



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

Soon after I arrived at St. Thomas the Apostle, we started using the simple statement describing our parish community, “Alive in Christ”. It became our trademark or identifier – it is on our stationary, bulletin, advertisements and even our multimedia screens. It states the obvious as every Catholic parish should be a community of people alive in Jesus Christ.

I am reminded of this reality quite often that we are a community “Alive in Christ”. It was obvious in the generosity of our parishioners with our Christmas outreach. 172 families received an expression of our committed love in Christ through abundant boxes of food and Christmas presents for children of families who are going through a difficult time. We were a light to many! As I sign our tithing checks for the many different organizations, who in some way carry on the mission of Jesus Christ, I cannot help but think of the many people (whom we do not even know) who benefit from your generosity and your response in living lives as disciples of Jesus. These are some simple ways we reveal the light of Christ to others.

As married couples signed up for the workshop, “Building Better Together”, I was reminded of the gift of marriage and its importance for us as a parish community as well as a stable society. A healthy marriage is not easy and requires a certain level of intentionality. At St. Thomas we want to provide opportunities for married couples to grow together in Christ so that their lives may continue to reflect the light of Christ to their spouse, families and world. This workshop will provide that opportunity for couples to enhance and enrich their marital relationships.

Finally, I continue to be touched by your commitment to Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Through it, we are carrying on the mandate of Jesus, “Do this in memory of me.” So many families (young and old) carve out the time each week to gather together as a parish family around the Lord’s table for Eucharist. In our participation in the Eucharist each Sunday, we are nourished and strengthened to be the people our God calls us to be. I am grateful for the many different people, who help make this happen. We are blessed with so many good people revealing the light of Christ.

It is this presence that is being lived out each day that has attracted over 30 individuals to participate in our OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) this year. Your life in Christ has lead others to him!

It is a joy to walk with you in this exciting journey of faith.

Let’s stay alive in Christ,



Fr. Steve Zabrocki, Pastor