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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom...

John 2:7-9



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Isaiah	62: 1-5
1 Corinthians	12: 4-11
John	2: 1-11

The occasion of a wedding feast becomes the scene for Jesus' first sign of his glory. A miraculous transformation of water into wine gives us a hint that Jesus uses the very ordinary to show forth the kingdom of God. People are having a good time. They run out of wine. There is a bit of a panic. Jesus' mother turns to Jesus to help out the situation. It is a moment in the beginning of Jesus' ministry to make the connection between the promise of the covenant of God in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of that promise in the person of Jesus. It was not yet obvious, of course, but it was an important moment to see the movement of God's plan. A wedding is the perfect occasion to show the God's covenantal relationship. God is always faithful. Jesus shows God's fidelity of compassion throughout his ministry which begins with this miracle. Although the people around Jesus did not always get what Jesus was about or doing, they did become more inquisitive about who He was. They never really get it until after the Resurrection. Perhaps we can identify with the disciples who try to get it, but struggle with understanding Jesus' mission.



Monday, January 21, 2013

- 7:00am Joanne Horan & Mike Scurry/Connie Fitzgerald
- 8:00am Gus Gamperl 1st Anniv/Terri Moon

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

- 7:00am Thomas S Farragher/Frances Farragher
- 8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk
- 9:00am Janet Dotta/Ed Dotta & Family

Wednesday, January 23, 2013,

- 7:00am Jo Ann Gross/St Thomas Women's Guild
- 8:00am Maureen Ketcham/Diocesan Board of Widowed & Divorced

Thursday, January 24, 2013

- 7:00am Amanda Sarmiento & Family/Mark & Brennan Rapach & Family
- 8:00am T Joseph Varkey/The Joseph Family
- 9:00am Special Intention

Friday, January 25, 2013

- 7:00am Dec Mem Pius & Caroline Will Family/Jack & Margaret Weinstein
- 8:00am Robbie & Ed Haugens/Phil & Barb Adams

Saturday January 26, 2013

- 8:00am Paul Vonk 22nd Anniv/Bernadean May & Family
- 5:00pm Rod Hinchman/Chris Sullivan

Sunday, January 27, 2013

- 6:30am For the People
- 8:00am Patricia Garascia
- 9:30am Clarence Ward/Mary Ward
- 11:00am Franklin H Gries/Kevin & Renee Rostetter
- 5:00pm Dave Schuler/Ed & Kevin Harmon



COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served by the PTO after the morning Masses.

ST THOMAS PARISH OFFICE AND SCHOOL will be closed Monday, January 21.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in the school chapel.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, January 22 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

NO BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, January 22 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

NO BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, January 23 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

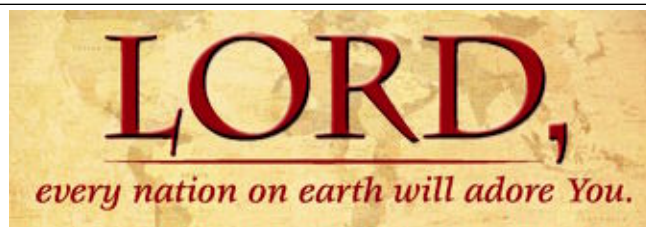
CCD Wednesday, January 23 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm.

MEN'S CLUB STAG Saturday, January 26 at 6:00 pm in the old gym. All men of the parish are invited.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE will be after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses next weekend.



St. Thomas Food Pantry

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Jelly
Dry Beans	Pork & Beans	Cereal
Soup	Crackers	Syrup
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	Noodles
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Tuna
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	
Toothpaste	Instant Potatoes	

Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry.
We greatly appreciate your generosity.



Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Theresa Whitten, daughter of Alice Whitten and sister of Dr Patrick Whitten; Carol Picl; Cory Zipp, sister-in-law of Jennifer Tyre; Larry Engelbrecht, brother of Bill Engelbrecht; Janet Cusack, sister of Sue Ardis and sister-in-law of Dr. Tom Cusack.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

*James Blanchard	*Ricardo DeLaCruz	*David Hodges
*Dan McDonough	*Dan Svymbersky	*Scott C. Powers
*Glen Louthan	*Jeff R. Dudley	*Brian M Godsill
*Chris Lehman	*Joe Espinosa	*Alexis Moran
*Bridget Kelley	*Jason Kedzior	*Jason Stevenor
*Travis Williams	*Michael McKee	*Brian Behm
*Alex Fritz	*Joe Kuchan	*Christopher Miller
*Jason Kidd	*Tom Stimeling	*F.Michael Schachtrup
*Roseanne Milroy	*Curtis Bohlman	*Maegan Brown
*Victoria Coers	*Ryan Schatsiek	*Jim Comfort
*Scot Wettach	*Joe Moran	*Jason Blankenship
*Jacob Moody	*JoanneMcGregor	*Farrah Bramble
*Liam O'Neill	*William Kelley, III	*Mackinzie Wilts
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*Jason Thyne	*Joshua Logan Stroot	*Jeff Good
*Nathan M. Heiser	*Ben McCabe	*William Newport
*Lt. Col. James Godfrey		

Weekly Collection

	1/6/13	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,077	\$ 646,156
Sunday Collections	\$ 23,155	\$ 653,973
Electronic Collections	\$ 1,565	\$ 43,831
Total Collected	\$ 25,052	\$ 697,804
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 1,975	\$ 51,648

We appreciate your generosity.



Peoria Notre Dame High School, through its Construction Manager, River City Construction, will be soliciting bids for the construction of its new Outdoor Athletics Complex at 7600 N. Villa Lake Dr. The second part of Phase 1, the Athletic Stadium will go out for bid on January 22, 2013. Part two of Phase 1 will consist of the following bid packages—Excavation, Site Utilities, Landscaping, Asphalt Paving, Concrete, Masonry, General Works, Roofing, Painting, Fencing, Track Surface, Athletic Turf, Outdoor Bleacher/ Press Box, Athletic Equipment, Scoreboard, Field Lighting, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Sound System, and Security System. Sealed bids will be received by River City on February 20, 2013. Any subcontractor interested in submitting a bid on the project is asked to contact Doug Haley at River City Construction (309-694-3120) for information.

Peoria Notre Dame is beginning Club Lacrosse Teams this spring. All high school students from the Peoria area are welcome. A registration/information meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at PND Commons. For information, call 691-0996.



Peoria Notre Dame Youth Baseball League is beginning soon. Information meeting is February 2 & 9 from 9:00-11:00 am at PND Commons. For information, call Joe Nora at 696-3201.

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Peoria Notre Dame Annual Benefit Dinner Auction

**Saturday, March 16, 2013
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Baseball Hall of Fame package (Cooperstown, NY) including museum passes with a personally guided tour from alumni, Tim Wiles (BHS '82), Dir. Of Research at the Hall of Fame, plus 2 nights at The White House Inn, a 19th century classic, Greek Revival B & B, listed in the national historic registry, plus a signed collectible copy of The Story of Take Me Out to the Baseball Game (co-written by Tim Wiles).

One-Day Disney Hopper passes (\$500 value) for a Disney theme park.

Electronics, including a Smart TV, iPad, Kindle Fire HD, flat screen TV, iPod, digital cameras, and many more items!

Unique job-shadowing opportunities for high school or college students, including "Page for a Day" at the IL State Legislature with AOL/SI alumni, Darin LaHood and BHS alumni Pete MacMurray, A WGN/ Chicago Bears sportscaster.

**Conversion of the Heart
With Abby Johnson**

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Of a former director of Planned Parenthood.**

**Tuesday, February 5
7:00 pm
St. Jude Parish**

Tickets: \$10

**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice
everywhere.**

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pennies for Life

Pennies for Life for the Family Resource Center

Bring your pennies to Mass on January 19/20 for the annual collection taken after the Masses to support the Resource Center. One penny for each year of life God has given to you.



Please Note....

Annual ThanksGiving Program 2013

Thank you to those who have responded to our 2013 Annual Giving Program. We appreciate your generosity. If you have not had a chance to respond yet please consider participating in the year's Annual Giving Program. This year's proceeds will help with the installation of air conditioning in our school and updating of controls for our current systems.

You may return your green pledge card to the Parish Office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you have questions, please call Jan Smith after January 2 at 688-3466.

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your donations!



*Our next meeting will be held on March 4, 2013
Msgr. Stanley Deptula will give a talk on the
Life of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen*

Save the date!!!

St. Thomas Trivia Night 2013

Saturday, Feb 9th @6:00pm

Cost \$20.00

Watch for more details to come

**If you have questions or would like to volunteer
for the evening please contact
Kerri Wiles @370-7105 or Jill Seaton @648-9911**

**Calling All Men
of
St Thomas Parish**



**Saturday, January 26
6:00 pm to 11 pm**

**Stag/Smoker/Vegas Night
Old Gym**

ST. THOMAS STAFF

Msgr. William A. Watson, Pastor
 Rev. Thomas E. Taylor, Pastoral Vicar
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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: January 27 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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