



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 | 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

### PARISH MISSION

Leading all souls to Jesus Christ.

### DAILY MASS TIMES

Tues: 8am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Wed: 8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Thurs: 8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Fri: 8:30am @ **St. Thomas**  
Sat: 8:30am @ **St. Thomas**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat: 4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
5:30pm @ **St. Thomas**  
Sun: 7:30am @ **St. Thomas**  
9am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
10:30am @ **St. Thomas**

### CONFESSION TIMES

Tues: 7:15-7:45am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Wed: 7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
6:15-7pm @ **St. Thomas**  
Thur: 7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Fri: 7:45-8:15am @ **St. Thomas**  
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul  
Sat: 7:30-8:15am @ **St. Thomas**  
3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

### WELCOME VISITORS + PARISHIONERS

- **St. Thomas the Apostle is part of a *parish cluster*** with Ss. Peter and Paul in Loretto, meaning two or more parishes share a pastor. Clustered parishes may also share some staff and programming; parishes in a cluster arrangement retain their parish status and basic organizational structure; clustering does not necessarily lead to merger of parishes.
- **Parish Center Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm (closed Friday).
- **Wedding / funeral:** contact Fr. Jenson [frjenson@saintsppta.org](mailto:frjenson@saintsppta.org).
- **Membership:** email the Parish Office or complete the form at [churchofstthomas.org/new](http://churchofstthomas.org/new).
- **Baptism:** email the Parish Office with baptismal candidates birth certificate.
- **Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program:** call 651.291.4475.

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# WORSHIP

NOTES FROM FR. JENSON



Today is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As you enter the church, you'll notice that the look has changed considerably this week. The Christmas manger, trees, garland, and decorating lights are all gone till next year. We are in Ordinary Time for a short period until Ash Wednesday next month.

Green is the color for Ordinary Time, the color of growing things and the growth process itself. The truths of our faith that we celebrated during Advent and Christmas are renewed in us, and we seek to grow our faith due to those seasons in the church year.

Our Gospel is from St. John's Gospel, supplementing the much shorter Gospel of St. Mark we will normally be reading from this liturgical year. St. John the Baptist sees Jesus passing by and points him to two of his disciples, calling him the Lamb of God. This takes place before Jesus began to call His apostles. Andrew, Peter's brother, is one of the two disciples of John the Baptist who heard Jesus called the Lamb of God. Andrew and the other set out after Jesus and stayed with him that evening, no doubt in deep conversation about faith. Andrew went to his brother Peter, told him they had found the Messiah, and took him to Jesus. Andrew was the first person to bring someone to Jesus.

As we move into Ordinary Time, the season for growth in faith, we are to try and do as St. Andrew did and help bring someone to Jesus.

This calls for growing our faith so that the Holy Spirit can guide us more clearly. Then, we find ways to learn how to bring our faith to another, which is often challenging. Those involved with the Archdiocesan Synod implementation from our two parishes are preparing to help work on sharing faith in practical and sensitive ways. I'm curious and hopeful that we'll be able to take some steps forward to bring back our lost brothers and sisters. Be blessed and joyful this week. Our Lady, Ss. Peter, Paul, and Thomas, pray for us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parish office will be closed on Mon, Jan 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Parish office will be closed on Thurs, Jan 25 for a staff retreat.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Barnes, whose funeral was on January 8. May all of the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
- See today's readings below...

## January 14, 2024

### Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10

(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION



*You Will Be My Witnesses*

## SMALL GROUPS

### Small Groups for the Person That's 'Not a Small Group Person'

This Lent, we are launching a new way of being parish – through a new type of small group. Imagine a group that meets you where you are and helps you take the next step in your faith journey. Imagine group leaders that welcome new members (in word and deed), so that you don't feel like the "odd person out." Imagine deep prayer, sharing, and community. Now stop imagining – and join a small group this Lent! More info to come.

## DONUT SUNDAY

All are encouraged to continue the Catholic community following Sunday Mass including coffee, juice, and donuts (free-will offering). Just take a few steps to the Parish Center located northwest of the church.





# DONATE TO SUPPORT THIS PARISH + COMMUNITY



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church has moved forward with plans to upgrade our campus to accommodate the expected size increases of our growing community. St. Thomas the Apostle officially launched its Capital Campaign in 2022. We're currently seeking to secure funding for the building project. Visit [churchofstthomas.org/future](http://churchofstthomas.org/future) for more details or to donate to the Capital Campaign. You may also contact, Susan Wieneke, Campaign Chair at [susan.wieneke3@gmail.com](mailto:susan.wieneke3@gmail.com) or 763.486.5441.

## WAYS TO GIVE

- Place donation in offering basket during Mass
- Donate online (scan QR code)
- Set up automatic bank payments
- Mail check to: St. Thomas the Apostle, 20000 County Road 10, Corcoran, MN 55340



## ST. TERESA ORPHANS FOUNDATION

Songea, Tanzania, East Africa

Help the St. Teresa Orphans Foundation (STOF) in Africa. The St. Thomas Women's Club will match any donation dollar for dollar for the month of January 2024 for the total contributions received up to \$1,000. You can use your parish envelope or a plain envelope marked "St. Teresa Orphans" and print your name on it, then put it in the weekend collection. Learn about STOF at [stofafrica.org](http://stofafrica.org).



## FABRIC FOR BABY QUILTS

Mission Quilters are assembling baby quilts for Pro-Life's Crib Collection Jan/Feb; baby fabrics may be donated. Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Center entrance through January 25. (Learn more about Mission Quilters on page 3.)

## EXTREME FAITH CAMP FUNDRAISER

Send a kid to camp! The youth of our parishes are working hard this year to fundraise for Extreme Faith Camp—a week-long summer faith camp for middle and high school students. You can help our youth by donating to help offset their costs.

**SAT FEB 3 @ 6:30PM**  
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

*Spaghetti Dinner*

**FUNDRAISER**  
All Proceeds go to the Youth of both parishes to help fund Extreme Faith Camp  
Tickets \$12/person or \$40/ family

**Handmade Art for sale!**

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EXTREME FAITH CAMP? GO TO OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT [JLEIGHTON@SAINTSPPTA.ORG](mailto:jleighton@saintsppta.org)

## BABY ITEMS

The St. Thomas Women's Club is collecting baby items during January that will be given to pro-life organizations. Collection dates will be from January 1-28, 2024. You can drop off your items in the container marked "Baby Items" in the back of the church or in the Parish Center lobby—items such as new outfits, formulas, blankets, diapers, etc. (Diapers are especially needed.) Thank you.



# THANK YOU

## VOTIVE CANDLES

Due to your generous offerings, St. Thomas can provide candles for guests and parishioners to light, representing a prayer intention given near the altar of God. We also thank the Sacristans who replace candles as needed. Fun fact: "votive" means consisting of or expressing a vow, wish, or desire.



# INVITE OTHERS TO PARISH CLUSTER OPPORTUNITIES

## JANUARY

- **Women's Club** meeting at St. Thomas | Jan 15
- **Mission Quilters** at St. Thomas | Jan 17, 24, 31
- **Faith Formation and Dinner** at St. Thomas
  - Jan 17 | Menu: Tator Tot Hotdish
  - Jan 24 | Menu: Sloppy Joes
  - Jan 31 | Menu: Spaghetti
- **Pickup Basketball** at Ave Maria Academy | Jan 20, 27 | contact Jake at 763.742.2015
- **Men's Club** meeting at St. Thomas | Jan 21
- **Holy Apostles Youth Group** at Ss. Peter & Paul | Jan 21, 28
- Holy Apostles Youth Group **Blaster Battle** at Ss. Peter & Paul | Jan 26 | *RSVP by Jan 19 to Julianne at 763.479.0535*

## FEBRUARY

- **Family Intercessory Prayer Hour** at St. Thomas | Feb 2
- **First Saturday Devotions** at St. Thomas | Feb 3
- **Pickup Basketball** at Ave Maria Academy | Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 | contact Jake at 763.742.2015
- **Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner** for Extreme Faith Camp at St. Thomas | Feb 3
- **Mission Quilters** at St. Thomas | Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
- **Faith Formation and Dinner** at St. Thomas
  - Feb 7 | Menu: Chicken Tenders + Corn
  - Feb 21 | Menu: Tacos
  - Feb 28 | Menu: Mac & Cheese + Hot Dogs
- **Holy Apostles Youth Group** at Ss. Peter & Paul | Feb 11, 25
- **Nourishing Hope** at St. Thomas [ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope](http://ourfatherschurch.org/nourishing-hope) | Feb 12
- **Read Mom Book Club** at Ss. Peter & Paul | Feb 13
- **Men's Club** meeting at St. Thomas | Feb 18
- **Women's Club** meeting at St. Thomas | Feb 19



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## LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

**Dates:** February 20-22 (details coming soon)

**Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle

**Topic:** Eucharist and Sacred Heart

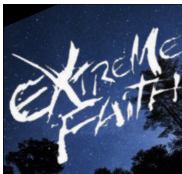
**Speaker:** Sister Fabiola from Pro Ecclesia Sancta (PES). **PES Charisma:** We exist to live and promote the vocation to holiness through the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, thus contributing to the renewal, strengthening and expansion of the Catholic Church. (Learn more at [proecclesiasancta.org](http://proecclesiasancta.org).)

### Tuesday and Thursday

- 6:15pm Sr. Fabiola talk
- 7pm Adoration and Confession
- 7:30pm Refreshments

### Wednesday

- 5:30pm Regular Wed night parish dinner
- 6:15pm Sr. Fabiola talk (note: all Faith Formation classes will be attending)



Extreme Faith Camp is a week-long summer camp for Middle and High school students. Want to learn more? Go to our website!



# INVITE OTHERS TO COMMUNITY EVENTS

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

On Monday, January 22, 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Paul (239 Selby Ave, St. Paul) join Pro-Life advocates in our Archdiocese at the Annual Prayer Service for Life held at the Cathedral. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the women and men wounded by aftermath. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. The MN March for Life at the Capital will follow from 12-1pm. Contact the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family, and Youth at 651.291.4488 for more info.

## MEN OF CHRIST: RISING DAILY IN DISCIPLESHIP

On Saturday, March 23 from 9am-3pm at Church of St. Joseph in Rosemount join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day, which will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. For more information email [flomos@archspm.org](mailto:flomos@archspm.org) or call 651.291.4488.

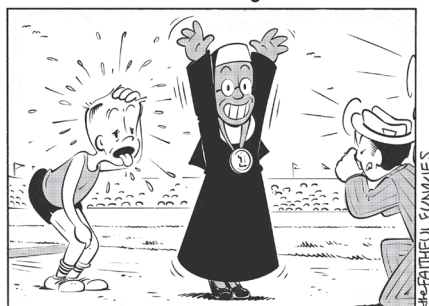
## OPEN HOUSE

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic School Open House for PreK (ages 3-5) on Sat, Jan 20. Stop by anytime between 10am-12pm, 235 2nd Street South, Delano. Contact is Ellen Bauman (Office Admin) 763.972.2528.

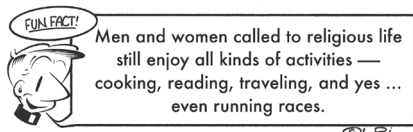


# LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

"Did you hear about the runner who lost the race to a religious sister?"



"The runner was **second to nun**"



## PERSON OF THE WEEK



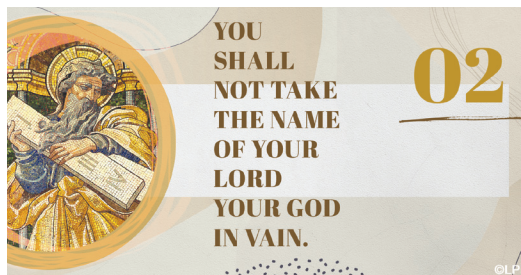
### Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

### Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,  
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

## REMEMBER THE COMMANDMENTS



There are ten commandments in the Old Testament because those commandments are a synthesis of the natural law. ([catholic.com/qa/why-only-10-commandments](http://catholic.com/qa/why-only-10-commandments))

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

## QUESTION + ANSWER

**Q:** Why do we use incense at Mass?



**A:** The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity and is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass and in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word, and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. We can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration and benediction and the deceased's body at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

# VOLUNTEER BE A HERO

## PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Join the FUN! The success of the **Aug 18, 2024** Parish Festival depends on the support of volunteers! Before we start planning, help is needed in many areas. See below for positions that need to be filled immediately. By volunteering, you will join a fun group of people, learn new skills, and meet new friends. Contact Cate at [cdugan@saintsppta.org](mailto:cdugan@saintsppta.org) or 763.420.2385 to sign up!

- Festival Co-Chair
- Raffle Chair
- Sponsor Chair
- Kid's Area Chair
- Cake Walk Chair



## MISSION QUILTERS

Meets Wednesdays Jan-May, in the Church's lower level, from 9:30am-2:30pm. All are welcome; it's easy to learn. Coffee and rolls provided, but please bring a bag lunch if planning to stay the full-time.

The group cuts fabric, irons, matches fabric squares, sheets, and cover pieces, all are put together for pinning and tying simple knots to secure the quilt. To complete, edges are rolled or bound and sewed - lots of steps! Baby quilts are assembled for Pro-Life's Crib Collection in January/February; baby fabrics may be donated now.

The quilts are distributed to non-profits, nursing homes, needy families, and church functions. Several quilts are sold or auctioned off at the parish festival with proceeds going to the festival fund! Stop for an hour or all day. Contact Kathy Gleason (763.428.4696 or 612.709.8914) or Elaine Kramer (612.418.5703) with questions.



## ADORATION

Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, is located in the old convent building near Ss. Peter & Paul church. To sign up for an hour, contact the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office at 763.479.0535. ***Another way to help is to pray the Memorare to open more hearts to Adoration.***

# PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

## THE SICK

To respect privacy, individuals may only request to add a name from their own family. Names will be removed after three months unless the requester notifies the Parish Office.

- Jackie Langenberger (thru 3.24.24)
- Diane Growchowski (thru 4.14.24)

## THOSE IN THE MILITARY

To have a member of the U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact the Parish Office.

- Luke Hartwig | Army
- Tony Ramminger | Air Force
- Sara Schiller | Army National Guard

## OUR SEMINARIANS + THOSE DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE

- Deacon Jonathon Hank, OMV | Oblates of the Virgin Mary in Boston
- Cory Plotts | Institute of Diaconate Formation, St. Paul Seminary

## REQUESTS

Add prayer requests to the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is composed of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To submit a Prayer Chain request, please contact the Parish Office.

**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Our Father,  
We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



# LOOKING AHEAD

THANK YOU  
TO ALL OF THE  
LITURGICAL  
VOLUNTEERS  
FOR DONATING  
YOUR TIME  
AND TALENT,  
SO MASS  
CAN RUN  
SMOOTHLY FOR  
THIS PARISH.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS | January 20-21

### Ushers

Sat 5:30pm Kurt Koshiol, Mike Socha  
Sun 7:30am Lisa Adolphson, Ben Barron, Steve Marsden  
Sun 10:30am George Sawatzke, Chris Hanson, Paul Novotny, Greg Dvorsak

### Lector

Sat 5:30pm Rachel Polson  
Sun 7:30am Barbara Dzurik  
Sun 10:30am Ann Novotny

### EMHC (*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*)

Sat 5:30pm Donna Socha  
Sun 7:30am Shirley Dorcy  
Sun 10:30am Ann Novotny

### Hospitality

Sun 7:30am Tom + Brenda Hudinsky  
Sun 10:30am Ann + Paul Novotny

### Priest

Sat 5:30pm Fr. Jenson  
Sun 7:30am Fr. Mark Juettner  
Sun 10:30am Fr. Mark Juettner

## MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Ministry Schedule Pro (MSP) is the application used to schedule Liturgical Ministers.

Visit [churchofstthomas.org/volunteer](http://churchofstthomas.org/volunteer) to access MSP, its User Guide, or view a short video on how to use the MSP mobile app.

Please contact the Parish Office to be added to the Liturgical Minister volunteer list.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 14, 2024

### Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

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

### Saturday:

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

### Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tues, Jan 16 (SsPP)** † **8am:** Sam Casalenda  
**Wed, Jan 17 (SsPP)** † **8:30am:** Ron Arens  
**Thu, Jan 18 (SsPP)** † **8:30am:** Charlotte Schmidt  
**Fri, Jan 19 (STA)** † **8:30am:** Jim Sesvold  
**Sat, Jan 20 (STA)** † **8:30am:** Reverend Martin A. Beckman  
† **5:30pm:** Bonnie Morin  
**Sun, Jan 21 (STA)** **7:30am:** Darwin + Cathy Kuehn Family  
† **10:30am:** Bonnie Morin

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 14, 2024

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
**Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for weekend bulletin submissions are 9am Mondays. Please contact the Parish Office at 763.420.2385 or email [hello@saintsppta.org](mailto:hello@saintsppta.org).



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