

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de
Santo Tomás Apóstol

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4:30 PM



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque
me ha ungido...para anunciar la liberación a
los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para
dar libertad a los oprimidos.
- Lc 4, 18

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Mass

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

Saturday, 4:30 PM
Sundays, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Sundays, 1:00 PM—Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:15 PM- 4:00 PM

Please visit

the St. Thomas Website at
stthomasnewton.org
or

Facebook at
St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community
&
St. Thomas the Apostle. Ministerio Hispano

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.

January 23rd, 2022/23 de Enero de 2022

ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Attention High School Seniors!!!

Scholarship applications were mailed to St. Thomas high school seniors that were registered in CCD. If you are a St. Thomas high school senior that did not receive an application, additional scholarship applications are available in the gathering space for your completion. Complete applications must be returned by March 28th.



Thank you so much for your generous donation to our food pantry.

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul is to continue to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. The kind donations and caring support from donors allows us to continue to focus on our Mission of helping people that are suffering. We appreciate your support of our efforts of relieving need to the people serve.

Some of our clients need rental assistance, most clients will visit our food pantry, others may need help paying a utility bill, or need a prescription and have no way to pay for it, while others need clothing, furniture, and household items. The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is also available to assist residents with these basic needs as well.

In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,
Manitowoc District Council of St. Vincent de Paul



With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized,

Sophie Mary Cathrine Shallue,
daughter of Eric & Krista.

Wishing your whole family love, happiness, and blessings, now and always. May God's love shine down upon you all and light your path to guide every day in your walk with Jesus. We pray that your hearts will always be full of the Creator's love.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Arlene Bohne

Saturday, January 29th

4:30 p.m. Peace in our world and in our hearts

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 a.m. Peace in our world and in our hearts

10:00 a.m. Peace in our world and in our hearts

Two Rivers Knights of Columbus
Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, February 5th



JE Hamilton Community House, Two Rivers

Starts at 9:00 AM

\$40/team, Max of 32 Doubles Teams

Call Kelly to sign up. 920-860-9320

Proceeds Benefit Charitable Works of the
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CALENDAR EVENTS

JANUARY

24th-Cleaning Day
6:30 PM Choir Practice

26th- 6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5

27th-8:00 AM Mass

31st-Cleaning Day
6:30 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

FEBRUARY

1st-7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

2nd-6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 6-9

3rd-8:00 AM Mass

6th-9:00 AM Religious Ed Gr. 10 & 11

7th-Cleaning Day
6:30 PM Choir Practice

9th-6:15 PM Religious Ed Grades 1-5

10th-2:00 PM Worship Committee
6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Thomas the Apostle OTIS Youth Group

*Did you know a snowflake
falls from the sky between three
to four miles per hour?*



OTIS Events

February 2nd OTIS 7:45-8:30
February 3rd Sledding 6:30-8:30
Honeymoon Hill, New Holstein
February 10th *Snow Day for Sledding at
Honeymoon Hill
February 12th HANG TIME 1:00-6:00
February 16th OTIS 7:45-8:30

Funds received the week of January 9th...

Scrip Profit...for the week ending 1/9/2022 was \$353.50.

Weekly Budget/Tithe	\$7,800	<p>If you need Scrip sales totals for your tax information, please call the office and let us know.</p> <p>Holy Family Memorial can process gift cards again until the new point of service equipment arrives, probably in April.</p> <p>Starting January 1st, we will keep track of percentages of Scrip to be applied to your tuition in the Roncalli School System. Be sure to return the family contracts which were mailed. Call Marge if you have any questions.</p> <p><i>Thank you for continuing to support our generous vendors and your parish family!</i></p>
Tithing/Sacrificial Giving	\$3,601.50	
Difference Between Budgeted & Actual	\$4,198.50	
Offertory	\$275.60	
Unrestricted/Own Needs	\$230	
Unrestricted Donations	\$10	
Total	\$4,117.10	
Capital Improvement	\$90	
Stole Fees	\$10	
Christmas Offering	\$30	
Solemnity of Mary	\$33	
Mass Stipend	\$30	

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BULLETINS!!!

If you've returned to Mass in person and no longer need the paper bulletin mailed to you, please contact the office to be removed from the mailing list. (920-726-4228) Likewise, if you are unable to attend and would like it mailed to you, also please contact the office. Please know that the bulletins are also available on our website (stthomasnewton.org) and on our Facebook page every week, OR you can have it emailed to you weekly as well!

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly...

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office (726-4228) or refer to the information below. Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

- January 30th is Patti Schneider at 920-758-2774.
- February 6th is Kristin Waack at 920-901-1441.

CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Adult Theology Series

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
through February 22nd

Roncalli High School Atrium & Classrooms

All are welcome to attend this 6-week series designed to share interesting topics of faith for our parents and adult community members. Arrive a few minutes early to hear a run down of the four speakers and talks offered each night. Free childcare and children's activities provided in the Home Ec. room down the hall. Stay afterwards for a light social or head down to the gym and catch the varsity game! Coordinated by Roncalli High School Theology Department, Staff and Campus Ministry. Registration is appreciated but not required for the talks and for the child care.

WOMEN CELEBRATE 20th ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND

February 4th-February 6th

At the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake

\$225 -\$285 per person based on number of occupants in a room

A Catholic-based weekend women's retreat, yet embraces Christ and His people from all Christian walks of life. Women 18 years and older of all denominations are welcome. Celebrate your relationship with God, encourage and support one another as women, and experience teachings and fun in your Christian life. We want to continue the work of Jesus Christ by bringing His love into the world!

The weekend includes inspirational speakers, worship, music, skits, plenty of food and plenty of fun!

The organizers are excited to welcome Nicole Phillips, Julianne Stanz, Jan Struck, and Fr. Kevin Schneider among others to share God's spirit and love with participants.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 29th & 30th

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Server(s)	Ella Grotegut Kaeden Mills	Max Jacky Jensen Haala	Clevin Hady
Hospitality	Bette Bahnaman Dean Vogel Jessica Vogel	Brandon Vogel April Vogel Wayne Wallander	Bruce Schlei Barb Schlei Michael Bruckschen Renee Bruckschen
Cross Bearer	Jeff Morgan	David Backhaus	Ryan Fischer
Proclaimers	Barb Backus Lynn Bushman	Jacque Bartow Annette Backhaus	Joe Oberbroeckling Patrick Carey
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rich	Deacon Rich	Deacon Rich
Sacristan	Bonnie Jacky	Joann Otte	Nancy Robison

Men's Christian Experience Weekend

February 4-6, 2022

\$50 for the weekend

Experience a weekend filled with laughter, great food, community, inspiration and motivation. CEW is a structured 48-hour experience that is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people 18 years of age and older. CEW is not a silent, meditative retreat but rather a shared Christian experience.

The weekend includes talks, discussion, prayer services, and Mass. A team of lay people, deacons, priests and sister conduct the weekend. The retreat weekend is held at the St. Francis of Assisi Grand site 1416 Grand Avenue, Manitowoc. Begins at 7:00 PM on Friday evening and ends around 5:00 PM on Sunday evening. Cost is \$50.

Registration forms available in the gathering space or hallway. For questions, please contact Scott Reel at 920-323-6359.

Ministry Openings

Hospitality ministers for 4:30 Mass as well as 4:30 & 10:00 altar servers are needed. We ask that you are willing to serve once a month in either of these ministries. Training provided. Please contact Vickie by mid February. vickfrau@gmail.com

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
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We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

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THERE IS HOPE!**



A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
 I know that life can be unpredictable.
 Sometimes I know what is good and
 right, but I don't have the courage to do
 it. Sometimes I am so busy with my own
 affairs, I forget to see the needs of
 people in front of me. Sometimes I am
 set in my own ways, and I resist growing
 and learning. Help me, Lord, to be open
 to Your will. When You prompt me to do
 the right thing, give me the courage to
 do it. When those around me need my
 help, give me Your heart to love them.
 When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me
 the grace to grow closer to You every
 day. Give me the trust and confidence of
 Mary. Let it be done unto me according
 to Your word!

Amen.

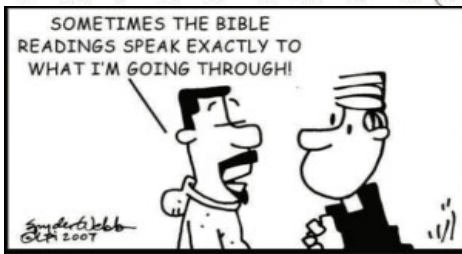
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Circle these words from today's Gospel:

-SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 19th

7:30 AM-11:30 AM



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Dear Sisters and Friends,

Monday, January 3rd, it was back to Kino, and I was ready to return after the nice rest in Tucson. But the next day was a sad day for many of us volunteers and for staff, too. Three families left the Kino shelter, all of whom had been there most of the 3 months I had been here. Sad, because we had gotten to know them well, and for me especially who had class with the adults three times a week. I lost my two star students and was just getting them to spell in English. Little Victor and Mom, who were baptized, were among the 9 of them. He was the "darling" of the shelter at 4 months, loved by everyone. How easy it was to get attached to them all.

Several new families had entered the week I was gone, so I invited the 4 adults to the English class. None knew any before. They were all excited about coming, so their interest and enthusiasm helped lift my spirits that same afternoon when we began anew. So we march forward. I since reflected that learning English gives them HOPE that one day they will be able to use it in the US. May it be so, please, Lord.

Actually the help they received while in the shelter from social workers, etc. (finding jobs and places to rent in Nogales), while still waiting for asylum, is what KINO is about. The support each needed to feel confident that life goes on was well received, and each one needs to make decisions for the good of their families and be independent. It will probably happen two or three more times while I am here, so I thank God that my heart strings stay tender and caring.

This will make you smile. During the second class, I was teaching greetings and phrases like "I like...I want...I need..." and finally some titles like Mr., Mrs., Miss. Aldo, a single fellow in the shelter, stayed a minute after class to ask me: "Can I say "Miss, I want a kiss?" All the gals giggled, as did I. I had told them I am teaching practical English that they can easily use. Aldo got the right idea, I guess.



I lost my two Haitians students in Spanish just before the holidays. They moved to some place with more possibilities of work, which makes good sense. I taught them survival Spanish, so I hope they do well. I guess that is enough for now. God take good care of you all.

Love,
 Sister Marlita

(Pictured: A holiday visit at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Sierra)

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6 8-10
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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anointing you received at baptism
requires you to do?

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“Canten al Señor un cántico nuevo, hombres de toda la tierra, canten al Señor. Hay brillo y esplendor en su presencia, y en su templo, belleza y majestad” (Salmo 95, 1,67). La esperanza de Jesús para su pueblo y para toda la humanidad empieza aquí con este pasaje de la Sagrada Escritura. Un mundo nuevo y diverso, sin divisiones ni estatus sociales que dividen y matan. Por el contrario una tierra redimida y armoniosa, sin tinieblas ni miedos. Esta sigue siendo la esperanza de Jesús por medio de su Iglesia, que siempre, domingo a domingo, nos invita a acoger el Evangelio de Cristo. Abrazar su mensaje y dejarlo penetrar en el corazón hasta que dé fruto. Esto significa también todas sus exigencias de amor que conlleva en el cumplimiento de sus mandamientos.

Buscar la paz y la reconciliación en la familia y en la sociedad requiere el esfuerzo de todos. ¡Nada es fácil sin el Espíritu del Señor! Para ser efectivos en la misión que él nos encomienda como bautizados, debemos de tener amor por los demás y saber reconciliarnos unos a otros, tomando la dirección apropiada que demuestre que somos discípulos suyos. Jesús pasó haciendo el bien, curando y haciendo milagros porque sabía que: “El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor” (Lucas 4,18-19). ¿Qué buenas noticias llevas tú a los que te rodean? ©LPi



Pregunta: ¿Qué es Carelink? Hace poco vi una postal en la iglesia con información de Carelink y tenía curiosidad al respecto.

Respuesta: Por varias razones, hay personas que tienen problemas con la comida, el combustible y el alquiler. A veces, estas personas piden ayuda a la iglesia y, a veces, no. Carelink es un grupo de varias organizaciones que se asocian para ayudar financieramente al Ejército de Salvación; y para ser una ayuda comunitaria más constante, Santo Tomás Apóstol es uno de esos socios. La tarjeta de Carelink que puede haber visto proporciona un número de teléfono para llamar a las personas con dificultades para programar una cita para una entrevista y ver cómo el Ejército de Salvación puede ayudarlos.