

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
Diocese of Peoria  
904 E Lake Ave Peoria Heights  
[stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org)

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11  
Reading II: Ephesians 1: 17-23  
Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

Not simply recalling an historical event, the feast of the Ascension celebrates what we are and will be as the Church. Rather than focusing on the departure of Christ, this feast reminds us of his presence manifest in our midst in the Church. No longer limited by space or time, Christ has gone away only to be available through the Spirit in the sacraments and in God's people. That the ascension of Christ is a promise of what lies ahead for believers is reflected in the prayers of today's liturgy. We hear and remember that Christ left our sight "not to abandon us, but to be our hope," and in the opening prayer we ask, "May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope."



#### Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00am Tom Miller/John & Marge McNally  
8:00am Colleen Pearl 15th Anniv/Family

#### Tuesday, May 19, 2015

7:00am Sr Bernadette Kouri/Franciscan Sisters of St John the Baptist  
8:00am Harry LaHood/Family  
9:00am Jim Schaumburg/Marcus Hightower

#### Wednesday, May 20, 2015

7:00am Terry Donnelly/Family  
8:00am Jim McCabe/Jim & Pat Callaway

#### Thursday, May 21, 2015

7:00am Carl & Patricia Drone/Lucy Drone  
8:00am Darlene McNeil 1st Anniv/Nursing Home Ladies  
9:00am Fastina Derestil/The Schafer Family

#### Friday, May 22, 2015

7:00am Kathleen McNally/Aunt Kathleen  
8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk

#### Saturday, May 23, 2015

8:00am Maria Celest Della Porta/Dorothy Paesani  
5:00pm Marilyn Wood/Family

#### Sunday, May 24, 2015

6:30am For the People  
8:00am Prosper Fandel/The Panera Girls  
9:30am Bill Shelton/Julie Elsey  
11:00am Carl W Young/Trudy Aulgur  
5:00pm John Mathers, Joseph Hafele & Rosalie Schierer/Vicki Mathers



**HAITI MISSION CONNECTION** will be selling tickets to their Wine Tasting event on June 5 as well as Haitian Coffee after Masses this weekend.

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

**PACK MEETING** Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

**BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday, May 19 at 12:30 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**EDUCATION COMMISSION** Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

**PARISH COUNCIL** Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday, May 20 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

**ALL SCHOOL MASS** Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 am.

**CHARISMATIC MASS** Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm.



## 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..

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

	5/3/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 1,056,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 24,772	\$ 851,553
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,632	\$ 159,325
Total Collected	\$ 28,243	\$ 1,020,878
Over/(Short)	\$ (4,243)	\$ (35,122)

**We appreciate your generosity.**

## 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, please notify the parish office by June 1st to receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend a Mass in September in your honor.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHANGE OF ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## *Our Sympathy*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK:** Marianne Dempsey

Sponsor of the Week  
DMI



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](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

## Catholic Women's League

**Monthly Rosary**  
May 18 at 9:00 am  
Liberty Village

### Christ Child Society of Central Illinois

Join us June 6 from 10:00-noon in the lower level of Family Resources Center to find out what we are all about, and become a part of our mission of providing layettes to at-risk and in-need babies born in hospitals throughout the diocese. Call Cecelia, 691-6182.

### Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Mass

May 24, 2:00 pm

Fr. Taylor will celebrate the Mass.

Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the lower level of the church.



### St. Thomas Golf Outing/Dinner

**June 26, 2015**

**All men and women are invited!!**



Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

St. Thomas Website: [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org)  
St. Thomas e-mail: [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net)



### Summer Volleyball

Peoria Notre Dame is hosting its summer volleyball camp June 15-18, 2015. The camp costs \$50 and is open to any player in the 3rd through 9th grades.

8:30-10:30 am — incoming 8th and 9th grades  
10:45 am-12:45 pm — incoming 6th and 7th grades  
1:00-3:00 pm — incoming 3rd through 5th grades

Download a registration form at  
[pndvolleyball.weebly.com](http://pndvolleyball.weebly.com)

### Support Peoria Notre Dame Band

Dine at Culver's at the Metro Center location only  
Wednesday, May 20  
4:00-8:00 pm

### Peoria Notre Dame Girl's Basketball Camp

Girls entering 3-8 grade and of any skill level may sign up. Camp: June 22-25.  
Please go to [pndgirlsbasketball.weebly.com](http://pndgirlsbasketball.weebly.com) and click on Summer 2015 Information.

### Peoria Notre Dame Girls Swim & Dive Team

#### Shred It Fundraiser

Are your personal papers stacking up with no time to shred them? If so, take advantage of the convenience and security of having your documents destroyed by the pros.

Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the PND parking lot. \$10 for a bankers size box or \$20 for a garbage size bag.

### Peoria Notre Cheerleaders Kid's Camp

June 8-11 @ PND for incoming K-8 graders  
Register at: [peorianotredame.com-athletics-camps-cheerleading-camp](http://peorianotredame.com-athletics-camps-cheerleading-camp).



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# WINE TASTING

TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF BODARIE, HAITI

## TURN WINE INTO WATER

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015, 5:30•7:30 P.M.



**Rhythm Kitchen, 305 SW Water St., Peoria, IL 61602**  
**\$50/per person, includes tasting, hors d'oeuvres and donation**

\* a 501(c) (3) organization

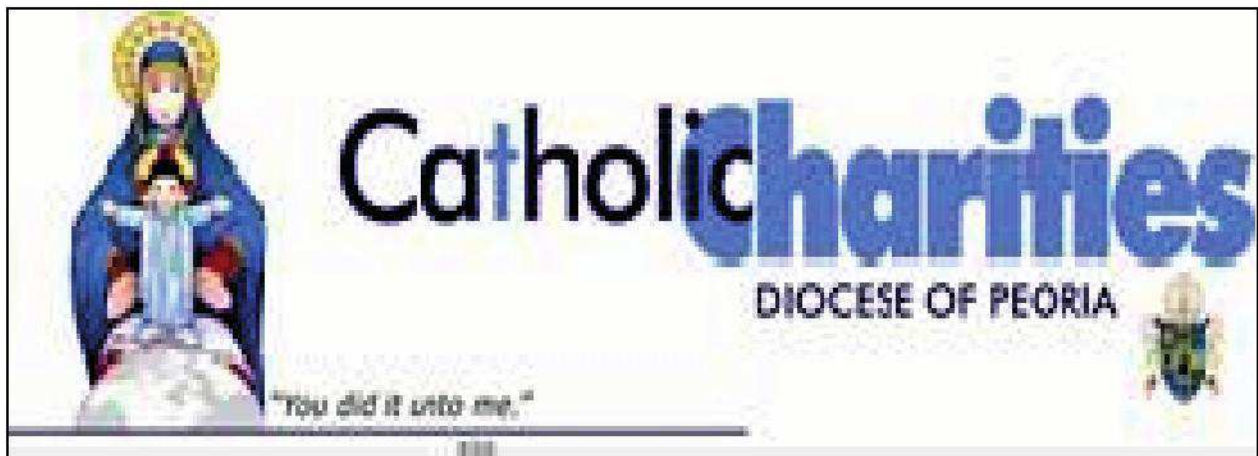


SUPPORTING A CLEAN DRINKING WATER  
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CISTERNS, SCHOOL &  
MEDICAL OUTREACH IN /AROUND BODARIE,  
HAITI

Contact Sheldon Schafer for reservation: 309.682.1876 or  
[coffee@haitimissionconnection.org](mailto:coffee@haitimissionconnection.org). Mail check to Haiti Mission  
Connection, PO Box 1393, Peoria, IL. 61654, with the following:  
Name, Number attending x \$50 Email, Address, City, State, Zip.  
**Payment may be made that evening**

Do you have gently used furniture or appliances to donate?

Consider sharing with the needy in our community through Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Furniture Bank



- Items accepted include: working appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dressers, and furniture of all types
- Items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities Warehouse (located in the old SHARE warehouse) 1825 NE Adams St. Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30am-noon and 1:00pm-4:30pm. (for directions contact the warehouse 309 637-0288 during open hours)
- Pick-ups may be arranged upon request by calling Catholic Charities, at 309 636-8012.

Monetary donations to support the program are accepted.

**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: May 31 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
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