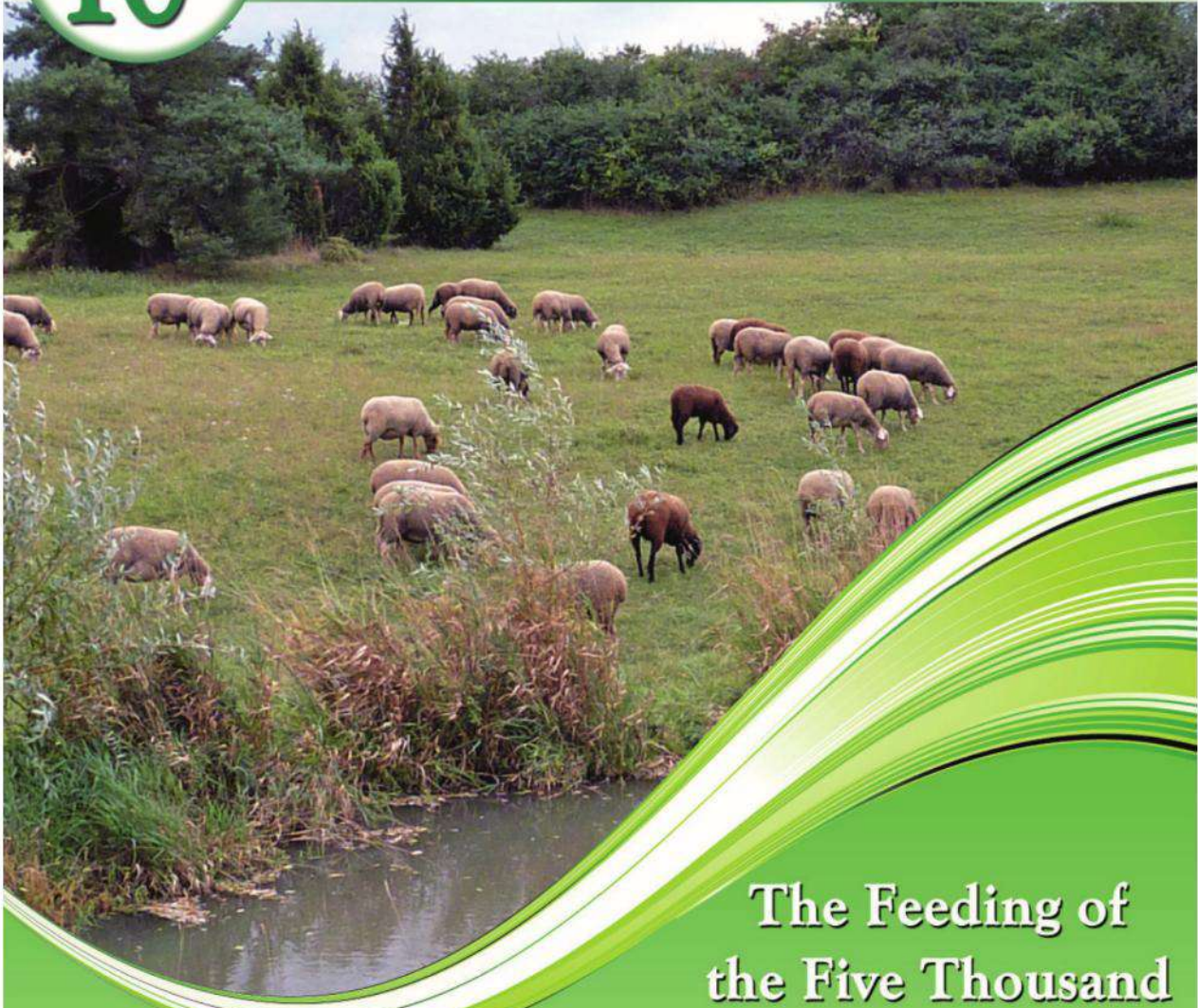


St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Diocese of Peoria
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Feeding of
the Five Thousand

They were like sheep without a shepherd.
Mark 6:34

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

You have had a very long and grueling day. Nothing appeals to you more than sitting in an easy chair with your feet up. The telephone rings. The neighbor wants you to come over and help move a scaffold. What are you going to do? In the Gospel today, Jesus and the apostles find themselves in a similar situation. The apostles had been out preaching the good news. Their services were in such great demand that they didn't even have time to eat. They returned to Jesus dead-tired. Jesus invited them to come with him to a lonely place so that they could rest a while. But the people, like sheep without a shepherd, followed them. When Jesus stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd waiting for him. Jesus, filled with compassion, took pity on them .



Monday, July 20, 2015

7:00am Edith Matarelli/Dan & Vickie Dickerson
8:00am John Murphy/Margaret Murphy

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

7:00am Kathy Downing/The Skoczynski Family
8:00am Bonnie Madigan/Family

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

7:00am Mary Wolgemuth/Trish & Dewey Needham
8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

Thursday, July 23, 2015

7:00am Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist
8:00am Tom & Irene McNamara/Barbara Schlink

Friday, July 24, 2015

7:00am Maria Celeste Della Porta/Dorothy Paesani
8:00am John Schlicksup/Family

Saturday, July 25, 2015

8:00am Joseph Tesar/The Schafer Family
5:00pm Leonard & Effie Noel/Dale & Brenda Noel

Sunday, July 26, 2015

6:30am Janet Kimberlin/Karl & Ann Rudert
8:00am Sisters of Notre Dame Living & Dead/Frances Farraher
9:30am Sr M Bernadette Kouri/Friends at St Thomas
11:00am For the People
5:00pm Ronnie Friend



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, July 22 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 pm.

*The Lord
is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

are

8:30 am — 3:00 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

In The Area

St. Anthony Church Parish is sponsoring a Cheeseburgers in Bartonville Luau-style celebration on Saturday, August 1 from 3:00 —8:00 pm. Dress in a favorite “Jimmy Buffett” or Hawaiian shirt.

Wake Up the World: In response to Pope Francis’ intentions for the Year of Consecrated Life, you are invited to join the religious men and women of the diocese on Friday, September 18-Saturday, September 19 at the Cathedral and Spalding Pastoral Center for a variety of activities and celebration.

WATCH Conference at the Cursillo Renewal Center on August 22/23. Pre-register by August 1. For questions, call Bonnie Stroot 688-8063



ST. THOMAS SCHOOL is seeking a full time music/ band teacher. Applicants need to hold a state of Illinois teaching license. To apply please send a letter and resume by email to maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or by mail to 4229 North Monroe Avenue, Peoria Heights, IL. 61616

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

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: In order to help with your uniform needs, St. Thomas School is having a Uniform Exchange on Sunday, July 26th in the school GYM after the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am Masses. Come get a start on school!

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Dr Philip Immesoete, father of Dan Immesoete and Barry Cain; Margaret O’Brien Whalen, mother of Maureen Green and grandmother of Payton and Quinton Green; Charles Burkardt, brother of Marilyn Carls

Sponsor of the Week
Kelly Glass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	7/5/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 28,012	\$ 28,012
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,471	\$ 3,471
Total Collected	\$ 31,483	\$ 31,483
Over/(Short)	\$ 7,483	\$ 7,483

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.

*Great occasions
for serving God come seldom
but little ones
surround us daily.*

St. Francis de Sales

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..



St. Thomas Parish Soccer

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

All Are Welcome

A church with open doors

*What do I do to make the Church a community where everyone feels welcomed and understood, everyone feels the mercy and love of God who renews life?
—Pope Francis, General Audience, May 29, 2013*

Each of us can make our parish a more welcoming place to newcomers, persons with disabilities, and persons with special needs. Here are a few ideas"

- ⇒ *If you see a parent struggling with a child's behavior, offer a friendly smile, a sympathetic nod, or a helping hand.*
- ⇒ *If you see a person physically struggling to get in, hold open a door, scoot down in the pew, or offer to carry something.*
- ⇒ *If you see a person exhibiting unusual behavior, understand that it might be a sign of a disability. Embrace the person as a child of God and understand that each of us has different ways of receiving and communicating God's love.*
- ⇒ *If you see someone who is disheveled or out of sorts, consider that he or she might be in dire straits. Act with compassion.*
- ⇒ *Some people may struggle to get to or sit through the Mass. Offer a ride, an open door, or simply acceptance and understanding.*
- ⇒ *A warm smile, a nod, or a small kindness can make all the difference.*

—Loyola Press

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

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

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.



**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!

Singing Rooster Coffee Sale to Support to Haiti Mission Connection Projects in Bodarie, Haiti

Haiti Mission Connection seeks to help the people of the village of Bodarie by providing medical care at a year-round clinic staffed by a Haitian nurse, mobile clinics, household water purification systems, and assistance for the school of the Parish of St. Benoit (St.Benedict).

If just 50 St. Thomas households drink Haitian Coffee for one year, we raise enough to buy water purification systems for 100 homes, or support the nurse for a year. Each bag of coffee directly supports Haiti -- half through Singing Rooster & half for our work in Haiti. Unemployment in Haiti is 70%; its potential as a self-sustaining country rests, in part, with economic development and opening up markets for Haitian goods like coffee.

Price per bag	Number Bags Bean	Number Bags Ground	Total \$\$\$ Due
\$11			
\$11			
\$11			
\$12			
\$12			
\$12			

Coffee Varieties available from Singing Rooster

Full City : Medium Roast
Tasting notes Lemony highlights balanced by a rich, chocolary body. Smooth, lingering finish

Vienna : Medium Dark
Tasting notes Definitive roasty goodness, hints of dark chocolate, medium body, mellow acidity

French : Dark Roast
Tasting notes Deep, smoky taste with hints of attractive hittersweet flavors, lighter body

Decaf : Medium Dark
Tasting notes Definitive roasty goodness, hints of dark chocolate, medium body, mellow acidity

Cuckoo-Roo: Premium
Tasting notes Velvety chocolate body with a fruity surprise

K-cups Single-Serve Coffee Vienna Roast pack of 10 individual cups

Fill out the above form and scan, or send an email with the necessary information.

Email your order to coffee@haitimissionconnection.org

Payment by check at pickup, after the 8:00 or 9:30 Masses most Sundays.

We will email the pickup dates month by month to all who have sent in orders.



ST. THOMAS STAFF

Msgr. Jason A. Gray, Pastor
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 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
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 Ann Horst, Liturgical Music Coordinator
 Julie Streid, Parish Accountant
 Pat Wombacher, Tuition Coordinator
 Jan Smith, Director of Development & Alumni
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 Linda Hernandez, Pastoral Care/Caring Presence Ministry
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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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