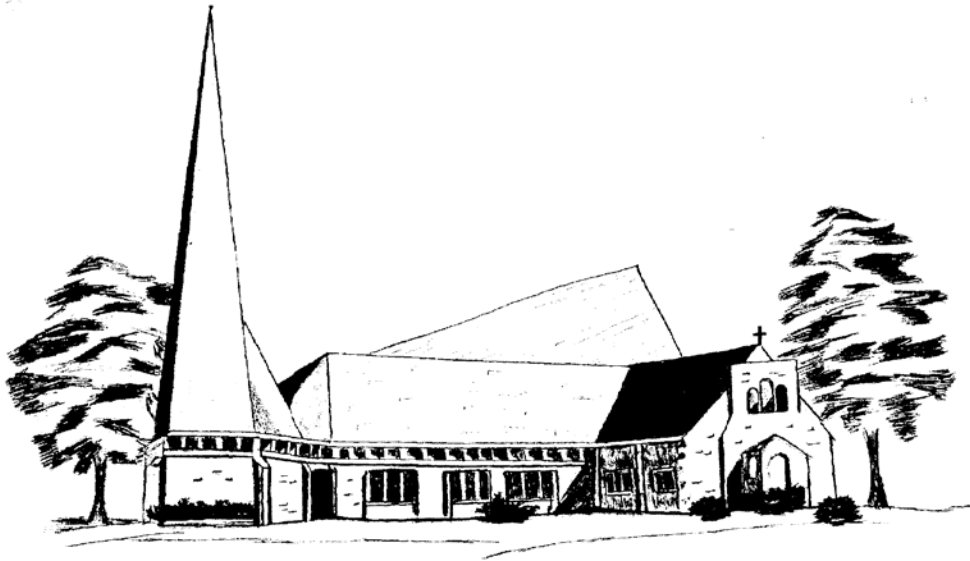


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***Our Vision:***

**We are a Jesus-centered,  
Spirit-filled community of  
diverse followers working to  
transform the world.**

***Our Mission:***

**To know Christ.  
To make Christ known.  
To serve others in Christ's name.**

**August 2, 2020  
8:00 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## GLORIA

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**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob got up at night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 17:1-7, 16

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do;  
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.

**16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

EPISTLE: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.      *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Fr. Ralph Osborne

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially \_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE PEACE     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*        **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.



And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant  
and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

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*Celebrant* Let us pray. *Please kneel*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION - In the medieval western church, a common practice was “ocular communion” or communing visually with Jesus in the Sacrament. This was done, for a variety of reasons, most of the congregation would reverence the Sacrament in place of physically receiving it. It is similar to what we do when we do Adoration and Benediction at the Eucharistic Festival or the Vigil before the Sacrament many of us keep Maundy Thursday. During this time of physical distancing when we are not able to gather in community to share in the Eucharist we invite you to visually contemplate and commune with Jesus in the Sacramental Bread. Here are a couple of prayers to assist you.

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.  
(Alphonse Liguori)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.  
(Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

# Announcements

Office Hours – For now, the office is still open Monday – Friday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.



The Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be presented at the Eucharistic Festival service on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral in Fond du Lac. To have our gifts recognized as contributions from St. Thomas, please send them to the church by August 15th. St. Thomas Church, 226 Washington Street, Menasha, WI 54952. Make the check out to St. Thomas Church with **UTO** in the memo/file line. St Thomas has been a faithful contributor to this ‘thankful ministry’. With our daily prayers of thanksgiving we acknowledge our thankful hearts with a coin. The traditional blue boxes will be available again when we get back to a new-normal way of doing things. The **UTO** collection goes 100% to the grants, with administrative costs being paid from another source. No grants are awarded until the funds are available. Please be generous with your gifts to aid COVID-19 projects/people/groups in need because of the pandemic.

Please respond to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2020

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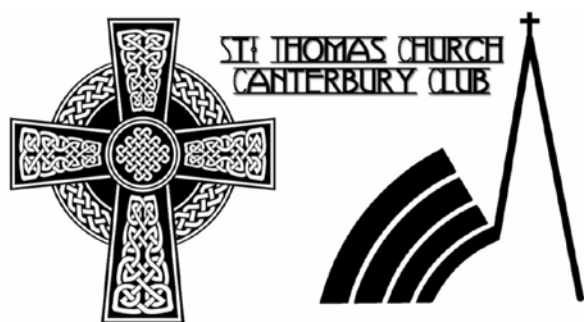


Looking for an easy way to give to St. Thomas? **Give online** or use our church app! You have been faithful in your giving and St. Thomas is weathering this time of Covid well. For those of you who are able, we hope you will continue to give, either by mailing your donation to the church or by **giving**

**online through the church website:** [stthomaswi.com/give](http://stthomaswi.com/give) or through the St. Thomas Church app. To give through the website simply click on the gold Give Online button on the Give page and fill out the pop-up form. Your gift can be a one time or recurring donation. You may give by using a credit card or your bank account. The fee for a \$20 donation using a credit card is 3% + \$.30 (\$.90) and for a bank account it is 1% + \$.30 (\$.50). You can cover the fees by clicking the box, which helps St. Thomas. You may also give through our church app. Download the church app from the website and click on Give and you will be taken to our giving platform website, Tithely, and simply follow the instructions.

Faithful Innovation – A few members of St. Thomas as well as other Parishioners from our Diocese are participating in a process called Faithful Innovation. We will be meeting three times over the next few months to participate in a learning Community. (A learning community is a group of congregations who commit to one another in a nine month learning experience. Through prayer, skill-building, action and reflection they address pressing questions about the future.) One of our first assignments is called “Dwelling in the Word.” Dwelling in the word is an ancient way of reading scripture. It’s a way of “spiritually submitting to the text” as one way God speaks to us. Please join us in reading, and re-reading Acts 16:6-15: Which tells the story of the apostle Paul being redirected by the Holy Spirit to move from one direction of ministry to another; and with the added bonus of learning the results of that new ministry. You can pick up a copy of the reading at the front or back of the church or read it on your own. More will follow as we embark on this journey together.

Your Faithful Innovation team: Fr. Ralph, Fr. Aran, Lisa Ueda, Anne Peterson, Jeanna Werbeckes, David Morton, Rob Prehn and Mike Land



Calling All 18 – 25 (ish) Year Olds Go figure! We have two amazing gatherings of young adults and COVID-19 comes along and ruins everything ☹️ But that doesn’t mean we’re not gonna get together...we’ll just be gathering remotely using Zoom. More details are coming but it’ll

be on the last Sunday of the month. If you’re interested, contact Aran Walter [aranwalter@gmail.com](mailto:aranwalter@gmail.com) or Shannon Walter [shannonwalter@gmail.com](mailto:shannonwalter@gmail.com)

## Upcoming St. Thomas Events - Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS THAT ARE CANCELLED – Due to the Covid-19, some of our events will be cancelled until next year: Parish Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Door County Camping and Fellowship Camp.



**FOREST SPRINGS.**  
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Let's make it worth the wait! We are looking forward to the 2021 St. Thomas Fall Fellowship weekend at

Forest Springs Camp. Like so many events throughout the state, nation and world, we are, unfortunately, having to cancel the 2020 St. Thomas Fellowship Weekend, held at Forest Springs Camp in Westboro. During these uncertain and unprecedented times, we feel it is best to forgo the event this fall and we will look forward to safely gathering again in the northwoods of Wisconsin in September 2021. Be sure to keep the first weekend after Labor Day open for the St. Thomas Fellowship weekend in fall of 2021!

## Youth Ministry ([WWW.STYG.COM](http://WWW.STYG.COM))

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – Hello friends . . . grace and peace! Well, obviously things like Medieval Knight and our monthly service projects and other events are cancelled/postponed. Once this whole COVID-19 crisis has passed, we will let you all know when things will start back up. But, this doesn't mean we're not getting together... (*keep reading*)

**D-Groups Are For Us** – Hopefully! It is with great joy and yet hesitant excitement that we announce the schedule for Summer D-Groups. During the school year, D-Groups gather at St. Thomas on Wednesday nights. However, during the summer, we get together at peoples' houses, or at area parks, or other amazing places. Obviously, with the COVID-19 numbers still not going down, we can't for 100% sure say that we'll be getting together this summer. BUT, check out the schedule which is posted on the website so you can see what it MIGHT look like once we HOPEFULLY get back together. [www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups)



**Summer D-Groups Are Coming Soon**

**We are HOPEFUL that events like**

**Cookouts, Pool Parties, Outdoor Movie Nights, Pizza Parties, and more will be able to take place starting in early August**

**[www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups)**

## **Pastoral Care**

Specialized Pastoral Counseling at St. Thomas - Fr. John Peterson is available for virtual counseling at St. Thomas. It will take place by phone or video. This counseling is specialized in that it will meet the need of anyone looking to be able to clear and optimize the way their mind works. It is fast and effective with many of life's problems including anxiety, depression, grief, low self-esteem, relationship issues, substance abuse, obsessions, compulsions, anger, resentment and self-destructive behaviors. When a person has a problem or an issue that needs to be addressed there are two ways to approach it. One way is "outward" when one aims at changing the outward circumstances. Another way is "inward" when one aims to change how one perceives the situation in their mind. It is this second way, the "renewing of the mind" that is the pathway used for this healing. During these stressful and uncertain times, I want to offer you an audio exercise presented by Jon Connelly, my teacher and mentor in Rapid Resolution Therapy entitled "Ease Your Mind & Raise Your Immunity – Accelerate Healing & Relieve Anxiety." E-mail me at [Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net](mailto:Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net) and request it. You will be blessed by it.

**WORRY** - In Chapter 6 of Matthew Jesus tells us not to be anxious or worry. Are you finding yourself worrying about many things during this time of the pandemic? We should have concerns and it is necessary for us to take appropriate actions to benefit and protect ourselves and others. But are you worrying about things over which you have no control? Are you worrying about things for which there is no action you can take to change the situation? Worry in itself cannot fix anything but it CAN cause harm. Worry can have physical and emotional effects for the worrier and damaging effects for those around him/her. Worry can cause a lack of energy and time to do those things we can and should do. When you are ready to be FREE from WORRY request my FREEDOM FROM WORRY Podcast at [Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net](mailto:Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net).

## Outreach/Missions



Scrip Program: *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).*

We are still selling scrip. Office hours are 9:30-1:30pm. Please call the office at 920-725-5601 or email Sandie at [sandieumland@gmail.com](mailto:sandieumland@gmail.com) with your order. We will get your order together and put on the table, right outside the office. Please leave your payment in an envelope on the table. If you need to order certain ones that we don't have in stock, let Sandie know by Monday morning and she can order them. These special orders will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

Scrip cards from the following merchants are typically in-stock for immediate pick up: Amazon, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheddars, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Longhorn, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Chang's, Piggly Wiggly, Roundys, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** Scrip cards that are special ordered on Sunday mornings will be available to pick-up the following Sunday. Scrip cards can be purchased in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, and weekdays in the church office during normal office hours.



# MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 2020

## **DOUBLE PORTION: [www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com](http://www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com)**

Praise God for:

- A NEW completed kitchen to work from to feed the hungry who live near by
- The good health of most of our volunteer work staff
- The many people who have given food and money for the DP food program

Prayer Requests:

- That all who use the new kitchen will learn how to use it properly & take good care it
- That COVID will go away soon so that we may gather in the dining room as in the past
- For the good health of all people in the DP Program and all in the world

## **MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: [www.mmhpp.org](http://www.mmhpp.org)**

Praise God for:

- The health & safety of our children & staff (no one affected by COVID -19)
- The partial opening of our churches
- The safety of the staff at the Cargo Human Care Medical Centre. (No COVID-19)

Prayer Requests:

- For the children who remain at home with guardians without attending school
- For our country where cases are rising high every day and affecting our economy immensely

## **BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: [www.settingthecaptivesfree.org](http://www.settingthecaptivesfree.org)**

Praise God for:

- The teachers and staff who have gone beyond the call of duty during total lockdown with 60 of us at the Villa—7 without a break for 3 months, some without a break for 5 months
- Our nightly devotions that have kept our focus on Jesus during these uncertain times
- The healing of staff member Roberto's brother, a Pastor to the families of the dump, of Covid-19.

Prayer Requests:

- For the protection of our children, staff and teachers & end to the pandemic
- For our government leaders and the end of the terrible corruption resulting in collapse of the health care system with people literally dying in the streets
- For the construction of staff housing to alleviate overcrowding and for protection against scorpions and poisonous snakes

## **REVS. ALLEN & RACHEL HILL: [www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html](http://www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html)**

Praise God for:

- The Lord's grace to endure all the challenges of the worldwide pandemic

Prayer Requests:

- For Allen as he works to bring his thesis together with hope of submitting it by August and for relief of his back problems
- For clear guidance as we consider a wonderful ministry opportunity that has been presented
- For guidance and blessing as James takes a gap year before starting college

**The following anniversaries** of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020 TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Amy Siracusa  
Ashley Puga
- 4 Nancy Dombeck  
Laurel Stahl  
Kim Acord
- 5 Evette Heinzkill  
Allison Preston
- 6 Richard Smith
- 7 Dolores Bodway
- 8 Dempsey Cornelius  
Beth Pagel

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Alan and Noelle Pelot  
Russ and Kirsti Ritschke
- 4 Craig and Stephanie Pufall
- 6 Tim and Barbara Wrase
- 7 Steve and Andrea Morton

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- 2 Ernst Mahler  
Clarence Beyer  
Margaret Wilson
- 3 David Rife  
Richard Koslowski
- 4 Tom Hall
- 5 George Nickel
- 6 Josephine Peterson  
Fr. Ray Ryerson
- 7 Emil Bucan

**MISSION PARTNER LINKS**

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/  
St. Patrick's Church  
Betsy Hake – Honduras  
The Revs. Allen/Rachel Hill  
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

**MISSION PRAYER LINKS**

African Medical Mission  
Boy Scouts Troop 3  
Cub Scouts Pak 3003  
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC – Chicago  
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry  
Bishop Todd and The Rev. Patsy McGregor -  
Madagascar  
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)  
Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Auston Allen – Air Force  
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard  
Mary Danner-Jones – Air Force  
Claire Kopczynski – Army National Guard  
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard  
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve  
Tim Paterson – Army Reserve  
Don Patrick – Army Reserve  
Humberto Puga – Navy  
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army  
Matthew Verich – Navy

**DEPLOYED**

Johnny Kromenaker – Peace Corp  
Clint Kupari - Army  
Andrew Shaffer - Army  
Foreign Diplomats:  
Steve Hendrix



In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Mufudzi Wakanaka Mission District, Masvingo. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for the Leadership of St. Thomas including Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, Treasurer, Staff, and Missions including Double Portion, Jericho, Mother's Mercy, Peru - Revs Allen and Rachel Hill, Fr. Ian and Polly Montgomery; UTO, Winnebago gifts and caroling and the Gideons.