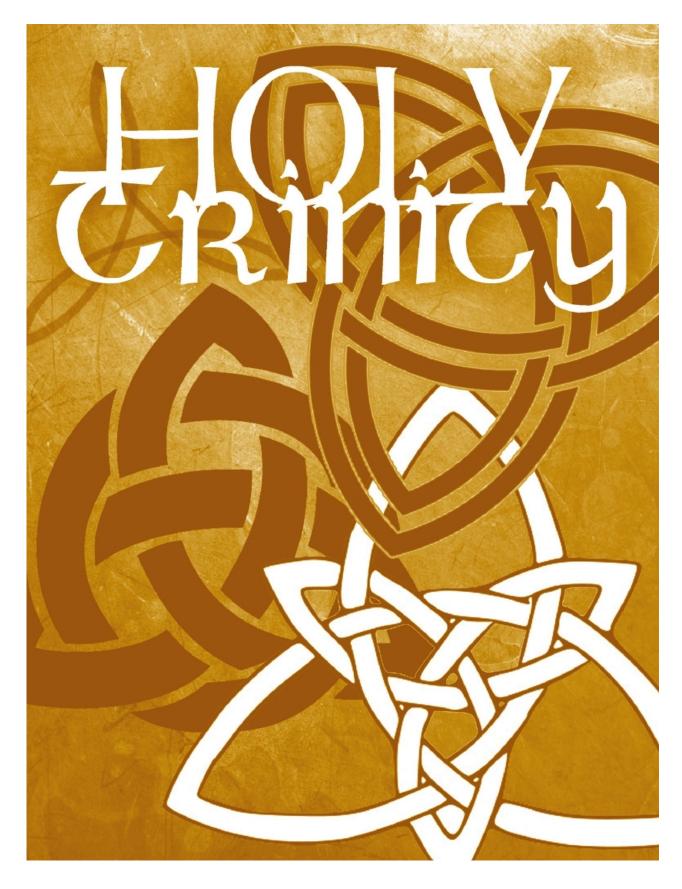


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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Reading I Proverbs 8:22-31
Reading II Romans 5:1-5
Gospel John 16:12-15

Jesus promises the disciples that the Spirit of truth will come who will guide them to all truth. Our temptation might be to want it all now or to assume that we already have all truth. We live in promise, opening ourselves to the truth. We will come to truth in God. We do not possess truth, but rather will come to be possessed by truth. The truth of God is a relational truth. Our experience of God is the loving relationship of the Father, with the Son, in the Spirit. The relationship expressed in the Trinity is one of harmony and peace. This inter relatedness can encompass us. When we trust in this gift of peace we can begin to live with greater and greater hope. One result of this Spirit-induced hope will be an increase in our awareness and appreciation and participation in the delights of creation..



Monday, May 27, 2013 Memorial Day

9:00am Edith Reeder/Charlie & Clare Tschirn & Family

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

7:00am Jim Coogan/St Vincent de Paul Society 8:00am Maxine Schraeder/Corinne Biersdorf 9:00am Carl & Pat Drone/Beth Seuferer 7:00pm Colleen Pearl/Family

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

7:00am Jane Doran & Ann Wombacher/The

Wombacher Family

8:00am Living & Deceased members of the Hafner and

Babrowski Families

Thursday, May 30, 2013

7:00am Leon Joseph/Family 8:00am Jean Hubert/Family

9:00am Rob Eckhart/The Clary Family

Friday, May 31, 2013

7:00am Sister Madeline Marie Brophy/Frances Farraher

8:00am Melvin Ghighi/Betty Ghighi

9:00am Fr. Taylor's 30th Anniversary of Ordination

Saturday June 1, 2013

8:00am Martha Jean Smith/Mary Stewart 5:00pm Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family

Sunday, June 2, 2013

6:30am For the People

8:00am Cecil & Dean Towry/Don & Amy Gries 9:30am William Brase/Bob & Mary Helen Runkle 11:00am Donna Vonachen/Pete Vonachen 2:00pm Fr. Thomas Henseler 50th Anniversary

5:00pm Steve Hermann



MEMORIAL DAY MASS Monday, May 27 at 9:00 am. This will be the only Mass that day.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm.

NO BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, May 29

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 pm.

ALL SCHOOL MASS Friday, May 31 at 9:00 am.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL closes for the summer Friday, May 31 with dismissal at 12:15 pm.

FR. TOM HENSELER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, June 2 at 1:30 pm with reception following in the lower level of church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK Suzanne Simkins; Roseanne Stuart

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Positions Needed for St. Thomas School 2013-2914

- Extended Care Teacher (11:30am-5:30pm Monday-Friday) for three and four year old students and After Care Program (PreK-8th Grade), teacher certification not required.
- After Care Teacher (3:00-5:00 pm Monday-Friday). This person will assist our aftercare program for PreK-8th grade students. Teacher certification is not required.

If interested, send a cover letter and resume to Maureen Bentley at 4229 N. Monroe Ave, Peoria Heights, IL 61616.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers: *Ricardo DeLaCruz

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Weekly Collection

	5/12/13	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,077	\$ 1,061,542
Sunday Collections Electronic Collections	\$ 19,441 \$ 1,727	\$ 1,075,066 \$ 76,445
Total Collected	\$ 21,168	\$ 1,151,511
Overage (Shortage)	\$ (1909)	\$ 89,969

We appreciate your generosity.

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

Beef Stew Canned Vegetables Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese

Instant Potatoes

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

At this time we are very short on:

Spaghetti **Spaghetti Sauce** Mac & Cheese **Canned Fruit**

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help distribute food on Monday and Thursdays—9:00 am — 11:00 am. The commitment is not weekly. If you have an interest in helping, please call the Parish Office, 688-3446.



"Change for Change"

We are all spread so thin with time pressures and financial demands. It seems that there is no end to the requests for our time and financial assistance...how can we help?...how can we feel we are making some positive difference in our St. Thomas community? Think "Change for Change!" Home visits are an essential part of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry...and our success is a direct correlation to the generous financial support we receive from our fellow parishioners here at St. Thomas...specifically through the donation received at the six Masses on the first Saturday/Sunday of every month. The next appeal will be Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2...Please consider this opportunity to be our assistants in this ongoing expanding effort to make a difference in a few struggling families' lives, when more often than not this "struggling" is a direct result of a sudden health problem or a job loss situation. We make every effort to provide that one-time financial "hand" that will pick up these special people in our community and assure them that we are all children of a good and caring God. We serve as His ministers to their needs.

For the long run, beyond just your June support, please consider throwing that dirty ol' change in a can or jar each evening and bring it to St. Thomas the first weekend of each month. Your "change" will help effect a very positive "change" in these special peoples lives..."Change for Change!!" Thank you!

BTW...our St. Thomas Food Pantry is running low on several items...particularly pancake mix and syrups...Please be generous with your Food Pantry donations also.. Peace. Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will..

Help Your Child Get Better Math & Reading Scores!

Featured in the Catholic Post, the most recognized Summer Math & Reading Program in the area! St. Vincent School will offer a Summer Math Program for second graders through incoming freshmen and a Summer Reading Program for first graders through incoming freshmen. An **Enriched Math Program** will also be offered to challenge students. These programs have improved math and reading scores. Contact Mrs. Engelbrecht, named Teacher of Excellence in Math, at 691-5012 for dates and times.

Support and Resources for Families, Caregivers, & those struggling with Alzheimer's & Dementia

To be held in the lower level of the church on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 am.

Next meeting will be June 5

Please bring "Your Person", for social and recreational time as well!

Call 369-2339 for more information, or just drop in.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Thomas Henseler will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday June 2nd at 1:30 pm at St. Thomas. Family and friends of Fr. Henseler are invited to join in this joyous event, followed by a reception in the lower level of the church immediately following the Mass.

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- Irish Summer Basketball Camp: PND Men's Basketball will have its annual Summer Camp from June 10-13. Boys entering grades 3-5 attend from 9:00 —11:00 am; boys entering grades 6-8 attend from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Youth Summer Wrestling: Central Illinois Wrestling, in conjunction with PND is offering a camp for grade school students interested in learning about the sport. Contact Kevin Burk at 472-5247.

The Landscape Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with the care of the grounds on the St. Thomas campus. If you have a green thumb and would want to give a little time, please call the Parish Office, 688-3446.

Catholic Cemetery Association Memorial Mass

At Resurrection Cemetery Association memorial Mass will be at the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel on Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am.

DIVORCE GROUP

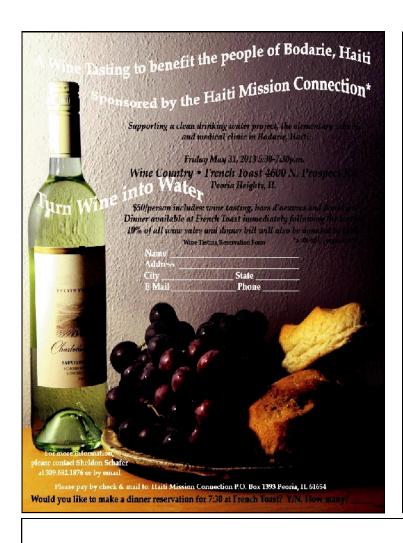
A group is forming for anyone interested in working through the difficulty of divorce—wherever you are in the process. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 688-3446.

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

2013/2014School Tool Box Orders

You can place your order for your School Tool Box for next year online at schooltoolbox.com between April 29 and May 31. If you have any questions please contact:

Michelle Lowder 256-9866 or Becky Crismore 696-1001





SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas Golf Outing
Friday, June 21 at Metamora Fields
Women and men are invited to golf.

Call Tim Ward for information, 303-5773 or Trw2010@hotmail.com

YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL

Several years ago all schools lost a program that helped fund the purchase of new textbooks. The impact of that loss on St Thomas School was certainly felt, as we received close to \$15,000 annually to help make those purchases. Ever since that loss was felt we have had lobbyists, such as the Catholic Conference of Illinois working to bring it back. There is a grassroots effort taking place currently to allow our voices to be heard on this matter and house bill 2321 was just introduced in the Illinois General Assembly. Please consider taking a few minutes and use the pre-written letter to send to your state senator or representative.

"I urge you to help restore funding for the Textbook Block Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2014 proposed budget.

Beginning in 1975, the purpose of the program is to provide secular textbooks and instructional computer software to public and nonpublic students grades K-12. Students cannot learn or succeed without effective and up-to-date learning materials, and for over thirty years, this program has helped ensure accurate and up-to-date textbooks and other instructional materials are present in ALL schools. In Fiscal Year 2009, the program provided 849,214 instructional items to pupils in grades 7 through 12. There may not be any grant programs in the budget of the State Board of Education that have had as far-reaching an impact for as long a time. Providing good textbooks and instructional materials to children is a fundamental responsibility of the state, and this is the only state program that requires all its resources be spent on learning materials for students in classrooms. In Fiscal Year 2009, this program was funded at \$42.8 million. We understand it is unrealistic to expect that level of funding could be restored in one year, but we do recommend that the funding for the program be restored at some level. The Illinois State Senate included \$9.5 million for this program in its Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Additionally, there are current appropriations bills, House Bill 2321 introduced by Representative Kelly Burke and Senate Bill 2152 introduced by Bill Cunningham, that we ask you to co-sponsor and support. Considering the widespread service and importance of this program, we hope and urge you to include funding for this program in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Thank you."

This can be sent electronically at: http://www.capwiz.com/ilcatholic/issues/alert/?alertid=62646601&PROCESS=Take+Action

Find your legislators at: www.ilga.gov

Find a Fact Sheet on this program at: http://www.ilcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/TextbookFactSheetMay2013.pdf

Congratulations Graduates!

St. Thomas School

Anna Alexander

Emily Aviles

Ashley Berkhahn

Natalie Dennis

Molly Frank

Alicia Garcia

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James Kelly

Elizabeth Kinskey

Joseph Maske

Annika Olsen

Jack Tangel

Sophie Tangel

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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: June 30 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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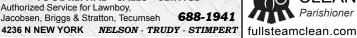
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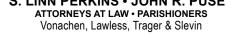
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