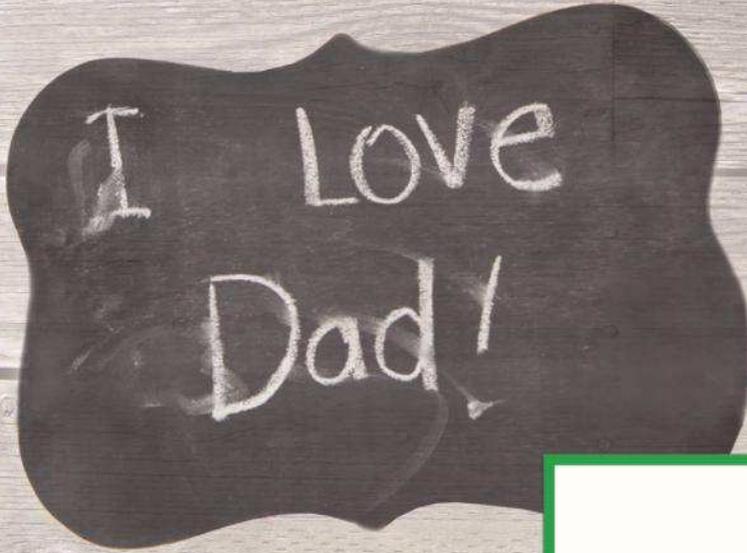


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# Happy Father's Day



Every Father needs God's wisdom to carry out his role as the tower of strength and support for each fragile heart he holds.

By M.S. Lowndes



**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading I: Job 38: 1,8-11  
Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

This week's readings have a different sense of hope—there is an urgency, an impact, quite different from the seed/plant image of last week. Today we are in the midst of storms. We hope for safety and rescue. Our lives, individually and as a community, come upon some difficult times. Our faith may be challenged by some almost unanswerable questions. Relationships and harmony may be devastated by anger, pain, guilt, unforgiveness, selfishness. We all deal with storms. One of the most amazing experiences about storms in nature is that they come to an end. Much fear is engendered; real damage can be done. But storms do come to an end. There is strength that comes from having survived a storm, a sort of natural wisdom. But we do not survive only on our own strength. Prayer in the midst of our storm give us strength because it helps us remember who we are with God. God does take care of us.



**Monday, June 22, 2015**

7:00am Kathy Downing/The Skoczynski Family  
8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015**

7:00am John & Edie Matarelli/Martin & Theresa Miller  
8:00am Alice Eaton/Frank Eaton

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

7:00am Anne & Kevin Morrissey  
8:00am John Ambrosch/The St Vincent de Paul Society

**Thursday, June 25, 2015**

7:00am Phillip Duffy/John & Marge McNally  
8:00am Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

7:00am Amanda Burtsfield Kent/Shirley Gauwitz  
8:00am Rosetta Matarelli/Joan McNamara

**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

8:00am Marge Carrigan/Betty Arnold  
5:00pm Marilyn Roedell/Susie Draher & Family

**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

6:30am For the People  
8:00am Carl & Corrine Willi/Jack & Margaret Weinstein  
9:30am Mike Murphy 3rd Anniv/Gloria Murphy  
11:00am John Mathers, Joseph Hafele & Rosalie Schierer/Vicky Mather  
5:00pm Mary Wolgemuth/Lydia Crilly



**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** Monday, June 22 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, June 23 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, June 24 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm.

**GOLF OUTING AND DINNER** Friday, June 26 —Golf at noon at Pine Lakes Club with dinner following at St. Thomas.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



St. Thomas School has the following openings:

- Teacher Aide for 3 year old pre-school class  
Part-time, 8:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday
- Teacher Aide for pre-kindergarten  
Part-time, 8:30-12:30, Monday thru Friday
- After-care supervisor for elementary students  
after school  
Part-time, 3:00-5:30 pm Monday thru Friday

Send resume and cover letter to maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or mail to Maureen Bentley, Principal, St. Thomas School, 429 N. Monroe Ave. Peoria Heights, IL. 61616

### 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:** Robert Corrigan; Beth Fuson; Fr. Frances P. White, CSV; Mussette Hecht

Sponsor of the Week  
Jamie L Smith, DDS



### 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](http://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 25, July 2  
9:00 am—10:00 am  
Old gym at St. Thomas

Contact: [info@wintraining.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wintraining.org)

Registration and/or question: [info@wintraining.org](mailto:info@wintraining.org)

Contact person: Pat Pusey (309) 472-5197

OUR PARTNERS



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

	6/7/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,176,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 16,301	\$ 963,250
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,471	\$ 176,680
Total Collected	\$ 19,772	\$ 1,139,930
Over/(Short)	\$ (4,228)	\$ (36,070)

**We appreciate your generosity.**

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St. Thomas e-mail: [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net)

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.



**The St Thomas Social Justice Committee**  
**will be hosting a BACKPACK Giveaway**  
**for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**at St Thomas**



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

Pencils  
Scissors  
Erasers  
Markers

Pocket Folders  
Primary notebooks  
Wide lined primary paper  
Glue/glue sticks

Colored pencils  
Pencil pouch  
Black/blue pens  
Crayons

**Backpacks** can be brought to the Church and put in boxes in gathering space  
If you would rather have us do the shopping, please put your monetary donation  
in an envelope marked "Backpacks" and put in Sunday collection or bring to the  
Office.

We hope to offer **free haircuts** at the event! If you are a barber/beautician and  
Would like to offer your services, please contact one of the people listed below.

We will also need volunteers for this event

**Giveaway on**  
**Saturday, Aug 1, 2015**  
**9-11am**  
**St Thomas lower level**

**Volunteer Contacts:** Mary Cooper-686-8171    Carol Pitcher-453-6736  
or Sean Kerwin- smkerwin@gmail.com

**Thank you for your support!**



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

