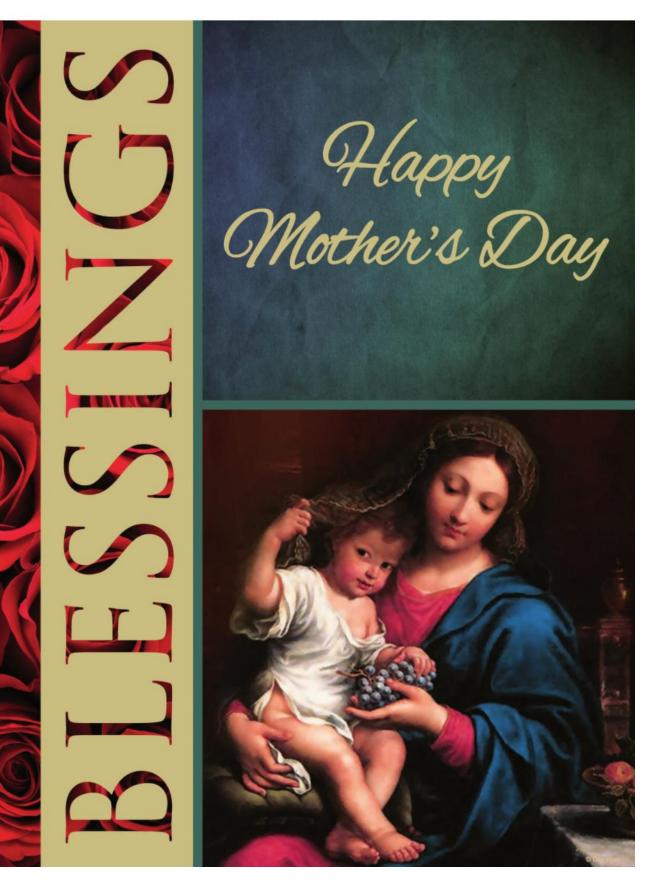


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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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. As St. Leo preached on this occasion centuries ago, what was previously visible in the Redeemer is now present in the rites. No long limited by space of time, Christ has gone away only to be available through the Spirit in the sacraments. And because he lives among us, St. Leo says, "Where the Head has gone, the Body hopes to follow." The ascension of Christ is a promise of what lies ahead for believers.

> **†††** Masses For The Week

Monday, May 14, 2018-St Matthias the Apostle

7:00amBob Nelson/The Nelson Family8:00amBob Berg/Family

Tuesday, May 15, 2018-St Isadore

7:00am Betty Little/Joseph & Jeanne Lenac 8:00am Tony Bushell/Sandra Gebhardt

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00am Dr James N Kenny, Sr/Angela Kenny 8:00am Edith Thompson/Joan Neumann

Thursday, May 17, 2018

7:00am Karen Helton/Monica Franciscovich8:00am Harry LaHood/Family9:15am Florence Ryan/McConnel/Edwards Family

Friday, May 18, 2018-St John I

7:00am Colleen Pearl 18th Anniv/Family 8:00am Jay Streid/Family

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:00am Eileen O'Connell/Family 5:00pm Robert Stephens/Sisters

Sunday, May 20, 2018-Pentecost Sunday

7:00am For the People
9:00am Susie Walsh/Paula Keturi
11:00am Joe Connolly/Pete & Kathryn Martin
2:00pm Mary Fricke/STS Class of 2018
5:00pm Lisa DePauw/St. Thomas PTO

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION will be at Masses this weekend

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, May 14 at 8:30 am in the old church basement

ROSARY Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 am in the chapel

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish office meeting room

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, May 16 at 8:45 am

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the church

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 pm in the old church basement

HAITI MISSION CONNECTION will be selling coffee after Masses next weekend.

THANK YOU TO JAN SMITH

Congratulations to Jan Smith who is retiring after 25 years on staff as our Director of Development and Alumni. Jan was instrumental in the campaign that added the cafeteria, gym, library and additional classrooms in our school as well as the expansion of our church



and the rectory. We thank Jan for her years of dedication which have benefitted all in our parish and school and wish her well in her retirement.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	5/6/2018	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23 <i>,</i> 000	\$ 1,035,000
Sunday Collections	\$ 20,296	\$ 703,770
Electronic Collections	\$ \$ 3,420	\$ 179,064
Total Collected	\$ 23,716	\$ 882 <i>,</i> 834
Over/(Short)	\$716	\$ (152,166)

Thank you for your generosity

From the Pastor

Happy Mother's Day! Blessings to all our mothers. Let us be thankful for the gift of life. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Church and our mother, to watch over us.

Together with our parish staff, I wish Jan Smith all the best as she retires from her position as development and alumni director. God bless you, Jan and Don!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your support will help us meet our goal of \$177,000. Please return your pledge card in the next two weeks so we can complete the Appeal.

-Msgr. Gray

SERVER SCHEDULES

Please check in the sacristy when you arrive to see if servers are needed.

MAY 12/13

Sat 5:00 pm G Jockisch, G Jockisch, J Lewallen
Sun 7:00 am M Buckardt
Sun 9:00 am L Byrkit, C Pag-Ong, C Pag-Ong
Sun 11:00 am B Geers, E Geers, J Geers
Sun 5:00 pm J Campbell, N Hallam, T Robenstein

MAY 14-19 8:00 am C Tyre, H Tyre

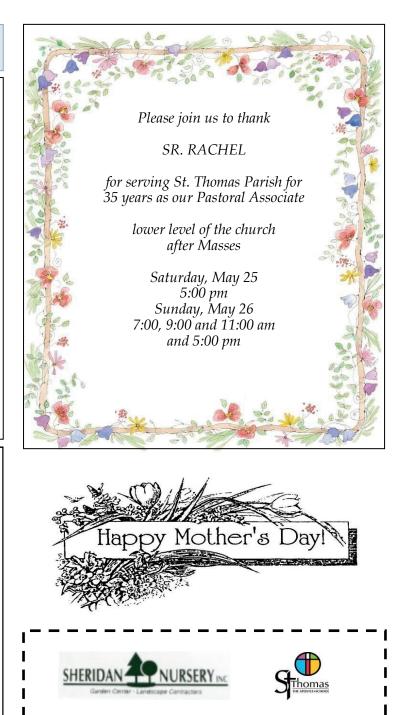
MAY 19/20

Sat 5:00 pm B Doubleday, Q Doubleday, B Socha
Sun 7:00 am Volunteers Needed
Sun 9:00 am D Bare, A Perez, A Perez
Sun 11:00 am M Couri, I Hernandez
Sun 2:00 pm P Gordon, G Kilian, J Kilian, K Kube, R Kube, C Pag-Ong, K Tockes
Sun 5:00 pm L Longanbach, C Messmer, L Piper

MAY 21-26 8:00 am D Bare

Our Sympathy

Please pray for those who have died this week



This Spring Sheridan Nursery is teaming up with the St. Thomas Women's Guild.

Come to Sheridan Nursery (Alta Road and Sheridan locations) and make a purchase to support your parish and the St. Thomas Women's Guild.

The Women's Guild will receive 10% for every purchase of flowers, flowering pots, shrubs, trees and more during the month of May. (Excludes landscape services, pottery and delivery.)

This offer is good from April 30 through May 30, 2018.

This voucher must be presented at the time of purchase.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small, can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful.

To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet had a chance to make your gift we invite you to do so now using the pledge card you received in the mail.

Every dollar raised supports important diocesan services.

Please return your completed pledge cards in the next two weeks. Thank you for your generosity.



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Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Thomas the Apostle and better engage the New Evangelization.

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Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church in your will.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

St. Thomas School is seeking to fill two teacher openings for the 2018-19 school year:

- First Grade Teacher
- Fourth Grade Teacher
- 6,7,8 Grade Math Teacher

Please contact Mrs. Maureen Bentley, Principal if interested. (309) 685-2533 or e-mail Mrs. Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net

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Wine Tasting to benefit the people of Bodarie Haiti

Friday, June 1 5:30-7:00 pm W.E. Sullivan's 4538 N. Prospect, Peoria Heights \$60 per person Contact Sheldon Schafer: 682-1876

ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED LIST OF FOOD ITEMS:

Dry PastaRicePancake MixSyrupCan FruitTunaCrackersJellyCan VeggiesCerealMac & CheeseSoup

Box Potatoes Can Tomatoes Beef Stew Peanut Butter Meal Helpers Tomato Sauce

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Submissions need to be made by noon on Fridays to be published in the following weekend bulletin, that is nine days prior to the Sunday you wish it to appear.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018

MONDAY:ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26; JN 15:9-17TUESDAY:ACTS 20:17-27; JN 17:1-11AWEDNESDAY:ACTS 20:28-38; JN 17:11B-19THURSDAY:ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26FRIDAY:ACTS 25:13B-21; JN 21:15-19SATURDAY:ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; JN 21:20-25

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They are celebrating their 5th year of loving and serving women.

Over 2,400 women have been served and 1,389 babies born since opening their doors in 2013.

One in six pregnant women in Peoria are now being cared for by the Women's Care Center.

They need our prayers and support to continue their vital mission for Life. Thank you."



Vigil for the Ordination to the Priesthood

You are invited to pray for the ordinands, Ryan Mattingly and Andru O'Brien and for an increase in priestly vocations in our diocese; be present for the solemn consecration of the ordinands' chalices and Eucharistic adoration.

> Cathedral of St. Mary Friday, May 25 at 7:15 pm

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Hosted by: St. Thomas Men's Club				
Friday, June 22, 2018 Mt. Hawley Country Club				
All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from this year's outing will fund \$500 scholarships for students of St. Thomas who demonstrate a financial need. It is the goal of the Men's Club to fund 15 scholarships for the 2018-19 school year. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated.				
GOLF REGISTRATION \$95per person Golfer sponsorship includes: Door prize ticket, green fees, cart, and dinner. Registration Deadline Friday, June 8th • Late registration after June 8th, \$100 Per Person DINNER ONLY \$25 Per Person / Dinner starts at 5:30pm.				
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 Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am Shotgun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon) Followed by Dinner at St. Thomas Registration Deadline Friday, June 8th Late Registration \$100 Per Person 	For more information please contact: Stella (309) 689-8481 Email: info@macro-wealth.com			
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