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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

"Practice what you preach" is a line all of us have heard many times. In today's Gospel Jesus addresses it to religious people. When we look at all four Gospels, we see that Jesus is continually frustrated and angered by people who put on ornate religious rituals without making the love of God and neighbor part of their everyday living. People in leadership should not think they are better than everyone else. Jesus has a narrow definition of service. "the greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest." Service is given by someone who is humble, that is, who knows who they truly are in God's sight.



Monday, November 6, 2017

7:00am Mick Donahue/Carol, Scott & Tim

8:00am Donna Brookhart/St Vincent de Paul Parish

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

7:00am James Lawler/Sue Lawler Smith

8:00am Adam Lagocki/Family

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00am Intentions of Ben West/Ed Mallow 8:00am Henry Stickelmaier/Paul & Ann Horst

Thursday, November 9, 2017-Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00am Janet Kimberlin/Family

8:00am Lawrence Morton & Franz Hausner/Glen &

Trudy Morton

9:15am Specials Intentions (MCW)

Friday, November 10, 2017-St Leo the Great

7:00am Dr James A Snyder, Jr/Dad

8:00am Thomas A McGinn & Family/Jack & Frances

McGinn

Saturday, November 11, 2017-St Martin of Tours

8:00am T Joseph Varkey/The Joseph Family 5:00pm Dec Mem Sweeney & Conlon Families

Sunday, November 12, 2017

7:00am Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Rich & Colleen Lavin

9:00am Ted Schumacher/Family

11:00am Connie Dobrydnia/Mary Lou Dobrydnia Family

5:00pm Edith Thompson/Karen Helton

Mass Schedule Changes Beginning October 28/29

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



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

COFFEE AND DONUTS after morning Masses will be served by SPALDING COUNCIL/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, Nov 6 at 8:30 am in old church basement

WOMEN'S GUILD Monday, Nov 6 at 6:30 in the lower level of the church

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE Monday, Nov 6 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, Nov 7 at 10:00 am in chapel

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

CCD Wednesday, Nov 8 from 6:00-7:00 pm in school

RCIA Wednesday, Nov 8 at 7:00 pm in school library

FIRST RECONCILIATION Thursday, Nov 9 at 7:00 pm

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, Nov 9 at 7:00 pm in old church basement

THAT MAN IS YOU Friday, Nov 10 at 5:30 am in the lower level of church. This week's topic will be Weeds in Intellectual Formation



Thank you for your adjustment to our new Mass schedule. With the help of our ushers, we periodically measure the attendance at our Masses. While the total overall attendance from last weekend remained about the same as previous, with one less Mass, each individual Mass had a greater number of people participating. I think that we are often encouraged when we come to a Mass that is well attended rather than sparsely attended. It is also good for each of us to have a greater opportunity to meet more of our fellow parishioners.

Another benefit to this schedule is that there is an interval of 2 hours between Masses rather than 90 minutes. This means that we do not need to be rushed between Masses, especially when we have a social activity. In fact, on Sunday morning, coffee and donuts will be offered thanks to the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus. This is the perfect time to share a refreshment and some fellowship with other parishioners.

-Msgr Gray

Parish News

SERVER SCHEDULES

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

NOV 4/5

Sat 5:00 pm A Fontana, C Tockes, K Tockes

Sun 7:00 am C Guingrich, M Guingrich

Sun 9:00 am J Horst, A Meister, C Tyre, H Tyre

Sun 11:00 am J Luong, L Piper, H Short

Sun 5:00 pm M Adams, J Campbell

NOV 6-11 8:00am M Buckardt, M Couri

NOV 11/12

Sat 5:00 pm G Jockisch, G Jockisch, G Temple

Sun 7:00 am A Stevenson, C Stevenson, N Stevenson

Sun 9:00 am E Sherman, Z Sherman, C Wombacher, A Wong

Sun 11:00 am C Tockes, K Tockes, S Wyman

Sun 5:00 pm L Bender, C Girard, I Girard

NOV 13-18 8:00 am J Frederickson, T Robenstein

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

St. Thomas Women's Guild

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Nancy Krakowiecki, President, 309-682-3246

Last meeting of the Year!



Thanksgiving Dinner

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

In the lower level of the church

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!

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:

Robert Stephens, brother of Muriel Tobin

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED LIST OF 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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	10/22/2017	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,000	\$ 391,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 11,158	\$ 281,802
Electronic Collectio	ns \$ 4,210	\$ 71,570
Total Collected	\$ 15,368	\$ 353,372
Over/(Short)	\$ (7,632)	\$ (37,628)

We appreciate your generosity

Sponsor of the Week



PARISH REGISTRATION

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Diocesan Healthcare Day

Please join us on Thursday, November 9 at the Spalding Pastoral Center as Dr. Wes Ely, a professor of intensive medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and director of the VA Aging Research institute explores the issue of physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, and its ethical implications for all involved in health ministry as well as issues in caring for the seriously ill and dying with a faith based approached.

Catholic Women's League has their monthly Rosary on Tuesday, November 14 in the coffee shop at Buehler Home. There will also be a general meeting.

Annual Bazaar of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis will be at the Motherhouse on Friday, November 17 (9am-5pm) and Saturday, November 18 (9am-2pm).

St. Thomas READS

 November 30, 4:00 pm <u>Catholics</u> by Brian Moore Donnelly's Pub .We plan to stay for dinner. Build Community. Meet new people.

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

"Come and Behold Him" Nativity Display

The Community Festival of Nativities would like volunteers to help with the event as well as nativities to be displayed, table top and other easels, artificial trees, fabric remnants. The event will be held December 1-3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is sponsored by All Saints Greek Orthodox Church and St. Vincent de Paul Church. Free admission. To volunteer, call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

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.



Parish Support Needed

In addition to Comet Cash cards offered after weekend Masses, a wider list of scrip cards is available on-line. A percentage of the face value of each card is donated back to St. Thomas. Go to shop.shopwithscrip.com, select Register, then Join a Scrip Program. Our registration code is BA38E9AD7759.

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Do you shop online at Amazon? If so, try going to smile.amazon.com. Sign up with AmazonSmile and list St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Peoria Heights, to receive a rebate on each purchase. When shopping online, start with smile.amazon.com to guarantee a free donation to St. Thomas.

Readings for This Week

Mon, Nov 6 Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14 Tue, Nov 7 Rom 12:5-16AB; Lk 14:15-24 Wed, Nov 8 Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thu, Nov 9 Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17;

Jn 2:13-22

Fri, Nov 10 Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Sat, Nov 11 Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15



Peoria Notre Dame Fruit Sale

The Peoria Notre Dame Band is again having a fruit sale. The are papers on the tables in the Gathering Space that indicates the choices you can make. You simply make your choice(s), indicate which student you want to receive the credit from the list here, and send your order to Diane Freeman 696-0249 or dfree9598@yahoo.com. (You can also purchase fruit and give it to the Food Pantry.)

St. Thomas Students in Band: Paul Sposato
Emily Armstrong-Seidel; Matt Freeman;
Emma Geers; Nathan Geers, Chelsea Guingrich
Maddie Hendricksen; Greg Kiser;
Max Lambert; Emma McCracken;
Jennifer Rutschke; Chelsea Sanchez

St. Thomas Shopping Day at Barnes & Noble

Sunday, November 19 Noon-4:00 pm

The PTO will again host the annual "St. Thomas Shopping Day" All day our school will earn a percentage of the sales brought in by St. Thomas families and friends.

If you are shopping in the Peoria store the check-out counter will have a voucher on hand but any sales outside of the Peoria store, as well as online purchases, will require you to present a voucher number for the sale to count toward St. Thomas.

To shop online log onto www.bn.com/bookfair and enter the voucher number on the payment page.



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.

ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES Fiscal Period July 2017 - September 2017

	Actual	Budget
	Sept 30,2017	Sept 30, 2017
CHURCH		
Operating Revenue		
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	687,000	822,000
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	39,000	37,000
Total Operating Revenue	726,000	859,000
Operating Expenses		
Salary and Related	177,000	171,000
PND Tuition & Assessment	69,000	80,000
Other Operating Expenses	226,000	252,000
Total Church Expenditures	472,000	503,000
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	254,000	356,000
SCHOOL		
Operating Revenue		
Tuition and Fees	312,000	299,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	71,000	75,000
Total Operating Revenue	383,000	374,000
Operating Expenses		
School Expenditures	738,000	619,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	71,000	76,000
Total School Expenditures	809,000	695,000
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(426,000)	(321,000)
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	(172,000)	35,000
NON OPERATING REVENUE/EXPENSES		
Annual Giving	500	
Depreciation	-	-
Investments	131,000	46,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	131,500	46,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(40,500)	81,000

NOTES

Church operating revenue is under budget by \$133,000 for the year while church expenses are also under budget by \$31,000 resulting in an excess of revenues over expenses of \$254,000. Our revenue is under budget in part because a lower regular collection, but more so because we have not received bequests so far this fiscal year similar to previous years. Even if church revenue is less than budgeted, we have fortunately made up for this in the unrealized appreciation of our church long term investments.

The school's revenue is slightly over budget with expenses over budget by \$114,000. The additional expense has come mostly from a one-time cost to adjust the payment of our teacher salaries to correspond with our fiscal year. We appreciate the continued generosity of our parishioners, the dedicated work of our volunteers, and the staff attention to controlling costs.

We would like to thank all of our parishioners for your regular weekly or monthly giving. Please remember to be generous with your parish. As we approach the end of the calendar year, please remember our St. Thomas Annual Giving Program and our Sponsor a Student fund to help families in need. We also encourage you to remember St. Thomas when planning your estate. Many thoughtful parishioners list St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas School, or our Msgr. Watson Scholarship fund in their will.

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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: November 26 at 11:00 am Mass.



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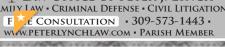
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