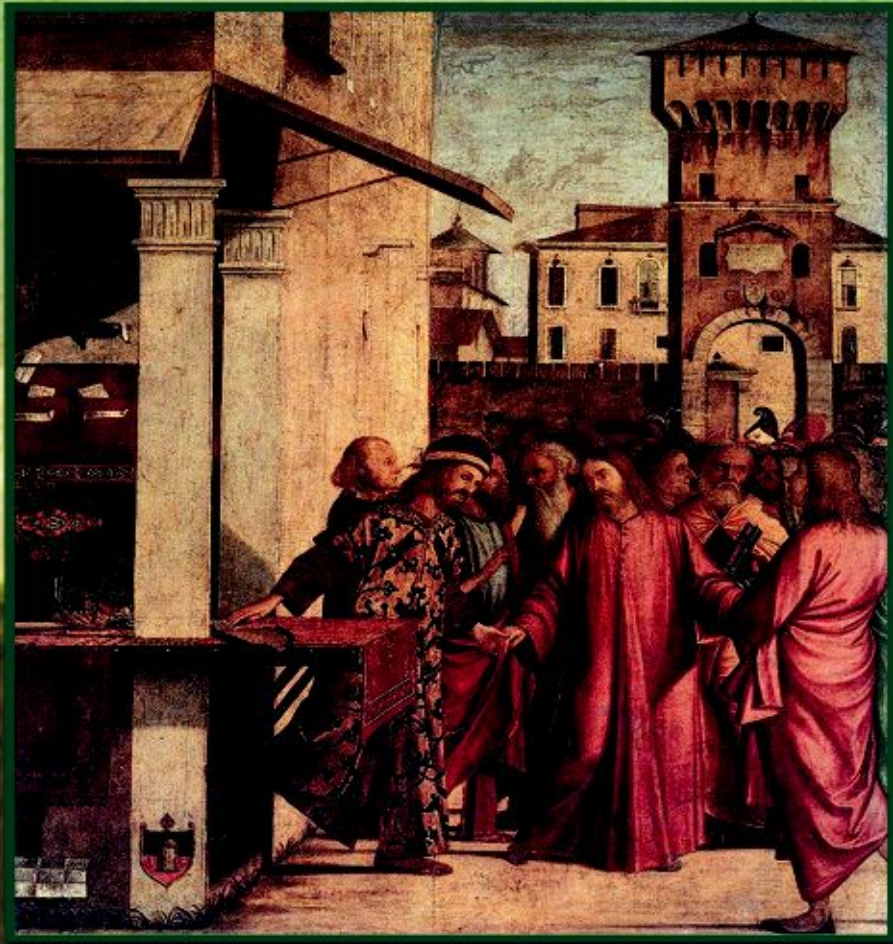




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# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15  
Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

One of the most painful experiences we can have is rejection. Others reject us or we reject them for a variety of reasons. Rejection can flow from jealousy or envy. Rejection can result when someone feels his security is threatened. Rejection can happen when someone acts contrary to our expectations. Often those who challenge us to live more virtuous lives are rejected. Sometimes people who are extraordinarily good or unusually bad are rejected. The Gospel story today is a story of rejections. When Jesus began his public ministry, he worked many miracles and gave many profound teachings. When Jesus cured the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees and the scribes rejected him. When Jesus gave a profound teaching in the synagogue in Nazareth, his relatives and townspeople rejected him because they believed he was only a carpenter. Some even said Jesus was out of his mind. Their minds were so closed that it prompted Jesus to say, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." Because of their closed minds, they never did find out who Jesus really was, the living Son of God. They rejected the best of what God gave them.



#### Monday, July 16, 2012

7:00am John Ward/Mary Ward  
8:00am Lois Frasco/Paul & Diane Moore

#### Tuesday, July 17, 2012

7:00am Harold Hutchinson 25th Anniv/Joe Hutchinson  
8:00am Kim Doyle/Family

#### Wednesday, July 18, 2012

7:00am Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist  
8:00am Joseph Whalen/Mike & Theresa Hamilton

#### Thursday, July 19, 2012

7:00am Jeanne Thompson/Mary Ward  
8:00am Sr Rachel Bergschneider/Tim Wyman

#### Friday, July 20, 2012

7:00am Josephine Comfort/Mary Ward  
8:00am Bob Christian/Herb & Eunice Bingham

#### Saturday July 21, 2012

8:00am Bonnie Madigan/Family  
5:00pm Lolita & Jose Salomon & Jeff Kline/Tony & Naya Ferris

#### Sunday, July 22, 2012

6:30am For the People  
8:00am Leonard & Effie Boyd/Dale & Brenda Noel  
9:30am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk  
11:00am John J Palkovic 1st Anniv/Mary Ann Manock  
5:00 pm Harold Naumann/John & Sonia Nelson



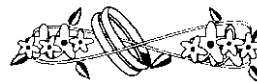
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 from 9:00 am to noon.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Monday, July 16 at 7:00 pm.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, July 17 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, July 18 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

**CHARISMATIC MASS** Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 pm.



### Wedding Congratulations

*Rick Miller — Karen Correll*

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will..

St. Thomas Website: [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org)

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## St. Thomas Ministries



⇒ Check out the website for:

\* **New Member page**  
You can register on this page as well as meet new people in the parish and learn about what is happening

\* **Preparing for Sunday**  
Be able to read/reflect on the coming Sunday readings before you come to Mass on the weekend.

Go to [www.stthomaspeoria.org](http://www.stthomaspeoria.org)  
You will find graphics to connect to these new pages on the homepage.



### MASS SERVERS

The new altar server schedule is available on our website. Go to [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org) and click on LITURGY, then SERVER SCHEDULE. Scroll down for the Server Schedule and the Server Teams.



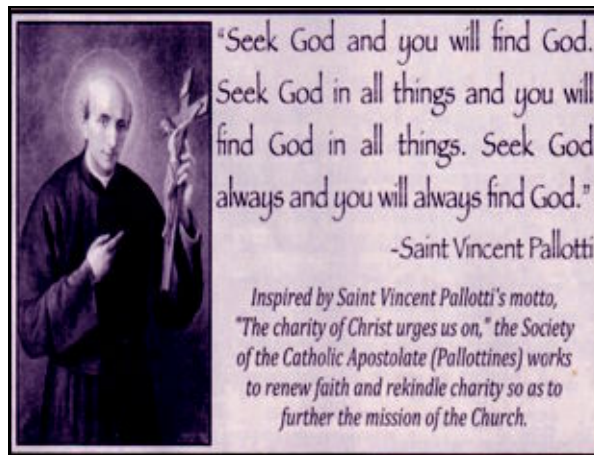
### NURSERY

The 9:30 am Nursery is closed for the summer.

We are looking for a nursery coordinator starting in the Fall. The responsibilities include recruiting volunteers to work in the nursery during the 9:30 am Mass, coordinating the schedule of volunteers and basic oversight of the nursery details (making name tags for new kids, preparing sign up material for new kids and volunteers.) It is a wonderful ministry for the parish and very rewarding to see young families enjoying Mass while their little ones are enjoying a fun and safe playtime in the nursery. Call the Parish Office if you are interested in coordinating the nursery, 688-3446.

## Our Sympathy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK.** James Brereton, father of Steve Brereton and grandfather of Stephanie, John, and Jimmy Brereton



### Peoria Notre Dame Cheerleading Little Kid's Camp

July 30-August 3  
8:30-10:30 am at PND  
K-8—females Cost: \$40  
Contact: [msangalli@bradley.edu](mailto:msangalli@bradley.edu)

### Peoria Notre Dame Men's Basketball Shamrock Instructional Basketball League

July 16-18 and July 23,24,26  
for 6th grade —10:00-11:00 am;  
7th grade—11:00-noon;  
8th grade—noon -1:00 pm.  
Cost: \$30.  
Register at [www.pndbasketball.com/p/shamrock-summer-league.html](http://www.pndbasketball.com/p/shamrock-summer-league.html).

Sponsor of the Week

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

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

- |                   |                      |                        |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
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| *Dan McDonough    | *Dan Svymbersky      | *Scott C. Powers       |
| *Glen Louthan     | *Jeff R. Dudley      | *Brian M Godsill       |
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| *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        |
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| *Erich Snyder     | *Michael O'Brien     | *Lt. Blake Baldi       |
| *Drake Comfort    | *NaToane Russell     | *Craig Bohlman         |
| *Mark Fagenkrantz | *Casey Redington     | *SPC Nicole Meixner    |
| *Fred Wilson      | *Darren Hodgkins     | *Anthony Alessi        |
| *Jason Thyne      | *Joshua Logan Stroot | *Jeff Good             |
| *Jordan Good      |                      |                        |

**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.



**The St. Thomas Social Justice Committee  
will be hosting *BACKPACK* Giveaways  
for kindergarten through 6th grade at two sites.**



We are asking for donations of NEW backpacks filled with the following supplies:

- |                     |                       |                         |                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pencils _____       | Pocket Folders _____  | Primary Notebooks _____ | Kleenex _____             |
| Scissors _____      | Eraser _____          | Markers _____           | Colored Pencils _____     |
| Primary Paper _____ | Pencil Pouch _____    | Ruler _____             | Index Cards _____         |
| Glue _____          | Black/Blue pens _____ | Crayons _____           | Assignment Notebook _____ |

**BACKPACKS** can be brought to church and put in the large boxes in the gathering space.

If you would rather have us do the shopping, please put your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Backpack" and put it in the Sunday offering or bring it to the Parish Office.

We hope to once again, offer **free haircuts** at the event. If you are a barber/beautician and would like to offer your services please call the **volunteer** phone number listed below. We will need volunteers the day of both events. Please call the person listed below if you can help at the Backpack giveaways.

Giveaway on  
**Saturday, July 28**  
**St. Thomas**  
**9:00—11:00**

Giveaway on  
**Saturday, August 18**  
**Project Upgrade/Salvation Army**  
**11:00—4:00**

**Volunteer Contact:** Mary Cooper-686-8171 or Carol Pitcher-453-6736

## Events in the Area

- ◇ **AOL/SI Class of 1982 Reunion** Friday-Saturday, August 10/11. For more information, go to [peoria-notredame.com/alumni](http://peoria-notredame.com/alumni).
- ◇ **Peace Pal Volunteers Needed** Please join us in a rewarding volunteer experience at Trewyn School where kids in the first, second, third or fourth grade will read to you with you as a mentor to help them improve. Program begins in October and runs until May. For info, call Louise McCann, 243-5722.
- ◇ **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday mornings, 6: 30-7:30 am. For questions, call George Crawford, 453-9568.

***We make a living by what we get;  
we make a life by what we give."***

**—Sir Winston Churchill**

### Monthly Sunday Collection And Tuition Report April, 2012

Month	Received	Budget	(Short)/Over
April, 2012	\$ 212,485	\$ 214,000	(\$1,515)
July 1, 2011 to date	\$1,942.883	\$1,943,000	(\$ 117)

Thank you for your continued support. Our twelve month fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

Amounts do not include school fees, memorials, bequests, special collections, etc.

We report the Sunday Collection and Tuition in the bulletin Monthly and will have the same report two Sundays a month.



## St Thomas Vacation Bible School

**July 16 –20, 2012**

Children entering preschool through 5th grade

\$ 20 per child

There will be Bible stories, crafts, games,  
music and snacks.

Please register by July 10.  
Registration forms online: [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org),  
in the gathering space or the parish office.

**Questions: email Jen Donarski  
[micski22@yahoo.com](mailto:micski22@yahoo.com)**

## Tokens of Love and Loss

Margaret Silf/May 21, 2012/America Magazine

**T**he shadows are lengthening over a stormy North Sea, as we enjoy our fish and chips in the local fish restaurant. My companion has lived here all his life and recalls a disastrous storm that once wiped out half of the fishing fleet of this little Scottish town. “In those days,” he recalls, “the fishermen always wore a single earring with a unique pattern. If a man was drowned, his body could be identified by this earring, and the little gold it contained would provide some meager resource with which his widow and family might manage to survive for a while after his death.”

I try to imagine the feelings of the grieving widow, standing on the harbor wall, gripping this last small token connecting her to the loved one the sea has claimed. And I think of the friends of Jesus, devastated by his brutal death, hopeless in the face of such total loss.

Across the country, in the southwest of Scotland, a modest but beautiful stately home, lovingly refurbished, tells another story—but you might easily miss it. Let’s pick up the tale nearly 250 years after its beginning. A group of visitors, who happen to be members of a choral society, are exploring the house with the help of a guide, who points out some interesting stucco work on the ceiling. Their eyes focus on a few bars of music, incorporated into the original plasterwork back in 1760. And amazingly, one of the choristers brings out binoculars, examines the notes on the ceiling and recognizes the opening bars of the traditional Scottish song “There’s nae luck about the hoose,” composed by the Greenock poet Jean Adam (1704–65).

The guide sighs as he recalls that the unfortunate Fifth Earl of Dumfries, who commissioned the house, had every reason to build this song into the home that brought him so little happiness. His first wife died prematurely, and so did their 10-year-old son. Hoping nevertheless for a much-wanted heir, he married again, but the second marriage remained childless. At this disclosure, the musical visitors spontaneously break into song, and the notes on the ceiling leap to life, echoing a story of love and loss and bringing 18th-century tears to 21st-century eyes.

Heading south now to London, as a visitor to the Foundling Hospital Museum in Bloomsbury, I pore over some of the tokens left in the 18th century by mothers forced by circumstance to abandon their babies. An array of simple items is displayed—trinkets of no inherent value, like buttons or coins or fragments of fabric, once pinned to a baby’s clothes so that in future years the child’s natural parent could be identified should she ever return to reclaim her child. One small pendant is engraved with a child’s initials and the words “You have my love, though we must part.” Why these tokens? Simply because foundlings are meant to be found. And the hope was never fully relinquished that these children would one day be reunited with their own families, reconnected by a thread of fabric or an old button.

All these incidents tell of loss and the human longing to reach beyond that loss, to tell the story of the past to unknown listeners in the future. They tell of love, its pain and sorrow and sacrifice, as well as its unquenchable hope.

Before his death, Jesus tells his friends that “the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you”(Jn 14:26).It is a promise that what seems to be inconsolable loss will lead us to a new level of union with God that we cannot even imagine. By contrast with our very ordinary tokens of human love, Jesus leaves us with a “token” as immense as eternity in the gift of his Spirit. It assures us that however lost we may frequently feel, we are created to be found. It invites us to let the song of our aching hearts echo down the ages, confident of God’s open ear and loving response. It takes up residence in our innermost being, reminding us of all that divine love implies and allowing the broken threads of our stories to be reconnected, woven into a new tapestry and interpreted afresh in the light of resurrection.

It is a mother’s tender promise: “You have my love, though we must part,” and our creator’s pledge: “I have branded you on the palms of my hands”(Is 49:16). This promise has your name on it.~

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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: July 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  
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