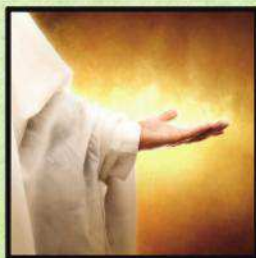
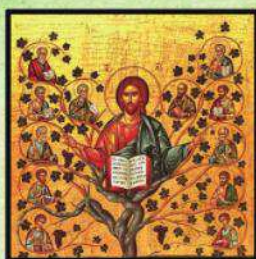
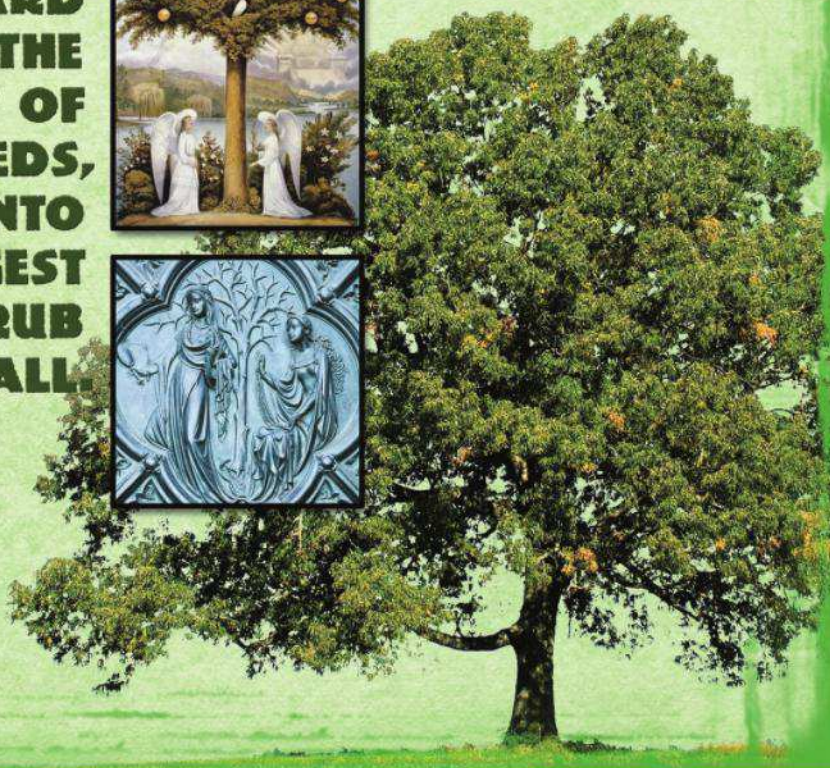
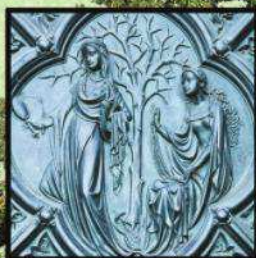


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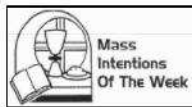
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Hope emerges as a theme from the readings today. But our hope is about lasting things. As Christians, it is about the coming of the reign of God. That is our ultimate hope. The images used are those of planting and harvesting. The hope we have is perhaps like that of a planter of seeds who does his best to assure the fruitful harvest. The mystery of growth, the mystery or gift of faith, is the link between seed and harvest. Forces in society and sometimes even elements within us challenge our hope. As followers of Christ, we have heard the word—the mustard seed of faith. We have our assurance that throughout the growing season and its difficulties, we are cared for by God, the planter, the gardener.



Monday, June 15, 2015

7:00am Ann Ward/Mary Ward
8:00am Kim Doyle

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

7:00am Penny Scherer/The Catholic Women's League
8:00am John Ambrosch/Ed & Betty Pegg

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

7:00am Kathy Downing/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley
8:00am The Hafner Family

Thursday, June 18, 2015

7:00am Dave Ryon/Kevin & Lisa Schoeplein
8:00am Jim McCabe/Teresa McCabe

Friday, June 19, 2015

7:00am Mary Kay Farraher/Frances Farraher
8:00am Charles F Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

Saturday, June 20, 2015

8:00am Jim McCabe 1st anniv/Gene & Ardith Ternes
5:00pm Jim Brereton/The Brereton Family

Sunday, June 21, 2015

6:30am Jenny, William, Tony & Carl Kemner
8:00am For the People
9:30am Jerry McDonough/George & Sara Melton
11:00am Bob Dixon & Louis Ulrich/Billy & Diane Dixon
5:00pm Mary Nelson/Wayne & Kathryn Ensley



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, June 15 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 pm.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, June 17 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CHARISMATIC MASS Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 pm.

MSGR. WATSON'S FAREWELL June 27/28 after all Masses.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

will be

8:30 am — 3:00 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

A Note From Msgr. Gray—

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since the announcement of the clergy assignments, I would like to express my happiness at being assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and my gratitude to the Bishop for entrusting me with this responsibility. While working in the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome, I have also worked on a doctoral thesis on the Promoter of the Faith which I will defend on June 15th. I kindly ask you for your prayers for this date. Allowing for some time to conclude my duties in the Congregation, I will return to Peoria to begin my assignment on July 8th.

In the meantime, I join with each of you in thanking and honoring Msgr. Watson for his longstanding and excellent leadership at St. Thomas. While it will be sad to see him leave a parish that he has dearly loved, he will remain our beloved Pastor Emeritus, a title that he richly deserves. I look forward to continuing his legacy as I get to know each of you.

—Msgr. Jason Gray

Volunteer Opportunity

When Jesus says, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25:35), do you think about hungry children in our area? During the school year, our food insecure children are assisted with free or reduced lunches. In the summer months, they have no such help. So, many faith-based groups are partnering to change this. Please consider volunteering for about 3 hours once a week at a summer feeding program so that our children do not go hungry this summer. Many of our Peoria Notre Dame students have already sign up to help. But we also need adults. For more information, contact Mary Anne Michelet, 657-2484.

50th Class Reunion AOL/Spalding Class of '65

Saturday, June 27
Lariat Steakhouse

Contact Jamie Schmitt, 678-9213

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: James McMahon

Sponsor of the Week
Facial Plastic & Laser Surgery



St. Thomas School is seeking to fill a 7/8 grade English teacher opening for our 2015-2016 school year. Applicants must hold a valid Illinois teaching certificate. To apply please send a resume and letter of interest to Mrs. Maureen Bentley, Principal at 4229 N. Monroe St. Peoria Heights, IL. 61616 or email to maureen-bentley@stthomas-school.net

Box Tops for Education

Do you ever wonder if it is really worth it to cut off those Box Tops and remember to send them to school? YES IT IS! Each Box Top, and bonus Box Top, is worth 10 cents. You can see that every Box Top counts!

Plus if you go too www.boxtops4education.com you will find coupons and more ways to earn Box Tops Please send all that you have collected to the school or parish office.

Emmaus Days, 2015

Session I: June 5-8 — High school graduates
Session II: June 26-29 — High school junior/seniors
Session III: July 5-8 — High school freshmen/sophomores
Session IV: July 8-10 — 7th/8th graders

For more info, call 671-1550

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Following is the suggested list of food items:

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

Our greatest needs are:

Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned fruit, Pancake Mix & Syrup

We appreciate your generosity..

Little Warriors Basketball Academy

Excite them about the game of basketball.

Boys & girls ages 4-7

June 18, June 25, July 2
9:00 am—10:00 am
Old gym at St. Thomas

Contact: info@wintraining.org or call 472-5198
Warrior International Training

Calling all Hair Stylists!

Our annual Backpack Distribution is August 1 from 9:00—11:00 am and we're hoping to offer haircuts. Could you spare 2 hours and donate your talents to help young students begin the school year with a great haircut? Call Carol, 672-4217. Thank you!!

Summer Tutoring Available

For 5-7 year olds
Review basics: reading/math skills
1/2 hour or 1 hour sessions
Contact Jane Dunlap@rjaejdunlap39@gmail.com

"Stop the Summer Slump!"

Summer Math Program for 2nd graders through incoming freshmen. An **Enriched Math Program** to challenge students will also be offered. Contact Helen Engelbrecht at 256-5188 or 693-6289.



June 18 - 20, 2015

EUROPEAN STYLE BASKETBALL CAMPS

Designed for boys and girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades

Coaches from Europe teach basketball skills and team concepts

Emphasis on positive attitude, teamwork, personal development, fitness and nutrition

Limited number of participants: 20 per session

Location: St. Thomas Old Gym, 904 East Lake Avenue, Peoria Heights, IL

Time: 9:00am-10:30am (Boys) 10:30am-12:00 (Girls) Price: \$75 T-shirt included

For more information please visit our website: www.wintraining.org

Registration and/or question: info@wintraining.org

Contact person: Pat Pusey (309) 472-5197



WEEKLY COLLECTION

	5/31/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,152,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 16,301	\$ 935,047
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,471	\$ 173,209
Total Collected	\$ 19,772	\$ 1,108,256
Over/(Short)	\$ (4,228)	\$ (43,744)

We appreciate your generosity.

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

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.



16th Annual St. Thomas Golf Outing 4 Person Scramble - Shotgun Start

Pine Lakes Golf Club – Washington, IL

Friday, June 26th, 2015

Sign In: 11:15AM

Shotgun Start: Noon

Dinner Reception: 6:00 PM at St. Thomas Church Lower Level

Steak Dinner – Beverages – Raffles - Door prizes

Tee Sponsor	\$100.00	_____
Foursome	\$320.00	_____
Individual Golfer (before June 15)	\$85.00	_____
Individual Golfer (after June 14) (We'll fit you into a foursome)	\$90.00	_____
Dinner Only	\$25.00	_____
Dinner for Two	\$40.00	_____

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2015 Make checks out to: St. Thomas Men's Club

Sponsor Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Please include the following in my foursome:

Captain – Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Golfer #2 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Golfer #3 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Golfer #4 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please return payment to:

Ed Schanzle
1122 W. Burnside
Peoria, IL 61614 (309) 635-3373

For additional information:

Gary Doll
(309) 369-9617

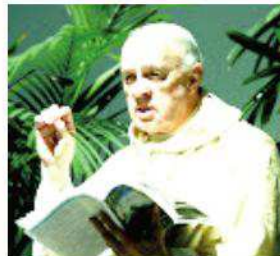


How can we say THANKS
for the years of service to
our St. Thomas parish??

Come to the Open House for
MSGR. WATSON

After all Masses
June 27/28

Lower level of St. Thomas Church



ST. THOMAS STAFF

Msgr. William A. Watson, Pastor
 Rev. Thomas E. Taylor, Parochial Vicar
 Sr. Rachel Bergschneider, Pastoral Associate
 Maureen Bentley, St. Thomas School Principal
 Deacon Frank Eaton
 Deacon Mark Kelsch
 Deacon John Nelson
 Terri Moon, Parish Secretary
 Valerie Wallenfang, Parish Secretary
 Mary Curry, CCD Coordinator
 Ann Horst, Liturgical Music Coordinator
 Julie Streid, Parish Accountant
 Pat Wombacher, Tuition Coordinator
 Jan Smith, Director of Development & Alumni
 Jan Alt, Parish Nurse
 Linda Hernandez, Pastoral Care/Caring Presence Ministry
 Annulment Consultations:
 Colleen Caldwell, 256-0730
 John Mackoway, 699-5213
 Linn Perkins 231-0261

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
904 EAST LAKE AVENUE
PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL. 61616 **688-3446**

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: June 28 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

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Connolly, Trustee	692-8647
Mary Ward, Trustee	679-0953
Mike Haughney, President	692-6086
Brian Barkley	692-4165
George Burek	446-3623
Jim Corkery	363-6799
Anne Gray	691-1479
Kim Kellock	713-2200
Carolyn Kinskey	966-3252
Mary Jo Pinto	692-6107
Matt Vonachen	243-7641
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