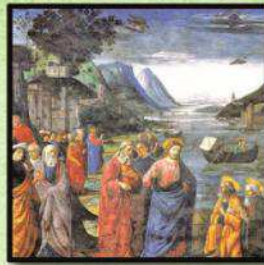
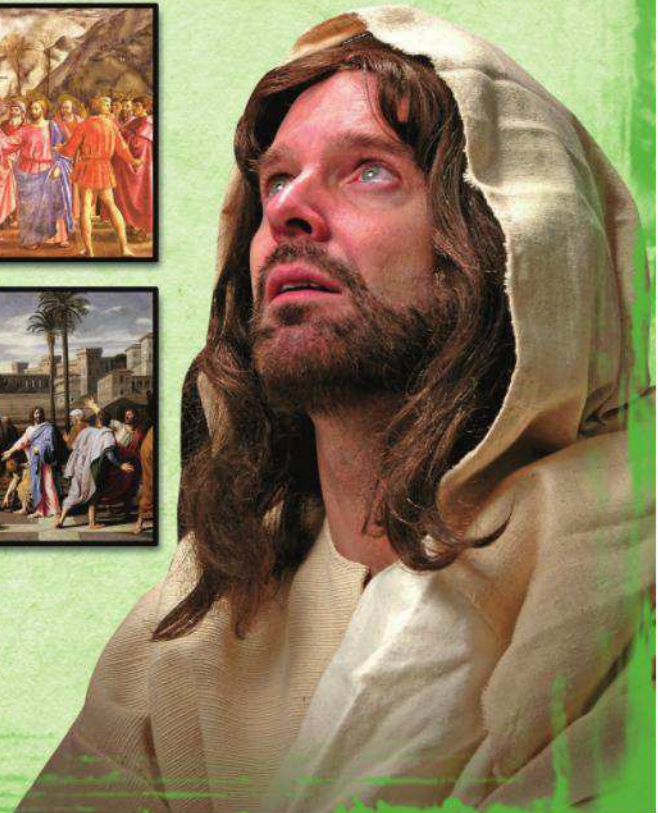


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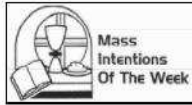
Do not be
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-34
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8: 7,9,13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Touching is one of our basic human senses. We touch others physically by putting our arms around their shoulders or hugging them. Others touch us by the look in their eyes, by the words that they speak, by the acts of charity that they do for us. Touching is a beautiful means of communication. By our touch we can communicate comfort and support; love and affection. In the Gospel today, the word "touch" or its equivalent is used six times. It was through touch that the life of Jesus was communicated to the woman and she was healed. Jesus took the child by the hand, touched her, and she was restored to life.



Monday, June 29, 2015

7:00am Ken Weeks/Mark & Marlynn Kelsch
8:00am Stella O'Hanlon/Family

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

7:00am Norma M Smith/Mary Stewart
8:00am Arabella Orlevitch/Cathy, Wil & Caroline Williams

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

7:00am Thresiakutty Varkey/The Joseph Family
8:00am Bob Arnold 8th Anniv/Betty Arnold

Thursday, July 2, 2015

7:00am Jack McShane/Kevin & Lisa Schoeplein
8:00am Tom & Irene McNamara/Bernard & Patricia Dwyer

Friday, July 3, 2015 First Friday

7:00am Penny Scherer/Dr & Mrs Richard Flores
8:00am World Peace & Special Prayer Intentions

Saturday, July 4, 2015

8:00am Purgatorial Society
5:00pm Melody Hopper/Beth Washburn

Sunday, July 5, 2015

6:30am For the People
8:00am Winifred I. Haughney/Mike & Theresa Haughney
9:30am Nicki Hichman/Friends at St Thomas
11:00am Carl W Arnold/Bob & Sharon Young
5:00pm Hannah McNeil/Grandma & Steve & Frank Scudder



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, June 29 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, June 30 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

NO BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, July 1 .

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, July 2 at 7:00 pm.

PEACE VIGIL/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday, July 3 from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS will be next weekend at all Masses.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

will be

8:30 am — 3:00 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____



St. Thomas School has the following openings:

- Teacher Aide for 3 year old pre-school class
Part-time, 8:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday
- Teacher Aide for pre-kindergarten
Part-time, 8:30-12:30, Monday thru Friday
- After-care supervisor for elementary students
after school
Part-time, 3:00-5:30 pm Monday thru Friday

Send resume and cover letter to maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or mail to Maureen Bentley, Principal, St. Thomas School, 429 N. Monroe Ave. Peoria Heights, IL. 61616

Volunteer Opportunity

When Jesus says, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25:35), do you think about hungry children in our area? During the school year, our food insecure children are assisted with free or reduced lunches. In the summer months, they have no such help. So, many faith-based groups are partnering to change this. Please consider volunteering for about 3 hours once a week at a summer feeding program so that our children do not go hungry this summer. Many of our Peoria Notre Dame students have already sign up to help. But we also need adults. For more information, contact Mary Anne Michelet, 657-2484.

Memorial Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

The next Catholic Cemetery Association of Peoria Memorial Mass will be at the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday, July 4 at 9:30 am and will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Henseler.

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Beverly Burgener, sister-in-law of Sue and Vern Dargel

Sponsor of the Week
Sam Harris Uniforms

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	6/14/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,200,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 18,479	\$ 981,729
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,471	\$ 180,151
Total Collected	\$ 21,950	\$ 1,161,880
Over/(Short)	\$ (2,050)	\$ (38,120)

We appreciate your generosity.

Box Tops for Education

Do you ever wonder if it is really worth it to cut off those Box Tops and remember to send them to school? YES IT IS! Each Box Top, and bonus Box Top, is worth 10 cents. You can see that every Box Top counts! Plus if you go to www.boxtops4education.com you will find coupons and more ways to earn Box Tops Please send all that you have collected to the school or parish office.



Friends of Clonmel Visit

The Peoria Notre Dame Band will welcome the Clonmel Marching Band from Ireland to perform with them in a joint concert on Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 pm at Peoria Notre Dame, followed by a reception. This is a free public event.

The Clonmel students will sing at the 9:30 Mass on July 5th.

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Syrup
Dry Beans	Cereal	Tuna
Soup	Crackers	Jelly
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Instant Potatoes

Our greatest needs are:

Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned fruit, Pancake Mix & Syrup

We appreciate your generosity..

Little Warriors Basketball Academy

Excite them about the game of basketball.

Boys & girls ages 4-7

July 2

9:00 am—10:00 am

Old gym at St. Thomas

Contact: info@wintraining.org or call 472-5198

Warrior International Training

Calling all Hair Stylists!

Our annual Backpack Distribution is August 1 from 9:00—11:00 am and we're hoping to offer haircuts. Could you spare 2 hours and donate your talents to help young students begin the school year with a great haircut? Call Carol, 672-4217. Thank you!!

Summer Tutoring Available

For 5-7 year olds

Review basics: reading/math skills

1/2 hour or 1 hour sessions

Contact Jane Dunlap@rjaejdunlap39@gmail.com

"Stop the Summer Slump!"

Summer Math Program for 2nd graders through incoming freshmen. An **Enriched Math Program** to challenge students will also be offered. Contact Helen Engelbrecht at 256-5188 or 693-6289.



"Just as the body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." (James 2: 26)

St. James in the 1st century counseled Christians that faith and works were necessary for salvation. A modern day version of the St. James letters, the Cursillo movement, emphasizes piety, study, and works.

Having recently joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I have witnessed men and women of our parish put their faith to action to help those less favored in our neighborhoods. These "clients" are in need of rent money, a bed to sleep in, food, money to keep the utilities working. Practical advice, and other forms of support.

As a new member, I have been impressed by how serious, varied, and complex the problems are; how emergent they are; and how appreciative the clients are with anything we have to support them. There are those who are clearly impoverished, and there are also many more just sitting on the fence, one lost pay check, one illness, one accident, and they are in serious trouble.

"Vincentians" do not have special degrees; they learn by experience to engage all the resources in the community to help their clients. We have access to food, furniture, employment resources, etc., to help people get started again. We are problem solvers, and are very conscious of how we are stewards of your donations. The poor have problems similar to ours, but they are much more difficult to solve; we bring community resources to help get them through.

Beginning this August the diocesan wide SVDP group is embarking on a new program—Coming Together to Get Ahead (STGA). From our experience with people in need we are recruiting clients who have initiative and want to learn how to climb out of poverty. This program should complement what we already do for clients one interaction at a time. The St. Thomas Vincentians are recruiting people willing to be mentors for individuals over a several month period. If you think this is something you might be interested in, please contact Mike Sims (696-8237) or Mike Shekleton (258-2326).

We thank all of you for your donations; and we are always looking for more good men and women to add "works" to their Christian faith. For just a few hours per week, the rewards are great, and you get the opportunity to work together with a wonderful group of fellow parishioners. We all have time limitations in our daily schedules. The St. Vincent de Paul group would be happy to accommodate your schedule.

Thank you for your support.

St. Thomas Website: stthomaspeoria.org
St. Thomas e-mail: parishoffice@stthomas-church.net

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.



The St Thomas Social Justice Committee
will be hosting a BACKPACK Giveaway
for kindergarten through 6th grade
at St Thomas



We are asking for donations of NEW backpacks filled with the following supplies:

Pencils
Scissors
Erasers
Markers

Pocket Folders
Primary notebooks
Wide lined primary paper
Glue/glue sticks

Colored pencils
Pencil pouch
Black/blue pens
Crayons

Backpacks can be brought to the Church and put in boxes in gathering space
If you would rather have us do the shopping, please put your monetary donation
in an envelope marked "Backpacks" and put in Sunday collection or bring to the
Office.

We hope to offer **free haircuts** at the event! If you are a barber/beautician and
Would like to offer your services, please contact one of the people listed below.

We will also need volunteers for this event

Giveaway on
Saturday, Aug 1, 2015
9-11am
St Thomas lower level

Volunteer Contacts: Mary Cooper-686-8171 Carol Pitcher-453-6736
or Sean Kerwin- smkerwin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



How can we say

THANKS

for the years of service to

our St. Thomas parish?

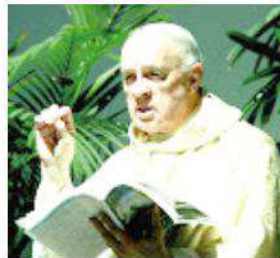
Come to the Open House for

MSGR. WATSON

after all Masses

June 27/28

Lower level of St. Thomas Church



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
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688-3446**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child.
 Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class.
 Next Baptisms: July 26 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm
 or by appointment with a priest
 Confessions are held in the confessionals in the
 daily Mass Chapel

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