



# **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

2022 Guide Book and Directory

## St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Logo

The parish logo radiates the dynamic response of the St. Thomas faith community to God's call to reach out and serve others. Designed by parishioner Kathy Johnson for the church's 10th anniversary in 1994, the stylized cross is formed by human figures, standing toe to toe, connected in Christ and creating the inner, light-colored cross that indicates, we are church. Extended arms on the figures connote the God-ness within the community reaching out to serve others. Swirling lines refer to that service, exemplified in the various ministries, extending far beyond the church community.



## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish

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Dear Parish Family,

If you are reading this message, you are a cherished, registered member of our faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Whether you have been here since the beginning or are newly registered, we are glad to call you family.

This directory helps us stay in touch with one another. I thank you for participating in the relationship that is St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. May you continue to grow in relationship with Christ *through* St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church by taking part in our liturgical celebrations, sacraments, special events and many ministry offerings.

The Peace of Christ,

Fr. *Peter Infanger* +

Rev. Peter Infanger, Pastor

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# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish

## Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, rooted in the Eucharist, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish strives to be an inclusive servant community - *to be Christ in the World*. We bear the Good News of God's unconditional love to all generations through worship, faith formation, witness, and service.

### Liturgy Schedule

**Mass** - 8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

**Communion Service** - 6:30 AM (Wednesdays)

**Holy Days** - Masses - 8:30 AM 7:00 PM

#### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 am

### Sacraments/Information

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is available Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm, in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are held occasionally during the year.

#### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Call the Main Office, 630.355.8980 to request Anointing of the Sick from a priest.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN HOME OR HOSPITAL

Contact the Director of Pastoral Care, 630.355.8980 Ext. 124 for Communion visits.

#### BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptismal awareness and renewal session prior to the Baptism. Call the Main Office, 630.355.8980 Ext. 100 a few months in advance to make arrangements.

#### MATRIMONY

A couple planning to be married at St. Thomas should contact the Church six months to a year in advance. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner at least three months before setting a date. Call the Main Office, 630.355.8980 Ext. 101 to schedule.

#### FUNERALS

Call the Liturgy Office, 630.305.8980 Ext. 120 for pre-planning or immediate need.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Call the Faith Formation Office, 630.305.6318, to register.

#### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the Adult Faith Formation Office, 630.355.8980 Ext. 138.

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Contact the Director of Pastoral Care, 630.355.8980 Ext. 124 for information on a Grief Support Group.

#### FAITH COMMUNITY/PARISH NURSING

Contact the Faith Community Nurse, 630.355.8980 Ext. 104 for health related questions, referrals or to request a prayer shawl.

#### EMERGENCY FOOD/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CARE PANTRY

Contact the Director of Outreach & Social Justice, 630.355.8980 Ext. 121 for emergency food and shelter concerns and Care Pantry information.

#### OUR OUTREACH TWINNING PARISHES

St. Thomas the Apostle parish has an ongoing twinning relationship with the following parishes:

**St. Marie Madeleine** in Duchity, Haiti

**St. Agnes** on the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Manderson, South Dakota

**St. Nicholas** in Aurora, Illinois

#### OUR PARISH SCHOOL

All Saints Catholic Academy

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#### ST. THOMAS OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Reception Hours:

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday-Thursday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Saturday

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

#### SUMMER RECEPTION HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (evenings for meetings)

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



# How You Can Make a Difference at St. Thomas

## Worship

\* Training provided. Opportunities for children and adults.

### Seeking deeper involvement in Church Liturgies?

You can help prepare St. Thomas the Apostle for major seasons and solemnities or more frequent celebrations, such as weddings, funerals, and Sunday Mass. You can proclaim the Word as a Lector, welcome the congregation as a Minister of Hospitality, distribute Holy Communion as an Extraordinary Minister, set up liturgical items for the Mass as a Sacristan, or become an Altar Server.

**Talented in the Arts?** You can design and create décor as a member of the Art & Environment Committee for celebrations throughout the year. Opportunities are available for musical involvement in choirs, as a cantor, or instrumentalist as well.

**More comfortable behind the scenes?** You could launder and press altar linens and liturgical vestments. Skills in alterations and sewing are always useful! We also need Temple Keepers to help our worship space stay clean and orderly.

## Faith & Spirituality

There are many volunteer opportunities in Faith Formation for students (Grade 6 and older) and adults. Training and resources are provided.

### Interested in forming the faith of our young

**people?** Your help is needed to ensure a fulfilling year of faith formation. Volunteer as a catechist or aide for grades Pre-K through Grade 8, a high school faith sharing group leader, a Confirmation class catechist, a retreat chaperone, or a mission trip chaperone.

### Adult Faith Formation & Spirituality - Enrich and share your faith through many avenues:

As an RCIA catechist or sponsor, share your faith experiences and help incorporate people into the Catholic faith. Get young families off to a good start by assisting with marriage and baptism preparation programs. Deepen your faith by joining a Bible Study, small faith-sharing group for men or women, or planning retreats. Attend programs, engage in interfaith dialog, or participate in the Celebration of the Arts.

Support, resources, and training are available as needed.



## Service

### Outreach and Social Justice Office

**Outreach Justice** provides basic and direct assistance to address immediate needs. It can often be done fairly quickly. The St. Thomas Care Pantry is an example of Outreach Justice.

**Social Justice** responds to long-term needs and issues. The solutions are often complex, can be controversial, and may take an extended time to implement. Just solutions to Immigration and Affordable Housing issues are examples of Social Justice.

At St. Thomas, we define a Justice Continuum with Outreach Justice at one end and Social Justice at the other. We are all at a different place on the continuum. Social Justice strives to eliminate the need for Outreach Justice.

The Outreach and Social Justice Office and ministries work to provide Outreach Justice and Social Justice ---- through awareness, education, and action, all centered in prayer and based on the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching.

## Pastoral Care

In Pastoral Care, you can bring the compassion and presence of the church to the hospitalized, homebound, and bereaved, providing companionship, a listening presence, and one-to-one support to parishioners as they navigate many life challenges, including physical, emotional and behavioral health needs.

## Administration

\* Adult opportunities only; Maximum time flexibility.

- Finance: welcoming financial and legal professionals.
- Building & Grounds: architects, engineers and facility managers are especially needed.
- Gardeners beautify the Church grounds by maintaining one of the flower beds around the church and rectory.
- Welcome Desk Hospitality: training provided to be the welcoming presence for visitors and callers. Daytime shifts are 3 ½ hours.
- Welcome New Parishioners: bring your enthusiasm on the Welcome Committee as you help with registering new members to the parish on Donut Sundays.
- Donut Sunday Hospitality: assist with monthly fellowship after-Mass donuts and coffee.

For a Complete List of Ministry Opportunities and Descriptions, contact the St. Thomas general office at 630-355-8980 or visit our website: [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org).

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## Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a ministry that is a consultative body of active parishioners who are prayerful, pastoral, visionary, enabling and most of all open to the Holy Spirit in discerning and fulfilling the mission of the parish. PPC membership is two years with an option to continue. The commitment is for regular monthly meetings plus commission meetings if representing a commission.

See the Parish Bulletin for current PPC representatives.

## Commissions

The Commissions are comprised of parishioner volunteers and staff who work together to direct the activities and ministries of the Commission. Each Commission has a main responsibility in its particular area. Commissions also have the responsibility to actualize the goals of the parish set by the PPC in collaboration with the staff and by listening to parishioners. Each Commission has an appointed representative to the PPC.

See the Parish Bulletin for current Commission representatives.



## Highlights in the History of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

- 1984** The faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle is officially founded June 19 with a membership of some 300 families. First Masses are celebrated June 30 - July 1 at Thayer Hill Middle School. The Rev. James Curtin is installed as pastor July 1.
- 1985** Ground is broken July 21 for the church building at 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville. The cornerstone is blessed Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- 1986** The new church building is dedicated Sept. 13, with room for 880 worshippers while movable chairs provide seating for another 120 individuals.
- 1990** Ground is broken April 4, Palm Sunday, for the Parish Ministry Center.
- 1991** The Parish Ministry Center is dedicated July 7.
- 1994** St. Thomas marks its 10th anniversary, with 3,100 parish families registered. The Rev. Donald W. Kenny is installed as St. Thomas' second pastor on July 17.
- 2000** St. Thomas celebrates the millennium with a new Millennium Meditation Garden, Labyrinth, Meditation Park, and stained glass windows in the narthex. A twinning relationship with St. Marie-Madeleine Parish in Duchity, Haiti, is initiated. By fall 2016, a total of 574 individuals representing St. Thomas had made 71 mission trips to Haiti.
- 2001** In the fall, Father Kenny announces his resignation as pastor to become a missionary. St. Thomas supports his efforts in Ecuador.
- 2002** The Rev. Joel Fortier is installed Sept. 22 as the third pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle.
- 2004** Highlights of the celebration of St. Thomas' 20th anniversary include a dinner dance and a special anniversary concert.
- 2005** All Saints Catholic Academy, co-sponsored by St. Thomas, St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Margaret Mary Parishes, opens its doors Aug. 24 to welcome students in pre-K through grade five. Fifty-one St. Thomas families enroll 75 children in the school. Grades will be added each year until ASCA offers instruction through grade eight.
- 2006** Internationally-acclaimed award-winning Christian rock composer, vocalist and recording artist John Angotti begins a two-year engagement as guest artist-in-residence at St. Thomas the Apostle, funded by parish families. Angotti continues to return to St. Thomas in future years for special concerts, programs and church anniversary celebrations.



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- 2008** St. Thomas, along with eight area Catholic churches, co-sponsors “Praise in the Park,” a free concert on Aug. 24 at the Millennium Carillon in Naperville’s Riverwalk Park. The St. Thomas Ministry Center is remodeled.
- 2009** St. Thomas celebrates its 25th anniversary with activities throughout the year. Parish membership includes over 3,300 households of more than 11,000 people.
- 2012** Father Fortier announces his retirement as pastor in February. St. Thomas celebrates the life and ministry of Deacon Will Worden, an original St. Thomas pastoral staff member and its first deacon, after his passing on March 30. A new outdoor Mary statue and prayer area are dedicated in May. The Rev. Don McLaughlin is appointed the fourth pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle June 20 and is formally installed Sept. 30. Parish membership totals over 3,600 households. St. Thomas’ church bells ring at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 11 to open the “Year of Faith” proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI and to mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Vatican II.
- 2014** Highlights of St. Thomas’ 30th anniversary year include a special thanksgiving Mass which all former pastors are invited to concelebrate with current pastor Father McLaughlin, a celebratory concert and a dinner dance. Father McLaughlin also charges the Parish Leadership Commission (PLC) to develop a survey so parishioners can embark on a journey with current St. Thomas staff members and the PLC “to vision the future of the parish.” The St. Thomas faith community numbers in excess of 3,600 households of more than 11,000 people. Late in the year, St. Thomas the Apostle mourns the passing of its second pastor Father Don Kenny on Dec. 9. He had been pastor for eight years (1994 - 2002) before resigning to become a missionary in Ecuador until his retirement in August.
- 2016** Jeanne Cotter, an internationally-recognized singer, songwriter, liturgical composer, author and entertaining story-teller begins a year-long engagement as guest artist-in-residence at St. Thomas, courtesy of a group of parish families. The St. Thomas faith community numbers more than 3,400 households of more than 9,000 people.
- 2017** The Rev. Philip Danaher is appointed the fifth pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, succeeding Father McLaughlin.
- 2020** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor issues a “stay-at-home” order in March. Diocesan protocols follow to comply with the statewide quarantine. Public Masses as well as all gatherings at St. Thomas are suspended. St. Thomas clergy and staff record and livestream Masses and prayer services to serve the parish.

In June, the celebration of Mass resumes on a very limited schedule with strict pandemic protocols in place. While the church can accommodate around 900 people, protocols permit only 150 people to attend Mass at one time. During the next two years, restrictions are gradually relaxed on protocols such as contact tracing, masking, singing and seating limits. Ministry activities resume and participation increases as restrictions ease.

## 2022

Pope Francis announces a synod of the world’s bishops that will be held in October 2023 to discern the future of the Catholic Church. Responding to the Pope’s invitation for everyone to participate, St. Thomas responds by gathering parishioners’ thoughts and ideas through surveys and “listening” sessions held at the church. Members of other faiths and the community also are invited to offer suggestions. The Rev. Peter Infanger is appointed the sixth pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, effective July 1, succeeding the Rev. Philip Danaher who announced his retirement in February after serving as pastor since 2017.

- By Cheryl J. Marshall

