



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**JANUARY 8, 2023**



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Monday- Friday

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM (*Winter*) or 5:00PM (*Summer*)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

## Daily Liturgy

Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 (*Winter*) or 4:00-4:45 (*Summer*)  
or by appointment



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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## Sunday, January 8th

- 4:00 PM for Elizabeth "Betty" Cascone (1st Anniversary)  
(requested by Karen Griffin)
- 7:30 AM for the Lapinski and Laskowski Families  
(requested by Son and Daughter)
- 9:00 AM for Stephen Schneider Family in  
thanksgiving for blessings bestowed  
(requested by Joanna and Philip Smith)
- 11:00 AM for Edward Ogle  
(requested by his Family)

## Monday, January 9th

- 8:00 AM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family

## Tuesday, January 10th

- 8:00 AM for the end of human trafficking

## Wednesday, January 11th

- 8:00 AM for greater respect for our Common Home -  
the Earth

## Thursday, January 12th

- 8:00 AM for young men to respond to Christ's call as  
a priest

## Friday, January 13th

No Liturgy Today

## Saturday, January 14th

- 4:00 PM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family

## Sunday, January 15th

- 7:30 AM for Richard Piorkowski  
(requested by Roberta O'Dell and Family)
- 9:00 AM in honor of Roger and Virginia Kiehl's  
70th Wedding Anniversary  
(requested by their Children)
- 11:00 AM for Josephine Truncali  
(requested by Vin and Mary Calzone)

## LOST AND FOUND

A hearing aid was found in the church last weekend,  
please contact the parish office to claim it (203-888-2382).



## Pray for Our Troops

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
Hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families  
for the selfless acts they perform  
for us in our time of need.*

Please stop a moment and say a prayer for our troops (land, air, and sea).  
There is a sheet in the vestibule to sign for your loved one who is in the military.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

### Finance Council Meeting:

7:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

### DAYTIME Monthly Bereavement:

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

**ZOOM Caregivers** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### Pastoral Council

7:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Large Room

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

### New Day Bereavement Reunion (Session A)

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Lower Parish Center

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

### New Day Bereavement Reunion (Session B)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Lower Parish Center

### Lectio Divina:

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Lower Parish Center - Small Room

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

**Confessions:** 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

## In Our Prayers



If you would like to be prayed for or have a loved one  
who would like to be prayed for, please call Debbie  
in the parish office at 888-2382 and let her know.  
This week, please pray for all those who are ill in  
mind, body or spirit.

Barbara Chiappetta  
Judy Hannan

Justine Macrini  
Bob Potter

and all those who have died

### Please Note:

Names will appear in the bulletin for 4-weeks and then  
removed unless their name is resubmitted by calling the  
parish office. Using this method we can keep names  
current. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

- Sunday Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3,  
9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17 **The Baptism of the Lord**
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28  
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
**St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### JANUARY Schedule

<b>22</b> Sun	<u>Sacramental Prep:</u> Confirmation 2023 (Office Hours)	ZOOM 4:00p-5:00p
	Session A	4:00p-6:30p (Church Hall and Lower Parish Center)
<b>23</b> Mon	Session B	5:30-8:00p (Church Hall and Lower Parish Center)
<b>28</b> Sat	Session D	9:30a-12:00p (Church Hall and Lower Parish Center)
<b>29</b> Sun	Children's Liturgy of the Word	at 9:00a Mass
	<u>Sacramental Prep:</u> Confirmation 2023	12:00-2:00p (Church Hall)



The Tekakwitha Center, our partnership parish with Catholic Extension, serves the White Earth Nation.

"All Indian tribes have names for themselves. The largest Indian group in Minnesota calls itself Anishinaabe, which means 'the original people.' Europeans named them Ojibwe. No one is exactly sure how this name developed. Perhaps it came from the Anishinaabe word 'ojib,' which describes the puckered moccasins worn by the people. Some Europeans had trouble saying Ojibwe, pronouncing it instead as Chippewa. But both these names refer to the same people." (<https://whiteearth.com/history> provides this intro and more information)

During the next few months (from now until Easter), the Social Justice Committee will be working to educate our parish and raise funds to support the Tekakwitha Center which offers children on the White Earth Reservation a religious and spiritual education experience. Monetary donations help in at least two ways; they provide for the immediate needs of the Center and infuse funds into the local economy.

Cash, check (memo to say Tekakwitha Center), and online giving are options. There will be envelopes as well as online instructions.

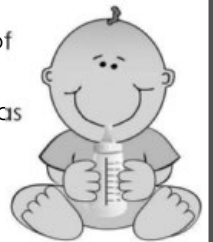


**Carolyn's Place**  
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

### Carolyn's Place Collection after *All* Masses

**January 21<sup>st</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

In conjunction with the National March For Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 20th, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Nurse Ministry will be collecting money for Carolyn's Place in Waterbury CT. The theme for the 2023 March is "Next Steps: Marching in a Post-Roe America." We need to dismantle abortion across all 50 states and protect the most vulnerable human beings – those still in the womb. Carolyn's Place is a non-profit organization that offers pregnancy choices. If someone is facing an unplanned pregnancy, Carolyn's Place will help them– male or female, make important decisions about their future. The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. Please stop by the table in the vestibule and make a donation in one of the baby bottles next weekend. All checks should be made out to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful organization that values human dignity.



*Thank You.*

### 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATORS

(Continued from back page)

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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Wanamaker



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### ZOOM Care for the Caregivers Support Group Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10th**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RSVP: Patricia Soos 203-785-8533 ext 3159 or  
email: psoos@aoascc.org



### Seymour - Oxford Food Bank

Below is a list of the most needed items  
for the Seymour-Oxford Food Bank.

*Please leave donations for the Food  
Bank in the church vestibule by:*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

Grated Cheese	Laundry Soap
Mushrooms	Dish Soap
Paper Towels	Deodorant

Needs

Thank you for helping!

**JANUARY**

## JANUARY

### MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Type	Date	Time	RSVP by
<b>EVENING</b>			
In-Person	Wed., Jan. 18th	6:30-8:00p	<b>Jan. 14th</b>

*Reservations Required for ALL Sessions.*

In-Person: Facemasks are suggested.  
No walk-ins accepted.

Contact: Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104.



### New Day Bereavement Program

at St. Thomas Church Parish Center

*Registration Required*

	Session A (In-Person)	Session B (In-Person)
DAY	WEDNESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
STARTS	<b>January 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>January 25<sup>TH</sup></b>
TIME	(1:30pm-3:30pm)	(6:30pm-8:30pm)

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal.

We will be offering two sessions beginning in January  
(see chart above for start dates and times).

The program is FREE.

**Registration is required for both sessions.**

**Must RSVP by January 22nd**

Please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or email [pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org).



### 2023 HomeFront Project

**Come on Thursday evening**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**and learn more from  
the HomeFront speaker at  
St. Thomas' Soup Supper**

St. Thomas will be participating in a **HomeFront** project for the 24th year this Spring.

HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides FREE repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life in Fairfield, Hartford and New Haven and Westchester Counties.

In 2022, HomeFront revitalized nearly 50 homes for families in need this year at no cost to them. Behind the numbers are local older adults on fixed incomes, persons with disabilities, single-parent households, veterans and low-income families in crisis due to illness or job loss. All of them now face this winter in warmer, safer, and healthier homes.



## 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

We sincerely thank the following parishioners who donated to our Christmas Flower Collection.  
Please pray for their intentions and loved ones.

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Burto family, Ariano family, Mirto family  
In Thanksgiving  
Deceased members of Bessenaire-Bagley family, Fr. Thomas Shepard, All members of the Catholic faith, for all injured by the church, for all struggling with mental health issues  
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