

Parish Profile

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church



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Altar carving at St. Thomas'

Our Mission Statement:

By word and sacrament, we seek to be sustained in our daily lives in order to minister to our parish and community in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



Our Parish:

St. Thomas' Church in Morris, IL, in the Diocese of Chicago and worldwide Anglican Communion, is seeking a part-time pastor to lead our small parish as we glorify God through worship, fellowship, and service. Our traditional liturgical and musical worship services are offered in a picturesque, converted, carriage house where fellowship, friendship, and family-life bring us together. The Rectory upstairs includes two bedrooms, two baths, living room, kitchen and den, with internal and external access, and is partly furnished and move-in ready.

Here we seek to be healed and filled while being part of things greater than ourselves, participating in ECW projects, UTO, contributing to Nashotah House, ERD, and local charities: We Care, PADS, Habitat for Humanity, plus the county's free medical clinic. Nearly all of us are retired. We enjoy study groups and seek opportunities to break bread together.



Our Next Pastor: We seek a pastoral shepherd with a daily prayer life: a people-person who is organized, effective in succinct written and oral communication; who delivers literate, lectionary-based sermons with modern applications; and who will embrace and commit to the church family and our community.



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Our Community:

Morris, population about 15,000, is the Grundy County seat, and located at the crossroads of IL Rt 47 and Interstate 80, borders the Illinois River, a recreational favorite. It is home to the Grundy County Corn Festival and the Three French Hens craft shows. A community theater group, two golf courses, health clubs, and a year-round recreation center offer a variety of opportunities. Boutiques, antique shops, and restaurants populate the town's business district. The local hospital houses a level-two trauma center. Morris is 55 miles southwest of Chicago, and 30 minutes from Joliet Junior College, Lewis University and the University of St. Francis.

<<<https://morrisil.org/>>>



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Our Diocese: The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is geographically and culturally expansive. The diocese spans about half the area of Illinois, stretching from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River, from the Wisconsin border nearly to St. Louis. Our 114 congregations are found in the city of Chicago, in the suburbs of Chicagoland, other Illinois cities like Peoria, Aurora, and Rockford, and many rural settings across the state.

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago encompasses congregational vitality initiatives such as The College for Congregational Development, Episcopal college ministries throughout the state, and a strong commitment to social witness, as expressed through the social outreach arm of the diocese, Episcopal Charities. Our diocese is led by the Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, the thirteenth Bishop of Chicago.

Interested candidates are asked to complete the Diocesan Clergy Information Form for Transitions found on the diocesan website. Questions about the application process should be directed to The Reverend Canon Andrea Mysen, Canon to the Ordinary. Andrea can be reached at amysen@episcopalchicago.org.

Finances

Summary of 2023 actuals and 2024 budget:

Income

Income Type	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Pledge	\$63,884	\$61,320
Plate	7,689	1,000
Other Contributions	4,607	2,000
Total	\$76,180	\$64,320

Expenses

Expense Type	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Personnel	\$27,259	\$27,259*
Buildings & Grounds	24,990	28,200
Office & Administration	3,250	3,250
Total	\$55,499	\$58,709

* Per agreement with Priest-in-Charge