

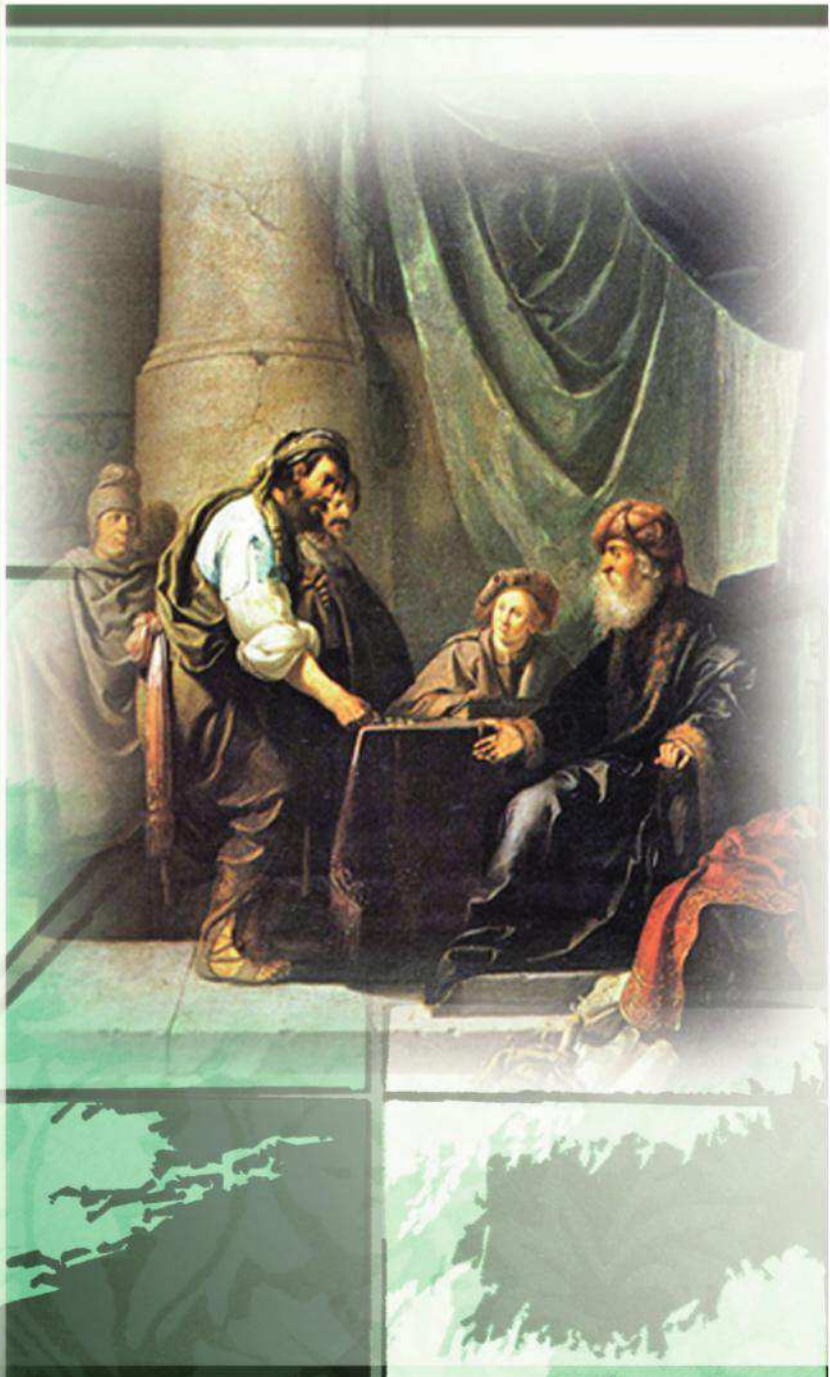
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Diocese of Peoria
904 E Lake Ave Peoria Heights
stthomaspeoria.org

33RD

*Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

**“A man who was
going on a journey
called in his
servants and
entrusted his
possessions
to them.”**

Matthew 25:14



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-29, 30-31
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

How do we think about the meaning of salvation? What relationship do we see between our lives now and the final judgment? To whom does life ultimately belong? The answer in the parable is clear: all that we have is a gift given to us. Life comes from God and belongs to God. To live solely for oneself is to live an illusion. When we are aware that our lives are part of a bigger reality than ourselves, we can be free to live with a new creativity, seeing our lives as a gift received and a gift given. Today's Gospel attacks the notion of faith as a security system for heaven. Like the action of the men in the Gospel who are unafraid to invest their silver piece, faith for us is a risk, a letting go, a willingness to walk. Salvation is not "saving one's soul" as much as it is generously expanding and donating it.



Monday, November 17, 2014

7:00am Mary Peters/Keats & Marianne Hunt
8:00am Marion Heinz 1st Anniv/Eileen Bailey

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

7:00am Walter Joe Primus/Jim & Val Wallenfang
8:00am Wilton Crotz/The Schoeplein Family
9:00am Jerry McDonough/Ron & Sandy Hahn

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

7:00am Agnes Hall/Robert Fennell
8:00am Jim McCabe/Len & Maureen Kuchan

Thursday, November 20, 2014

7:00am Carlito Bautista/Mailene & Greg Bennett
8:00am Alice Eaton/Bob & Deb Wenzel
10:00am Budd Jacob/The Peters Family

Friday, November 21, 2014

7:00am Earl Bill 21st Anniv/Bernadean May & Family
8:00am Ray Sullivan/Eileen McDonough

Saturday, November 22, 2014

8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk
5:00pm Bette Adams/Pat & Sue

Sunday, November 23, 2014

6:30am Jennie, William, Tony & Carl Kemner/Family
8:00am Barb Willard/Debra K Toohill
9:30am Fred Darche, Sr/Rick & Stephanie Shane
11:00am Dr Curzio Paesani/Dorothy Paesani
5:00pm For the People



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

CONFIRMATION MEETING for confirmands and parents in groups 1,2,3,4 Sunday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the church.

PACK MEETING Monday, November 17 at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.

CONFIRMATION MEETING for confirmands and parents in groups 5,6,7,8 Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, November 18 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, November 18 at 12:30 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm for St Thomas School students, Room 106.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, November 19 at 8:45 am.

CCD Wednesday, November 19 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

ALL SCHOOL MASS Thursday, November 20 at 10:00.

CHARISMATIC MASS Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 pm for St Thomas School students, Room 101.

WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY STUDY Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

KIDS KRAFT KORNER Saturday, November 22 from 9:00—12:30 in the school gym and cafeteria.



Join Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist
at their convent as they host their
6th Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale
at 1209 E Lake Ave, Peoria Heights

December 4-6, 2014 ~ 9 AM to 6 PM

All items are hand made by the Sisters.

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

We greatly appreciate your generosity..

At this time we our greatest needs are:
Cereal Beef Stew Canned Fruit Instant Potatoes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Mondays and Thursdays 9:00—11:00
Email thomashortsmann43@yahoo.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	11/2/14	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 24,000	\$ 432,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 27,056	\$ 355,652
Electronic Collections	\$ 3,632	\$ 65,376
Total Collected	\$ 30,688	\$ 421,028
Over/(Short)	\$ 6,688	\$ (10,972)

We appreciate your generosity.

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Steve Happ

Christmas Ornaments For Sale by Sisters of St. Francis—Heading Ave.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Heading Avenue are honored to introduce the **20th** annual Rolan Johnson, limited-edition Christmas ornament.

This year's ornament is taken from Rolan Johnson's 1978 card entitled "Our Great Redeemer's Birth." The ornament is \$34. A limited number of the 2000-2013 ornaments are also available. All proceeds benefit the Sister's Retirement Fund.

For more information, call Joyce or Cindy in the Development Office at 674-2005.



NOVEMBER is the month of remembrance of those who have died. There will be a Book of Remembrance brought up at the Offertory of the names you enlist.

PARISH REGISTRATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____
CHANGE OF ADDRESS _____
EMAIL _____



What an incredible community you are! Thank you for the overwhelming response and participation in our Drive for Funds event. It is one of our favorite events, and this year was the best. What a fun, spirited competition it was! There was no way to pick one winner, so both schools won and we are gladly donating \$5000 to each.

Of course we think it's a great way to expose our brands and our dealership's commitment to you, but the primary goal is to raise funds for your school. My wife, Molly, and I have always been strong advocates of Catholic education and the opportunities, values and principles it offers and instills. There is no doubt in my mind that under the leadership and guidance of Maureen Bentley, Msgr. Watson, Fr. Taylor and Sr. Rachel, as well as the commitment of your dedicated and enthusiastic staff, your children are in the best of hands and on a great journey.

Thank you again for your support and participation. Continue on with your spirit and involvement to the school and the parish. It is what makes St. Thomas outstanding!

Many Blessings, Mike Miller

Reflection/Writing on Sunday Readings Group

These sessions are an opportunity for a time of reflection on and writing about the Sunday readings beginning in the Advent season. After reflection on the readings, the participants are invited to write a reflection on the readings and share them in a prayer service. The group is limited to 10-12 people. We will begin Thursday, November 20 and continue Thursday, December 4, 11, 18. The gatherings will be in the lower level of the Parish Offices at 7:00 pm. Fr. Tom Kelly, a retired priest of our diocese, will be the principal leader of the group. If you have an interest in joining the group, you can contact Sr. Rachel, 688-3446.

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

**Please remember St. Thomas Church
in your will.**

St. Thomas Barnes & Noble Shopping Day

The PTO of St. Thomas School will be hosting the annual "St. Thomas Shopping Day: at Barnes & Noble on Sunday, November 23. The school will earn a percentage of the sales brought in by St. Thomas family and friends all day. Please note you will need to either present or mention the special St. Thomas voucher in order for the sales to be credited to the school. Online sales may be purchased at www.bn.com/bookfair as well as at other Barnes & Noble stores.

St. Thomas School

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Peoria

5001 N. Big Hollow Road

Please present this voucher
prior to making your purchase.

A percentage of the net sale
will be contributed to your
organization.*



11496361

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Supporting

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.



Sponsor of the Week

Thanksgiving Food Pantry Donations

Please bring your Food Pantry Donations to the 9:00 Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Our tradition is to bring your donations to the altar at the Offertory of the Mass. There are bags available in the church with a list of items we need for the Food Pantry.

Items Needed for the Pantry

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



Join us for

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27th
Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Dinner is FREE!
St. Thomas School Cafeteria

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, clean up and provide desserts. Please call the parish office (688-3446) if you can help.

st. thomas parish 7th biennial auction

rsvp now for a night to remember
filled with dinner, dancing
and of course,
bidding to support st. thomas



saturday, december 6, 2014
peoria civic center ballroom
6pm - midnight \$50 per person

rsvp by november 14th by mail to
Celeste Matheson
6514 N. Patton Lane
Peoria, IL 61614

or at online at www.stthomasparish.org
for more information contact Cathy Williams @ (309) 648-6685 or
cathleen.williams@me.com

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets (1 for \$20, 3 for \$50)
1st prize - \$5000 gift certificate from Jones Bros. Jewelers
2nd prize - \$1000 cash
3rd prize - \$500 scholarship courtesy of the st. thomas men's club



ST. THOMAS STAFF

Msgr. William A. Watson, Pastor
 Rev. Thomas E. Taylor, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Thomas Gibson, 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, 682-4571
 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: November 23 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
Jim Corkery	363-6799
Pat Donnelly	693-7315
Anne Gray	691-1479
Kim Kellock	713-2200
Steve Larson	692-0549
Karen Metzinger	243-9009
Mary Jo Pinto	692-6107
Matt Vonachen	243-7641

Scott Elger, CFP®
 Director
 (309) 680-4431
 selger@rwbaird.com

 Private Wealth Management • 110 SW Jefferson • www.scottelger.com

Alex Elger
 Financial Advisor
 (309) 680-4434
 aelger@rwbaird.com

 **Merrill Lynch**
309-671-0791
800-747-6453
Michael E. Leali, CFM
 FVP-Investments ~ Wealth Management Advisor


 Mon-Sat
 10-5
688-PEAR
 4544 N Prospect Rd.
 Peoria Heights
 LIBBY FRITSCH-KOSZUTA, PARISHIONER


CALLAHAN
 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
 FINE HOME BUILDING &
 RENOVATION CONTRACTORS
 Tim Callahan
 Cell • 635-9330
 Office • 686-3759

KELLY GLASS, INC.
 GLAZING CONTRACTORS

 Bob Kelly
 2400 S.W. Adams (309) 676-3573


Peoria Notre Dame High School
 5105 N Sheridan Road
 Peoria, IL 61614 • 309-691-8741
Celebrating over 150 Years of Catholic Education

HEDIGER & MEYERS, INC.

 4208 PARTRIDGE WAY • P.O. BOX 3858 • PEORIA, IL 61612
 — Parishioners —
 STEVE MALPEDE **309.691.5001** WILLIAM VOORHEES


"We've Got You Covered Since 1910"
 1025 N Sheridan Road
 Your New Home for School Uniforms
309-671-4543
 www.sharrisuniforms.com


CatholicMatch
 Illinois
CatholicMatch.com/goll

LAW OFFICE OF PETER J. LYNCH
 FAMILY LAW • CRIMINAL DEFENSE • CIVIL LITIGATION
 FREE CONSULTATION • 309-573-1443 •
 WWW.PETERLYNCHLAW.COM • PARISH MEMBER

DENTURES PAR EXCELLENCE
 "Excellence in Removable Prosthodontics"
 Richard P. June, DDS
 Parishioner **309-693-7200** Trumpeter


 & COMPANY
 • REAL ESTATE •
691-3121
 8101 N University


 Cloud NINE
 bridal boutique • fine paper
 4703 N. University
 Peoria, Illinois 61614
309.693.3830
 cloudninepeoria.com

American Landscaping
 Design and Installation
309-635-4611
 Jeff Russell - Parishioner

Home of the Gondola®
Avanti's
 Ristorante
BEST FAMILY VALUE EVERY DAY

 WHO'S WHO
 IN BUSINESS
 2010



PRAY THE ROSARY

Jack Boos, P.C. Parishioner
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING • PROBATE
 Commerce Bank Building **309.673.4948**
 416 Main St., Suite 933 jboos@booslaw.com


Beltone
 Helping the world hear better
 "Call Kelli Barisch, a parishioner,
 for all of your hearing needs."
(309) 688-4327
 4704 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria IL 61614


HEARTCARE MIDWEST
 Specialists dedicated to your cardiovascular health
 Ronald Rabjohns, MD -- Parishioners -- Paul J. Schmidt, MD
(309) 691-4410


Cusack
 ORTHODONTICS
 Patrick M. Cusack, D.M.D., M.S.D.
 Specialist in Orthodontics &
 Dentofacial Orthopedics
 1324 W Northmoor Rd.
309-693-3200
 www.greatsmiles.net
 STS Class of '82

Compliments of

VSI Vonachen
 Services Inc.
 Since 1968


OSF
 HEALTHCARE
 www.osfhealthcare.org


LASER Electric Inc.

• Commercial —24 Hour Service—
 • Industrial (309) 693-2400
 • Residential

P PEARL COMPANIES INSURANCE • TECHNOLOGY • AUTOMOTIVE
 pearlcompanies.com 309.688.9000

South Side Bank
 Member FDIC Since 1922

COLDWELL BANKER **BILL McCARTHY**
 REALTOR® - PARISHIONER
 Honig-Bell
 7555 N. Knoxville Bus: 689-7371 Cell: 360-0012

Homemade All Natural Premium Ice Cream • Frozen Yogurt
The Spotted Cow
 HOMEMADE SOUPS, SALADS, BURGERS, FRIES AND MOO...RE!
 Catering Available • Credit Cards Accepted
 718 W Glen St. ★ 691-1910

HARP & THISTLE IMPORTS LTD
 Betty Flanagan-Rohman Proprietor
 M-S 10-5pm • 688-5668
 4605 N Prospect Rd. PEORIA HEIGHTS

AGINGCARE MANAGEMENT
 40 Years Experience Working With The Aged
 SANDI KISTNER, MSW, C-ASWSM
 Assessment • Consultation • Recommendation
 309-231-0318 Parishioner

FLOYD J. RASHID, D.D.S.
 GENERAL DENTISTRY
 FULL AND PARTIAL DENTURE SERVICE
 EMERGENCY EXTRACTIONS INCLUDING WISDOM TEETH
 New Patients Welcome!
 2819 KNOXVILLE AVE. | PEORIA
 (309) 688-5800 | CELL 453-9505 PARISHIONER

JIM ROCHFORD
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 JIM ROCHFORD & ASSOCIATES
 309.637.5322
 124 S. W. Adams, Ste 430 drochford@rochfordlaw.com PARISHIONER

Stephen Thompson, MD
 Obstetrics & Gynecology
 On Staff At All Peoria Hospitals ~ Parishioner
 5401 N Knoxville Ave. Suite 119 309-692-1700

SCHERER MAZDA
 scherermazda.com
 309.691.0300 • 2300 W. Pioneer Pkwy.

Natural NAILS
 Tammy Vu Parishioner
 For beautiful, strong... natural looking nails
 683-6968 Junction City's New Building

KAVANAGH, SCULLY, SUDOW, WHITE & FREDERICK, P.C.
 Attorneys at Law
 PARISHIONERS:
 GARY E. SCHMIDT
 KAREN M. STUMPE
 ELIZABETH T. ARCOT
 676-1381

HARRY WATTS, D.D.S.
 Parishioner
 (309) 682-2090
 2809 WEST WILLOW KNOLLS DRIVE • PEORIA, IL

William C. Wombacher
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
 Business ~ Real Estate
 Elder Law Solutions
 674-8125 PARISHIONER

MCQUELLON CONSULTING, INC.
 Robert W. McQuellon, MBA
 President / CEO and Parishioner
 Real Estate Tax Appeals
 Commercial • Industrial • Residential
 309-256-6700 Mobile • 309-693-2600 Office • 309-693-6200 Fax
 Email: bob@mcquellon.com
 5901 N. Knoxville Avenue, Suite #101, Peoria, Illinois 61614

Richard A. Kube II, MD, FACSS
 Spine Surgeon
Prairie SPINE & PAIN INSTITUTE
 Minimally invasive spine surgery
 Physical therapy on site
 Parishioner
 7620 N University St. Office: 309-691-7774
 www.prairiespine.com

KRUMHOLZ BROTHERS
 LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS
 Landscape • Excavating • Erosion Control
 309-579-2244
 DAVE & RICHARD KRUMHOLZ, PARISHIONERS

Stanley D. Lynall, CPA
 Parishioner
LMA Consulting, LLC
 Business advice you can trust.
 CFO Services On Demand
 (309) 648-7748

For your complete home improvements!
PEORIA SIDING AND WINDOW
 • SIDING • WINDOWS • ROOFING • SUNROOMS • DECKS/AWNINGS • PERGOLAS
 • CABINET REFACING • BASEMENT WATERPROOFING • GUTTER HELMET®
 699-9517
 Parishioner Steve Jackson, President
 www.peoriasiding.com

OLIVER'S
 drinks • pizza • music
 681-1779
 James Kelly - Owner/Parishioner
 www.oliverspizza.org
 1231 E. Samuel Ave. Peoria Heights

BISHOP BROS. INC.
 • General Construction
 • Design Build
 • Commercial & Residential
 • Construction Management
 • Pre Engineered Structures
 DESIGNERS & CONTRACTORS
 Dennis Bishop, Parishioner
 243-5599
 2800 W Alta Rd.

S. LINN PERKINS • JOHN R. PUSEY
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW • PARISHIONERS
 Vonachen, Lawless, Trager & Slevin
 456 Fulton St., Suite 425 309.676.8986
 Twin Towers Plaza www.vltslaw.com

TOM SMITH PLUMBING CO.
 TIM & TOM SMITH
 Plumbing - Heating
 IL LIC. 058-1052420
 688-5114 429 E Sciota Ave. • Peoria Heights

Facial Plastic & Laser Surgery Center
 7301 N KNOXVILLE AVENUE
 309.589.3223
 Harrison C. Putman III, M.D., Parishioner

ZOSKY REALTY, INC.
 Ed Zosky, GRI
 President, Parishioner
 www.Zosky.com
 500 School St. Bus: 745-3300 Cell: 696-7441

BUEHLER HOME
 Amanda Chambers
 Marketing Director
 Amberg@BuehlerHome.com
 (309) 685-6236

PEORIA EAR, NOSE & THROAT GROUP
 7301 N KNOXVILLE AVE. • 309-589-5900
 - Parishioner -
 JAMES A. GERAGHTY, M.D.

MONICAL'S PIZZA RESTAURANT
 www.monicalspizza.com

Jamie L. Smith, DDS, MS
 Board Certified Pediatric Dentist
 4207 N. Prospect • Peoria Heights
 (309) 685-4444
 www.growingsmilespeoria.com

Steven T. Baldi, D.D.S.
 GENERAL DENTISTRY & INVISALIGN ORTHODONTICS
 Evening Hours Available • Office Hours by Appointment
 212 North Davenport • Metamora 309-367-2378

JOSEPH M. POPE, D.D.S. Parishioner
 Dentistry for Adults and Children
 4410-C North Knoxville Ave. Peoria
 www.popedental.net 309-688-7007

kids first DENTAL GROUP
 Dr. Laurie Donlan
 Ph. 309.692.0175
 www.kidsfirstdentalgroup.com

KEMP MFG. CO.

OSF MEDICAL GROUP
 Phone 309-655-2045 Fax 309-655-7985
 OSF Urology 200 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 102 Peoria, IL 61603
 • Thomas M. Rashid, M.D. • Stefanie N. Manley, APN
 • Alan B. DeBord, M.D. • Parishioner
 • Samuel A. Grampas, M.D. • Jennifer L. Hicks, APN

HEATING-COOLING-REFRIGERATION
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
 (309) 633-1313
 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
 "FREE ESTIMATES ON NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION"
 DMI 329 N. WESTERN

For Advertising Info Call:
 Mary Howell
1-800-783-1623
 mhowell@diocesan.com

