# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás el Apóstol

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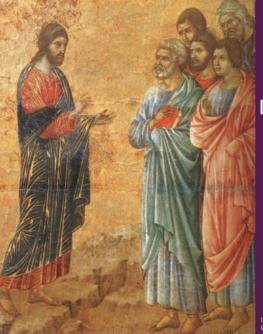
# 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

- Mt 18:15

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# 23<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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"Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano". - Mt 18, 15

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Mass
Thursday, 8:00 AM
Enter at canopy,
door 3.

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Sundays, 8:00 AM & 10:00AM 1:00 PM—Spanish Reconciliation
Saturday at
3:15 PM-4:00 PM



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#### **Mission Statement**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community exists to be a vibrant faith-filled community, proclaiming with our lives that God is deeply in love with us. Through open hearts, meaningful worship and compassionate service, we model the Spirit of Christ in the world today.

September 10, 2023 / 10 de Septiembre de 2023

Dear Folks,

Our Church of St. Thomas desires to focus more deeply on the Scriptures, to grow not only more knowledgeable, but in deeper relationship to Christ himself and his living Word. In the months and years ahead, we are being invited to "Seize the text" and to <u>believe</u> what we read. Since St. Thomas the Apostle merged almost 25 years ago, we have been using worship aids for our Sunday Liturgies. When the month is over, we recycle the paper, since they can no longer be used, because different feasts land on different days of the year, as when the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th) is celebrated on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our Scriptures proclaimed at Liturgy are on a three year cycle. This year, we are experiencing Cycle A, the Gospel of Matthew. It is so important that we have a chance to read and open our hearts to the Scriptures each weekend, Jesus speaking to us. In our world, this may only happen when we finally have a moment to sit in our Sacred House of the Church and be at peace before we formally begin our Liturgy, some juggling little ones! After much conversation and prayer, we will be purchasing hymnals for use in our Liturgies, which will contain the readings for Cycles A, B and C, available for use beginning with the Season of Advent this year. Until then, watch for messages on the back of our current worship aids.

Besides the spiritual reasons shown above, perhaps it is time that we "go green" and watch our paper consumption. Over the years in time, labor, material (paper and ink and copiers), we have spent over \$50,000 since we opened our doors: and this is a conservative estimate.

There are paperback hymnals, but they are for one year of use only and must be recycled. Our choice is the Gather Four hard -bound hymnal with ribbons to help us find our way to the hymns, psalms, the Order of the Mass and the Scriptures. This is a one-time investment for many years. There is more to share with you in the weeks ahead!

Many of us have already started school in many places: colleges and universities, tech schools, Roncalli Catholic Schools and many others. We keep in prayer our faith formation students who will be returning to their Wednesday evening or Sunday

morning "nests" of learning and encountering Jesus. We remember these students of all ages in our prayers, and the families who sacrifice for their children to grow in the love of the Lord Jesus.

The building fund for the new Roncalli Elementary and Middle School continues to grow, with almost \$13.6 million collected so far. The students who attend the school come from many different parishes: Kewaunee, Algoma, Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Newton, Brillion and even a large group from the Sheboygan parishes throughout the system. Be assured that many, many groups and individuals are being contacted to help: Roncalli alumni and other generous donors who are able to make a legacy gift, that is, a once-in-a-lifetime gift to build on the foundation started by past generations who provided for us, as we now provide an opportunity for future families. Please pray and consider making a gift that will make a difference for generations!

#### **CEMETERY CLEANUP**

Fall cemetery cleanup will begin shortly at all St. Thomas cemeteries which include St. Casimir Cemetery, St. Fidelis Cemetery, St. George Cemetery, St. Isidore Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery, St. Thomas Cemetery, and St. Wendel Cemetery.

# Please remove any items you would like to keep prior to October 15.

Any items that remain after October 15, will be discarded. After November 15, you may begin placing items back in the cemeteries.

Thank you.

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM** for an evening that promises to be entertaining and inspiring! HAUNTED BY GOD: THE LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY is a compelling one-woman show about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. After her death in 1980, the New York Times eulogized Dorothy as a "nonviolent social radical of luminous personality." Don't miss your chance to see this production at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community (8100 Brunner Road, Newton)! FREE! Written by Paul Amandes, Robert McClory and Lisa Wagner-Carollo and produced in association with Call to Action. Any free will offerings collected will be given to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter.

¡Marque su calendario para el martes 19 de septiembre a las 6:30 p. m. para una velada que promete ser entretenida e inspiradora! HAUNTED BY GOD: LA VIDA DE DOROTHY DAY es un cautivador espectáculo unipersonal sobre la cofundadora del movimiento Trabajador Católico. Después de su muerte en 1980, el New York Times elogió a Dorothy como una "radical social no violenta de personalidad luminosa". ¡No pierda la oportunidad de ver esta producción en la comunidad católica St. Thomas the Apostle (8100 Brunner Road, Newton)! ¡GRATIS! Escrito por Paul Amandes, Robert McClory y Lisa Wagner-Carollo y producido en asociación con Call to

Action. Todas las donaciones recaudadas se entregarán al refugio de personas sin hogar de Manitowoc. Cualquier ofrenda voluntaria será tomada.



### **CALENDAR EVENTS**

#### September

11th— Cleaning Day

12th- 9:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study

13th –10:30AM Bible in a Year with Pam

6:30 PM RE Parent meeting

14th-8:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Living Justice Meeting

15th—Office Closed- Staff Retreat

17th-11:30 AM RE-Spanish

12:00 PM Spanish Resource Fair

18th—Cleaning Day

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

19th— 9:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study

6:30 PM Haunted by God presentation

20th-6:15 PM ALL RE Mass

7:00 PM RE Social

21st-8:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Finance Council

6:40 PM Pastoral Council

23rd- OTIS Barn Sleepover

24th- 11:30 AM RE- Spanish

25th—Cleaning Day

26th- 9:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study

27th-6:15 PM RE Grades 1-5

6:15 PM Adult Confirmation Class

28th- 8:00 AM Mass

30th-1:00 PM Wedding

#### October

1st-9:00 AM HS Confirmation Class

11:30 AM RE- Spanish

2nd—Cleaning Day

## Funds received the week of August 27th.

Scrip profit for the week \$347.73

Tithing– Envelopes	\$4,528	New Scrip Vendor! Visa cards can be
Offertory	\$344	used at any store or restaurant that Visa
Total	\$4,872	charge cards are used. Available in
Needed weekly	\$11,665	\$50 cards with 1.25% rebate to
Short	\$6,793	St. Thomas.

Our second collection the weekend of Aug. 26/27, 2023 we collected \$2171.87 for the Order of St. Camillus USA Delegation. Thank you for your generosity and God's blessing to you.

The Finance Council met on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Fr. Dave led us in prayer. The minutes from June were approved as written. The June end of the year Financial Report was reviewed. All bank accounts were reviewed and everything is in order. We received an update on the Roncalli Catholic Schools Capital Campaign and the Diocesan one by One Campaign. Superficial cracks in the EFIS are being evaluated for repair by an outside contractor. We referred it to the Building committee. The Finance Council approved by email the replacement of the Chiller System so that the project could get started. We approved the purchase cost for hymnals to replace the Worship Aids. The Finance Council's next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

#### OTIS Did You Know?

Did you know OTIS spends time throughout fall and winter doing several service projects? Serving others isn't just something we focus on during Summer

> Mission but all year long.



### Confirmation Classes

... Post High School Adults ...

Top five Reasons to Consider Confirmation as an Adult...

1. Confirmation seals you to the Holy Spirit and strengthens the grace you received at Baptism. Almost completed Confirmation classes years ago, or never enrolled.

Confirmation deepens your commitment to Christ and the Catholic Church.

To witness Christ to the world as a disciple on mission.

To be a Godparent for a child being baptized in the Catholic faith, one must be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and received Eucharist) and leading a sacramental life in harmony with the Catholic

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions we have a very special opportunity for you.

Fr. Dave Beaudry, will be offering five evening sessions in the Fall of 2023, so that you might have the opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation

The dates would be the following Wednesdays: September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18, and October 25 from 6:15-7:45pm

Location: St. Thomas the Apostle Worship Space or another comfortable venue.

Please contact Pam Fischer in the parish office at 920-726-4228 or pfischer 7662@gmail.com to register or obtain more information



on...

"The Return of the Prodigal Son...A Story of Homecoming" By: Henri J.M. Nouwen



Read the book and see how Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion

Come to St. Thomas the Apostle and enjoy a discussion about this book on: September 28th following 8:00am Mass (Around 9:00am)

Contact Pam Fischer in the parish office if you have any questions... 920-726-4228 or pfischer/7662@gmail.com

#### **OTIS EVENTS**

September 23-24, Fall Festival Barn Sleepover

Watch for Fall/ Winter Schedule Coming Soon!!

#### September 10th, 2023

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

#### Liturgical Ministry Schedule September 16th & 17th

Server(s)	<b>4:30 PM</b> Laurie Jonasen	8: <b>00 AM</b> Joseph Otte Max Jacky	<b>10:00 PM</b> Joseph Anzia Victor Anzia
Hospitality	Luanne Gasparek William Gasparek Cindy Kalista Pete Pokorski	Jan Larson Wayne Wallander Michael Miller Debra Miller	Lee Dvorak Wendy Dvorak Jerry Vogel Michele Vogel
Cross Bearer	Dave Steltz	Greta Schaeuble	Bernard Holschbach
Proclaimers	Barb Graf Jason Hartman	Jacque Bartow Terry Burbey	Dick Backus Patti Bertsche
Eucharistic Minister	Ken Jacky Bonnie Jacky Diane Hartman	Marcia Lodel Tony Lodel Adie Minor	Lyle VanderWyst Donna VanderWyst Ann Hoban
Sacristan	Diane Hartman	Barb Backhaus	Merrily Zimmer

#### St. John Chrysostom Feast Day: September 13<sup>th</sup>

John Chrysostom (born in 347), Archbishop of Constantinople, was a Greek Early Church Father. His eloquent style of preaching to common people earned him the title 'golden-mouthed'. He was also one of the most proficient authors in the early church and wrote a series of homilies. He is venerated in several churches, including Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Catholic. Born in Antioch to a high-ranking

military officer, Chrysostom was raised by his mother after his father died soon after his birth. He studied theology under bishop Diodore of Tarsus. Chrysostom grew up as an ascetic and became an eremite in 375, scarcely sleeping and memorizing the Bible. His tenure as archbishop was marked by opposition from anti-Johannite camps in Constantinople. The saint was eventually exiled. He died in 407, at the age of 58. Today, he is counted amongst the 'Three Holy Hierarchs' alongside Gregory of Nazianzus and Basil the Great in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

We remember those who have recently been called Home...



John Kocourek E<sub>t</sub> Harold Stein

"The Lord will say; whenever you did this for the least of these you have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40 The Manitowoc County Catholic Jail Ministry has been serving our brethren inside the jail for over 20 years. We are always in need of folks who might feel called to serve in this beautiful ministry. Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us.

If you would like more information about how you could answer this call of the Spirit, Contact Dcn Rich Bahnaman at 920-860-0478 or email him rbahnaman@yahoo.com.

#### **Mass Intentions**

**Thursday, September 14th** 8:00 AM Bernice Dassler

Saturday, September 16th
4:30 PM Deceased members of the
Steve & Sally Wagner Family

Sunday, September 17th

8:00 AM Elizabeth & Bernard Hertel
10:00 AM The Salm Family

Sanctuary Light September 17th—23rd
Marcie Baer

#### 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 below.

Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

- September 17th

   Phyllis Carey920-726-4491
- September 24th

  Pat Zentner 715-252-2963
- October 1st— Merrily Zimmer 920-901-5031



Council 710 recently donated \$500 for Maui fire relief through the Knights of Columbus Charities Disaster Relief Fund, where 100% of donations go to support those in need. With funds from this fund, Knights from Our Lady of Peace Council in Honolulu took immediate action, filling a boat with clothing, sleeping bags, tents, food and more, and sailed into Lahaina to deliver aid. With them were two Catholic priests who provided spiritual support to victims. They have since returned to Lahaina with still more relief supplies. Knights are also on the in Maui, ground distributing coordinating temporary housing, serving meals and assisting with the cleanup.





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#### Natividad de la Virgen Maria.

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Cada 8 de septiembre, la Iglesia Católica celebra una festividad sumamente Virgen María especial: la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María, Madre nuestra.

#### Nueva Eva

En una hermosa homilía pronunciada hace siglos en la Basílica de Santa Ana en Jerusalén, San Juan Damasceno (675-749) señalaba lo siguiente: "Tenemos razones muy válidas para honrar el nacimiento de la Madre de Dios, por medio de la cual

todo el género humano ha sido restaurado y la tristeza de la primera madre, Eva, se ha transformado en gozo". Luego, el santo y doctor de la Iglesia, añadía: "¡Oh feliz pareja, Joaquín y Ana, a ustedes está obligada toda la creación! Por medio de ustedes, en efecto, la creación ofreció al Creador el mejor de todos los dones, o sea, aquella augusta Madre, la única que fue digna del Creador". Si bien es cierto que en los Evangelios no podemos encontrar mayor información sobre el nacimiento de María, es a través de la tradición como nos han llegado algunos datos importantes. Por ejemplo, considerando que María fue descendiente de David, es altamente probable que haya nacido en Belén; aunque otras tradiciones, como la griega o la armenia, sugieren que la cuna de María fue Nazaret.

#### La Basílica de Santa Ana

Para el siglo V ya existía en Jerusalén un santuario mariano situado junto a los restos de la "Piscina probática" (Piscina o estanque de Betesda). Allí, debajo de la hermosa iglesia románica levantada por los cruzados -la Basílica de Santa Ana, se hallan los restos de una antigua basílica bizantina, y unas criptas excavadas en la roca. Estas parecen haber formado parte de una vivienda a la que se considera como la casa en la que nació y vivió la Virgen.

Refuerza esta tradición, fundada en textos apócrifos como el proto evangelio de Santiago (siglo II), la historia según la cual Joaquín, padre de María, poseía un rebaño de ovejas que llevaba a la Piscina probática con el propósito de lavarlas y dejarlas aptas para el sacrificio en el templo.

#### Orígenes de la celebración

Hay numerosas evidencias del profundo amor que los cristianos han profesado a María desde antiguo y de la importancia que posee esta fiesta que hoy celebramos. La fiesta de la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen se celebra en Oriente desde el siglo V y en Occidente fue introducida posteriormente, hacia el siglo VII. En Roma, la fiesta se celebraba con una procesión en la que se iban recitando las letanías a la Virgen y que concluía en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor.

"Hoy emprende su ruta la que es puerta divina de la virginidad. De Ella y por medio de Ella, Dios, que está por encima de todo cuanto existe, se hace presente en el mundo corporalmente... Sirviéndose de Ella, Dios descendió sin experimentar ninguna mutación, o mejor dicho, por su benévola condescendencia apareció en la Tierra y convivió con los hombres" (San Juan Damasceno).

[Feliz cumpleaños, Madre nuestra!

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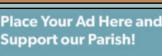
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