried out. There are three degrees of holy orders: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.

Deacons are in service to the bishop and serve in the ministries of liturgy, word, and charity. Priests are co-workers of the bishops who share in the mission of the Church and serve the People of God. Bishops, are entrusted with the offices of teaching, governing, and sanctifying the faithful.

It is through the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination that the candidates for ordination receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, reflect on the words of the Pentecost Sequence:

1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! And from your ce -
 2. You, of com - fort - ers the best; You, the soul's most
 3. O most bless - ed Light di - vine, May that Light with -
 4. Heal our wounds, our strength re - new; On our dry - ness
 5. On the faith - ful who a - dore And con - fess you

1. les - tial home Shed a ray of light di - vine!
 2. wel - come guest; Sweet re - fresh - ment here be - low;
 3. in us shine, And our in - most be - ing fill!
 4. pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt a - way;
 5. ev - er more, In your sev'n - fold gift de - scend;

1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Come, O Fa - ther of the
 2. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In our la - bor, rest most
 3. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In your ab - sence, we have
 4. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Bend the stub - born heart and
 5. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Give them vir - tue's sure re -

1. poor! Come, O Source of all our store! Come, with -
 2. sweet; Grate - ful cool - ness in the heat; Sol - ace
 3. naught, Noth - ing good in deed or thought, Noth - ing
 4. will; Melt the fro - zen, warm the chill; Guide the
 5. ward; Give them your sal - va - tion, Lord; Give them

1. in our bos - oms shine! Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 2. in the midst of woe. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 3. free from taint of ill. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 4. steps that go a - stray. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 5. joys that nev - er end. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

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FORM YOUR FAMILY IN FAITH!

Join us for Family Faith Formation which resumes in August. In our monthly gatherings, families engage with their faith through conversation, activities, prayer, and fellowship.

Registrations received before June 30, 2024 receive an early-bird discount on the registration fee.

Email Rosina Hendrickson at
rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org or
 for more information and registration materials.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, July 7 and 21, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, August 25, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, August 25, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING BALL

Lights, Camera, Gala!

The Centennial Building Ball!

Join us for a Night of Elegance and Celebration.

We are thrilled to extend an invitation to you for an unforgettable evening at the **Centennial Building Ball**, a majestic event commemorating the **100th Anniversary** of our cherished parish church building.

This special occasion promises not only to honor a century of history and community but also to support our ongoing fundraising efforts aimed at preserving our beloved church for future generations.

We're rolling out the red carpet just for you. Join us for a night of elegance and celebration. Don't miss out on the event of the year mark your calendars and let's dazzle together!



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CENTENNIAL CHURCH BUILDING:

- ◆ **Take Advantage of the Early Bird *EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 19TH*** pricing of \$175 per person. Available at Hospitality 1st and 3rd Sunday's in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **Donate Monthly** through the remainder of the year via your Building Fund envelope, Give Central or mark the Building Fund on the envelopes available on the tables in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!
- ◆ **Be a Sponsor** of the Centennial Building Ball at one of the levels listed below. For more information and assistance, contact Brittany McGhee, Centennial Building Ball Co-Chair, brittany@stapostleparish.org
- ◆ **Donate to the Silent Auction!** Information is in the back of the Church and at Hospitality Sundays, or contact directly Co-Chairs Carrie & Rolf Barth: rolfandcarrie@yahoo.com
- ◆ **Join one of the Sub-Committees:**
 - Promotion & Sponsorship
 - Reception & Entertainment
 - Decorating

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PREMIER SPONSORSHIPS

2024 CENTENNIAL BUILDING BALL

Centennial Sponsor - \$10,000

- Two premier tables of 10 guests per table
- Distinctive recognition on all marketing materials and event signage
- Special recognition from the podium at Centennial Building Ball
- Special recognition by Father Michael Trail at Mass
- Full page ad in parish bulletin

Cherubim Sponsor - \$5,000

- One premier table of 10 guests
- Distinctive recognition on all marketing materials and event signage
- Special recognition from the podium at Centennial Building Ball
- Half page ad in parish bulletin

Samaritan Sponsor - \$2,500

- One table of 8 guests
- Recognition on website and social media
- Acknowledgement during Centennial Building Ball

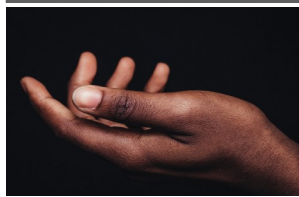
Hyde Park Sponsor - \$1,000

- 3 tickets to Centennial Building Ball
- Recognition on website and social media
- Business ad in parish bulletin

Friend of St. Thomas - \$500

- 2 tickets to Centennial Building Ball
- Recognition on website

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Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

May 11 and May 12

Offertory	\$4,348.75
Give Central	\$3,001.00
Building Fund	\$284.00
Candle Donations	\$150.00
Mass Offerings	\$20.00

Total **\$7,803.00**

Thank you!

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



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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.edh.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129

- ◆ **ROSARY:** Fridays following the 8AM Mass. All are welcome!
- ◆ **JOIN** the KofC if you are a male 18+ and a practicing Catholic. This organization was founded in 1882 by Fr. M. J. McGiveny.



Please contact Allen Hawkins, *Grand Knight*, at 630-945-4133 for more details.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE *for* Pentecost Sunday

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

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Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

During this month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, please share your kindness to a mother and child in need with a monetary or in-kind donation.

Baby Bottle Campaign – Proceeds go to Aid for Women

Pick up a baby bottle and fill it with coins or single dollar bills. Return the baby bottle to the Narthex or Parish Hall between May 12-19.

Also, you may donate electronically at:

<https://helpaidforwomen.org/baby/bottle/>

All proceeds go to Aid for Women, an organization that provides financial and medical support to pregnant or parenting women and their children.

Bethany House of Hospitality –
A local shelter for young immigrant women and children

The shelter desperately needs:

- Diapers (no. 2 to no. 6)
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Baby wipes
- Body wash (Women)
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Sunscreen
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing liquid

Please contact Tom Dousa at tmDousa2@hotmail.com or Wanda Jackson-Castro at wjackson@fastmail.fm for additional information.

STUDENTS FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL UNION, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, AND ALL WHO ARE GRADUATING

Congrats

CLASS OF 2024

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall softly upon your fields until we meet again.
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

— Gaelic Blessing —

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

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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.