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A warm welcome to everyone, parishioners and guests, whether coming from near or far. I am so happy you could join us today, as we reflect on the Word of God and partake of the Eucharist. My hope is that you feel at home at St. Thomas. ~ Fr. Glenn

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:00 am (Monday Friday); Saturday 8:00 am: Communion

Service Only

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Parish Choir)

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Consult our bulletin or parish website: www.MyStThomas.org

First Friday Adoration: 8:30 am to Noon Saturday: Reconciliation (Confession) 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

It is our pleasure to serve you!

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am -1:30 pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed

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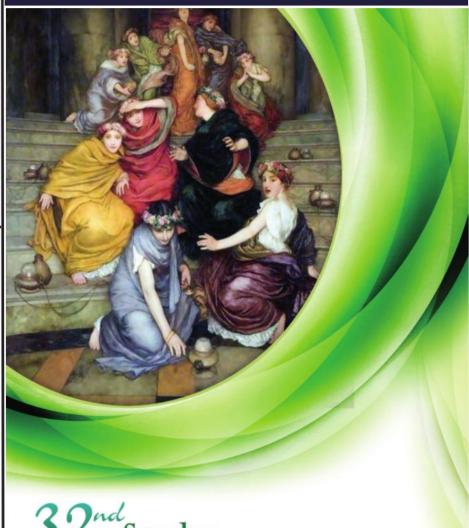
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November 12, 2023



32ndSunday in Ordinary Time

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by William John Wainwright, 1899 © Diocesan



TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

12 November 2023 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



- 1. Today, October 4, Pope Francis opened the assembly of the **Synod of Bishops** with a Mass in St. Peter's Square. During his homily, the Holy Father said that the primary task of the synod is "to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity, a church that is united and fraternal." The pope acknowledged that some people have fears about the synod, but he reminded them that it is "not a political gathering, but a convocation in the Spirit; not a polarized parliament, but a place of grace and communion." For the first time, this current Synod of Bishops will include voting delegates who are not bishops. Nearly a third of the 364 voting delegates were chosen directly by the pope, including laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons. Fifty-four voting members are women.
- 2. Did you know that you can obtain a **plenary indulgence** in favor of a deceased person by visiting the cemetery and praying for the dead between November 1-8? (On other days the indulgence is only partial.) A plenary indulgence is a remission of temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven through sacramental confession. It has the effect of releasing souls from purgatory, so they can go to heaven sooner. To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary to fulfill three conditions: confession, communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father while being detached from sin.
- 3. In today's gospel (Matthew 25:1-13), we heard about the **parable of the ten bridesmaids**. Five of them were sensible, while the other five were described as "foolish." By means of this parable, Jesus proclaimed to anyone willing to listen: "God is coming! Be prepared to meet him when he comes." Today we are reminded that we should prepare our lamps, that we must keep them burning brightly by providing ourselves with enough oil of repentance, with enough oil of charity. Then we will be ready to encounter God anytime he chooses to come.

~ Fr Glenn | 4 October 2023

November is the month dedicated to remembering the dead. On Saturday, November 4, Father Glenn, assisted by Deacon Mark, led our annual Memorial Mass for those from our parish who passed away in the past year. As we gather in prayer, let us remember and pray for the souls of our departed loved ones. You can place the

names of your deceased loved ones in an "All Souls" envelope (located at the back of the church), then put it in the offertory collection. You can write the name of the deceased in the "Book of the Names of the Dead" located in the sanctuary

Marlene Palchak † June 3, 2022	Joseph Colaianni †	Marie Carey †	Louis Vanderham †
	January 23, 2023	May 2, 2023	Lorraine Vanderham †
Kevin Mautte †	Edward Kist †	Joan Marcus †	July 13, 2023
October 9, 2022	February 13, 2023	May 6, 2023	August 21, 2023
Joseph Calbi †	Joseph J. Inzitari †	Alaina C. McDowell †	Thomas D. Ciuppa †
October 29, 2022	February 26, 2023	May 9, 2023	August 8, 2023
Monica R. Mahoney †		st. Sgt. John William	George Martin Cole †
November 11, 2022		auley, U.S. Army, (RET) †	August 21. 2023
Antonio Del Nero †	James Hromnak †	May 16, 2023	Alice McAlister †
December 11, 2022	March 6, 2023		October 15, 2023
Theresa Gallant †	James Goldade †	Arthur Frisbie †	William Brooks †
December 26, 2022	April 17, 2023	June 22, 2023	October 20, 2023
Arthur Lubiarz †	Rita Tanner †	Gordon Gould †	Anthony Caposieno †
January 14, 2023	April 18, 2023	July 3, 2023	October 24, 2023
Lillian Horan †	Frances Loeffler †	David Scheftic † July 5, 2023	Arthur Ferguson †
January 17, 2023	April 25, 2023		October 31, 2023

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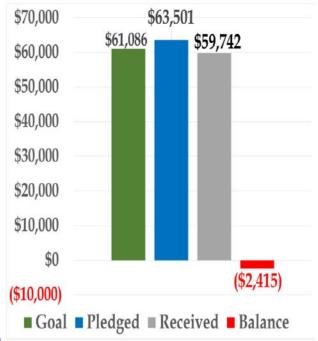
2023

The Women's Guild Ministry demonstrated incredible generosity by rallying their members to raise funds, enabling them to contribute altar flowers for our church. Their support extended over several months, with donations in July, August, September, October, and once again this week (November 11 through November 17).

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Women's Guild for their consistent and generous contributions, which have enhanced the beauty of our church.







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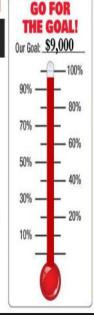
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YOU PICK the PRIZE RAFFLE

This year's goal is \$9,000 for parking lot improvements.

★ \$8,608.00 ★ Entries 428

One lucky winner will be drawn at random during the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 17!



Join our fourth annual "You Pick the Prize Raffle"!

Here's how it works: Your donation amount directly correlates with your potential prize percentage – a \$30 donation gets you 30% of the total pot, \$25 gets you 25%, \$10 for 10%, and \$5 for 5%. Your family and friends are also welcome to participate.

Participation is easy – complete the ticket & return it with your donation. You can pay by cash, check (made out to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with "raffle" in the memo), or credit card.

Drop your entry in the collection basket at Mass, or mail it to the parish office. Obtain more tickets in our parish office or from our weekly bulletin.

You can also participate online at give.mystthomas.org/give and select "You Pick the Prize Raffle" from the dropdown.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 2023 YOU PICK THE PRIZE RAFFLE



The winner will be drawn during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

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Need not be present to win.

YOU PICK THE PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET

Return this portion.

Donation Amount (circle): \$30 \$20 \$10 or \$__

Name: ______

(Maximum of \$30 per ticket)

MASS INTENTIONS // DAILY READINGS // IN OUR PRAYERS

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am: Kevin Mautte †

Requested by: Joe & Beth Tarnowski

10:30 am: Parish Family

Monday, November 13

8:00 am: Alice Shirilla †
Requested by: Carol Housteau

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am: Lois H. Bodego †

Includes Bread & Wine donation in memory of

Lois H. Bodego

Requested by: Sister, Norma Pafchek

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am: Anthony B. Bodego †

Requested by: Sister-in-Law, Norma Pafchek

Thursday, November 16

8:00 am: Daly Family Requested by: Pat Daly

Friday, November 17

8:00 am: Gasper & Rene Bodego & Family †

Requested by: Norma Pafchek

Saturday, November 18

4:30 pm: Maria Grimaldi † Requested by: Enrico Grimaldi

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am: Parish Family 10:30 am: Judie Holland † Requested by: Jim Holland **Sunday** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14;

Mt 25:1-13

Monday Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier

Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8,

9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,

18-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7;

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91,

130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of

Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab;

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday Dedication of the Churches of Peter

and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine

Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,

36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Proper readings for Peter & Paul:

Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,

3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-23

Sunday Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill, especially:



Karl Wolf, Ethan Grayshan, Virginia Kanis, Scott Klaben, Kerrie Schmidt, Mike Jablonsky, Skip Guss, Stephanie St. Clair, Mary Ann DeSimone, Charles Terreault, Christine Gicola, Elizabeth Dostal, Anthony Cimorelli, Rita Frisbee, Marguerite Corrao, Norma Galvin, Wendell Miller, Joseph Hertrich, Michelle LaGreca, Sutton Hotard, Charles Harvey, Betty Parker, David Cheevers, Joseph & Gail Carey, Deacon Vince Small, Raymond Huffman, Wade Wolfe, Samantha Wasley, Don Harnett, Frank Watson, Peggy Lingrosso, Pat Cleary, Mary Ann Zack, Arria Wheeler, Andy Lunk, Sarah Phillips, Peggy Paul, Sheila Greifenkamp, Pat Allard, Philip Porter III, Phyllis Fylak, Richard & Lorraine Kwiecienski, Sandy Marecki, Linda DeWitt, Neill Aiken, Peg Laurie, Sheyna Clements, Sandra Boros, Edward & Rusty Ryal, Fred Di Battista, Tonya Leigh & Family, Evelyn Sweeny, Kevin Watson, Ron Zasada, Audrey Shetton, Fr. Robert Pesarchick, Mariann De Pue, John Chaplin, Maria Casey, Barnara Diaz, Glenn Hultgren, Carl Campise, Imre Beke Sr., Dayl Kohorst, Victor & Phyllis Closi, Terry Brausch, Robert Adams, Karen Ballaban, Fr. Glenn, and our Website Prayer Requests.

To add or remove someone from our parish prayer list, please contact the parish office.

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EVENTS & COLLECTIONS // SAVE THE DATE

The church is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for personal prayer time. Access to the church is available through the rear door, directly across from the entrance to the parish office.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is prayed every weekday following the 8:00 am Mass. *Together We Pray!*



		Jesus, I Trust in Youl
Sunday, November 12: Commissioning of the Liturgical Ministers at all weekend Masses Advent Sale by YFF (see page 6) Collection: SVdP Money Collection	8:00 am 9:00 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am - 2:30 pm	Mass Youth Faith Formation Class Mass (Children's Mass) Love More Ministries (Team B) Rich Kopicki, Team Leader
Monday, November 13:	8:00 am 2:00 pm	Mass Bible Study: Prophets
Tuesday, November 14:	8:00 am 8:45 am	Mass Holy Face Devotion
Wednesday, November 15:	8:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm	Mass Women's Guild SVdP Spiritual Meeting
Thursday, November 16: NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival	8:00 am 8:30 am - 9:30 am 9:45 am 1:00 pm	Mass Holy Hour Flame of Love Prayer Group Bereavement Meeting
Friday, November 17:	8:00 am	Mass
Saturday, November 18:	8:00 am 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appt. 4:30 pm 5:30 pm -10:00 pm	Communion Only Service Women's Guild Flea Market Reconciliation Vigil Mass Parish Dinner Dance & Toys for Tots Kick-off
Sunday, November 19: <u>Collections:</u> Catholic Campaign for Human Development and SVdP Food Collection and Toys for Tots	8:00 am 8:00 am - Noon 10:30 am	Mass Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts Mass

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- November 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item and place it at the foot of the altar. (For SVdP Food Pantry)
- November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King (Eucharistic Procession at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with incense
- December 3: Advent Begins // New Parishioner Welcome following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- **December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**
 - Masse Times: December 7: 4:30 p.m. & December 8: 9:00 a.m.
- December 13: Volunteer Appreciation Day at 11:00 a.m.
- December 20: Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve: Children's Pageant at 4:00 p.m. // Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.
- December 25: Christmas Day: Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your food donation in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry box next weekend so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

In October, your generosity through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul made it possible to extend the love and care of Jesus to those in need. Thanks to your gifts, we assisted families by providing 95 cases, distributing 2869 lbs. of food staples, bread, pastries, paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items to 246 people within our parish boundary. A dedicated team of 18 volunteers contributed 63 hours, offering not just their time but also donated clothing, pastries, and bread.

Below is a list of items currently in short supply on our pantry shelves. Your continued support is valued, and we gratefully accept any food items you may wish to donate.

Pasta Sauce, Diced Tomatoes and Pasta Sauce Ketchup Mustard Mayo Instant Potatoes Coffee, Instant Coffee, Tea Powdered Milk and Evaporated Milk Chef Boyardee Canned Meats, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna Pancake Mix and Syrup Canned Vegetables Canned Soups, Ramen Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit Instant Oatmeal Cereal Crackers Snacks and Drinks Laundry Soap Dish Soap, Body Wash, Bar Soap Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothpaste, Paper Towels, Kleenex Napkins.

Your generosity is the driving force behind the St. Thomas the Apostle Food Pantry, making it a beacon of hope for many in our local area.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each one of you!

May God continue to bless you abundantly for giving from your heart, affording us the opportunity to serve and assist those who are less fortunate.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE YFF ADVENT SALE!

Youth Faith Formation

Advent Candle & Chocolate Calendar Sale

November 11&12

Before & after all masses

Set of 4 tapers, candle stand & calendars \$10 each item



Congratulations to the Geraghty family for being honored as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for October, 2023.

To earn this honor, the Knights of Columbus looks for registered parishioners who attend weekly mass, have an active family prayer life, and give evidence of a strong Christian family.

Dan, Jasmine, and their three daughters have lived in Hernando County for

three years. Dan works as an Assistant State Attorney in Sumter County, while Jasmine serves as a Human Resources Operations Manager at Florida Virtual School. They are actively involved in the Youth Faith Formation program at Saint Thomas and can often be seen attending the Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Please join Grand Knight Joseph McEvoy and the Knights of Columbus, Council 15154, and congratulate the Geraghty family.

The Knights are serving Coffee & Donuts from 8 a.m. until Noon on November 19 (see page 5)

WG FLEA MARKET // PARISH DINNER DANCE // TOYS FOR TOTS



LAST REMINDER:

Women's Guild's 6th Annual Flea Market Saturday, Nov. 18th from 9 AM to 2 PM

We look forward to seeing you whether you buy or sell. Please come and support our Women's Guild.

If you are selling, please bring your own table to display your unwanted treasures.

A \$15 donation is requested for each space occupied. Payment can be made on or before November 18th.

Contact Info: Brenda Jeffres thejeffres@gmail.com 352-422-7755

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to join this important ministry, please call our parish office or email Brenda Jeffres.

Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd. Wednesday at 11:00 am.





12th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Dinner Dance



All are invited to attend!

Where: West

West Citrus Elks Lodge #2693 7890 Grover Cleveland Homosassa, FL 34446

When:

Saturday, November 18, 2023, Doors open at 5:00 pm
Cocktails & appetizers 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Dancing 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Entertainment by DJ Fred Campbell

Choice of Entrée: Sliced Roast Beef with Gravy

Chicken Cordon Blu with Mornay Sauce. Baked Haddock with herbed butter.

All entrees include Rolls & butter, house salad, potato, vegetable, and dessert, Coffee, Tea, or soft drink

Cocktails, Beer, and Wine available at additional cost

Cost: \$ 50.00 per person

Make checks payable to K of C Council 15154



Toys for Tots Kick off!

Bring a toy and receive a raffle ticket for the gift baskets!

For tickets or additional information contact:

Joseph McEvoy, GK (248) 388-0142 or kofc15154@gmail.com

All seats are reserved. Tables will have 8 people. List the name of the person attending and the Host's name at whose table you wish to be seated with, or you will be assigned a random seat.

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Every Child Deserves A Christmas!

We are kicking off our Toys for Tots collection at the Parish Dinner Dance. Bring a new, unopened toy and receive a free raffle ticket for one of the gift baskets!

Donation boxes will also be located in our narthex (church lobby) beginning Sunday, November 19 through Sunday, December 10.

Drop off unopened & unwrapped gifts for children up to the age of 16.

Toys for Tots prefers not to accept realistic looking weapons, and gifts with food. If donated, such items WILL NOT be distributed.

Please help if you are able.

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