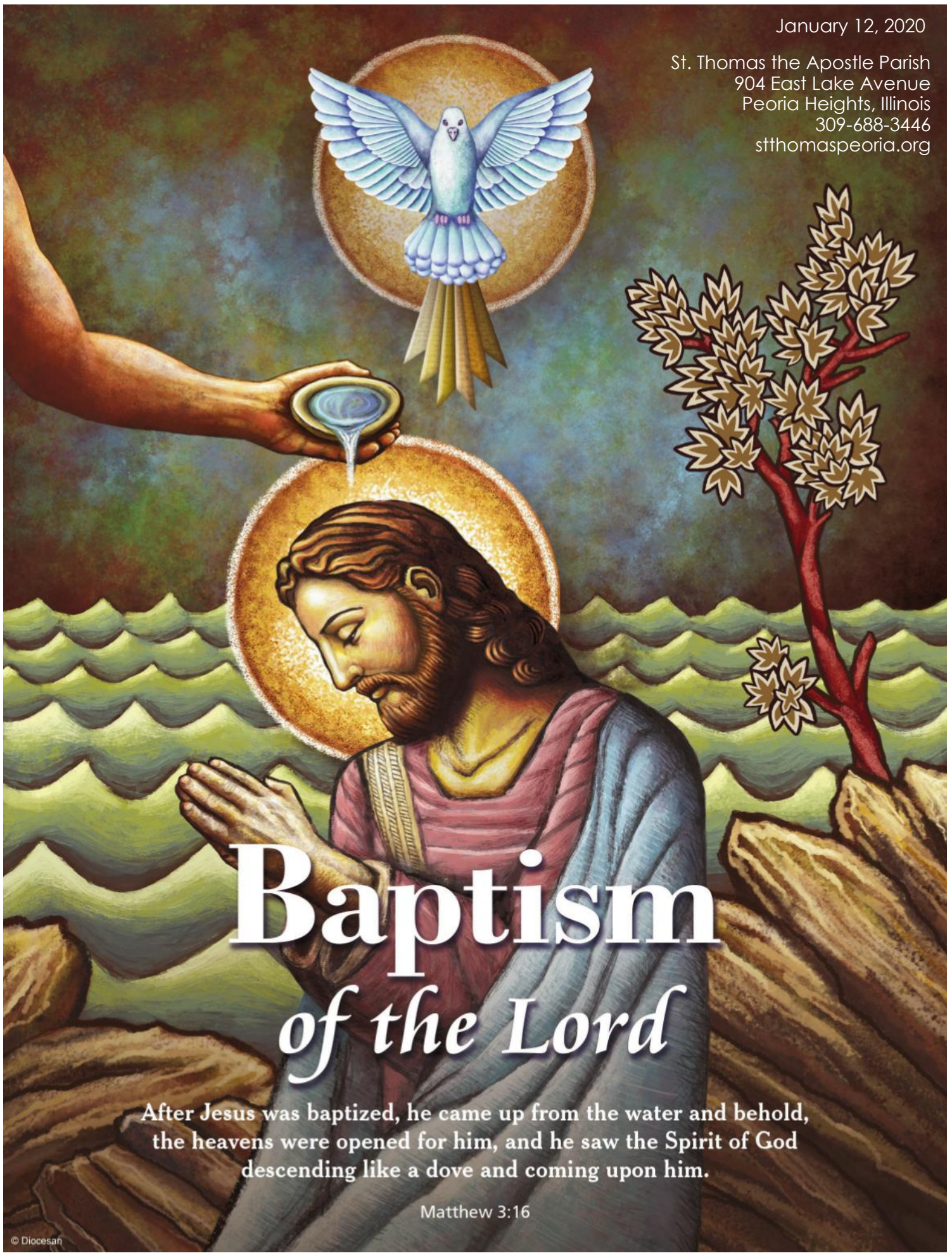


January 12, 2020

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# Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold,  
the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16





Welcome back following the Christmas holidays. With the Baptism of the Lord, we finish the Christmas Season and return to Ordinary Time.

Financial Peace University begins this Wednesday. This is your last chance to sign up for the discounted price of \$79 if you want to participate in the nine-week course.

We have several ways to keep up to date about what's happening at St. Thomas. Do you have the Parish App for your phone? If not, text APP to 88202 or go to [myparishapp.com/download/](http://myparishapp.com/download/) and follow the instructions. It's free of charge and gives you immediate electronic access to bulletins and updates at St. Thomas.

Do you receive the weekly email update on Fridays? If not, give us your email address and we can add you to our email list. The email has a link to the current bulletin as well as a summary of events for the week.

January 3rd was the feast day of the Holy Name of Jesus which is also the traditional day for celebrating the Infant of Prague. The statue of the Christ Child in the narthex was blessed on that day. You will find prayer cards at the kneeler in front of the statue.

- Msgr Gray

Sponsor of the Week  
Scherer



## Readings for the Week of January 12, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Hilary</b> 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Mark 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b> 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Mark 2:13-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Mary Kelly/John and Amy Kelly
8:00 a.m.	David Lynch/Greg and Margo Folley

### Tuesday, January 14, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Mary E. Truitt/Catholic Women's League
8:00 a.m.	Thelma Antonacci/Roberta Wainman

### Wednesday, January 15, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Jerry Smith/Colleen Kenny
8:00 a.m.	Nancy Fifield/Doris Kling

### Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Mike Gray/R.D. Campbell
8:00 a.m.	Walter Arnold/Ed and Cathy Mallow
9:15 a.m.	Bob Pendergrass/Angela Aeschleman

### Friday, January 17, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Canon John J. Flattery/FSJB
8:00 a.m.	Richard Durr/Thomas and Rita Williams

### Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Maushard and Cook Families
5:00 p.m.	Hugh Bernard Maroney/Christine Stecher

### Sunday, January 19, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Deceased members of St. Thomas Parish
9:00 a.m.	For the People
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Hessling/Mark and Marlynn Kelsch
5:00 p.m.	Kathleen McNally/Family

## Week of January 12

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served after the morning Masses by the Spalding Council Knights of Columbus, with the assistance of St. Thomas School and CCD 5th graders

**CENTERING PRAYER** Monday, January 13, 8:30 a.m, Church

**ROSARY** Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m, Chapel

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m, Parish Hall

**CCD** Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m, School

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m, Parish Hall

**RCIA** Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m, School Library

**MEN'S CLUB** Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m, Community Center-downstairs

**ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR** Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m, Church

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. School Conference Room

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Friday, January 17, 6:15 a.m, Parish Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Father/Daughter Dance	January 25
Catholic Schools Week Open House	January 26



**Be sure to mark your calendar  
for our next parish Holy Hour  
Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Weekly Collection

	January 5, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed .....	\$20,000	\$540,000
Sunday Collections .....	\$26,378	\$408,374
Electronic Collections .....	\$3,399	\$91,391
Total Collected .....	\$29,777	\$499,765
Over/(Short) .....	\$9,777	\$(40,236)
Budgeted for Holy Days .....	\$33,500	
Immaculate Conception received ...	\$3,946	
Christmas received .....	\$23,960	
Solemnity of Mary received .....	\$3,537	

**Your support of St. Thomas Parish is important to sustain our mission. Please remember to contribute regularly with your envelopes or checks in our regular Sunday collection. Electronic contributions can be made through direct debit, or by using the Giving tab on our parish website: [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Thank you for your support.**

## Our Sympathy

Sonia Gray  
mother of Sonia Nelson

## Baptism Congratulations

Schoeplein Gregory Gagnon  
son of Adam and Ashley Gagnon

Eloise Lynn Gallinger  
daughter of Richard and Ann Gallinger



## Reflections of the New Year

*The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back, to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment. Time is so precious that God does it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection*

-Archbishop Fulton Sheen  
(On Being Human)



## Pray with the Pope

January 2020  
Promotion of World Peace

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St. Thomas is able to offer a limited number of places in this series at a discounted price of \$79.00. The standard parish rate for FPU is \$109.00.

If you are interested in enrolling in Financial Peace University at the special \$89.00 rate or have any questions about the program please contact Erich & Becky Crismore at e.crismore@hotmail.com or 309-696-2582. In order to register for the discounted rate payment is made to St. Thomas Parish instead of signing up through the Financial Peace University website.

## RCIA Topics

January 15	Eucharist, Orders
January 22	Penance, Anointing, Funerals
January 29	Marriage, Religious Life
February 5	Moral Life: Free Will, Desire for Happiness, Passions, Good and Evil Acts
February 12	Virtues, sin and vice, Morality in Society
February 19	Prayer, Universal Call to Holiness, Prepare for Lent
February 26	Ash Wednesday: No Class
March 4	Ten & Great Commandments, Divine & Natural Law; Commandments 1-3
March 11	Commandments 4, 5, 7, 8
March 18	Commandments 6, 9, 10
March 25	Our Father, Hail Mary, other Prayers
April 1	Review, Precepts of the Church
April 8	Penance Service, Practice
April 11	Easter Vigil



## Have you borrowed a pyx?

If you have borrowed a pyx from the parish to take Communion to a shut-in, we ask that it be returned to the Sacristy. These are for shared use by our Extraordinary Ministers visiting our shut-ins.



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text to Laura Sarff (309) 231-5427

RSVP

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$20 INCLUDED** \_\_\_\_\_



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**St. Thomas School Open House**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2020**  
**9:30 – 1:00**  
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pray at the tomb of

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607 NE Madison, Peoria.

Monday-Friday	12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Saturday	3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

## **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Museum**

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**[CDOPmuseums.org](http://CDOPmuseums.org) [ArchbishopSheen Cause.org](http://ArchbishopSheenCause.org) [Celebrate Sheen.com](http://CelebrateSheen.com)**

## **January Men's Cursillo**

**January 23-26, 2020**

St. Thomas parishioners, Todd Denhardt and Ken Matheny, are on the team for the next Men's Cursillo. Please keep them and the rest of the team in your prayers, as they plan the Cursillo.

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact Todd, Ken or the Cursillo office at 676-5587.

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Family Resource Center needs of volunteers to serve at the Center. For more information, please contact Suzie Meismer, 309-966-0385.



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## Marriage Mass & Date Night



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419 NE Madison, Ave., Peoria, IL 61603

Make checks payable to: Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Please note that attendance for dinner is not necessary to attend the Marriage Mass

**Free Will Donations Appreciated**

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Tuesday, January 14, St. Edward, Chillicothe, 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday, Holy Family, 4:00 p.m.

Every First Friday, Holy Family 4:00 p.m.

## Respect Life Activities

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN** Friday, January 24, 2020, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 10:30 a.m, Bishop Daniel Jenky, celebrant

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE: PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!**  
**January 21-29, 2020**

A novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please see the links below for the 9 Days for Life novena.

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Get daily pro-life prayers in your inbox or on your phone, January 21-29, 2020:

<https://pro-life-activities.1pages.co/9-days-for-life-2020>

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** Have you had an abortion experience that has left you feeling empty and alone?

*Rachel's Vineyard Retreat* is available in our diocese for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you.

Register now for the February 7-9, 2020 retreat: call 309-264-1489; email [rvrpeoria@gmail.com](mailto:rvrpeoria@gmail.com).

All communications are strictly confidential.

## SVdP Helpline Operator

The helpline is in need of an operator. This is a part-time position—15 hours per week.

If interested please contact Sr. Michelle Fernandez at [sr\\_michelle@cdop.org](mailto:sr_michelle@cdop.org) or call 309-409-5092.

## Parish Registration

Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, **or** mail to the Parish Office **or**

Register on our website at [stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Under *About* open the *New Parishioner Registration*, complete and submit the form.

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