

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás el Apóstol

Sunday, November 15, 2026 / Domingo, 15 del Noviembre, 2026

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am
Spanish | 1:00pm

Weekday Masses

Thursday | 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:15pm-4:00pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday | 8:00am- NOON

Mission Statement

In The Name of Jesus Christ, St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community Welcomes, Prays, Feeds, Heals, Comforts ALL!

Declaración de Misión

En el Nombre de Jesucristo, que la Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás Apóstol Acoge, Reza, Alimenta, Cura, Conforta ¡TODO!



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Letter from Fr. Dave /Carta del padre Dave





Dear Folks,

During the month of November, the Church remembers those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith and are now at rest. With the advent of this month, the subject of purgatory inevitably surfaces, and the image of fire. Recently, I read a meditation on purgatory from Sister Ruth Burrows, a Carmelite nun from England. What she wrote touched my heart and perhaps yours as well this holy month!

"Do many attain holiness in this life? Although it seems that few find the road to perfect union within the span of their lifetime, some do find it before they die, at the end of that span. Old age with its "undoing," as well as illness, can prove an effective instrument in God's hands with which to complete his purifying work... But what if the purifying work is not complete before physical death?... The Catholic instinct has always held on to the notion of purgatory; it has shrunk from the easy assumption that most people at death "go straight to heaven."

To believe in a purification after death is not an insult to God's mercy nor to the power of redemption. Mercy, ever poured out in lavish flow, must be received. If we have not allowed it to wash over us in life, and if we are to reach our perfect fulfillment and happiness in God, which is God's dearest wish, then we must consent to be drowned/washed in these purifying waters after death.

Both in life and after death, it is love that purifies. If in life we allow God to come close to us in love, to take us in his arms and hold us fast, this inevitably means pain, simply because we are so twisted, hard and unyielding. If we submit, his love softens us, straightens us out, *transforms* us into *God's* own likeness. The pain of purification is the direct effect of love [in this life]. And this is the same after death."

I have said countless times: all God wants to do is hold us. If love is our origin, if love is our constant calling, then love is our fulfillment in heaven.

May we allow God's love to wash over us: either in this life, or the next.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Dave

Queridos amigos:

Durante el mes de noviembre, la Iglesia recuerda a aquellos que nos han precedido, marcados con el signo de la fe, y que ahora descansan. Con la llegada de este mes, surge inevitablemente el tema del purgatorio, junto con la imagen del fuego. Hace poco, leí una reflexión sobre el purgatorio de sor Ruth Burrows, una monja carmelita de Inglaterra. ¡Lo que escribió tocó mi corazón y, tal vez, también toque el de ustedes en este mes sagrado!

«¿Alcanzan muchos la santidad en esta vida? Aunque parece que pocos encuentran el camino hacia la unión perfecta a lo largo de su existencia, algunos sí lo hayan antes de morir, al final de ese trayecto. La vejez, con su proceso de "desmoronamiento", así como la enfermedad, pueden resultar instrumentos eficaces en manos de Dios para completar su obra purificadora... Pero, ¿qué sucede si esa obra de purificación no se ha completado antes de la muerte física? El instinto católico siempre ha mantenido la noción del purgatorio; se ha resistido a la suposición simplista de que la mayoría de las personas, al morir, "van directamente al cielo"».

Creer en una purificación después de la muerte no es un insulto a la misericordia de Dios ni al poder de la redención. La misericordia, que se derrama siempre con gran generosidad, debe ser recibida. Si no hemos permitido que nos bañe durante nuestra vida, y si hemos de alcanzar nuestra plenitud y felicidad perfectas en Dios lo cual es el deseo más profundo de Dios, entonces debemos consentir en ser sumergidos o lavados en estas aguas purificadoras después de la muerte.

Tanto en esta vida como después de la muerte, es el amor lo que purifica. Si en vida permitimos que Dios se acerque a nosotros con amor, que nos tome en sus brazos y nos sostenga con fuerza, esto conlleva inevitablemente dolor, sencillamente porque estamos muy retorcidos, endurecidos e inflexibles. Si nos dejamos transformar, su amor nos ablanda, nos endereza y nos convierte a imagen de Dios. El dolor de la purificación es el efecto directo del amor [en esta vida]. Y lo mismo ocurre después de la muerte.

Lo he dicho innumerables veces: lo único que Dios desea es sostenernos entre sus brazos. Si el amor es nuestro origen, si el amor es nuestra llamada constante, entonces el amor es también nuestra plenitud en el cielo. Permitamos que el amor de Dios nos inunde: ya sea en esta vida o en la venidera.

En la paz de Cristo,

Padre Dave

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Memorials	$595
Stole Fees	$75
Sacramental Donation	$25
Annual Cemetery Collection	$140

Through the waters of Baptism,
St.Thomas welcomes...

Brooklyn Lee Wachowski
daughter of Cody and Sarah.

May you feel God's joy fill your heart every day, and know that he is deeply in love with you.
Congratulations and many blessings to you and your family on this special day!





Christmas Caroling Soon!!!

Please mark your calendars!



Monday, December 14th

6:00 PM

All are welcome, adults and children alike, to please join us in spreading some cheer at Felician Village!

1635 S 21st St., Manitowoc, WI

We will be singing **in the Village Hall.** Please enter at the main entrance across from the middle school.

We look forward to singing with you!

Parábola de los talentos



Mateo 25, 14-30. Tiempo Ordinario. ¿Qué has hecho hoy? ¿Cuántas veces has dejado sin hacer lo que debías?

Por: P. Clemente González | Fuente: Catholic.net

Los talentos no sólo representan las pertenencias materiales. Los talentos son también las cualidades que Dios nos ha dado a cada uno.

Vamos a reflexionar sobre las dos enseñanzas del evangelio de hoy. La primera alude al que recibió cinco monedas y a su compañero, que negoció con dos. Cada uno debe producir al máximo según lo que ha recibido de su señor. Por eso, en la parábola se felicita al que ha ganado dos talentos, porque ha obtenido unos frutos en proporción a lo que tenía. Su señor no le exige como al primero, ya que esperaba de él otro rendimiento.

Igualmente se aplica a nosotros, según las posibilidades reales de cada individuo. Hay personas que tienen gran influencia sobre los demás, otras son muy serviciales, otras, en cambio, son capaces de entregarse con heroísmo al cuidado de personas enfermas, los hay con una profesión, con un trabajo, con unos estudios, con una responsabilidad concreta en la sociedad...

Pero puede darse el caso del tercer siervo del evangelio: no produjo nada con su talento. A Cristo le duele enormemente esa actitud. Se encuentra ante alguien llamado a hacer un bien, aunque fuera pequeño, y resulta que no ha hecho nada. Eso es un pecado de omisión, que tanto daña al corazón de Cristo, porque es una manifestación de pereza, dejadez, falta de interés y desprecio a quien le ha regalado el talento.

Analiza tu jornada. ¿Qué has hecho hoy? ¿Qué cualidades han dado su fruto? ¿Cuántas veces has dejado sin hacer lo que debías?

Dame la gracia, Señor, de poner a trabajar los regalos, los talentos que me has dado. Que no tema arriesgar los talentos que me has regalado para así hacerlos multiplicar. Dame la confianza necesaria para poner toda mi vida al ruedo y así crecer en mi plenitud personal y en la extensión de tu Reino. AMEN

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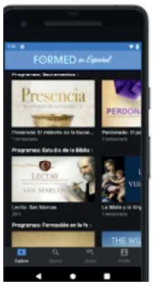

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St. Thomas the Apostle. Ministerio Hispano

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Thursday, November 19
8:00am Brost, Braun and Staudinger Families

Saturday, November 21
4:30pm Tom Brunner

Sanctuary Light 22-28
Stahl and Fitzgerald Families

Sunday, November 22
8:00am Irene Giese
10:00am Mark Krejcarek



November 22, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, 19-20,30-31
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46
Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information on the right.
Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

November 15- Kristin Waack
920-901-1441
November 22- Wayne Wallander
920-946-9002
November 29-John Stelzer
920-323-2304

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 21/22	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Server(s)	Elaine Imhoff Laurie Jonasen	Charlotte Hartfield Anna Minor	Brady Hanson Bernard Holschbach
Hospitality	Sally Fitzgerald Charlie Geiser Judy Geiser JoAnn Krejcarek	Tom Reedy Diane Lesperance Dale Barnes	Michele Vogel Jerry Vogel Renee Bruckschen Mike Bruckschen
Cross Bearer	Pete Pokorski	Ava Vetter	Ameliya Neuser
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Sacristan	Barb Backus	Ann and Mike Presto	Shelly Wery Tom Wery

Events / Eventos

November

9th- Cleaning Day
6:30pm-Choir Practice
10th- 9:30am-Small Groups
11th- 6:15pm-RE Grades 1-9
6:15 pm-YA Investigation of Ordinary Miracles
12th- 8:00am-**Mass**
6:00pm- Small Groups
14th- Burrito Saturday-After Mass
15th- Burrito Sunday-After All Masses
9:15a.m- RE Grades 10-11
11:30am- Hispanic RE & OCIA
16th- Cleaning Day
6pm- Living Justice
6:30pm-Choir Practice
7pm- Education Comm. Mtg
17th- 9:30am-Small Groups
3pm- Cemetery Mtg
6:30pm-Women's Bible Study
7:00pm-Men's Bible Study

November

18th- 6:15pm-RE Grades 1-9
6:15 pm-YA Investigation of Extrardinary Miracles
7:15pm-**Mass**
19th- 8:00am-**Mass**
6:00pm- Small Groups
6:00pm-Finance Council Mtg
6:30pm-Pastoral Council Mtg
7:00pm-Young Women's Bible Study
22nd- 9:15am-Confirmation Class
11:30am-Hispanic RE & OCIA
23rd- Cleaning Day
6:30pm-Choir Practice
24th- 6:00pm-Millions of Monicas Gathering
6:00pm Knight of Columbus Council Meeting
26th- 9:00am **THANKSGIVING MASS** (No 8:00 am Mass)
29th - 11:30am- Hispanic RE & OCIA
30th - Cleaning Day
6:30pm-Choir Practice

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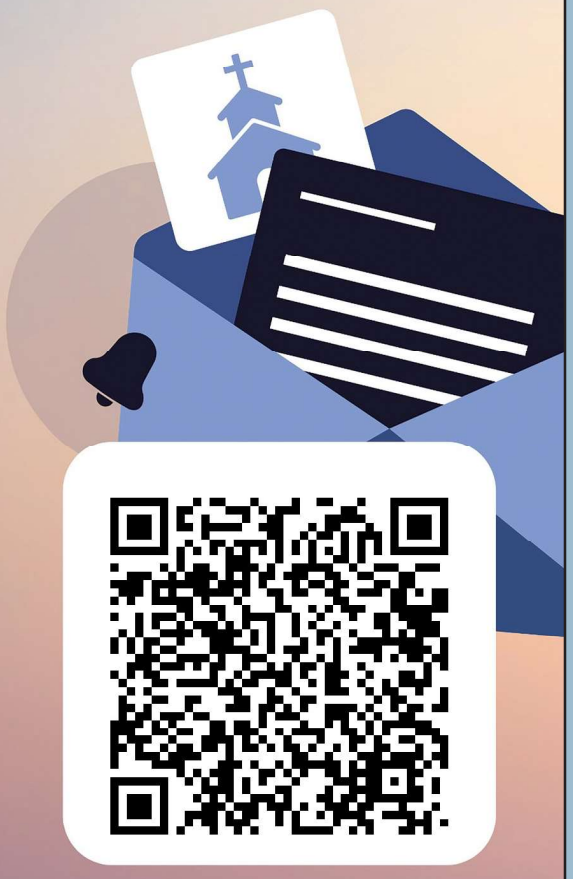

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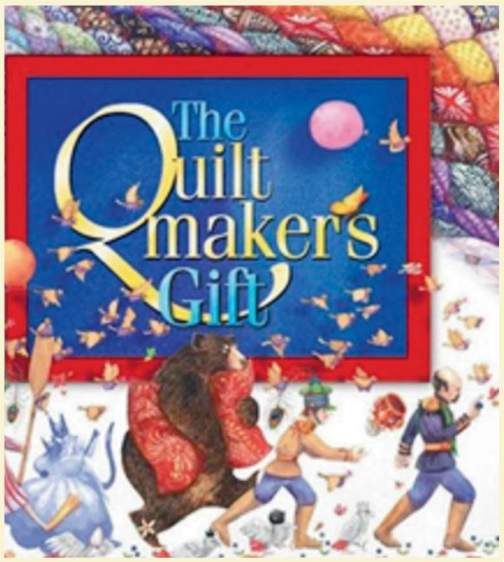

Deacon Rich will share this sweet, timeless tale—a beautiful and entertaining story for children and the young at heart. Bring a quilt or special blanket to sit on or share. Dress comfortably in your winter "fuzzies" or lounge clothes. We will provide pizza to enjoy before the story.

As always, St. Thomas the Apostle welcomes everyone, so feel free to invite friends to join you.



St. Thomas the Apostle Cookie Sale

The sale will be held Sat. and Sun., December 5th and 6th. Bakery and cookies will be sold before and after all Masses. All proceeds will benefit the St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council.

We are asking for donations of cookies, dessert breads, candy, snacks and pastry. We are also asking for volunteers to sell baked goods before and after all Masses. There will be a sing-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Bakery can be brought to the church on Friday, December 4th and before Masses.



Christmas Giving Trees

If you are able, please stop by the Two Giving Trees in the Gathering Space! This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season by sharing the spirit of giving, kindness, and generosity with those in need. Thank you for helping make this season a little brighter for others!