

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21-27, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Monday: 7 a.m.

Tuesday–Friday: 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
(Extraordinary Form), 6 p.m. (Contemporary Music)

Mass is livestreamed at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

ASL-interpreted Mass for the deaf community at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday of each monthArabic Mass at 2 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month (see calendar)**Confession:**

Wednesday: 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Friday–Saturday: 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

First Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. (Closed 12–1 p.m.)

Sunday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

24-Hour Adoration:

Friday 8 a.m.–Saturday 9 a.m. (begins after school Mass during the school year)

Anointing of the Sick:

After all Sunday Masses or by request

Marriage:Email stthomaswedding@sta2.org**Receive Prayer:**Email prayer@sta2.org or contact the parish office at 734-761-8606**Baptism:**Email baptism@sta2.org**Marriage Annulment:**Contact Judy Truckey at 248-756-7316 or jtruckey@sta2.org**Funeral Arrangements:**

Contact Dan Vincke at 734-761-8606 ext. 2801

Event Requests:bit.ly/sta2eventform**Community Advertising & Bulletin:**communications@sta2.org**Weekly Email Update**Sign up at bit.ly/sta2email

St. Thomas the Apostle Directory

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Weekly Sunday & Holy Day Offering Update

*Updated 9.15.2025***Monthly Budget to Date**

Sept. MTD Budget: \$62,000

Sept. MTD Actual: \$58,618

BELOW MTD Budget: **(\$3,382)****Current Fiscal Year to Date**

Current YTD Budget: \$277,000

Current YTD Actual: \$282,888

ABOVE YTD Budget: **\$5,888***Thank you for your support and gifts!*

FROM THE PASTOR

Question of the Week: What does Jesus mean by the phrase “dishonest wealth” in this week’s Gospel? (See Luke 16:1-13)

Congratulations to Br. Nathanael Gregor, OCD, who made his solemn profession this past week!

Br. Nathanael is surrounded by his family. What a joyful day it was for all of us. In making a solemn profession, Br. Nathanael gave his life to Jesus in service of the Church—and in particular, the mission of the Carmelite Order.

A sacrifice of self that is united to Jesus is the essence of true worship and true witness to the Gospel. It is also at the heart of being a good steward of what God has entrusted to us.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is going to use a very unusual parable to teach us about stewardship. It is a funny story about a dishonest steward who made sure he would be well taken care of when he was fired from his job. Jesus was not lifting him up to us as an example of virtue or proper living, except for one virtue: having foresight! Jesus wants us to prepare well for the reality we are living in, not from a worldly perspective, but from a much higher perspective of faith! Jesus wanted his disciples to be good stewards of the gifts of God and prepare for the Day of Judgement and heaven. *“Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”*

What does it mean to “make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth?” Jesus sees all of earthly money as “dishonest wealth.” For one, it creates a false illusion of security! Money “lies” to the one who has it, for it says, “just gain a little more of me and you will be happy.” No. True and eternal happiness is found in God alone.

Secondly, dishonest wealth can feed other bad vices in a person, such as greed, gambling, selfishness, worldly desires, and the pursuit of worldly pleasures. It can blind us to the needs of those around us. Remember the parable Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus, the beggar at his doorstep! The rich man did not end well, but Lazarus did.

That is the point Jesus is making. A disciple of Jesus is a good steward because he or she remember the big picture! We are on a journey to God himself, and God has gifted us with material and spiritual blessings that he expects us to use properly for the good of others. In this way, we are following the path of the Cross and sacrificial love that Jesus revealed.

Stewardship for Saints & Scholars: \$3.3 Million Capital Campaign

Speaking of stewardship, Bishop Boyea visited our rectory this past Sunday, just to stop by and spend some rest time with us before going on to celebrate Mass at a nearby migrant camp. He mentioned how important it is for us all to get behind the big diocesan and parish effort to support Catholic education. He stressed how important it is given the times we are in and what is happening in our country. Catholic education infuses culture with young disciples of Jesus who truly change our world. Saints are the leaven, salt, and light of our world, and Catholic education provides a fertile ground for our young children to become holy and make a lasting difference.

Our parish is a part of the third wave of the campaign, which hopes to finish out the \$70 million diocesan goal. We are already seeing benefits from this campaign, as some of the funds come back to us to help our school. In the following weeks, the entire parish will be receiving a large envelope containing more information about the campaign and how you can help. I know you will be as generous as you can be. It is important when considering your gift to keep in mind the support needed for the mission of the parish each Sunday. Between 30-40% (depending on the year) of our Sunday offerings also go to support our school.

Being a good steward for the Lord means our “savings” are in God. May God bless you. — Fr. Bill



BULLETIN COVER

This week's sacred art is a stained glass window in the Caldwell Chapel in the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. It depicts St. Vincent de Paul, whose memorial is this Saturday, September 27. St. Vincent exemplifies the care for the poor and the righteous use of wealth that this Sunday's readings urge us to live out. This week, please pray for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at our parish and everyone they serve. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

POPE'S INTENTION

September: For Our Relationship with All of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 21

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Evan Morgan (INT)
11:30 a.m. Michael Zaroff, Jr. (RIP)
6 p.m. Dorothy Ouellete (RIP)

Monday, September 22

7 a.m. Christopher Brandy (RIP)

Tuesday, September 23

7 a.m. Fr. Joy Thaiparambil (INT)
8 a.m. Pauline Beh (INT)
12 p.m. The Norman Family (INT)

Wednesday, September 24

7 a.m. Joseph Shelcusky (RIP)
8 a.m. St. Thomas School
12 p.m. Gloria Morris (RIP)

Thursday, September 25

7 a.m. Saints & Scholars Campaign
12 p.m. Pope Leo XIV (INT)

Friday, September 26

7 a.m. Bishop Earl Boyea (INT)
12 p.m. Helena Khoo Bong Soo (RIP)

Saturday, September 27

9 a.m. Matthew & Sierrah Johnson (INT)
4:30 p.m. Robert Merkel (RIP)

UPCOMING LITURGIES, EVENTS, & DEVOTIONS

Monday, September 22

7:45 a.m. Rosary after 7:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Embrace Grace
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Men's Group
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Women's Group

Tuesday, September 23

7:45 a.m. Rosary after 7:00 a.m. Mass
12:45 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
5:00 p.m. Rosary Group
7:00 p.m. Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Women's Group

Wednesday, September 24

7:45 a.m. Rosary after 7:00 a.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way
8:15 p.m. 24/7 Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursday, September 25

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lauds)
7:45 a.m. Rosary after 7:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Schola Pueri Cordis Jesus Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. OCIA Session
7:00 p.m. Teen Group

Friday, September 26

7:45 a.m. Rosary after 7:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. 24-Hour Adoration Begins
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, September 27

8:45 a.m. 24-Hour Adoration Ends
10:00 a.m. Rosary after 9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way

OUR PARISH

Now Hiring: Director of Facilities & Maintenance

Our parish is currently looking for a full-time Director of Facilities & Maintenance to oversee our parish and school buildings and grounds. If you are interested in this position, find the full job description and apply at dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join Our Music Ministries!

If you are interested in serving as a cantor or instrumentalist or singing in one of our choirs, please contact Jeanne Marie Gerig, Director of Music (jmgerig@sta2.org).

Parish Choir

The Parish Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 4 and sings weekly for the 9:30 a.m. Mass and special liturgies.

Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum rehearses on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings weekly for the 11:30 a.m. Extraordinary Form Mass.

Laudate Youth Choir

Laudate Youth Choir (grades 4-12) will rehearse on Mondays and sing for periodic Masses and special liturgies.

Schola Pueri Cordis Jesu

Schola Pueri Cordis Jesu (ages 8-18) rehearses on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. and sings for periodic 11:30 a.m. EF Masses and special liturgies. Contact Lucia Skrobola at lskrobola@sta2.org.



IN MILITARY SERVICE

Keith Allen	Sarah Moir
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Riley Frenette	Matthew Taylor
Brendan A. Garbe	Kenneth Thomas
John Heemstra	Christopher Watson
Kalonn Christopher Hill	R. J. Zamberlan
Kyle King	Joseph Zukowsky
Fr. Dan Mode	

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MARRIAGE MINISTRY PRESENTS

DATE NIGHT PICKLEBALL

\$25 A COUPLE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 6-9 P.M.

FOR MARRIED, ENGAGED, AND DATING COUPLES

APPETIZERS INCLUDED

REGISTER BY TUESDAY, 9/23



COUPLES PLAY TOGETHER AS A TEAM

WOLVERINE PICKLEBALL

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Family Dinner & Adoration

Please join us for dinner in the parish hall, followed by family Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Families of all ages and stages are welcome! This event is offered by Knights of Columbus Council 587 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Saturday, September 27

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

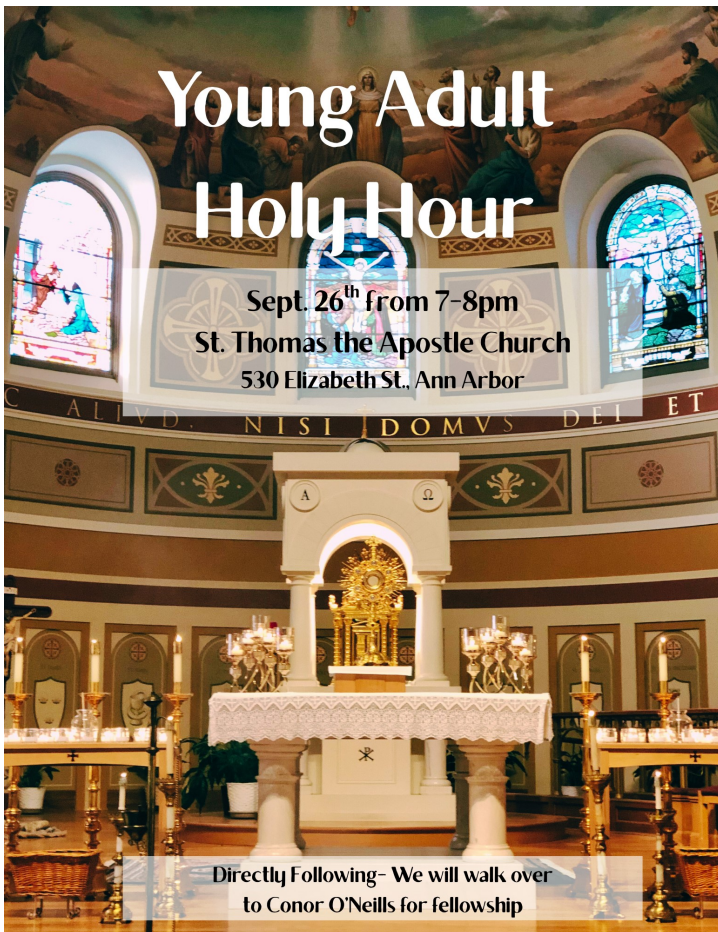
Adoration at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP Here:



Young Adult Holy Hour

Sept. 26th from 7-8pm
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
530 Elizabeth St., Ann Arbor



Directly Following- We will walk over to Conor O'Neills for fellowship

What Is *Classical* Catholic Education?

Monday, October 13, in the St. Thomas Parish Hall
Wine & Light Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. | Talk with Q&A at 7:00 p.m.



Michael Sauter
St. Thomas Headmaster

What is the aim of classical Catholic education? Drawing from Christopher Dawson and John Senior, the headmaster of St. Thomas School will address our school's distinct mission and why it is worth supporting through our parish's capital campaign.





Marriage & Parenting Retreat: October 17-18

Date Night: October 17, 6:30–9:00 p.m.

Retreat: October 18, 8:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

The school of the family is here! This course, taught by Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project, is designed to open up parents of all ages to God's vision for marriage and to teach them the habits they need to transform family life. It's part marriage renewal, part parenting course, and part retreat. Mike and Alicia will share wisdom and principles for families young and old.

Limited childcare is provided, so register ASAP! Register by September 22 to receive an early bird discount (\$90 per couple). Registration will close after October 12. Scholarships are available: no one will be turned away based on



The public launch of our combined campaign is next Sunday, September 27-28. In the interim, should you have any inquiries, please contact Steven Furuta at 563-505-2058 or sfuruta@steiergroup.com.

The total goal for St. Thomas during this campaign is \$3.3 million and breaks down as follows:

1. Diocesan goal: \$1.815 million (20% of this money is returned to St. Thomas to be used for the local goals)
2. Increasing our school endowments: \$1.0395 million
3. Facilities maintenance and repairs: \$445,500 (once St. Thomas exceeds the total \$3 goal, 100% of donations will remain with St. Thomas)

The combined campaign will be a major effort, asking for gifts beyond regular weekly, monthly, or yearly offertory contributions. Since the church and school will still need support for everyday expenses, parishioners are not being asked to reduce their usual giving. Please consider making a special gift in addition to your regular offertory.



If you're ready to explore life's big questions, *The Search* is for you! Join us for dinner, *The Search* video series, and small group discussion. Everyone from college students and older is welcome.

Register by September 26: bit.ly/TheSearchA2 or scan the QR code



Contact:

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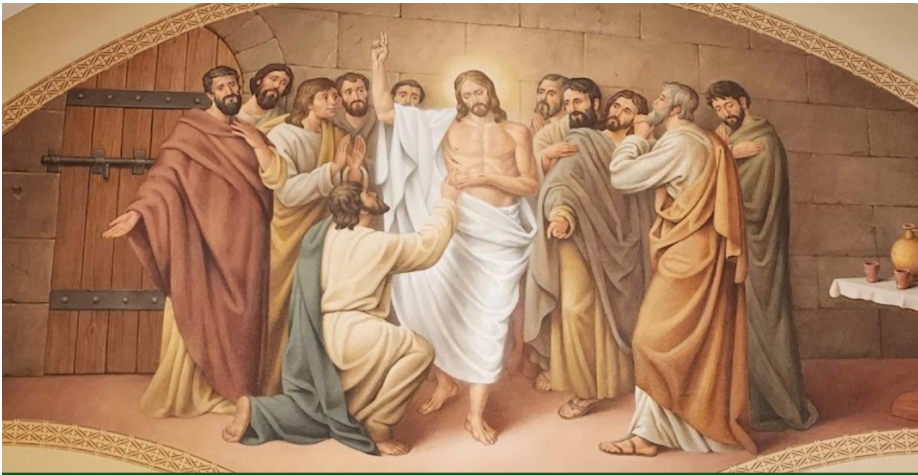
Volunteer for The Search

The Search is St. Thomas's upcoming fall ministry series. We are seeking table hosts, helpers, emcees, and members for our planning team. All are welcome for this rewarding experience! Learn more about the different volunteer roles and sign up at sta2.org/church/news/the-search or by scanning the QR code. Contact Caroline Dirkes, Director of Evangelization, at 734-761-8606 ext. 2904 or cdirkes@sta2.org with any questions.



Substitute Teaching at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

Our parish school is looking for people interested in being a part of the school's substitute teacher list for preschool through twelfth grade. A college degree is not required. Candidates must be 18 years or older, obtain Virtus certification, and complete other necessary diocesan paperwork. The pay is \$15/hour. Inquiries may be submitted to Michael Sauter; email msauter@sta2.org or call 734-769-0911.



DISCIPLESHIP GROUP FOR MARRIED MEN

Prayer, Growth, and Fellowship in Christ

FALL 2025
KICK-OFF

Thursday, October 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In a Discipleship Group, you will pray and share your life with other married men striving to be disciples of Jesus. The new group will meet on Thursdays beginning October 23. Contact Pete Ziolkowski at 734-330-7242 or pz3000@gmail.com with any questions.

PLEASE RSVP TO HELP WITH PLANNING:



Science Olympiad for St. Thomas School & Homeschoolers

Our Science Olympiad team at St. Thomas is looking for volunteer coaches or guest speakers in all areas of science-related studies. If you are interested, please contact mso@sta2.org.

Homeschooling families with children grades 6-9 are welcome to join the St. Thomas Science Olympiad team. Please contact mso@sta2.org by September 30 for details.

7th Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress: October 5-12

With Bishop Boyea's blessing, this diocesan Rosary Congress is an effort to fill a whole week with 24/7 prayer. St. Thomas parishioners are encouraged to join in by praying at home or in our church.



Halloween Candy
Donations

WidowsMight.Net Fall Picnic Potluck

Monday, September 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m.



All widows are invited to a potluck picnic at Irene Fast Pavilion in Gallup Park in Ann Arbor. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Baked and fried chicken will be provided. We hope to see you there! RSVP by emailing WidowsMight.Net@gmail.com or calling 734-233-7297.

The mission of WidowsMight.Net is to build a vibrant Christian community where widows can find enduring support and genuine friendship.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year, the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2,000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood, giving them a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat on Halloween. But they need your help to make this year a success! They're asking for donations of Halloween candy to give out to the many kids who come to their door. If you'd like to help support this ministry, please drop off candy at the parish office by Friday, October 24.



Save the Date

Sunday December 14th, 2025
1-6pm

Join us at the
**St. Thomas the Apostle
Christkindlmarkt**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Grounds
530 Elizabeth St. Ann Arbor MI

**COME JOIN
THE
FUN**

Sign up as a vendor or volunteer at this year's
Christkindlmarkt!




**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**

Fall Campaign Events

Kickoff Rally & Interfaith Jericho March **Sunday, September 21, 2:00 p.m.**

Please start to gather at 1:50 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood at 3100 Professional Dr. in Ann Arbor. At approximately 2:45 we will depart Planned Parenthood on lap 1 of our Interfaith Jericho March inspired by the book of Joshua. **Laps 2-7 will take place on the following Sundays at 2:00 p.m. during the fall campaign.** Each Sunday's lap which will include prayer, singing, and Scripture readings as we walk the 1-mile block around Planned Parenthood. Our event will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Pro-Life Mass, Holy Hour, & Procession **Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.**

Please gather at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church for Mass, followed by Eucharistic exposition with Benediction. At 11:30 a.m., a Marian procession will depart from the front steps of the church and head for Planned Parenthood.

Midpoint Rally with a Former Abortionist **Thursday, October 23, 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for a presentation by Dr. Haywood Robinson at 3131 Professional Dr., just down the street from Planned Parenthood. Formerly an abortionist, Dr. Robinson now serves as the Director of Medical Affairs and Education for 40 Days for Life.

Closing Rally & Jericho March **Sunday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.**

Please note that on the seventh Sunday of a Jericho March there are 7 laps, with our first lap beginning at 8:00 a.m. and subsequent laps taking place at the top of each hour until the final lap at 2:00 p.m. Food and fellowship will immediately follow the final lap of the Jericho March at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Save the Date: Michigan March for Life **Thursday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.**

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October 23, 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

530 Elizabeth Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Free and Open to the Public—Offering Taken

Fundraiser for a St. Thomas School Trip to Ireland

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School juniors and seniors are fundraising for their end-of-the-year trip to visit a monastery and other holy and historical places in Ireland. They are offering to do yard work and any outdoor work you need help with, for whatever donation you would like to make towards our trip. Please contact them via email at deemerfamily@gmail.com or kurt.hiester@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to have them come help you! Thank you for your kind support!

Red Mass

Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at St. Mary Cathedral. A dinner reception will immediately follow. All judges, lawyers, law students, and interested persons are invited. Judges receive one complimentary dinner. The St. Thomas More Award recipient is Robert J. Muise, an attorney who specializes in constitutional law.

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 3RD ANNUAL

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“TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST”

OCT. 4 – 5



Register for one day or both!
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- Saturday: St. Mary, Manchester to St. Andrew, Saline (17 miles)
- Sunday: St. Andrew, Saline to St. Thomas, Ann Arbor (12 miles), arriving for 11:30am Latin Mass
- Daily Latin Mass, Divine Office, Rosary, Fellowship, Food & Fun!

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Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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