

St. Thomas Church

Anglican – Episcopal
stthomaswi.com



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.

April 19, 2026

Announcements

Morning Prayer
M,T,TH—9:30am

Evening Prayer
M,T,W,TH— 4pm

Weekday Eucharist
Wednesday — 8:30am



Office Hours are 9am— 1pm, clergy by appointment

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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.*



April 26, 2026

*A little bit Country,
A little bit Glam—
come shower the bride with love!*

Calling all lovely ladies of St. Thomas!
Get ready to shower **Jazmine**
with love and laughter at her bridal bash!

St. Thomas Church
+ 2pm - Parish Hall

Please RSVP with the Church
Office (920) 725-5601

Wedding Registry is available on Amazon
amazon.com/wedding/guest-view/JWSBBVLUOZFK

SENIOR LUNCH - was a great success! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped, decorate, set/ clean up, serve and make the food. And a special Thanks to Fr. Andy who lead a very informational discussion on Icons. **See you in June for our next Lunch!**

BETSY HAKE VISIT - Betsy Hake will speak about Jericho Ministries, after the service in the Parish Hall, a LUNCH will be served.

During this Easter season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the living Body of Christ among us, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our Lay Home Communion Ministry. As a lay eucharistic visitation minister, you would bring Holy Communion to a homebound member of our congregation just once a month—a simple, meaningful way to share Christ’s presence and care. If you feel a nudge to serve in this life-giving ministry, we’d love to talk with you.

A short training will be provided by Deacon Lisa Ueda.

We have several new additions to our list of individuals awaiting home communion visits. We hope you will help us keep them connected to the Body of Christ through this sacred and life-giving ministry.

For more information, please contact:

Deacon Lisa Ueda: uedalisa3@gmail.com

Martina Mims: mrsmims@gmail.com

Jill Beverlin: jilljbeverlin@gmail.com

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.



Ladies of St. Thomas (All ages) You are invited to the St. Margarita Society gathering on April 27, 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. No RSVP necessary. Invite a friend to come along. Wonderful time sharing a meal and fellowship with your friends of St. Thomas.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Are you interested in the Holy Land?? Have you ever thought about a pilgrimage that would let you walk in the steps of Jesus? Fr. Ralph will be doing another pilgrimage to the Holy Land **Oct 20 – Nov 4, 2026**. Planning for the pilgrimage is continuing in hopes that the current fighting will subside before final travel decisions need to be made. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact Fr. Ralph or the St. Thomas Office.

WORSHIP

YOUTH MINISTRY (WWW.STYG.COM)



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



Film School is a way for **7th graders and up** to read from the scriptures, view films, and chat about how those things line up or . . . don’t. www.styg.com/filmschool



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. Here’s what’s coming up for D-Groups.www.styg.com/d-groups



For more info please contact: jessicalzaborski@gmail.com



Children’s Sunday School is for kids 3 years through 6th grade. We meet Sunday mornings 9-9:50 in the downstairs classrooms from September 21st - May.



St. Thomas Kid’s Club is for children in K- 6th grades. We meet Wednesday evenings in the parish hall at 6:30-8pm. September 17th- May. We utilize the “Weaving God’s Promises” curriculum.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEXICO LOVE JOURNEY TEAM!

FELLOWSHIP

The Chosen/Bible Study

The Chosen/Bible Study Group started again after our short Christmas Holiday break! We are meeting weekly on **Thursday mornings**. We start with morning prayer in the chapel with Fr. Andy and then we all go over to the lounge for our study. We will be finishing with The Chosen Season 5. As we are anxiously waiting for Season 6 to be released. In the following weeks will be using The One Year Chronological Bible New Living Testament with reading assignments which, we have a lively group discussion. Hopefully, we will begin with the New Testament in March. We have a very nice group of ladies and if anyone would like to join us you are always welcome. Don't feel like you are not prepared we are all friends and will get you up to speed. You will really enjoy the discussion as it brings you closer to Jesus. We have created a group chat message to keep everyone current with what we are doing. **We meet every Thursday morning 9:30am-11:30am from in the St. Thomas Lounge.** If you have any questions, please contact me Mary Kay Hietpas at 920-740-5737 or marykayhietpas@gmail.com.

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

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.



St. Thomas Acolyte Opportunity—If you or one of your children have an interest in serving St. Thomas as an Acolyte, we would love to have you. As you know, Acolytes serve as an important part of the 10:00 service every Sunday. It is very rewarding and is a great way to serve God and our St. Thomas family. If you or a family member have an interest in serving in this ministry, please reach out to Wade, Decon Lisa, Martina or contact the church office. Thank you!

St Thomas Faithfull, Your Vestry is excited and enthused by **Laura's Music Ministry Leadership**. We are supportive of Laura and Fr Andy's idea of music scholarships for local college students to enhance our worship. We plan to offer three scholarships to students. (I am sure you have noticed over the past few weeks, what a joy!) Your Vestry has set up a separate account to fund these scholarships. If you would like to contribute, please do so. Any size donation would help and show our support for our Music Ministry. Please mark any contribution: "Music Scholarship." Thank you for your prayerful consideration in growing our Ministry. Blessings, David Morton, Anne Peterson & Laura Rothe.



SCRIP PROGRAM – *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries 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.

DOUBLE PORTION SOUP KITCHEN AND PANTRY—We Needs Your Help!

Our guests are offered up to four items per service day from our pantry, and this time of year, our pantry gets a bit sparse. Many of our guests rely on our pantry to bridge the gap of time between community meal offerings and need to stretch their dollars to meet other needs. The generous contributions that came in during the fourth quarter have been distributed, and now we need to fill in the gaps as best as we can. We need canned meats (like tuna, ham, spam, or chicken), condiments (like jam or jelly, salad dressings, and mustard), breakfast cereals, hearty soups, creamy peanut butter, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, and hygiene items like toilet tissue, Kleenex, shampoo, soap, toothpaste and

toothbrushes. Anything that can be donated to our pantry is greatly appreciated. Please leave donations on our St. Thomas kitchen island and be sure they are marked "Pantry", or contact Melanie at doubleportionsoupkitchen@gmail.com and we can arrange to pick up donations.

Please Meet our 2025-2026 Choral Scholars



Eden Preston—alto My name is Eden Preston and I am a first-year student at Lawrence University. I am double majoring in vocal performance and psychology. I am not completely sure what I will do after graduation, but I am interested in music therapy. I joined the choral scholar program in October and have loved meeting and singing with everyone!



Tre-Thomas Martin—tenor Hi! My name is Tre-Thomas Martin. I am a senior Music Education Major at UW Oshkosh. After graduation, I plan to teach middle school choir and general music at a middle school in the region. I joined the choral scholar program in late November 2025 and have had such a blast being part of the choir and singing! There is something sacred about singing alongside others, and this ensemble helps me to be vulnerable, more present, and more deeply connected to the people around me.



Dylan Surprenant—bass I am Dylan Surprenant, a 5th year Music Education major at UW-Oshkosh, also completing a certificate in Music Composition. After I graduate, I intend to teach choir in a K-12 school setting. I joined the choral scholar program in early March, and it has been a very good experience so far, working with people I would not normally have an opportunity to work with and working on extra music.



Wyatt Cruz Lillegard—bass Hello! My name is Wyatt Cruz Lillegard, and I am a first-year studying vocal performance at Lawrence University in Appleton. While I'm not sure of the full details, I plan on pursuing a career in singing after I graduate, however The Lord may see fit. I joined the choral program at St. Thomas during the fall of this past year, and it has been such a wonderful experience to get to glorify God through music, and to share my voice with those willing to listen.



Lily Scott—alto Lily Scott – alto Lillian is a Wisconsin based composer currently finishing their Bachelor's degrees in Audio production and Composition. Having been singing with different choirs from a young age Lillian very quickly gravitated towards composing choral and voice music. They were recently awarded for their first choral piece "I Wish" and received a collaborative research grant alongside their mentor John Mayrose to compose a set of choral works. Lillian is a lover of the simplicity that music brings to the chaos around us and strives to bring forth that same feeling through their work.

MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR APRIL 2026

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

Praise God for:

- Betsy and Elvia's visit to St. Thomas on April 19th

Prayer Requests:

- Funds to complete our road
- For a publisher for Betsy's devotional book about Divine Appointments
- With the school growing greater wisdom needed for the teachers and more resources
- That God will touch someone to help build the school out on the Villa property
- For emotional and spiritual stability for three of our older girls: Isabella, Lideny and Daniela
- For five new girls who joined the family

DOUBLE PORTION: www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com

Praise God for:

- The kindness and fellowship with guests, new and returning

Prayer Requests:

- For local people in need to be able to find and take advantage of our ministry
- 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
- The monetary gifts presented for the education of the children from the St. Thomas MMH Partnership Program

Prayer Requests:

- For improvements in the economy which is challenging for all Kenyans.