



We are approaching the season of Lent at the end of the month. Next week we will have additional reminders about Ash Wednesday and the normal Lenten regulations regarding fast and abstinence.

There are a few other observances during Lent that deserve some special attention. I urge everyone to consider the following additional devotional practices during this holy season.

We will offer an evening daily Mass at 5:30 pm. This Mass is in addition to the regular 7 and 8 am Masses offered on weekdays. Daily Mass is an excellent practice for consecrating the season of Lent each day and not only on the Lord's Day. Make the commitment to attend this half-hour daily Mass at least some during Lent.

We continue to have our monthly Holy Hour for our parish. This time of Eucharistic Adoration is a focused time for us to spend in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I encourage you to come to pray for our parish, for greater devotion to the Eucharist, and for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. For February, our Holy Hour will be on Thursday, February 27, the day after Ash Wednesday. It will be held at 6 pm, immediately after the 5:30 pm evening Mass on that day.

We will offer Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. There will be confessions and adoration on Friday evenings at 6 pm, followed by the Stations and benediction at 7 pm. This can be a special spiritual commitment on a Friday evening, when our society wants to celebrate the end of the week. For us, the Fridays of lent are a reminder of Jesus' offering on the cross on Good Friday. Let us spiritually walk with Jesus who carried his cross for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

-Msgr. Gray

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Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites

James 1: 1-11; Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday Weekday

James 1: 12-18; Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday Weekday

James 1: 19-27; Mark 8: 22-26

Thursday Weekday

James 2: 1-9; Mark 8: 27-33

Friday St. Peter Damian

James 2: 14-24, 26; Mark 8: 34—9: 1

Saturday Chair of St. Peter

1 Peter 5: 1-4; Matthew 16: 13-19

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23;

Matthew 5: 38-48

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17, 2020

7:00 a.m. Sonia Gray/Mike and Bernie Shekleton 8:00 a.m. Frank Eaton/Joe and Marge Noe

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

7:00 a.m. Bruce Treder/John and Amy Kelly

8:00 a.m. Albina Aspell/Family

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Bartley/Diane and Gary Bussman

8:00 a.m. Jack McGinn/Christine Pogue

Thursday, February 20, 2020

7:00 a.m. Joe and Ric Olson/Family 8:00 a.m. John Ambrosch/Family 9:15 a.m. Florence and Jim Ryan/Family

Friday, February 21, 2020

7:00 a.m. Carl Corinne and Mary Willi/Mary and Cliff Stamm

8:00 a.m. Smith and Hafner Families

Saturday, February 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. Annie Joseph/Kitty Bienemann

5:00 p.m. John Rush 2nd Anniversary/Herb Cohen

Sunday, February 23, 2020

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Robert Waldschmidt 2nd Anniversary/Brenda

Waldschmidt

11:00 a.m. Florence and Jim Ryan/Family

5:00 p.m. Mary Fricke/Family

Week of February 16

SCHOOL AND OFFICES CLOSED Monday, February 17

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, February 17, 8:30 a.m., Church

ROSARY Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 P.M., Parish Hall

CCD Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m, School

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

RCIA Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m, School Library

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursday, February 20, 6:30 P.M., Music Room

MEN'S CLUB, Thursday, February 20, 6:30 P.M., School Cafeteria

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m., School Conference Room

THAT MAN IS YOU! Friday, February 21, 6:15 a.m., Parish Hall

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday, February 22, 6:00 P.M., School Gym

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday February 26
Women's Guild March 2
Men's Club Fish Fry March 27
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 9, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$640,000
Sunday Collections	\$16,677	\$475,658
Electronic Collections	\$3,399	\$108,386
Total Collected	\$20,076	\$584,044
Over/(Short)	\$76	\$(55,957)

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.

Our Sympathy

Please pray for those who have died this week

RCIA Topics

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

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

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

Food Pantry Item of the Week

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

Catholic Women's League February Rosary

Monday, February 17th, 2020 Rosary at 9:00 am followed by Fellowship Discussion

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Peoria



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 for Trivia Night by email kellypoepsel@stthomas-school.net



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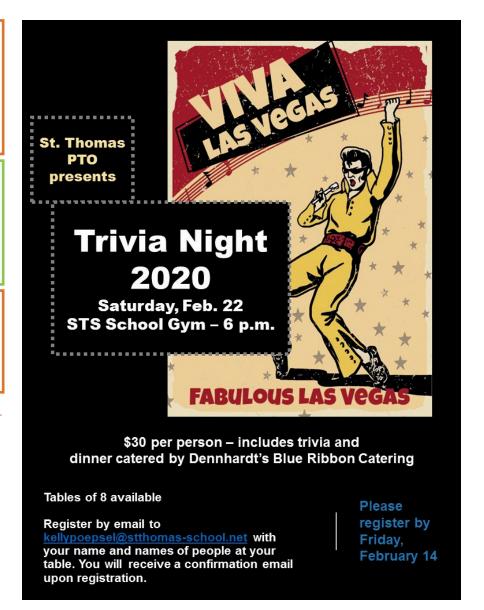
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Prayers for Service Members

Do you have an active-duty service member in your family? If so we would like to add their name to our list. We would like to have the list in the bulletin that everyone might pray for them.

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





Peoria Notre Dame will be host the 37th Annual Blue and Green Gala on Leap Day, **February 29**, at 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 while building up 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 towards 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.

ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES Quarter Ending December 31, 2019

	Quarter Ending Dec 31, 2019		July 1-Dec 31, 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
CHURCH Operating Revenue				
	286,000	292,600	576,600	558,700
Collections, Gifts and Bequests			·	
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	23,800	51,700	50,500	106,200
Total Operating Revenue Operating Expenses	309,800	344,300	627,100	664,900
Salary and Related	52,600	51,400	108,500	111,400
PND Tuition & Assessment	29,900	27,000	59,900	54,000
Other Operating Expenses	94,000	95,100	189,000	177,100
Total Church Expenditures	176,500	173,500	357,400	342,500
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	133,300	170,800	269,700	322,400
SCHOOL				
Operating Revenue				
Tuition and Fees	336,300	324,000	555,700	542,000
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	153,500	137,800	226,800	211,000
Total Operating Revenue	489,800	461,800	782,500	753,000
Operating Expenses				
School Expenditures	473,100	507,700	1,009,200	1,062,300
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	78,600	75,200	146,200	132,800
Total School Expenditures	551,700	582,900	1,155,400	1,195,100
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(61,900)	(121,100)	(372,900)	(442,100)
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	71,400	49,700	(103,200)	(119,700)
NON OPERATING ACTUAL REVENUE/EXPENSES				
Annual Giving (See Notes)	36,300	60,000	36,800	60,000
Investments	55,000	25,000	79,800	50,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	91,300	85,000	116,600	110,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	162,700	134,700	13,400	(9,700)
NOTE: The unrealized activity of our investments is not included in the above numbers. Those numbers are stated below.				
Unrealized Appreciation	137,100	25,000	111,100	50,000

Total Annual Giving Pledges total \$81,400 at December 31 which includes the \$36,800 designated for the Church and \$44,600 designated for the School which is reflected in the Operating Revenue of the School.



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The next St. Thomas Women's Guild meeting is Monday, March 2 at 6:30 P.M.

Parish Registration

New Parishioner Change of address/phone
Phone
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Email
First Name(s)
Last Name
Register on our website at stthomaspeoria.org. Under About open the New Parishioner Registration, complete and submit the form.
Parish Office or

Holy Hour for Vocations

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

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

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.

> Mark your calendar for **Totus Tuus 2020**

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

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, a 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 www.redcrossblood.org 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 schedule the class.

Confessions

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

How to Submit Bulletin Information

Send information for the bulletin to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net with subject "Bulletin". Submissions are due by Friday noon one full week prior. Send images or logos separately as attachments. Please use a format other than PDF for images. Submissions may be edited for content and length.





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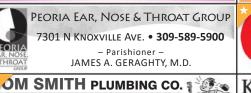
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