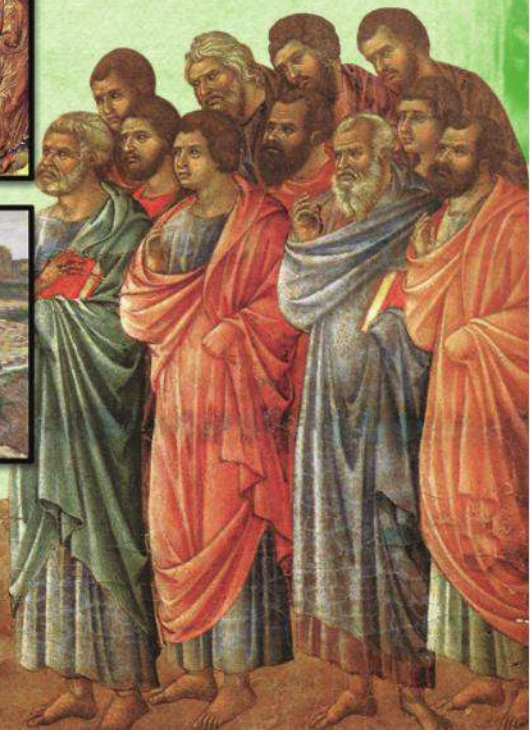


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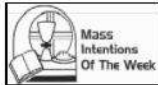
Jesus
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15
Reading II: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Most of us have been sent on an errand. A mother sends her son to the store to buy some groceries. A teacher sends a child home with a message. Persons doing errands are sent by someone; they do not go in their own name. The one sent carries a message or does a definite thing. It is not the message of the carrier, but the message of the sender that must be delivered. In the Gospel today, Jesus sends out his twelve on mission. They are to bring the good news of Jesus to others. Jesus instructs them what to say and do, and he gives them the necessary authority to speak in his name. He instructs them to travel light. All they need is the message. Their creaturely needs will be cared for by the hospitality of those who receive the message. He sends them in pairs for mutual support and to "sacramentalize" the love which they are preaching. This is the mission to which we all are called.



Monday, July 13, 2015

7:00am Marie & Phil Pyszka/Don & Carol Castagna
8:00am Ken Weeks/St Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

7:00am Penny Scherer/Mary Hertz
8:00am John Ambrosch/Lois Lipka

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

7:00am Mary Nelson/Rosemary Baylis
8:00am Cheryl Bennett/Friends at St Thomas

Thursday, July 16, 2015

7:00am John Ward/Mary Ward
8:00am The Hafner Family

Friday, July 17, 2015

7:00am Alice Eaton/Val & Jim Wallenfang
8:00am Kim Doyle

Saturday, July 16, 2015

8:00am Larry Bloom/Family
5:00pm Wilma Adams/Family

Sunday, July 19, 2015

6:30am For the People
8:00am Sr Bernadette Kouri FSJB
9:30am Jeanne Thompson/Mary Ward
11:00am Mary Ellen Van Buskirk 80th Birthday/Family
5:00pm Joan Fischer/Sandra & Charles Watson, Jr



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH Monday, July 13 at noon at the 50's Diner at the Metro Center. All seniors are invited.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, July 8 in the parish office meeting room.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 pm.

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 the Apostle welcomes you, Msgr. Jason Gray, to our parish community. We are happy to have the opportunity to serve the Lord with you as our leader. We hope that our faith will be an inspiration to you. We, in turn, count on your openness to continue the message of Jesus Christ to each and all of us, and to the world around us.



St. Thomas School is seeking a full time teacher's aide/ aftercare worker to work from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. This individual will work with pre-school and primary grade children. They will also assist in our aftercare program after school until 5:00 pm. If interested, please send resume and letter of interest to maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or mail to Maureen Bentley, Principal, St. Thomas School, 429 N. Monroe Ave. Peoria Heights, IL. 61616

*"Freedom is not an end in itself,
like a black hole behind
which there is nothing.
Freedom must be governed by love,
by the unconditional affirmation
of life and, therefore,
the value of all and each one of us.
Freedom is ordered
to the fuller life of the person,
of everybody, of all men and women."*

—Pope Francis

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Mary Sweeney; Norm Kelly, brother-in-law of Don and Jan Smith

Sponsor of the Week

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	6/21/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,248,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 14,572	\$ 906,301
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,471	\$ 183,622
Total Collected	\$ 18,043	\$ 1,179,923
Over/(Short)	\$ (5,957)	\$ (44,077)

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.



Final Deadline for Soccer Sign Ups—NOW
Sign up online now at www.ppsasoccer.org/sign-up-form/

PPSA Notre Dame—Summer Soccer Clinic
August 1—Detweiller Park 8:-9:30 am

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:

Tuna, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce

We appreciate your generosity..

Speaker on Grief

Back by popular demand, Linda Evans, RN, OSF Hospice will speak on Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall on University. Her topic: "Reflections, Thoughts and Tools on Grief."

Calling all Hair Stylists!

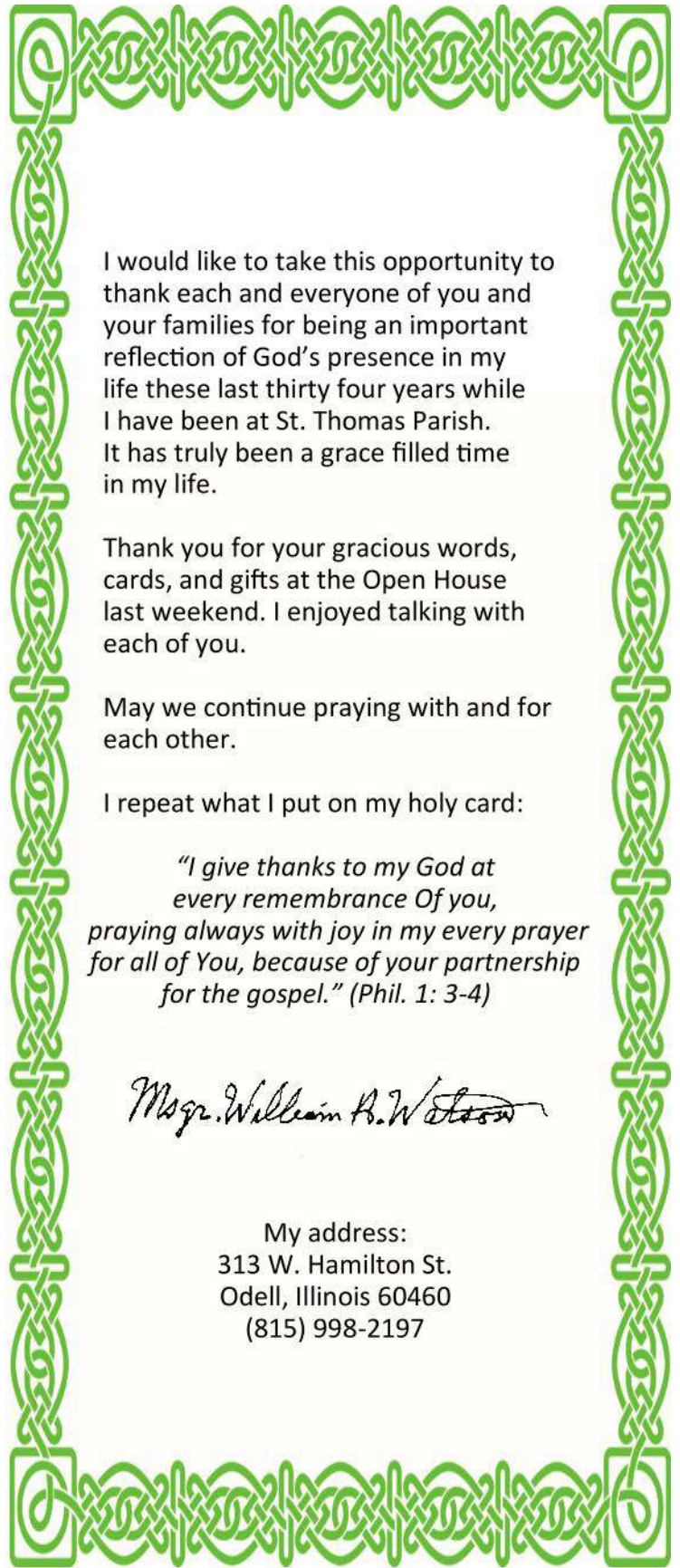
Our annual Backpack Distribution is August 1 from 9:00—11:00 am and we're hoping to offer haircuts. Could you spare 2 hours and donate your talents to help young students begin the school year with a great haircut? Call Carol, 672-4217. Thank you!!

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.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you and your families for being an important reflection of God's presence in my life these last thirty four years while I have been at St. Thomas Parish. It has truly been a grace filled time in my life.

Thank you for your gracious words, cards, and gifts at the Open House last weekend. I enjoyed talking with each of you.

May we continue praying with and for each other.

I repeat what I put on my holy card:

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance Of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of You, because of your partnership for the gospel." (Phil. 1: 3-4)

Msgr. William A. Watson

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313 W. Hamilton St.
Odell, Illinois 60460
(815) 998-2197

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!

ST THOMAS WOMEN'S GUILD

Dedicated in Providing the Parish Bread and Wine

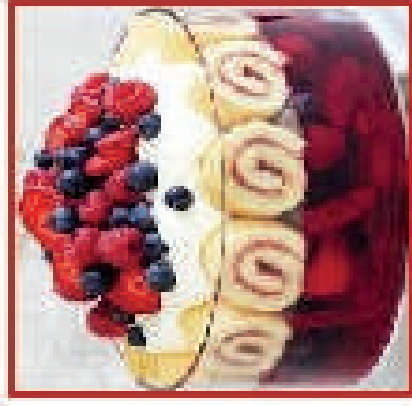


Potato Bar with toppings

& yummy Desserts!

Monday, July 6, 6:30 p.m.

(lower level of the church)



Come enjoy an evening of fun!

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!

Don't forget to bring a friend!

ST. THOMAS STAFF

Msgr. Jason A. Gray, Pastor
 Rev. Thomas E. Taylor, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Paul Stark S.J., In Residence
 Sr. Rachel Bergschneider, Pastoral Associate
 Maureen Bentley, St. Thomas School Principal
 Deacon Frank Eaton
 Deacon Mark Kelsch
 Deacon John Nelson
 Terri Moon, Parish Secretary
 Valerie Wallenfang, Parish Secretary
 Mary Curry, CCD Coordinator
 Ann Horst, Liturgical Music Coordinator
 Julie Streid, Parish Accountant
 Pat Wombacher, Tuition Coordinator
 Jan Smith, Director of Development & Alumni
 Jan Alt, Parish Nurse
 Linda Hernandez, Pastoral Care/Caring Presence Ministry
 Annulment Consultations:
 Colleen Caldwell, 256-0730
 John Mackoway, 699-5213
 Linn Perkins 231-0261

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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

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Connolly, Trustee	692-8647
Mary Ward, Trustee	679-0953
Mike Haughney, President	692-6086
Brian Barkley	692-4165
George Burek	446-3623
Jim Corkery	363-6799
Anne Gray	691-1479
Kim Kellock	713-2200
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