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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:14



Thank you for your support of St. Thomas School during Catholic Schools' Week. We have had many visitors to St. Thomas, and I encourage you to continue to spread the word and invite other families to send their children to our school. To help keep tuition affordable, I also encourage you to support the sponsor-astudent fund, or to us the Invest in Kids act to contribute to St. Thomas through Empower Illinois. This last program offers tax credits for your state income tax and is a very valuable way of contributing to families in need.

We continue to be sensitive to the severe cold and flu season. As a reminder, everyone is encouraged to wash their hands and be careful about the spread of germs. Those who are sick should be cautious about coming to Mass if you might spread illness. We will continue to follow the Bishop's directive about Communion. The Precious Blood will not be distributed for the time being.

At this moment, without distributing the cup, we do not need as many extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during our Masses. However, we continue to need extraordinary ministers to help bring Communion to our sick and homebound members. If you are interested in helping with this work of charity in support of the spiritual lives of our infirm parishioners, please contact Deacon Ed or the parish office.

Thanks for your prayers and support of St. Thomas.

-Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week





Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58: 7-10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16

Monday St. Scholastica

1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mark 6: 53-56

Tuesday Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mark 7: 1-13

Wednesday Weekday

1 Kings 10: 1-10; Mark 7: 14-23

Thursday Weekday

1 Kings 11: 4-13; Mark 7: 24-30

Friday St. Cyril and St. Methodius

1 Kings 11: 29-32; 12:19; Mark 7: 31-37

Saturday Weekday

1 Kings 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mark 8: 1-10

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mathers/The McGee Family 8:00 a.m. Mary Tesar/The Schafer Family

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:00 a.m. David Lynch/Greg and Margo Folley

8:00 a.m. Elaine Oltman and Krystal Camp/Mary Camp

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Farraher and Shane Familes/

Frances Farraher

8:00 a.m. Jerry Smith/Jim Stickelmaier

Thursday, February 13, 2020

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m. Walter Arnold/Saliba Shanine

9:15 a.m. Raymundo Aguila/Juanita Aguila-Corrales

Friday, February 14, 2020

7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan 8:00 a.m. Mike Gray/Jolene and Tim Doyle

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. Mariano Tolentino/Sarmiento Family5:00 p.m. Loretta Horst/Becky and Fred Darche

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Rosie Kearny/Ginny Schlicksup

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Bennett Family and Rosary Group5:00 p.m. Hugh Bernard Maroney/Kathleen Whalen

Week of February 9

RAFIKI WA BUKOBA BAKE SALE after all Masses, Parish Hall

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, February 10, 8:30 a.m., Church

ROSARY Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m., ST Center Meeting Room

CCD Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 p.m, School

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

RCIA Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m, School Library

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m., School Conference Room

THAT MAN IS YOU! Friday, February 14, 6:15 a.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Night February 22
Ash Wednesday February 26
Men's Club Fish Fry Pancake Breakfast April 5

Flu Season Precautions

Because of the health risks this flu season, Bishop Jenky encourages all the faithful

- * to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace
- to avoid Communion on the tongue and
- * to suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood

We will observe these precautions at St. Thomas while the flu season continues.

Weekly Collection

	February 2, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$620,000
Sunday Collections	\$17,131	\$458,981
Electronic Collections	\$3,399	\$104,987
Total Collected	\$20,530	\$563,968
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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.

Thank you for your support.

Baptism Congratulations

Grayson Hulteen son of Rachel and Matt Hulteen

Reception into the Church, Confirmation

Rick Short

RCIA Topics

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February 12	Virtues, sin and vice, Morality in Society
February 19	Prayer, Universal Call to Holiness, Prepare for Lent
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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 Viail
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Memorial Mass

Richard L. Neville Memorial Mass will be celebrated on February 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Chapel. Fr. Stark will officiate.

The family will gather at 2:00 p.m. to greet friends.

Memorials can be made to the Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund at Peoria Notre Dame or the Greater Peoria Honor Flight, PO Box 5072, Peoria, IL 61601.

February Women's Cursillo

February 27—March 1, 2020

St. Thomas parishioner Peggy Jacques is on the team for the next Women's Cursillo. Please keep her, 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 Peggy or the Cursillo office at 676-5587

Ash Wednesday February 26 Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. And 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays during Lent 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Penance Service Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent 7:00 p.m.

Register by email



kellypoepsel@stthomas-school.net

Mark your calendar for

Totus Tuus 2020

Sunday, June 21-Friday, June 26
Watch for registration forms to come this spring!

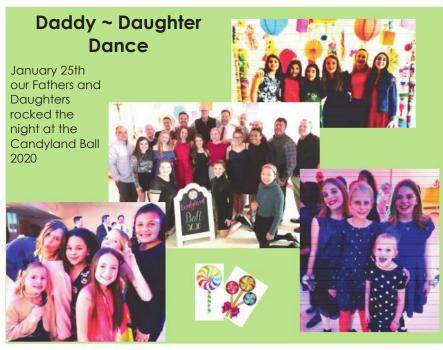


Sweetie Bake Sale

Rafiki wa Bukoba (Swahilli for Friends of Bukoba) will hold a goodie sale after all Masses February 9, to raise money to support Holy Cross Parish and grade school, and St. Joseph Hospital in Bukoba Diocese in Tanzania.

Mark your calendar for our next Parish Holy Hour Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. following Mass





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Finding Spirit Again

Unity Point Hospice—Peoria is offering a free educational grief seminar.

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Time: 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Location: Methodist Atrium Conference Room

900 Main St., Peoria, IL Free and open to the public

Anyone experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one is invited to attend.

Please RSVP by March 10, 2020 at (309) 672-5746 to attend.

Catholic Diocese of Peoria Youth Rally

March 14, 2020 from 12-7:30 p.m., at Spalding Pastoral Center—Peoria, featuring Matt Faley.

Open to all HS teens/space is limited. Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner & t-shirt).

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2020.

Join us for inspiring talks, Adoration, Mass, confession, games, food and more!

Contact The Office of Evangelization at evangelization@cdop.org or (309) 671-1550 for questions and registration.

Food Pantry Item of the Week

The food pantry is always in need of your generous donation. Of particular need this week: **Tuna**

Peoria Notre Dame High School Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship

Peoria Notre Dame High School and the Simmons family announce the Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship. The first award will be given to one 8th grade student to use each year, freshman-senior, while attending Peoria Notre Dame High School.

For more information, or to download an application, see the Peoria Notre Dame website at:

PeoriaNotreDame.com/randy-simmons-tuition-assistance-scholarship/



Peoria Notre Dame will host the 37th Annual Blue and Green Gala on Leap Day, **February 29**, 5:00 in the school Commons. With the theme *Looking Back, Leaping Forward*, the evening will celebrate the rich history of Catholic education in Peoria, as we build the future for our students!

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and silent auction followed by dinner provided by Kickapoo Creek Winery, and a live auction.

All proceeds from the evening will go directly to educating students in all aspects: spirit, mind, and body.

Reservations can be made by visiting peorianotredame.com/gala.

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to contribute to the success of the gala, please consider sponsoring the event or purchasing raffle tickets.

Call Tara Shane in the PND development office at 309-691-8741 for more information.

Prayers for Service Members



Do you have an active-duty service member in your family? If so we would like to add their name to our list. The list will appear here, in our bulletin so that we all can pray for their safety and well-being.

Please call the Parish Office and tell us their name and branch of service \sim 309-688-3446 and speak with Terri or Peggy.

Marriage Mass & Date Night Eric Genuis with a violinist, cellist, and vocalist The Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, CSC cordially invites you to join him at a Mass celebrating the gift of Christian Marriage. Saturday, February 15th, 2020, at 4 pm Cathedral of St. Mary 607 NE Madison Ave. Peoria, IL 61603 Following Mass there will be a Candlelight Dinner Celebration at 5:30pm with Entertainment provided by Eric Genuis starting at 6:30pm. \$80 / couple for dinner and entertainment Space is Limited and on a First Come First Serve Basis Please register on-line at: Eric will minister to and cdop.org/datenight inspire all in attendance mail to: CDOP Evangelization 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 www.ericgenuis.com

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. Under About open the New Parishioner Registration, complete and submit the form. Last Name First Name(s) Email Phone Address City ZIP Phone New Parishioner Change of address/phone

Holy Hour for Vocations

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Peoria

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

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



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Blood Donors Needed



Donate Blood In Memory of Kelly Needham

When: Saturday, February 22, 2020 8:00 a.m. -

12:00 p.m.

Where: St. Philomena Parish Center,

1000 W. Albany, Peoria.

Kelly was a Peoria native, parishioner of St. Philomena Church and Peoria Notre Dame graduate. While attending the University of Missouri (Mizzou), he was a regular blood donor. He believed in helping others and donated blood five times during his lifetime. In August 2012, at just 21 years old, Kelly was involved in a tragic car accident that took his life. Please give blood in Kelly's memory to help keep his lifesaving spirit going.

To sign up, go to <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> and enter the sponsor code STPHILS or contact the parish office at 309-682-8642.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Parents participate Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the parish office to schedule the class.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm & 6:00-6:30 p.m.

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