



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Diocese of Peoria
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TWELFTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



*W*hat I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear
whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Matthew 10:27

*L*o que yo les digo en la oscuridad, repítanlo ustedes a la luz, y lo que les
digo en privado, proclámenlo desde las azoteas.

Mateo 10:27

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Reading II: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus knew that the life of his disciples would not be easy. After all, in order to preach his message, they would have to tell people to love their enemies, to offer the other cheek to those who strike them, and to give their riches to those who have nothing. These were not popular notions, then or now. For this reason, Jesus tries to reassure his followers by teaching them that God is watching over them. He tells them not to fear those who can kill the body, for it is the soul which gains eternal life. He promises that those who follow him and acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge before God in heaven.

††† Masses
For The Week

Monday, June 26, 2017

7:00am Cynthia Kay Braun/James Wilfinger
8:00am Nick and Lois Frasco/Linda Osika

Tuesday, June 27, 2017-St Cyril of Alexandria

7:00am Marita Merkle/Rich & Colleen Lavin
8:00am John Ambrosch/Eileen McDonough

Wednesday, June 28, 2017-St Irenaeus

7:00am Tony Gay/Pete & Kathryn Martin
8:00am Mike Murphy 5th Anniv/Gloria Murphy

Thursday, June 29, 2017-Sts Peter and Paul

7:00am Delores Wilts/Family
8:00am Richard Durr/Thomas & Rita Williams

Friday, June 30, 2017-The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00am Mary Ellen Wigton/John & Marge McNally
8:00am Betty McLinden/Jodie Fassino

Saturday, July 1, 2017-St Junipero Serra

8:00am Smith & Hafner Families
5:00pm Teresa Varkey/The Joseph Family

Sunday, July 2, 2017

6:30am Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Rich & Colleen Lavin
8:00am Bob Arnold 10th Anniv/Betty Arnold
9:30am Phil & Marie Pyszka/Don & Carol Castagna
11:00am Penny Scherer
5:00pm For the People



CENTERING PRAYER Monday, June 26 at **8:30 am** in the old church basement

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, June 27 at 10:00 am in the chapel

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, June 28 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm in the old church basement

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS will be next weekend

Sponsor of the Week
Peoria Notre Dame High School

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays in the chapel
4:00-4:45 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK. Florence Ryan, mother of Connie McConnell and grandmother of Meghan Edwards; Eileen O'Connell

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, May 30th
the Parish offices will be open from
8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday



This week we are working on repairs to some damaged parts of our parking lot. We are patching the areas that are most damaged in order to keep our lot in good order both for parking, and dropping off in the crescent drive when coming to St. Thomas.

This work has been paid for by your generous contributions to our annual fund and the most recent parish auction. Your gifts to the parish are being used to keep our facility well maintained. Thank you for your support.

Looking ahead, our parish feast day is July 3rd when we observe the Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle. This feast day falls on a Monday this year. We look forward to celebrating this important day on our parish calendar.

-Msgr. Gray

SERVER SCHEDULES

Please check in the sacristy when you arrive to see if servers are needed.

JUNE 24/25

Sat 5:00 pm J Lewallen, B Socha, C Pag-Ong
 Sun 8:00 am A Rusk, I Hernandez
 Sun 9:30 am C Tyre, H Tyre, A Meister
 Sun 11:00 am Q Doubleday, B Doubleday, H Short
 Sun 5:00 pm J Kilian, H Kilian, G Kilian

JUNE 26-JULY 1 8:00 am M Couri, M Buckardt

JULY 1/2

Sat 5:00 pm A Perez, A Perez, A Fontana
 Sun 8:00 am Z Sherman, E Sherman
 Sun 9:30 am C Wombacher, D Bare, C Bare
 Sun 11:00 am M Couri, E King, L Fricke
 Sun 5:00 pm L Bender, J Campbell, B Russell

JULY 3-8 8:00am A Wong, C Pag-Ong 9:00 am on July 4



POSITION NEEDED

St. Thomas School is seeking to fill the following:

- Afternoon After-Care Supervisor
3:15-5:30 pm Monday-Friday

If interested, please contact Mrs. Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or call St. Thomas School at 685-2533.

High School Students Needed

St. Thomas School is looking for high school students who might want to earn service hours or receive pay for working in our school aftercare from 3:30-5:30 pm. Specific days may be negotiated.

Not currently at St. Thomas? - St. Thomas School Registration has begun for the 2017-2018 school year.

Pre3- 3 year old program: Students must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/2017 and potty trained. We will be offering M-F ,MWF , or T/TH . **(space is limited - first come, first served)**

Preschool: Students must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/2017. Class is M-F. **(space is limited - first come, first served)**

Kindergarten: Students must be 5 years old on or before 09/01/2017.

Only if you have a student, **not currently at St. Thomas**, and you would like them to attend these grades, or any other grade you must go online and apply at our website school.stthomaspeoria.org

St. Thomas Website: stthomaspeoria.org

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

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

St. Thomas READS!

Discussion at 4:00 pm at Panera's on Knoxville. We are discussing Travelling Mercies: Some Thought on Faith.



If enough “yous” get together they become an “us” and can change a hopeless world into a hopeful world.

So said Pope Francis in a TED talk on April 25, 2017 (available on Youtube)

The Pope stresses what Jesus himself taught us: the Christian community is a powerful force for good when it loves neighbors as brothers and sisters with God as Father of all. Right here in our St. Thomas parish community we have a group of “yous” who work as an “us” to carry out the mandate to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and give hope to the hopeless—the St. Vincent de Paul Society. As part of our parish, the Society gives everyone an opportunity to participate in the good work through donations of food, money, time and talent, to be at one with the “us.”

We joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society about a year ago so that we could do some meaningful charitable activity in our retirement years. We soon discovered that meaningful is not the word to describe the work; indispensable is more like it. A man came to the food pantry in tears saying, “I got nothing’ to feed my kids today.” A grandmother needed a crib and two beds because she had to take in her grandchildren to keep the family together. A young woman found herself unexpectedly the sole support of her two toddler boys and with no family in Peoria to help her, so St. V d P stepped in and started her on the path to the legal, financial, and emotional stability she needs to take care of herself and her boys. An elderly man is facing bankruptcy because of his wife’s monumental medical bills, so we paid a couple utility bills to keep his lights and water on, but more importantly hooked him up with a non-profit agency that will help him consolidate and negotiate his bills. The list is endless.

We pray with and for every client and we ask you to pray for us and them, too. Your donations are vital, especially now when many social service agencies are facing budget cuts. “You” are part of “us” and part of everything we do for our clients. Thank you.

John and Pat Pusey

Area Events

The Friends of Friedrichshafen is a local group that supports Peoria’s sister city relationship with Friedrichshafen, Germany through hosting a series of exchange programs. This summer we have 15 high school students from Friedrichshafen coming to Peoria on July 25 and staying through August 13. We are looking for local families with at least one high school age young person at home who can serve as a host for a student. Each week we have 3 to 4 activities planned for the visitors and host students. Hosting this year guarantees students a place in our group going to Friedrichshafen in 2018. If interested, call Alan at 648-1300.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at St. Thomas in the lower level of the church on Wednesday, July 5th from 2:00 — 6:00 pm. For an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (Enter Sponsor Code: STTHOMAS). All presenting donors will receive a FREE American Red Cross Drawstring Bag.

The 50th annual Shish-Ka-Bob sponsored by the Lebanese community at the Itoo Hall will be Sunday, June 25 from 11:00am-7:00 pm. Adults: \$13/children under 12: \$6. Carryouts available. Bake Sale.

Second Annual Sophia Sunday is July 9 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Sophia’s Kitchen next to St. Joseph Church. Pulled port dinner, bake sale, silent auction.

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED LIST FOOD ITEMS:

Dry Pasta	Rice	Box Potatoes
Pancake Mix	Syrup	Can Tomatoes
Can Fruit	Tuna	Beef Stew
Crackers	Jelly	Peanut Butter
Can Veggies	Cereal	Meal Helpers
Mac & Cheese	Soup	Tomato Sauce

Thank you for your generosity

St. Thomas Rosary Group

The St. Thomas Rosary Group would be honored and delighted to have YOU join us as we collectively pray the Holy Rosary **every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the church chapel.**

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES



Diocesan Planning Study Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C. Wants Your Feedback!

Planning Study Update—Respond online!

Many are already responding to the planning study survey. Bishop Jenky wants YOU to have the opportunity to have YOUR voice heard, too. Please go online to www.cdop.org/capitalcampaign to learn more about the proposed plans and to complete the survey and provide comments. The password for the survey is: **survey**.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Immediate openings for caregivers to assist with the needs of two senior religious sisters. CAN skills preferred, but not required. Contact Sr. Linda, 674-6168.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	6/4/2017	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,200,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 18,564	\$ 903,631
Electronic Collections	\$ 4,270	\$ 226,372
Total Collected	\$ 22,834	\$ 1,130,003
Over/(Short)	\$ (1,166)	\$ (69,997)

We appreciate your generosity

PARISH REGISTRATION

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

- **Catholic Cemetery Association of Peoria** is having an Independence Day Memorial Mass at Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday, July 1 at 9:30 am and will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Taylor.
- **Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon!** Come help us grow fresh produce for families at our upcoming St. Isidore Garden for the Poor. Help us feed families in the Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen. Call 636-8012.
- **Diocesan Prayer Vigil to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus** Friday, June, 30 at St. Mary Cathedral beginning at 9:30 pm with Mass and concluding on Saturday, July 1 at 7:00 am with Mass.
- **THANK YOU** The Baby Bottle con/cast/check collection from St. Thomas to the Women's Care Center has thus far contributed roughly \$5,000. This is double last year's collection. We are so humbled and thankful for your continued support.
—Christine Dennis—Board President

EMMAUS DAYS

Become a true Christian man at Emmaus Days. Learn to hear God's voice and discover His will for your life through prayer, the sacraments, devotions, and fraternity. Listen to vocation stories and talks by seminarians, priests of the diocese, and Bishop Jenky.

Session 3

July 9-12

High School Freshmen & Sophomores
Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session 4

July 12-14

7th & 8th Graders
Peoria Notre Dame High School

We are accepting online registration. Registration and more information can be found at www.comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays

*"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away; God never changes.*

—Teresa of Avila

Back to School Backpack Drive



The St. Thomas Social Justice Committee will be hosting backpack giveaways for kindergarden through 6th grade at St. Thomas and the Bishop Franz Center. We will be including students from St. Bernard's and St. Mary's.

Giveaway: St. Thomas
Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 – 11:00

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

Pencils	Scissors	Erasers	Markers
Pocket folders (2)	Wide ruled notebooks (2)	Glue/glue sticks	Wide ruled white paper
Colored pencils	Pencil pouch	Black/blue pens	Crayons
Ruler			



Backpacks and supplies can be brought to the church and placed in the boxes in gathering space. If you would rather provide a monetary donation, please put your donation in an envelope marked "backpacks" and place it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the parish office.

Contacts: Sean Kerwin smkerwin@gmail.com or 217-622-4504, Mary Cooper 686-8171, Carol Pitcher 453-6736

TRIVIA NIGHT

TO BENEFIT THE CLEAN WATER PROJECTS OF
HANDS HELPING HAITI & HAITI MISSION CONNECTION

July 22, 2017

*St. Thomas Church-lower level
904 E. Lake Ave, Peoria Heights*

Doors open 6:15 PM • Trivia starts at 6:30 PM

\$20 per person/ Table of 8 players maximum

Cash Bar • BYO Snacks (chips, salsa, soda provided) • Prizes!

**TO REGISTER: Contact Donna Augustyn-Sloan 309.246.2752
or Sheldon Schafer 309.682.1876
e-mail: hhhwaterproject@gmail.com**

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Annulment Consultations: Colleen McCulla, 256-0730

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Linn Perkins 231-0261

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 30 at 11:00 am Mass.



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