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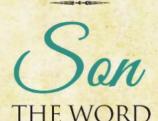


SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY June 7, 2020



and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:6



became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

# Holy Spirit

THE ADVOCATE,

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name ~ he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

John 14:26





#### Welcome back to St. Thomas!

State restrictions have been lifted and the Bishop has approved the reopening of our churches. Beginning on June 6, we will return to our regular Mass and confession schedule at St. Thomas.

Even so, there are still precautions to be observed to safeguard your health. Masks are important when it is not possible to maintain proper distancing. We have marked the pews to assist you in spreading out. We will modify some of our practices by not passing collection baskets, not distributing the Precious Blood, and suspending the sign of peace.

One way to help maintain distancing is by attending Mass in the narthex or even the chapel. Chairs will be available to let those, especially who might be at greater risk. We will bring Communion to the narthex and chapel.

At the same time, remember that you are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass. Those who are sick must stay home. Those who are at risk are encouraged to consider staying home. We will continue to record videos of Mass for those at home. Communion will be distributed outside of Mass. We may revise this schedule over time, but for now, Communion will be available from 12:00 to 12:30 pm for those who prudently choose not to attend Mass.

A separate part of the bulletin will contain information about rescheduled events. We will begin with the reception of RCIA candidate and First Communion. More rescheduled events will come as we continue to reopen.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming Deacon Austin Bosse who will be assigned to St. Thomas this summer. He will be ordained to the diaconate on June 14 and then will join us before returning in the fall for his final year of seminary before priestly ordination.

-Msgr. Gray

#### Readings for the Week of June 7, 2020

Sunday Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6.8-9: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13: John 3:16-181

**Monday** 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday St. Efrem

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday** 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday St. Barnabas

Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26,13:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday** 1 Kings 19:9a,11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday St. Anthony of Padua

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17;

John 6:51-58

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, June 7, 2020

7:00 a.m. Sandy Rapp/D'Arcy Hauesser

9:00 a.m. Michael Gray 1st Anniv/R.D. Campbell

11:00 a.m. For the People

5:00 p.m. Dolores Oppe/Paul and Mildred Gilles

#### Monday, June 8, 2020

7:00 a.m. Norm and Gerry Ralph/Kim and Scott Krueger

8:00 a.m. Frank Eaton/Linda Lee Hunter

#### Tuesday, June 9, 2020

7:00 a.m. Jerry Smith/Bev Tanner

8:00 a.m. Merton and Jean Hubert/Kim and Scott Krueger

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2020

7:00 a.m. Homer Jacquin/Family

8:00 a.m. Ginny Stanard/Jeanne Whalen

#### Thursday, June 11, 2020

7:00 a.m. Patrick Ruhaak 2nd Anniv/Family

8:00 a.m. Snyder Anniversary/Alan

#### Friday, June 12, 2020

7:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB

8:00 a.m. Mary Rose Kelly/Don Kelly and Family

#### Saturday, June 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Jack McGinn 1st Anniversary and Family

#### Sunday, June 14, 2020

7:00 a.m. Evangeline Anderson/Angela Kenny

9:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Deceased members Bennet, Bautista, Mejia Families

5:00 p.m. John Darwin Slain/Mary T. Wille

#### Masses

Saturday, June 6 Sunday, June 7 Beginning June 8 8:00 a.m, 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m, 9:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays 7:00 a.m, 8:00 a.m.

#### Communion Outside Mass

Sunday, June 7

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Communion will be distributed on Sunday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm. Msgr. Gray will be in the narthex to distribute the Eucharist. Those who do not wish to leave their vehicles can pull up in the crescent drive. Wait patiently and Communion will be brought to you.

#### **Confessions**

Saturday, June 6

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.; 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Mass Online

Will be available after 6:00 p.m. Saturday on You Tube. Search Jason Gray on You Tube or use the link on the parish website.

#### Act of Spiritual Communion

FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN MASS AT HOME

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

#### Stay in Touch

- 1. **Join Msgr. Gray for Mass each day**. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org or the Parish App
- 2. **Bookmark the Parish Blog** which will feature regular updates (jaray.org/st\_thomas).
- Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 4. **Receive the Bulletin** and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 5. **Bookmark the parish webpage** (stthomaspeoria.org).

#### Our Sympathy

Patricia Hilst

Margie Joyce sister of Bill Hughes

Dan Crawmer brother of Jeff Crawmer

Donna Martin

#### **Baptism Congratulations**

Roman Edward Lusardi son of Christopher and Maria Lusardi



Congratulations to Fr. Paul Stark, S.J. on his 35th Anniversary of ordination June 7. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

## Warning About Risk Assumed by Parishioners

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

### Parish Office Hours 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We will continue to have limited hours in the Parish Office. The office will be open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m. Staff will also be available by email or leaving a message. To leave a message call 309-688-3446 and at the prompt press:

- 3 Msgr. Gray
- 4 Fr. Stark
- 0 Terri-Administrative Assistant

1340 - Julie-Accounting

1341 - Pat-Tuition

If you have items to drop for the Parish Office you are welcome to put them under the door of the Office downstairs in the church, under the door of the main Sacristy upstairs. The church building is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

#### As We Reopen for Public Mass

There will be some modifications that we must take into account.

The faithful will continue to be dispensed from attending Mass. Parishioners should be aware that there is still some risk when people go out in public. For those who are at risk or with underlying conditions, you may freely stay home. People will be able (but not required) to come to Mass.

If you are sick, we will insist that you stay home. If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, or if you have flu-like symptoms, it is important that you not come to Mass where you may expose others.

You are encouraged to maintain social distancing and wear protective equipment, such as a face mask or face covering. Masks are not required when people are able to maintain proper distancing. Families who live in the same household are also not required to maintain distancing among themselves.

There will be a few other adjustments to our regular routine:

- As a precaution, collection baskets will not be passed during the offertory. Baskets will be left in fixed locations for your contributions.
- There will be no gift procession during the offertory.
- There will be no sign of peace before the Lamb of God.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- The faithful are encouraged to receive Communion in the hand and to carefully avoid any physical contact with the minister's hand when receiving.
- Those who do not wish to come forward at Communion are encouraged to remain in place and to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Glory be to God Father, Who created me, because He loved me...

Glory be to Jesus Christ, Who died for me, because He loved me...

Glory be to Holy Spirit, Who lives in me, because He loves me...

St. Teresa of Kolkata

### **Food Pantry**

Current needs are: rice, jelly, syrup and meal helper.

Students interested in earning service hours at the pantry this summer, please contact Rob Berg to schedule your hours. orioberg@mediacombb.net or 815-954-0297.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Pantry during this challenging time. Many of our neighbors were able to come to the pantry, and provide for their families as they adjusted to the stay at home order. We, and they, sincerely appreciate your donations of food and financial support.

#### When you go the poor, you encounter Jesus



No work of charity is foreign to the society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentian help can include any assistance that promotes human dignity and integrity. The following is one of the many instances in which your prayers and generous donations resulted in helping a couple through a health crisis.

Recently, a woman called the St. Vincent de Paul Helpline, needing help to cover a rent payment. She had received a cancer diagnosis and had to lose seven weeks of work during her cancer treatment. At the same time, her husband developed a severe skin infection and was hospitalized. He, also, missed work. They are both hourly employees and neither received a salary during their sick leave. Thus, they were behind on their rent and other expenses. The St. Vincent de Paul Society paid a significant portion of their rent, helped them get on an Ameren payment plan, directed them to the St. Thomas Food Pantry, and assisted them with resource information. She tearfully said that they were not accustomed to asking anyone for help.

Because of your caring and concern, this ouple was able to remain in their home, supplement their food supply, and learn of other resources. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul encounters many sorts of situations where people are in crisis. Helping them is the reason that the Society exists, and it is for this reason that we rely on and deeply appreciate your support.

-Cissy Carlson

The next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be the weekend of June 6/7.

#### **Upcoming Events**

### First Communion for Second Graders

Our second grade St. Thomas School and CCD students who have prepared for First Communion, will receive their First Communion at Masses on Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.

#### **RCIA**

RCIA candidates will be received into the Church on June 13 or 14, at a Mass to be determined.

#### **Liturgy Schedules**

Ministry Scheduler Pro is open for volunteers for the summer. Please see the website or your app to sign up to lecture, usher, and serve as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.



#### **Job Opening**

St. Thomas School is seeking to fill a teacher job opening:

- 6-8th Grade English Teacher

Please send letter of interest and resume to our principal, Maureen Bentleyat: maureenbentley@stthomas-school.com

#### 2020/2021 School Year

St. Thomas School provides a wealth of opportunities to our students at all levels. We are committed to providing the best quality Catholic education we can at St. Thomas, including our music, band, art, and Spanish programs and other extra-curricular subjects. We have openings in all grades, Pre 3 through 8th grade. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about all that is waiting for them at St. Thomas School please call our school office at 685-2533.

A virtual tour of our school is on our website at school.stthomaspeoria.org



June 2, 2020

To the priests, deacons religious and faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria,

Dear friends in Christ,

I give thanks to God that our Local Church is now able to begin a new phase in emerging, step by step, from a medical quarantine. While outdoor liturgies may continue, by this week, many of our parish churches will have been certified to reopen for Sunday and weekday Masses, limiting size of any given congregation, keeping safe social distancing, and adhering to strict protocols for sanitizing our worship spaces. Our churches may now also be open for private prayer and adoration. At this time in our experience of a pandemic, those who are vulnerable to infection or simply uncomfortable gathering in larger groups should know in these unusual circumstances they are under so no obligation to attend Mass. Some might even consider attending a weekday Mass rather than a Sunday congregation. As always, those who are ill should simply stay home.

I fully comprehend the enormous suffering that the recent "fasting" from the Eucharist has caused for so many believers. We are a Eucharistic Church, and the Mass is our greatest source of grace and the very summit of our lived Holy Communion with the Risen Christ. Ket s pray fervently that a later or more virulent outbreak of pandemic would not necessitate a return to greater restrictions on Divine Service. In that sad circumstance, however, because of our recent experience with "drive in" Confessions and Communion and enhances use of the media we would perhaps be better prepared to continue pastoral care even in an extreme situation.

I would like to add a special work of thanks and encouragement to our priests who in these difficult days have continue to serve in many creative ways, and especially those who with special training have made themselves available to minister to those ill or dying from the virus. I also wish to thank all those folks who have used their technical gifts to enable others to experience our worship and instruction through live streaming and social media. I woul dcertainly like to praise those families who have regularly come together for shared prayer and reflection, especially on the Lord's Day. May all these good efforts in the service of God and neighbor continue even when our society returns to bette health.

After living through these last several months of testing and loss, may we never again take for granted the enormous gift of our parish communities and the infinite consolation of the Mass and the Sacraments. May Our Lady Help of the Sick pray with us and for us in all our needs, and may Almighty God bless and protect all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ranie R. Jenky ".

Most Reverent Daniel R. Jenky, C.S,C. Bishop of Peoria



### **Parish Registration**

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

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Our school code is **BA38E9AD7759**.

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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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