St. Thomas Church

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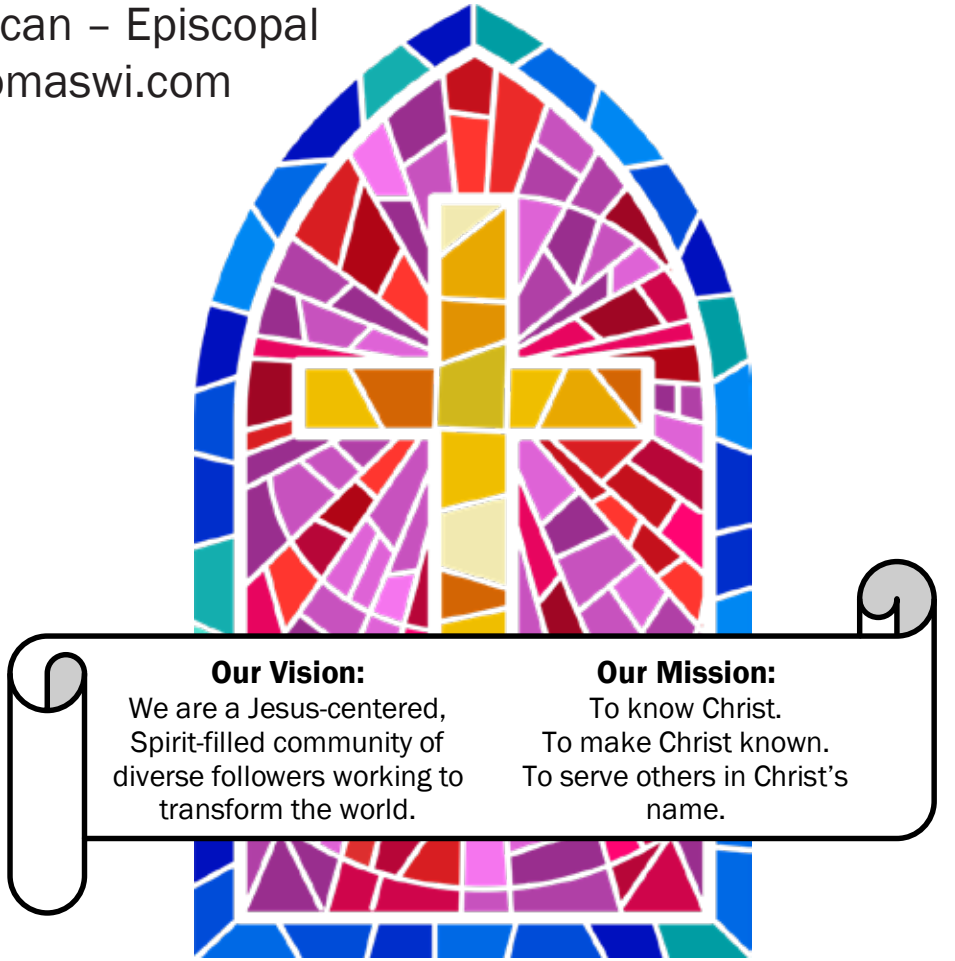

Our Vision:
We are a Jesus-centered, Spirit-filled community of diverse followers working to transform the world.

Our Mission:
To know Christ.
To make Christ known.
To serve others in Christ's name.

November 1, 2026

Announcements

Morning Prayer
M,T,TH—**9:30am**

Evening Prayer
M,T,W,TH— **4pm**

Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday — **8:30am**



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If you are visiting St Thomas, or if you are considering joining the St. Thomas Family, welcome, we are grateful you are here.
Please sign the guest book in the back of the Church so we can connect with you.

New Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday *10am – 4pm,* ***Wednesday & Thursday*** *12pm – 4pm,* ***Friday*** *(Closed)*

Stewardship Sunday- November 8!

Loose Offering – The Loose Offering today will be going to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to assist those in need in the congregation and the larger community for such things as rent, utilities, medical care or other needs. If you or someone you know is in need, you can contact the office, 920-725-5601. Contributions to this fund can be made at any time by writing a check to St. Thomas and noting Discretionary Fund in the memo section. Cash donations are also welcome.

"Where Faith Meets Life: St. Thomas Adult Sunday School" Conversations on Scripture and Film & Faith -- Christians have always gathered around stories: the stories of Scripture and the stories that help us make sense of human experience. This year, our Adult Sunday School ministry will offer two complementary opportunities for learning and reflection. Through Conversations on Scripture, we will engage the weekly lectionary texts, listening together for God's promises, challenges, and invitations. Jill Beverlin and other class participants will take turns leading these sessions. At other times, we will explore selected films as modern parables, considering how themes of hope, reconciliation, courage, justice, love, and redemption echo the deeper story of God's work in the world. Fr. Aran will be the primary leader of these sessions. Both experiences invite us into the same practice: paying attention. Whether we are reflecting on a Gospel text or a film scene, we seek to ask where God might be speaking, challenging, comforting, and calling us today. Join us as we gather to learn, reflect, and grow together in faith. **Classes will begin Sept. 20th; 9-9:45am in the Lounge.** A schedule will be shared with participants at that time. If you have questions, please contact Jill or Fr. Aran.

Host Coffee Hour Openings!

Please help by occasionally hosting Coffee Hour after the 10AM service. We will train you! Sign up is in the Parish Hall or contact Bev Johnston (920)729-6320.

Semi-Annual Altar Cleaning - November 14th at 9am

The Altar Guild will gather to do our semi-annual freshing and cleaning of the sanctuary and all things related. We will polish silver and brass, dust/oil the chapel altar and walls, freshen linens and whatever else we find that deems attention. If you aren't able to stay the entire two hours, please come for as long as you're able... we welcome any and all the help we can get... No need to be on the Altar Guild to join in! Feel free to invite friends, spouses, and older children if you think they may be able to help. Please contact Barb Barry (920)277-8373 or Sherry Morton (920)450-8588 with questions.

WORSHIP

YOUTH MINISTRY (WWW.STYG.COM)

Youth Group —all Sunday youth group events are for 6th-12th graders unless otherwise noted.



D-Groups "Accept one another just as God has accepted you." (Romans 15:7) D-Groups are open to all 7th – 12th graders and their friends on Wednesdays at St. Thomas 6:15 – 8:00pm D-Groups are ALL about Community, Scripture, Playing, Growing, and Jesus. **D-Groups Here's what's coming up for D-Groups**.www.styg.com/d-groups

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School!
Meeting at new time! **Sunday Mornings 9:15-10am**
Join us downstairs in our newly decorated classroom!



We're off to the races!
In the last four weeks, the Heirs have been learning about God's Kingdom: how we choose to participate, how that impacts our lives, and what we do when we stray off of God's path. Sunday mornings, we have been exploring the Lord's Prayer, why it matters, and what it means when we pray it.
Wednesday evenings combine a meal, chapel time, movement activities, and lessons that help us grow in faith. Sunday mornings start with a mini dance party and move into interactive lessons that focus on our liturgy.

Thank you for everyone's support and prayers for this ministry and our children! We have really enjoyed Fr. Andy's teachings during chapel time and the participation of our Wednesday evening guests. Thank you for providing a meal and sharing it with us! If you haven't already, **please consider signing up** to join us. The sign-up sheet is **located on the children's bulletin board found in the hall outside of the nursery.**

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to contribute, please find our **WISH LIST** for our classroom and future activities on Amazon.
(https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2QAJ2SKYEGXTE)

SCAN ME for WISH LIST

We also ask for your continued prayers.
Children Kindergarten thru 6 th grade.
Sundays 9:15-9:45a in our downstairs classrooms
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30p in the parish hall

Your Servants in Christ Jesus, Theresa and Genevieve

FELLOWSHIP

St Thomas Housing Committee - The church would like to extend an invitation to the church body to participate with this working group. If interested please let the church office know. **Meeting: The First Monday of Every Month in the St. Thomas Lounge @ 5:30pm**

Ladies of St. Thomas (All ages) You are invited to the St. Margarita Society gathering on **Nov 23 & 30** (Men welcome nov 30) at Solea's Mexican Grill, 1350 Gillingham Rd., Neenah beginning at **6PM** It is an informal gathering with no agenda other than to spend time with each other in a relaxed and fun manner. Come for just a short while or stay as long as you like. ***Please RSVP with Karen Powers 920-379-8239***. Invite a friend to come along. Wonderful time sharing a meal and fellowship with your friends of St. Thomas.

Light of Christ Grant - St. Thomas received a Light of Christ Grant for plantings to make our entrances more welcoming. Keep an eye out around our grounds as we work on making it more beautiful and welcoming.

Opportunity for Individual Prayer—(Available weekly during 10am service) During Holy Communion, individual prayer will be available in the small chapel just off the sanctuary. If you desire a special prayer of healing, thanksgiving, or other petitions, members of the St. Thomas Prayer Team will be there to pray with you and, if you wish, offer anointing with oil.

MOTHERS' MERCY HOME PARTNERSHIP — August Update

As we have been doing for the past number of years we send our contribution to Mothers' Mercy Home in July. This year we sent $14,370 through Cargo Human Care. The generosity of our Partners contributed $5,760 towards the tuition of the 24 Partnered Children. The St. Thomas Mission Fund, Lambeau Field Fund Raiser and donations to the MMHPP Fund totaled an additional $8,500 towards the costs of bedding, shoes, uniforms and school bags for the children of MMH 2025-2026 school year. $110 was sent for small gifts to individual children's accounts. We and the staff and children of MMH are so grateful for the continued support of the MMH Partners and the St. Thomas Parish Family. Special thanks to all the volunteers who staff the dessert carts at Lambeau Field. All those sales of goodies certainly adds up to bringing good news to children in Kenya. ASANTE!



SCRIP PROGRAM – *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missioners and bringing our mission partners here).* We have on hand: Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Changs, Pick n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Shell, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. Scrip cards can be purchased weekdays in the church office during normal office hours. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** If you would like to order some scrip cards that we don't have on hand, please call the office at (920)725-5601 by Monday morning. They will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

EVANGELISM GROUP-

Most of us know that to be a Christian is to be an evangelist. By our everyday words and actions, we proclaim the Gospel, both by what we decide to do and say, or what we avoid saying or doing. Our every word and deed reflect our relationship with God… or lack thereof. How can we become effective evangelists, not as something we do, but as part of who we are in Christ? Please continue praying for the work of the Spirit among us, and come and join the conversation. Our next meeting will be **November 16, 7pm**. If you need more information, contact Theresa or Fr. Andy anytime. We hope to see you there! Your servant in Christ, Theresa

News From Jericho Ministries -

Jericho Ministries, founded by Betsy Hake is a multifaceted Christian Ministry which started as an outreach to women trapped in prostitution. It has grown to include four ministry sites: A Children's Home in the country (Honduras), an Urban School, a Women's Workshop, a Boys Home, and a Home for University Students.

Betsy and a team that is part of her ministry were just in Paris, France to share their ministry in churches and out in the public the first two weeks of October. The team is now back home in Honduras after a busy two weeks in France. Betsy has elected to stay in Paris awhile to work on her third book. Her second book should be ready for publication soon. Please keep her in your prayers for guidance and safety during her time in Paris.

The Jericho Ministry in Tegucigalpa, Honduras is growing well. The road construction is about half done. Work on the family style cabins are going well and planning continues for a new school at Jericho Villa. Check out Betsy Hakes ministry at
Jerichoministries.org



MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: www.jerichoministries.org

Praise God for:

- The way God is using St. Thomas to help us
- Our mission outreach to France in October. A small group went to minister on the streets before the riots

Prayer Requests:

- For the children who are graduating at the end of November, that they will understand God's will for their lives
- For the healing of our children's hearts as they meet every morning to pray, that they will grow in their ability to intercede for others and be world changers through their prayers
- For continued healing of our children's hearts and for God to plant mission seeds in their hearts!
- For monthly donations to increase so that we can meet our monthly needs
- For France and for our discernment about participation in the revival that is coming to that nation

DOUBLE PORTION: www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com

Praise God for:

- The kindness and fellowship with guests, new and returning

Prayer Requests:

- For food to restock our Pantry Shelves: canned meats, condiments, breakfast cereals, hearty soups, creamy peanut butter, pasta sauce, ramen noodles and hygiene items.
- For volunteers to be comfortable interacting with guests and sharing God's love with them

MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: www.mmhpp.org

Praise God for:

- The faithful service of the staff of Mothers' Mercy Home

Prayer Requests:

- For God to protect our country from many incidents of fire in schools
- For God to protect our country from Ebola diseases
- For peace in Kenya next year during the presidential election
- For our children in primary and secondary boarding schools
- For furnishings for new building: conference tables & chairs, class room tables and chairs, coolant and shelves for the store.