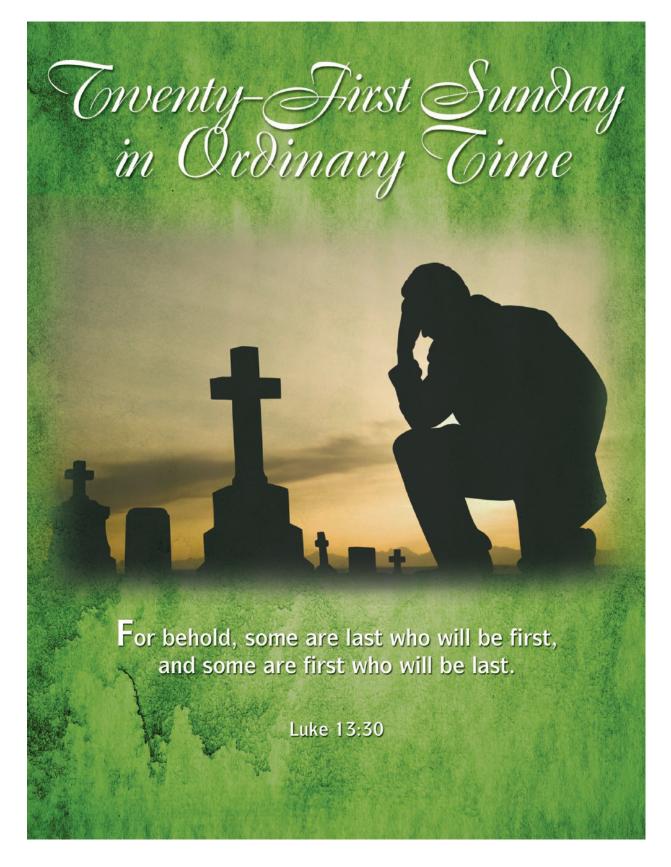


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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12: 5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30

The good news, as proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah, is that God intends to gather together all the people of the earth. Just as God has saved the Israelites, God will now be the God of all nations. All the peoples of the earth will come to know and see the glory of God. Even though the promise of salvation was offered to all, there were some who rejected it and who in consequence are rejected from the feast of the kingdom of God. In response to a question of whether there would be a lot of people saved, Jesus tells the story of the person who desired to get into the master's house, claiming to know the master, to have even eaten with him and to have heard him teach in the streets. The master of the house would not let him in, denying that he ever knew him. Jesus then raised a caution to those who were gathered. No one receives the kingdom because of ancestry. Rather, one must hear the word of God and live it in one's life in order to gain access to the feast of the kingdom. To do this is to come in through the narrow door. Those who fail to hear the word of the Lord and to respond to it will be turned away from the feast.



Monday, August 26, 2013

7:00am Marilou Putman/Matt & Lesley Vonachen 8:00am Bob Nelson/Family

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

7:00am Larry O'Russa/Gary & Marge Crawford 8:00am Wanda Cyboran/Bernadette Shekleton Owen Dixon/Mary Ann Schafer

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

7:00am Marilyn Rush/John & Patty Rush 8:00am Living & Deceased of the Hafner and Babrowski Families

Thursday, August 29, 2013

7:00am Edmund Mallow/Tony & Naya Ferris 8:00am Rick Bastonero/Esther Miller & Family 9:00am Merton Hubert/Betty Arnold

Friday, August 30, 2013

7:00am Leon Joseph/Family

8:00am Henry Smith Keel/Dorothy Paesani

Saturday August 31, 2013

8:00am Suzanne Lynch 1st Anniv/Angie Aeschleman 5:00pm Ann Centers

Sunday, September 1, 2013

6:30am Cliff Bohlman/Michael & Connie Mullen 8:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family 9:30am Edward Goett/Dennis & Pam Goett 11:00am Patty Resutko/Mr & Mrs Jim Bradshaw 5:00pm For the People



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be selling raffle tickets after Masses this weekend.

CCD REGISTRATION will be Sunday in the lower level of the church after the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 5:00 Masses.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, August 26 at 7:00 pm.

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT for grades 1-3, Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT for grades 4-6, Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS will be at all Masses next weekend.

CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP will be selling Dining Out Coupon Books next weekend after Masses.



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Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti Spaghetti Sauce Rice Canned Fruit Pancake Mix Syrup Dry Beans Cereal Tuna

Soup Crackers

Beef Stew Canned Vegetables Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese

Instant Potatoes

We greatly appreciate your generosity.

We especially need

Pancake mix syrup Peanut butter jelly

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

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*Drake Comfort

*Ricardo DeLaCruz *Dan Svymbersky *Jeff R. Dudley *Joe Espinosa

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*Mark Fagenkrantz *Casey Redington *Darren Hodgkins

*Jason Thyne *Nathan M. Heiser *Ben McCabe *Lt. Col. James Godfrey

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*Joshua Logan Stroot *Jeff Good *William Newport

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CCD NEWS

Registration

Registration for CCD Classes for the 2013-2014 year will be held for grades 1-8 this Sunday, August 25 in the lower level of the church following the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm Masses. CCD classes include the students who do not attend a Catholic school. CCD classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:15 pm. Please meet that night in the lower level of the church to pick up text books and meet your child's teacher. Mass will follow at 6:30 pm in the church. For questions, please contact Mary Curry at 229-4745



The sessions for RCIA —for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church—will begin Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Let us know if you are aware of anyone who might have an interest. Call Sr. Rachel at 688-3446.

The program has two dimensions: 1) for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Church; 2) for children, beginning at age 6 who have not been baptized or catechized in their grade school vears.

Weekly Collection

	08/11/13	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 25,154	\$ 150,924
Sunday Collections	\$ 28,934	\$ 141,737
Electronic Collections	\$ 1,727	\$ 10,362
Total Collected	\$ 30,661	\$ 152,099
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 5,507	\$ 1,175

We appreciate your generosity.

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ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA!!

AOL/SI Class of 1973 Save the Dates

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12
For our 40th Class Reunion. Like our Facebook page:
Spalding/Academy Class of 1973 for specifics/
updates or contact Lynn Saltsman Gutierrez at 6923503 or email: tubamom55@yahoo.com.

St. Philomena Fall Festival September 19-20 Good food, good music, good fun!

• Eucharistic Volunteers Needed

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and Methodist Medical Center are in need of prayerful and self-giving individuals to volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. You can make a difference by your ministry. Come learn more at an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the Gandhi Meeting Room at St. Francis Medical Center. For more information, please call 655-2130.

PRN Nurses and CNN's Needed

The Heading Avenue Franciscans in W. Peoria are looking for PRN nurses and CAN's for their retirement home. If interested, please stop and fill out an application at Sisters of St. Francis, 2408 W. Heading Ave., W. Peoria or call 673-4657.

Catholic Women's League

Catholic Women's League will be selling raffle tickets for their "\$1,000 Cash Raffle" after all Masses this weekend, August 24/25. Tickets are \$1 each. Eleven (11) cash prizes will be drawn on September 10 at the Catholic Women's League Fall Fundraiser/Luncheon.

• St. Philomena Daytime Bridge

St. Philomena Daytime Bridge will be meeting at Independence Village at 10:00 am Tuesday, August 27. We need couples! We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, excluding November and December. Dues: \$20 which goes to a good cause. Call Ethel Coletta 685-6980.

150th Celebration of Catholic Secondary Education In Peoria

Closing Mass and Reception at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, August 31 at 4:00 pm. For additional information visit:

www.peorianotredame.com

St. Thomas Women's Guild

POTLUCK

Monday, September 9

Come share the evening with the Women's Guild.

Bring a friend to share a wonderful meal!

Lower level of church 6:30 pm

A-F/Bring main dish G-M/Bring vegetable of salad N-Z/ Bring dessert

Guest Speaker: Apostolic Sisters of St. John



Wedding Congratulations

Nicholas Jorgenson — Emily Corray



Needed
Coordinator for Liturgy of the Word
at 9:30 am Mass on Sunday
See Sr. Rachel or call 688-3446.

Choir Practices

Choir practices for the 9:30 am Sunday choir will begin on **Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the music room** (lower level of the church). All who like to sing or play an instrument are welcome to join us at our practices. All voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and instrumentalists are welcome! The ability to read music, although very helpful, is not necessary. Please consider coming to our first practice to explore your interest as a vocalist or instrumentalist in the choir. Come, also, if you would simply like to sing with the choir for special liturgies (Christmas, Holy Week, funerals, etc.) Any questions, please call Ann Horst at 682-5507.





LifeTeen Band

Musicians/Vocalists Needed

Please consider using your musical talents to lift the hearts of the congregation at the LifeTeen Mass at 5:00 pm on Sundays. We are looking for additional musicians and vocalists to allow the use of a rotating schedule for participants. See a member of the band or contact the Church Office for an information packet. (688-3446)

Support and Resources for Families, Caregivers, & those struggling with Alzheimer's & Dementia

To be held in the lower level of the church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

Next meeting will be September 4.

Please bring "Your Person", for social and recreational time as well!

Call 369-2339 for more information, or just drop in.



In Msgr. Watson's recent pastoral letter he mentioned the poverty that is so pervasive in our community of Peoria/Peoria Heights. We hadn't scratched the vastness of that need until the St. Vincent de Paul Society began home visits. It is very humbling to have people be so grateful for the little aid (and friendship) we can give them in their emergency.

We couldn't help at all if it wasn't for our fellow parishioners in the monthly 1st Sunday collection for the area needy. Yet in spite of your generosity, we were totally out of funds for seven (7) working days last month. We had to turn off our phones.

HELP! HELP!
Our next collection is Sunday, September 1.

Nursery



We are looking for someone(s) to coordinate the Nursery for the 9:30 am Masses during the year beginning in September. If you have an interest in helping, please call the Parish Offices, 688-3446.

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will...

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

W.A.T.C.H.

We are the Church

Our WATCH program has been a blessing to St. Thomas in the past. If anyone is interested in continuing the renewal program, please contact Deacon Mark Kelsch at 692-5940 or 692-4908.



September Fest

9.14.13 at 6:00pm on the blacktop

BEERS Sample a wide selection of craft and traditional brews.

BBQ Enjoy some bbq by Pit Master Todd from Blue Ribbon Catering.

BAGS Show us your stuff! There will be pickup games throughout the night.

BANDS Get down to Brian & Stephanie from The Midnight Special and Jera & the Absolutes!

FREE Admission!
Bring your chairs and blankets!

Must be 21 to enter. In the event of rain, the fest will be moved to the new gym.

Contact Dave Wiles at 264-9252 for more information or to volunteer.

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Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class. Next Baptisms: September 29 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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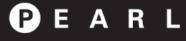
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