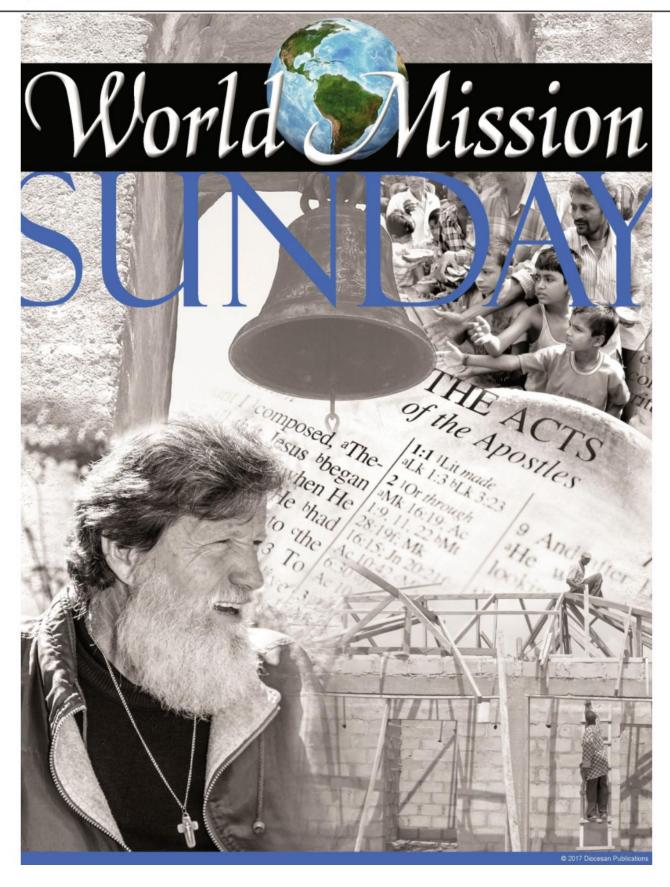


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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 45: 1,4-6
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus' statement in this week's Gospel has been quoted out of context numerous times. Jesus' response to the Herodian sympathizers and Pharisees cuts into the ploy they had to catch Him. Jesus refuses to be trapped by the question. By answering as he does, he demonstrates the relative value of all commitments in comparison to the commitment to love God. Everything else will find its meaning in relation to that. Jesus is not giving a definitive teaching on taxes or government. He is saying that love of one's country and allegiance to its leaders have a value, but a relative one. The value of nationalism easily becomes a vice when it is understood in the tribal sense of "us" against "them."



Monday, October 23, 2017-St John of Capistrano

7:00am Eileen O'Connell/Family

8:00am Ray Bastenero/Lucille Harczuk & Family

Tuesday, October 24, 2017-St Anthony Mary Claret

7:00am Joe Connolly/Jack & Margaret Weinstein 8:00am Melvin Ghighi/Robert Morrissey Family

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

7:00am Sam Ottenweller/Beth Washburn

8:00am Smith & Hafner Families

Thursday, October 26, 2017

7:00am Edith Thompson/Sherri Armstrong

8:00am John Ambrosch/Tony Ferris

9:15am Mary Janke/Family

Friday, October 27, 2017

7:00am Tony Bushell/Sandra Gebhardt

8:00am John Schlicksup, Jr/Ginny Schlicksup & Family

Saturday, October 28, 2017

8:00am Tony Gay/Pete & Kathryn Martin

5:00pm Jess & Carol Montez/Steve & Carla Montez

Family

Sunday, October 29, 2017

7:00am Betty Kapraun/Family

9:00am Bob Dixon 18th Anniv/Billy & Diane Dixon

11:00am Linda Schachtrup/Family

5:00pm Raymundo Aguila, Jr & Milagros Mugal/Juanita

Corrales

Mass Schedule Changes Beginning October 28/29

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am; and 5:00 pm



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBOR FAIR will be after all Masses this weekend

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, Oct 23 at 8:30 am in old church basement

PARISH COUNCIL Monday, Oct 23 at 7:30 pm in the parish office meeting room

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, Oct 17 at 10:00 am in chapel

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Tuesday, Oct 24 at 6:30 pm in the school library

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, Oct 25 at 8:45 am in parish office meeting room

CCD Wednesday, Oct 25 from 6:00-7:00 pm in school

RCIA Wednesday, Oct 25 at 7:00 pm in school library

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, Oct 26 at 7:00 pm in old church basement

THAT MAN IS YOU Friday, Oct 27 at 5:30 am in the lower level of church. This week's topic will be *The Attack on the Heart of the Father*

TRUNK OR TREAT Friday, Oct 27 at 6:30 pm in the back parking lot

HEADING AVE FRANCISCANS ORNAMENT SALE of the 2017 Rolan Johnson Ornament will be after all Masses next weekend



After the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops expressed concern over the mandates imposed on religious institutions which were compelled to cover medical care that they found morally objectionable. You may have heard of this objection which was litigated in the court case filed by the Little Sisters of the Poor. At that time, Bishop Jenky asked us to pray for the protection of our religious liberty under the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel.

Recently, an executive order has granted relief to religious groups which are now exempt from the HHS mandate that would have otherwise compelled Catholic institutions to provide objectionable medical services, including abortion inducing medication. The USCCB has welcomed this exemption which reflects the long-standing practice that no federal regulation should intrude on our freedom as Catholics to follow our conscience.

However, an executive order does not guarantee the permanent protection of our religious liberty. It may happen that a subsequent executive order or mandate of the Secretary of HHS could impose the same or even more draconian demands on the Catholic Church. For this reason, our Bishop has asked us to continue to pray the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel "for the freedom of the Catholic Church in America and throughout the world." Thank you for your prayerful support, as we all share in the need to vigorously defend our religious liberties and to protect our rights to follow our conscience.

-Msgr Gray

Parish Council Nominees

The Parish Council is asking parishioners to nominate a person who would be a good council member for the next three years. Please fill in the following statement with your name and the name of the person you nominate with a brief explanation of why the person would be a good council member.

Your name	
Name of person you nominate	
One explanation of why the person would be a good council member.	-

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

RC It is time you migh

It is time to begin thinking about people you might know who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a pro-

gram intended to give people the opportunity to reflect on their relationship with God and learn what the Catholic Church believes and teaches.

If you know someone interested please call Sr. Rachel at 688-3446.

St. Thomas READS

- October 26, 5:00 pm The Year of Small Things by Sarah Arthur and Erin Wasinger Donnelly's Pub .We plan to stay for dinner. Build Community. Meet new people.
- November 30 4:00 pm <u>Catholic</u>s by Brian Moore

Build Community. Meet new people

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SERVER SCHEDULES

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

OCT 21/22

Sat 5:00 pm B Doubleday, Q Doubleday, G Temple

Sun 8:00 am E Sherman, Z Sherman

Sun 9:30 am B Geers, E Geers, J Geers

Sun 11:00 am R Bender, L Jockisch, T Robenstein

Sun 5:00 pm L Fricke, A Meister, B Russell

OCT 23-28 8:00am K Kube, R Kube

OCT 28/29

Sat 5:00 pm G Jockisch, G Jockisch, E King

Sun 7:00 am D Bare, J Frederickson

Sun 9:00 am G Kilian, H Kilian, J Kilian

Sun 11:00 am M Buckardt, S Wyman

Sun 5:00 pm M Adams, C Girard, I Girard

OCT 30-Nov 4- 8:00 am B Geers, J Geers

ALL SAINTS MASSES-Oct 31/Nov 1

Tue 5:30pm Volunteers Needed

Wed 9:15am D Bare, J Frederickson, I Hernandez, L Piper

Wed 12:15pm C Messmer, T Robenstein

Wed 7:00pm N Stevenson, C Wombacher

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:

John Zaremba; Eilleen Colgan



St. Thomas School

After care Program position: This individual will be working with K-8 graders in an after school program from 3:00-5:30 pm Monday through Friday. They will help oversee/assist the students playing and working on their homework in the cafeteria and gym. If interested, please contact Mrs. Maureen Bentley at (309) 685-2533.

BoxTops: Please bring in your boxtops to support our school. Each boxtop is \$.10. There will be a box top container in the lower level near the steps. We will submit our next group of boxtops on November 1.



Knights of Spalding Council Knights of Columbus will be a St. Thomas on Sunday, November 5. We will be serving coffee and donuts in the lower level of the church dining room after all the Sunday morning Masses.

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Can Veggies	Cereal	Meal Helpers
Mac & Cheese	Soup	Tomato Sauce

Thank you for your generosity



Recently Deacon Mark Kelsch wrote about practicing our faith as sincerely as possible. Those words have proven to do just that in support of our Friends of the Poor Walk on September 23rd.

Thank You to our Event Sponsors..Linda Kepple Team, Mike Miller Automotive, Steve Jackson of Prairie Home Alliance, Jamie Smith of DDS Dentistry, Bill McCarthy at Coldwell Bank and Sarah Hardgrove-Koleno at KRa. Thank you to the **many parishioners and friends** who contributed so generously in sponsoring Walkers.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group will host a video series featuring Fr. David Pivonka:

- November 16 The Spirit in the Desert
- December 7 The Spirit Convicts
- January 18 The Spirit's Freedom
- February 15 The Spirit Gives Witness

Meetings: second Thursday of month in the old church basement.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	10/8/2017	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,000	\$ 345,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 17,371	\$ 257,560
Electronic Collection	ns \$ 4,210	\$ 63,150
Total Collected	\$ 21,581	\$ 320,710
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Last meeting of the Year!



Thanksgiving Dinner
Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

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Annual Catered Dinner

Cost: \$15/person (includes, dinner, dessert & beverage) - Guests: \$20/person

Please call Sonia Nelson: 309-231-2637 or Nancy Krakowieck: 309-682-3246 with your reservation by Wednesday, October 25.

All Women of the parish are invited... please remember to bring a Friend!

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

Area Events

- St. Monica's Ladies Guild presents HOLIDAY HAP-PENINGS on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 am — 2:00 pm.
- Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to a Day of Remembrance for All Souls on Monday, November 6 at Sacred Heart Church in Annawan, IL. Cost: \$18 Call 691-3874.
- St. Augustine Manor 15th Annual Charity Auction and Mass on Thursday, November 2 at St. Augustine Manor.
- The Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing is offering FREE yard cleanups for Veterans and widows of Veterans. Volunteers will provide a maximum of 2 hours of service, weather permitting. call 363-3737.

Readings for This Week

Mon, Oct 23 Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tue, Oct 24 Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wed, Oct 25 Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48 Thu, Oct 26 Rom 6:19-23; Lk12:49-53 Fri, Oct 27 Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59 Sat, Oct 28 Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16



PND Class of 2022 Placement Testing: The High School Placement Test will be given on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Cost is \$20. Contact: https://www.peorianotredame.com/placement/ for details.

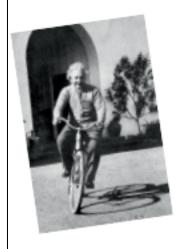
PND Shadow Visits: 8th Grade Students are invited to experience a day at PND by scheduling a shadow visit. Contact https://my.peorianotredame.con/shadow-request

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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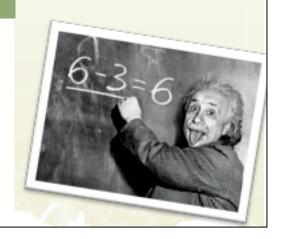
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class. Next Baptisms: October 29 at 11:00 am Mass.



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