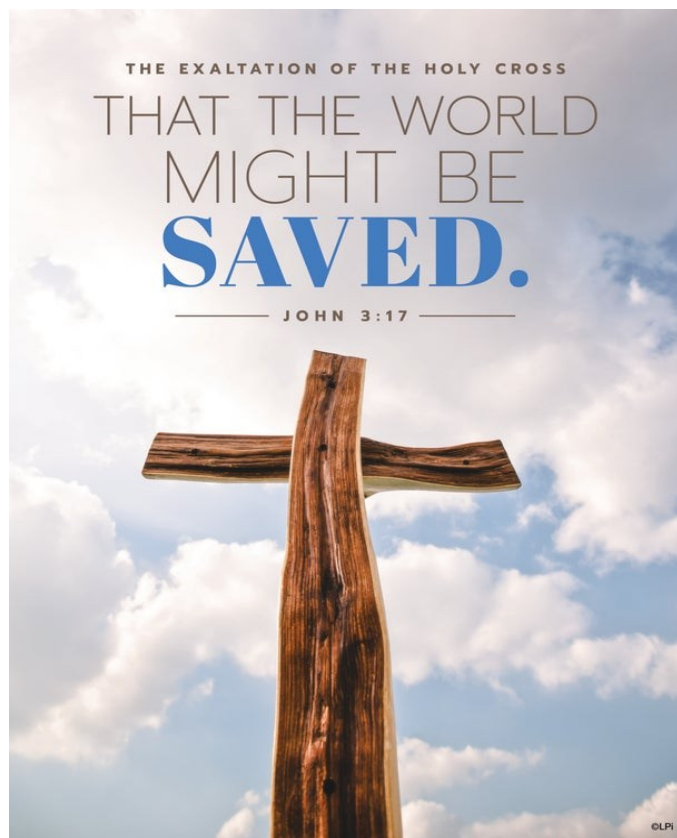




## St. Thomas the Apostle Parish SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

5150 N. Valley View Road, Tucson, AZ  
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*Father Patrick Crino, Pastor*

Father Samuel Jandeh, V.C.  
**Parochial Vicar**

Monsignor John Lyons  
**Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. Ken Wolfe, Deacon Joe Cruz,  
Deacon Ed Sheffer  
**Pastoral Associates**

### MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES - CHURCH

**Saturday**, 5:00p.m.,  
**Sunday**, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### DAILY MASSES - CHAPEL MONDAY- SATURDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary 7:15 a.m.  
Mass 8:00 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED IN  
PERSON OR BY PHONE OR EMAIL IF DESIRED**

**RENTAL, UTILITY OR GROCERY  
ASSISTANCE**—Contact our St. Vincent de Paul  
Conference 577-8780, x 171

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tues., Thurs. before Mass; Wed. after Mass Chapel  
**4:15 - 4:45 Saturdays Church**  
By appt jjandeh@diocesetucson.org

### PARISH OFFICE

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Website ..... www.statucson.org

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Telephone ..... 577-8780, ext. 124

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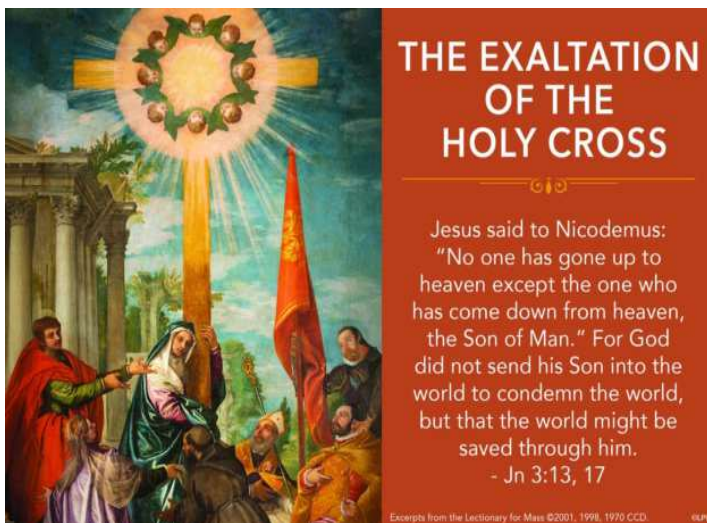
A complete Parish staff listing,  
including phone numbers and email addresses,  
can be found on the last page.

**BAPTISMS** (Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.)—Please  
contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGES**—Please call the Parish Office at least  
six months in advance to begin preparations.

**FUNERALS**—Please call the Parish Office, x109

**We, the faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, commit ourselves to leading others to Christ by the lives we live each day. As intentional Roman Catholic Christians, our lives are centered and grounded in Christ in word, sacrament and action. We further commit ourselves to fulfill our personal call to holiness and discipleship thus reflecting the life and love of Christ in the world.**



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

## September 14, 2025 Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This year, the date falls on a Sunday. It is nice for the whole parish community to participate in Mass on this feast. It allows us not only to honor Jesus Christ who gave his life on the Cross but also to celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death.

On this feast, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is initiating a new prayer program that uses a traveling crucifix. Each week, one parishioner or parish family will host the Vocation Crucifix in their home. Each day, prayers are said for holy vocations: Monday for Married Life; Tuesday for Consecrated Single Life; Wednesday for Priesthood; Thursday for Consecrated Religious Life (sisters and brothers); Friday for Permanent Diaconate.

I would like to thank Deacon Ed Sheffer, Minnis Valenzuela Salmon, Rob Weierman, and their collaborators for organizing this program. I believe our prayerful support of vocations will strengthen families, our parish, and the Church.

For more information look on our parish website. In the "Parish Life" drop down menu find "Traveling Crucifix" in the "In-Home Live the Faith" column.

### New Blessing at Mass for EM's of HC for the Homebound

Next weekend, you will see a new procedure for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. At the end of Mass, the priest will bless those who carry Holy Communion to the homebound. These EM's of HC are caring spiritually for family members, friends, and parishioners who cannot participate in Mass because of advanced age or illness. It is a beautiful (and somewhat invisible) ministry. This new procedure is a more solemn way to entrust the Blessed Sacrament to each minister. Plus, this visible action will remind the congregation that we are united in Christ with all the Faithful, including these brothers and sisters who are separated from us because of their condition.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,

Father Pat

*Inputs for Bulletin [Email [elacomb@diocesetucson.org](mailto:elacomb@diocesetucson.org)]  
For September 28 are due Sept 19*



### **SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 21**

|                     |            |                                                          |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday            | 5:00 p.m.  | - Judy Kingsley †<br>- Bernd Janssen †                   |
| Sunday <b>09/14</b> | 7:30 a.m.  | - Thomas Maas †<br>- John Claffey †                      |
|                     | 9:30 a.m.  | - For the People of<br>St Thomas                         |
|                     | 11:30 a.m. | - Christina Velasquez †<br>- Sandy Damon †               |
|                     | 5:00 p.m.  | - Staff of Trattoria Pina<br>- Mark Prugh                |
| Monday              | 8:00 a.m.  | - Dr. Albert Frank †<br>- David Hufnagel †               |
| Tuesday             | 8:00 a.m.  | - Sidney B. Lang †<br>- Pedro Angel Leal †               |
| Wednesday           | 8:00 a.m.  | - Cora Lacasse<br>- Becky Rebenstorf                     |
| Thursday            | 8:00 a.m.  | - Joseph Szczurowski †<br>- Hani Bargout †               |
| Friday              | 8:00 a.m.  | - Loretta Mancini †<br>- Fr. Arthur Wehr, S.J. †         |
| Saturday            | 8:00 a.m.  | - Paula Vuicich †<br>- Robert Solfisburg †               |
|                     | 5:00 p.m.  | - Frank Ott †<br>- Joyce Parris †                        |
| Sunday <b>09/21</b> | 7:30 a.m.  | - Louise Wilhoit †<br>- Sobeida Rivera †                 |
|                     | 9:30 a.m.  | - Loretta Mancini †<br>- Benjamin Thompson †             |
|                     | 11:30 a.m. | - For the People of<br>St Thomas                         |
|                     | 5:00 p.m.  | - Carole & Mel Leitzow †<br>- Lt. Gen. Gene Santarelli † |

† deceased

**READINGS - # 1041**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*



|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Saturday, September 13  | 5:00 p.m.  | Fr. Pat    |
| Sunday, September 14    | 7:30 a.m.  | Fr. Ken    |
|                         | 9:30 a.m.  | Fr. Samuel |
|                         | 11:30 a.m. | Fr. Pat    |
|                         | 5:00 p.m.  | Fr. Pat    |
| Monday, September 15    | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Samuel |
| Tuesday, September 16   | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Ken    |
| Wednesday, September 17 | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Samuel |
| Thursday, September 18  | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Ken    |
| Friday, September 19    | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Pat    |
| Saturday, September 20  | 8:00 a.m.  | Fr. Pat    |
|                         | 5:00 p.m.  | Fr. Samuel |
| Sunday, September 21    | 7:30 a.m.  | Fr. Pat    |
|                         | 9:30 a.m.  | Fr. Ken    |
|                         | 11:30 a.m. | Fr. Samuel |
|                         | 5:00 p.m.  | Fr. Samuel |

**Subject to change**

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]



### **SPECIAL COLLECTION - TODAY**

The bishop has asked us for a special collection for those starving in Gaza & across the world. The collection will be this weekend. Please put "starving" on your envelope or memo line in your check.

**COMMUNION CHANT:** *When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 BLOOD DRIVE/FOOD BANK WEEKEND**

|            |                               |             |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 7:30 a.m.  | -Blood Drive .....            | Parish Hall |
| 8:30 a.m.  | -Religious Education .....    | Classrooms  |
| 10:35 a.m. | -Baptismal Prep .....         | Chapel      |
| 1:00 p.m.  | -OCIA.....                    | O'Leary     |
| 1:30 p.m.  | -Teen Bible Study.....        | Room 9      |
| 2:00 p.m.  | -Patrol Leaders Meeting ..... | Conf Room   |
| 3:00 p.m.  | -Laudate Choir .....          | Church      |
| 4:00 p.m.  | -Outdoor Communion.....       | Courtyard   |
| 6:00p.m.   | -Life Teen.....               | O'Leary     |
| 6:15 p.m.  | -Bible Study .....            | Parish Hall |

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

|                  |                                                                          |               |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>7:15 a.m.</b> | <b>-Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Daily Mass [Monday-Saturday] .....</b> | <b>CHAPEL</b> |
| 11:30 a.m.       | -Spanish Ministry.....                                                   | Parish Hall   |
| 1:00 p.m.        | -Preschool Enrichment Activity.....                                      | Parish Hall   |
| 5:30 p.m.        | -Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts Court of Honor .....                             | Parish Hall   |
| 6:15 p.m.        | -Endow - Evening Young Women.....                                        | Room 10       |

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

|            |                                     |             |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | -Men's discussion series .....      | Room 7      |
| 9:00 a.m.  | -Endow .....                        | Room 6      |
| 9:00 a.m.  | -"Chinese" Mahjong.....             | O'Leary     |
| 11:00 a.m. | -Spanish Rosary .....               | Chapel      |
| 1:00 p.m.  | -Preschool Enrichment Activity..... | Parish Hall |
| 4:30 p.m.  | -Religious Education.....           | Classrooms  |
| 6:00 p.m.  | -Children's Choir Rehearsal .....   | Church      |
| 6:30 p.m.  | -St. Vincent de Paul Meeting .....  | Conf Room   |
| 7:00 p.m.  | -Parish Choir Rehearsal .....       | Church      |

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

|            |                                             |             |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | -Adoration.....                             | Chapel      |
| 8:30 a.m.  | -Confessions .....                          | Chapel      |
| 10:00 a.m. | -Staff Meeting.....                         | Conf. Rm    |
| 10:00 a.m. | -New Beginnings .....                       | Room 7      |
| 1:00 p.m.  | -Preschool Enrichment Activity.....         | Parish Hall |
| 1:00 p.m.  | -"American" Mahjong.....                    | O'Leary     |
| 6:00 p.m.  | -OCIA .....                                 | Rms 7/8     |
| 6:30 p.m.  | -Teen Confirmation .....                    | O'Leary     |
| 7:00 p.m.  | -Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting ..... | Parish Hall |
| 7:00 p.m.  | -Acclamation Choir Rehearsal.....           | Church      |

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

|            |                                                    |                     |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | -Preschool Community Prayer/Grandparent's Day..... | Church/Parish Hall  |
| 10:00 a.m. | -Spanish Loss & Healing.....                       | Room 10             |
| 1:00 p.m.  | -Preschool Enrichment Activity.....                | Parish Hall         |
| 6:00 p.m.  | -Alpha .....                                       | O'Leary             |
| 6:30 p.m.  | -Young Adults.....                                 | Chapel//Parish Hall |



## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CONT.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

|            |                        |             |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | -Special Service ..... | Chapel      |
| 6:00 p.m.  | -All-'Knighter' .....  | Parish Hall |

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

|            |                           |             |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 11:00 a.m. | -Special Service .....    | Church      |
| 11:30 a.m. | -7 Sisters Luncheon ..... | Parish Hall |
| 12:00 p.m. | -Special Service .....    | Chapel      |
| 3:00 p.m.  | -Special Service .....    | Church      |
| 4:00 p.m.  | -Confessions.....         | Church      |

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 COFFEE & DONUTS (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS)

|           |                            |             |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 7:30 a.m. | -Coffee & Donuts.....      | Parish Hall |
| 8:30 a.m. | -Religious Education ..... | Classrooms  |
| 1:00 p.m. | -OCIA.....                 | O'Leary     |
| 1:30 p.m. | -Teen Bible Study .....    | Room 9      |
| 3:00 p.m. | -Laudate Choir.....        | Church      |
| 4:00 p.m. | -Outdoor Communion .....   | Courtyard   |
| 6:00p.m.  | -Life Teen.....            | O'Leary     |
| 6:15 p.m. | -Bible Study .....         | Parish Hall |

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

**Psalms:** Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

**Second Reading:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

**Gospel:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
**7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

I-800-RED-CROSS or  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or  
 signup in the Narthex

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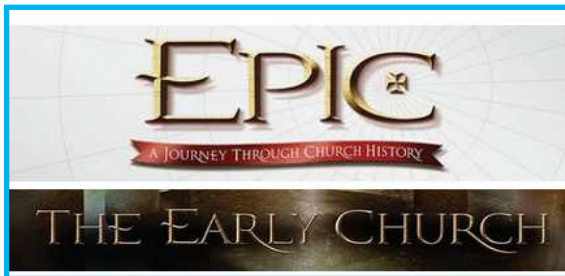
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### ***Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled***

Starts: **14<sup>th</sup> of September**, from 6:15 to 8:15,



**Thursdays Starting September 18 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**For more information or to register:**

Contact Gretchen McNeese at 520-429-3931 or at [gsmcneese@l.com](mailto:gsmcneese@l.com)

To purchase the workbook and access the videos scan the QR Code:



## **7-Sisters Ministry**

Seven Sisters Apostolate seeks to cover every priest in prayer. One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer. The Seven Sisters Apostolate consists of a core group of seven women praying a holy hour one day of the week (covering each day of the week). The simplicity of the apostolate is such that it requires no meetings or mandatory gatherings. The commitment is a generous offering until May 31, 2026, and with an opportunity to prayerfully discern to re-commit June 1, 2026, for a whole year. The soul of the apostolate is the “hidden” commitment of a weekly holy hour. The Seven Sisters Apostolate “is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop — a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.”

We need 9 more Sisters to complete to this calling mission for our 3 individual Pastors/ Priests at St. Thomas.

Link to sign up: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10C054CA8A822A5FEC52-58172692-seven>

\*Gratitude Luncheon/Training- Sept. 20th. RSVP or questions; Anchoress-Sonia Hodgin 520-867-1377 [soniahodgin@Gmail.com](mailto:soniahodgin@Gmail.com)

**Do you or someone you know  
have questions about the faith?**

**You are invited to attend  
Order of Christian Initiation of  
Adults (OCIA) Classes**

Two options available for your convenience

**Sundays at 1:00 pm  
or  
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

**All are welcome to attend!**



**Register at : [statucson.org](https://statucson.org)**

**Keyword: OCIA**

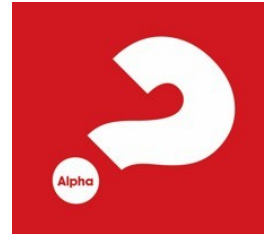
or contact Rob Weierman at [rweierman@diocesetucson.org](mailto:rweierman@diocesetucson.org) for  
more information.

## **2025 Fall Alpha Begins This Coming Thursday!**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**O'Leary Hall**

The time is NOW to put  
our Walk With One  
process skills as well as  
our learning and sharing  
skills into action. Let's come together for a life  
-altering experience, while remaining curious  
about our faith. The meal is free. The video is  
short. The table conversations about life and  
faith are casual. *Invite your friends and neighbors.*  
*Everyone is welcome.* If you haven't yet  
registered online, no worries. Just show up! Or  
quick - register here - [https://  
www.statucson.org/alpha-registration-fall-2025](https://www.statucson.org/alpha-registration-fall-2025).



*Gather. Dine. Connect. Share. Question. Grow.  
....and more.*

## **Monastic Experience Weekend**

**"Prefer Nothing to Christ" (RB, 4, 42)**

Santa Rita Abbey, a Cistercian community in the  
heart of the Arizona Desert, warmly invites you  
to experience the peace and rhythm of monastic  
life.

**WHO:** Women between 20 and 40 years old,  
who are interested in or discerning religious life.

**WHEN:** Oct 3(Fri) 4pm- Oct 5 (Sun) 6pm

**WHERE:** Santa Rita Abbey, Sonoita, AZ

**REGISTER:** Monastic Experience Weekend, 2025

**CONTACT:** [santaritavocations@gmail.com](mailto:santaritavocations@gmail.com)/520-455-5595



## **2025 Fall Adult Confirmation Registration Open -**

**STATUCSON.ORG** to register *Eight Weekly Sessions*

*Beginning September 14 and 17 respectively*

*Sundays 1:00 - 2:30 PM Make-up classes on Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM*

Online registration for **2025 Fall Adult Confirmation** classes -

designed for those who have been baptized Catholic and have made their First Holy Communion - is  
open. Rob Weierman will facilitate. Candidates will be confirmed at St. Augustine Cathedral in early  
November.





## Eucharistic Ministers

Are you an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister or do you bring communion to a loved one?

We have changed the procedures for getting extra consecrated hosts. Beginning Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at all the masses you will no longer be able to get consecrated hosts in the communion line during mass. If you currently get additional consecrated hosts during mass and were unable to attend the training in August, please come to the parish office to get information on the changes.

***These changes will be in effect for all masses held in the Church or Chapel beginning Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.***

## New Beginnings

A group for those who have lost a loved one...for anyone in a journey through bereavement.

Don't walk alone. We invite you to share your journey with others who are also seeking comfort and hope.

We will be using *The New Day Journal: A Journey From Grief to Healing*

Starts: Wednesday, September 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

We do not meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

Room #7, St. Thomas The Apostle Church

For more information:

Betty Stejskal (520) 990-1318

Al Hardy (520) 576-7597

(Psalm 147:3) "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

We look forward to meeting with you!



## Knights Invitation To Our Parish Catholic Men

The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, is inviting **Catholic men** to join them at their council's annual fellowship social on Friday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The evening will include burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings including a variety of drinks to enjoy at **no cost**.

This is an opportunity for interested Catholic men to learn about the Knights of Columbus and the charitable activities undertaken in service to God and our neighbor.

Being a Knight is camaraderie, involvement with your community and supporting your Parish, while enhancing your family life and your own faith. If you plan to attend, or need

further information, Contact Patrick McMahon (520) 990-6418,

Email: [patrick48@comcast.net](mailto:patrick48@comcast.net) or Doug Everett (520-247-4707),

Email: [douglas\\_d\\_everett@hotmail.com](mailto:douglas_d_everett@hotmail.com)



**"El Nuevo Día"  
Grupo de Apoyo para Mujeres en Duelo**

**¿Has perdido a un ser querido?**

**No camines sola. Te invitamos a compartir tu camino junto a otras mujeres que también buscan consuelo y esperanza.**

**Inicio: Jueves 21 de Agosto  
Hora: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Salón #10, Iglesia San Thomas the Apostle  
En español y totalmente gratuito**

*Para más información:*  
**Minnis Valenzuela (520) 289-2018  
Angeles Salido (520) 349-6877**

***"Bienaventurados los que lloran, porque serán consolados" (Mt 5,4)  
¡Te esperamos!***

*Endow*

***Young Women's Group***

**MONDAYS  
ROOM 10  
6:15 - 7:15 PM**

This group's initial study will be  
Pope St. John Paul's  
***Letter to Women.***

**ENDOW** is an acronym for  
*Educating on the Nature and  
Dignity of Women.*

It is a Catholic educational  
program whose goal is to bring  
women together to discover  
their God-given dignity and to  
understand their role in  
humanizing and transforming  
society.

Anyone interested is asked to email  
[clariehughes@gmail.com](mailto:clariehughes@gmail.com).

*"That is why we labor  
and strive, because  
we have put our hope in  
the living God, who is  
the Savior of all  
people, and especially of  
those who believe."*

**- 1 Timothy 4:10**



### **Morning Endow Group**

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025 the morning ENDOW group will begin a study on the first 14 Rules of Ignatian Discernment using Fr. Timothy Gallagher's presentations and books. We meet every Tuesday in Room 6 with exception to holiday weeks. The books we will be using are: *The Discernment of Spirits*, and *The Discernment of Spirits: A Reader's Guide*, both by Rev. Timothy Gallagher. There is space for new women members at this time. If you plan to join us, please contact Michele Grantham at [michelegrantham@gmail.com](mailto:michelegrantham@gmail.com).

### **FOOD BANK WEEKEND—**

#### **THIS WEEKEND**

**FOOD BANK WEEKEND** when we collect nonperishable food and/or monetary donations to benefit the Tucson Community Food Bank. Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice & Pasta, Oatmeal, Cereal & Granola Bars, Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Canned Soups, Packaged Nuts, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Canned Tomato Products

No fresh produce, bread, rolls or any baked items can be accepted.

**WE ALSO CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT GLASS JARS.**



### **Altar Server Call**

If your daughter or son is an altar server, or would like to become one, there will be training on Sunday, September 28, at 10:30 AM in the main church.

Our parish is deeply grateful for the commitment of our Altar Servers; their service and dedication are an important part of our parish life. The place of the Altar Server in liturgical celebrations remains one of prominence and distinction. Altar Servers learn all matters concerning liturgical worship and begin to grasp a deeper spiritual meaning to the Eucharistic Celebration. Their role, through assisting the priest and deacon, helps to bring the assembly to a fuller understanding of the liturgy and be led to a greater love for God.

For more information about how your child or teen can serve in this important ministry, please contact Erin Lynch Callahan – [irishgirl1352@gmail.com](mailto:irishgirl1352@gmail.com)

## Fasting Brothers

in conjunction with Seven Sisters Apostolate

**WHO WE ARE:** Fasting Brothers are men who commit to fasting one day a week in conjunction with their parish's Seven Sisters group (cf. [SevenSistersApostolate.org](http://SevenSistersApostolate.org)) exclusively for the intention of their pastor. Sunday is excluded as it is the Lord's day and thus unsuited to penance.

**WHAT WE DO:** Fasting Brothers each commit to a day of the week (other than Sunday) to offer their fasts in union with the Eucharistic Holy Hour of a Seven Sister for their priest. Each man chooses what type of fast he will offer, e.g. no food all day, only bread and water, not eating until 3 p.m.—whatever he discerns from the Holy Spirit. It should be sacrificial.

**WHY WE FAST:** On the specific day of the week to which he has committed, a Fasting Brother offers his fast solely for the intentions of the pastor. These include: the priest's sanctification in general, specific spiritual and temporal needs, and his ever-deepening devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Priests. These mirror the Seven Sisters' intentions during their Eucharistic Holy Hours. It is also encouraged that the Fasting Brothers offer their fasts for the priest's increased devotion to St. Joseph, model of fortitude and purity.

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Contact Rob Weierman at [rweierman@diocesetucson.org](mailto:rweierman@diocesetucson.org)  
or at (520) 577-8780 ext. 124

## Baptismal Preparation

To begin the process of having your child Baptized here, we require that all babies' mothers and fathers attend a class to prepare for this special moment in their child's life.



Godparents are also encouraged to register and attend.

The class is offered on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the Chapel from 10:35 AM - 11:20 AM.

The class is an overview of the Sacrament of Baptism; the Catholic view of what it means to be an adopted child of God and reviews the academics of the rite of Baptism itself...what actually happens, as well as other logistics. Online sign-up <https://www.statucson.org/baptism-1>.



## Introducing Traveling Crucifix for Vocations

For the past several weeks you hopefully noticed in both our weekly bulletins and Flocknotes an ongoing awareness 'campaign' of sorts! Specifically, regarding **vocations**.

***This weekend at all the Masses you will hear from Fr. Pat why.***

Check out our brand new web page - <https://www.statucson.org/traveling-crucifix-for-vocations> that includes details and online sign-up information.

*As an evangelizing parish that forms disciples through worship, formation and service, a key component is each individual's personal commitment to his/her own vocation.*



Parishioners,

The **Walk With One** initiative has been and will continue to be a key way we at St. Thomas the Apostle, can live the mission of becoming God's instrument in the story of someone we know and love. Who's on your heart? Who might God be calling you to accompany on their journey back to Him? Prayerfully identify that one person, pray for them, connect with that person in Eucharistic friendship, and invite that person to take a concrete step toward fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church. Who will YOU walk with?

Yours in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr. Patrick Crino, Pastor



## HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- 1) Call 911 to make a police report.
- 2) If the abuse happens in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- 3) Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 1-800-234-0344 and/or the office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520-828-2513.

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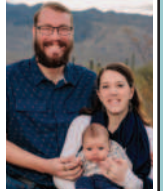
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