

St. Thomas

by-the-Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS BY THE SEA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Heather McClanahan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Mavis Adams
10:00 a.m. Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Bob Lindley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: David Cranston

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Mark Karazim

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:40 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Mass Intention: Ann Montalbano

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Mass Intention: Peggy Kenyon

OUR CHAPEL IS OPEN

Our beautiful chapel is now open. Daily Mass will be in the chapel once again.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can give electronically wherever you travel! Just get the Vanco, Inc. "Give Plus+" Smart Phone App. Vanco is the company that provides e-giving capability at St. Thomas and over 25,000 churches nationally. Once you have the App, just look up the Church or Parish by either Name, City or Zip Code. An immediate e-mail receipt will confirm your gift!

– Bill C., Finance Council

SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR:

The second collection this weekend is for the victims of Hurricane Ida in La Place, Louisiana. We will be using your donations to purchase food, drinks, cleaning supplies and other items which will be delivered to the St. Joan of Arc and Ascension of our Lord Catholic churches for distribution to the local community this coming week. Thank you for your generosity and being a faithful steward. Call the church office with any questions.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

September 4th & 5th

Offertory \$ 7,713.64
Building Fund \$ 430.00
Votives \$ 111.00

Thank you for your generosity each and every week!

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

To the family of Mike Mahne and his family. May his soul be Blessed by the Angels.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Fall series begins September 19, 2021. In this 7 week series we will focus on The Search, a video and discussion program available on FORMED.org. (Catholic Faith Resource on Demand available thru St. Thomas by the Sea for FREE) Groups will meet weekly on Monday or Thursday mornings and Sunday, Monday or Thursday evenings. These small communities are a part of the wider sharing, prayer and fellowship with others in St. Thomas parish. Look for sign-up cards in the pews and on tables at entrances. Please fill out and place in collection basket or basket at rear of church. For more information, contact Melissa Sibille at 850-566-1016 or midsibille@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dominique deSanctis, Chad Smith, Rita Michelle Garner, Tim Glennon, Babe Rohan, Lydia Williams, Mark Miller, Deacon Hank Pouliot, Dolores Mills, Sarah Knoll Lammons, Edward O'Brien, Lavonne McCumber, Donna Zepponi, Brandt Quinn, Margaret Smith, Craig Horn, Katheryn Bennett, William Chambers, Frances Gagliano, Anthony Baroco, Kathy Montecio, Stephanie Keeler, Ed Zyniewicz, Daphne Stanford, Karen Kelley O'Brien, Joel Rivera, Susan Berezuk, Bill Sukman, Carly Barrett, Janet & Tommy Pollman, Jenifer Davis, Sally Ashurst, Gene Brymer, Norman Hankins, Mary Schmid, Pat Chambers, Matt Bosarge, Maureen Kiernan, Sue Pizzitola, Ann Wilson, Jane Fleshman, Cecil Young, Paul Anderson, Marion Waller, Bob Lindley, Rob & Frances Elaine Brown, Vinny Garabedian, Pete Hourihan

HOME VISITS & CONFESSIONS

Father Paul is available to bless your home. Please call the parish office at 251-981-8132 for an appointment. You can also call to schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you can't come on a Saturday.

DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE IDA VICTIMS

We will be collecting items needed for our neighbors in La Place, Louisiana. Items that are needed are: Cleaning supplies, toothbrushes and toothpaste, diapers, food and cases of water. Tarps and nails, brooms, and many more items. Your donations will be delivered to the St. Joan of Arc Catholic church and Ascension of our Lord Catholic church for distribution to the local community in the coming weeks. Your generosity is appreciated!

ANGELS OF JOY GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN

Please visit our gift shop and see all our unique items that are available to purchase.

UNLESS SOULS ARE SAVED, NOTHING IS SAVED; THERE CAN BE NO WORLD PEACE WITHOUT SOUL PEACE.

—FULTON SHEEN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS. Training is provided. Please call the church office at 251-981-8132 or speak with Fr. Paul.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

For children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings! If you would like to share the faith with Little Ones during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, call Jean Marzullo at 251-599-1643 to volunteer. Crayons provided.

CCD REGISTRATION

It's time for CCD Registration for 2021/2022! Please complete a registration for your children for this year's CCD classes. There are forms on the website. (You can find CCD under the Ministries tab). For more information, call the church office at 251-981-8132 or Jean Marzullo at 251-599-1643. Classes begin September 12th. We are looking forward to growing in the Lord with your children.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

St. Benedict is recruiting substitutes for all their classrooms! For more information or to apply, email Dr. McCool at kmccool@saintbenedict.net or call the school at 251-986-8143

FLOWERS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION

You can donate the weekend altar flowers for a special occasion, or in honor of a loved one. You can also donate a memorial bouquet in the Virgin Mary or St. Joseph alcove. Contact Cheryl Robinson to select a date at 251-422-1268.

MINISTRY NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (9/11/21)

Lector: Tina D'Aversa

Communion: Mary Dalton, Pat Dalton, Jay Powell

Altar Servers: Pat Dalton

Ushers: Jim & Agnes Johnson, Oliveth Archer, Joe Fierro

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. (09/12/21)

Lector: Melissa Sibille

Communion: Terry Barnett, Bette McDuffie, Jane Quinn, Vicki Brown

Altar Servers: Carlos DeSanctis

Ushers: JoEllen Karazim, Kelley Ouzts, LuAnn & Art Yaroch, Paul Brown, Robert Turner

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (09/12/21)

Lector: Mark Dickhute

Communion: Joanie Pruett, Mary Mercer, Alice Madere,

Merrie Henderson

Altar Servers: Steve Fletcher

Ushers: Steve & Darlene Kerchner, Dan Cummings, Lee Barnes, Ron Slovinski

STOCK THE PANTRY

SEPTEMBER is our month to stock the pantry for the Christian Service Center!!! There will be a collection area in the narthex to leave donations. Items needed: canned meat, tuna or chicken. Ramen noodles, saltine crackers, cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, any toiletries such as toothbrushes/toothpaste, personal grooming items, etc.

JOB OPENING

St. Benedict Catholic School is now looking to hire for the following part-time positions: Spanish, Music and Counselor. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are ready to work with a variety of ages to teach music and Spanish and to conduct school counseling. Certification is not required for these part-time positions. For more information, please call the school at 251-986-8143, or email Dr. McCool at kmccool@saintbenedict.net.

ALFRED-WASHBURN DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Clients at AWC are always in great need of men's and women's casual shoes in all sizes, as well as men's jeans, (especially in smaller sizes) and women's jeans and pants in all sizes. They always need disposable razors and batteries (all sizes) and flashlights. **Right now there is a special need for insect repellent and/or Bounce dryer sheets.** Anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Bring your donations to the Church, to be taken to the Center. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. God bless you for your generosity!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



DeSoto's
Seafood Kitchen
Your Hosts: **CHRISTOPHER and ROSEMARY STEELE**
251-948-7294

Best Lunch and Seafood Winner

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ★ How are these works fortified by faith?

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

JAMES 2:18

