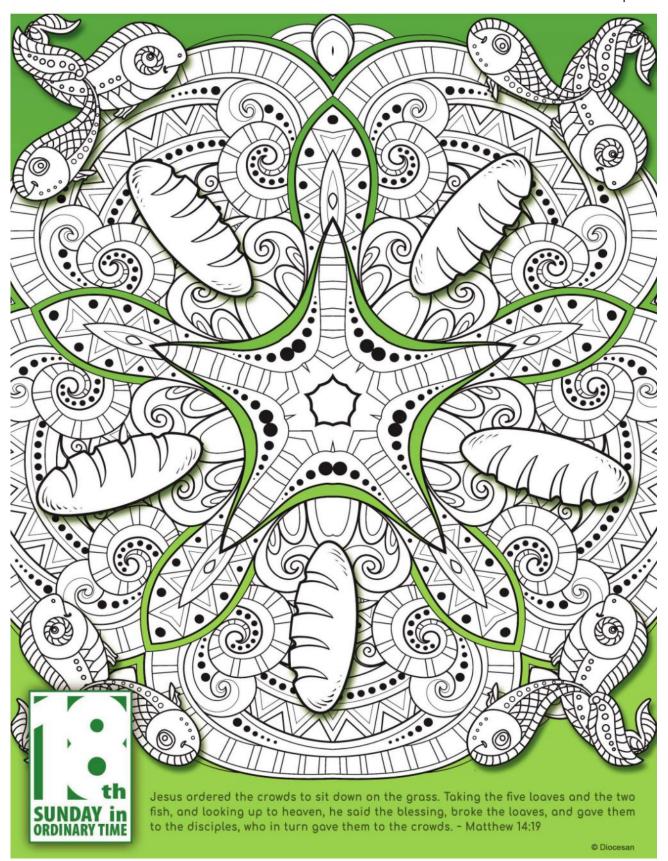


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It's hard to believe that we have arrived at the month of August! While we are not "back to normal" yet, I think it is good for us to take steps in that direction. This weekend we will restart our first Donut Sunday after morning Masses. Please take caution, as we have distanced the tables in the Parish Hall and all food items will be prepared and passed to you, so there will not be any common touching of any food or service items. With these precautions, I look forward to welcoming you for some community after Masses!

We look forward next week to our parish and school picnic which will take place outdoors for added safety. The following week, we will have our rescheduled Fish Fry, which will also take place outdoors. Please see the bulletin for more information.

Please sign up this weekend for Adoration as we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday, August 7. Exposition begins after the 8 AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be displayed in the monstrance throughout the day for our private prayer. Please stop by any time during the day to spend time with Our Lord. Exposition will continue until just before 8 PM when we will hold Benediction. In Benediction, you will receive a blessing using the Eucharistic Host in the monstrance. This is a wonderful way of growing in our devotion to Jesus through private prayer, as well as our participation in public Mass.

Please pray for St. Thomas Parish and St. Thomas School. We have worked very hard to prepare for a new school year and will work to the best of our ability to provide an excellent education for our children. Please know that your prayerful support, and your financial contributions, are very much appreciated. You are an essential part of our success for the St. Thomas family.

-Msgr. Gray



Pray with the Pope

August 2020 The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Readings for the Week of August 2, 2020

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 1-3; Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21

Monday Jeremiah 28: 1-17; Matthew 14: 22-36

Tuesday St. John Vianney

Jeremiah 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22: Matthew 14: 22-36

Wednesday The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Jeremiah 31: 1-7: Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19

Friday St. Cajetan

Nahum 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16: 24-28

Saturday St. Dominic

Habakkuk 1: 12—2: 4; Matthew 17: 14-20

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 3, 2020

7:00 a.m. Bernie Rose, Bernie Jr., & Karen Hayden/ Mary & Cliff

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8:00 a.m. Joseph Nham Vu/Phan & Tami Vu

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

7:00 a.m. Penny Scherer/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley 8:00 a.m. Walter Arnold/Bob & Jean Hallam

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

7:00 a.m. Janet Keithley/Family

8:00 a.m. Jack Pearl/Karen & Bob Metzinger

Thursday, August 6, 2020

7:00 a.m. John Rush/Patty Rush

8:00 a.m. Gordon Jockisch/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, August 7, 2020

7:00 a.m. Anthony Gray/Nelson Family

8:00 a.m. World Peace & Special Prayer Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Jerry Smith/Mary Ann Noe

Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:00 a.m. Joe & Ric Olson/Judy Hendricks

9:00 a.m. Winifred Haughney & Anna Merkel/Mike & Theresa

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11:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of August 2

FIRST FRIDAY SIGN-UP in the Narthex

ST VINCENT DE PAUL and FOOD PANTRY this weekend

COFFEE AND DONUTS after morning Masses

CENTERING PRAYER Monday, August 3, 8:30 a.m., Church

ROSARY Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 a.m., Church

ADORATION Friday, August 7, after 8:00 Mass, until Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish and School Picnic

Men's Club Fish Fry

Msgr. Rank Mass
Septemberfest

Men's Club Golf Outing

August 9

August 15

August 20

September 6

September 25

Act of Spiritual Communion

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**. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org or the Parish App
- 2. **Bookmark the Parish Blog** which will feature regular updates (jgray.org/st_thomas).
- 3. **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).

Weekly Collection

	July 26, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$80,000
Sunday Collections	\$7,864	\$46,821
Electronic Collections	·	
Total Collected	•	·
Over/(Short)	\$(8,737)	\$(19,583)

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

Allen Kelch



The Most Reverend Louis Tylka Formally Installed as Coadjutor Bishop

The Most Reverend Louis Tylka was formally ordained and installed as Coadjutor Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Peoria on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

Bishop Tylka, the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, will succeed Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, when his retires at the age of 75 in March of 2022.

Prior to being appointed by Pope Francis, Coadjutor Bishop Tylka, 50, was Pastor of St. Julie Billiart in Tinley Park, Illinois. He earned a reputation as a very popular pastor in the Archdiocese of Chicago where he was known as a man of holiness and prayer, generous in service, who knows how to encourage the talents of others in collaborative ministry.

I know that Coadjutor Bishop Tylka will bring enormous talent, zeal, and a warm personality to the service of God and neighbor here in central Illinois. I have assured Bishop Tylka that he can expect an enthusiastic welcome, and that we look forward to his pastoral ministry and leadership, said Bishop Jenky.

More information, and a link to Coadjutor Bishop Tylka's greeting, can be found on the Diocesan website: **cdop.org/tylka/**.

Video of the Mass is available for viewing on the **Diocese of Peoria Facebook** page.

Sponsor of the Week



Virtue of Chastity



Chastity is the Evangelical Counsel in which we consecrate our lives now in anticipation of the Kingdom that is to come. Those who embrace celibate chastity forego the joys of marriage and family in order to live the Kingdom of God on earth, since, those who are worthy to attain the coming age in the resurrection neither marry nor are given in marriage

(Lk 20:35-36). In this way, the celibate imitates the pure and virginal love of Christ who nevertheless gave Himself totally for the sake of his spiritual bride when he died on the cross. Chastity does not indicate the absence of love. Rather, Chastity purifies love through selfless sacrifice for the beloved.

Chastity is a gift to a consecrated religious woman who pledges herself to Our Lord as a Bride of Christ. Chastity is a gift to the priest, religious monk, or consecrated brother who commits himself to the service of the Church with an undivided heart.

The laity, and especially those who are married, benefit from the Evangelical Counsel of Chastity which reminds us to order our bodily desires after the corrupting influence of original sin. We are reminded to raise our minds above worldly thinking, unrestrained desires of the flesh, and the values in our culture, to a more noble and generous love.

Chastity is depicted by the Easter lily, associated with the resurrection and with purity.

Virtue of Humility

Humility is a virtue that grounds us, as it comes from the Latin word for earth (humus). The virtue of Humility is opposed to the capital sin of pride. As pride is often considered the most deadly sin, Humility is most valuable as a crowning virtue. The Devil refused to serve God, falling through



pride, but has been conquered by the Virgin Mary, the humble handmaid of the Lord ready to do the Lord's will.

Humility prompts us to lower ourselves, placing the interests of others ahead of our own (Phil 2:3). The humble person receives a special Beatitude, *Blessed are the meek*. Jesus gives us the primary example of humility, since He is God who emptied himself to share in our human nature, humbling himself even to death on the cross (Phil 2:6-8). A person who humbles himself before God trusts in the promise that God will exalt him (Jam 4:10).

Humility is rooted in the truth that we are small when we stand before the majesty of God. However, false humility is dangerous when a person proposes something that is not true in order to appear artificially lower. Humility rejoices in the truth, recognizing that the gifts we have are actually given to us by the Lord.

Humility is represented by the Lilies of the Valley that bow over, hanging low. The bowing flowers remind us to submit ourselves humbly before the Lord.

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Register Online At:

https://www.stthomaspeoria.org/product/2020-st-thomas-golf-scramble/

Stop down for Coffee and Donuts after morning Mass this weekend

For our Liturgical Volunteers

Ministry Scheduler Pro has released a new version of the program that we use to manage liturgical volunteers. Readers, servers, ushers, and extraordinary ministers should check out the new platform. If you use the mobile app, it should have updated automatically.

GOLF REGISTRATION \$95per person

Registration Deadline September 11th

Late registration after September 11th,

\$100 Per Person

DINNER ONLY \$25

Dinner starts at 5:30pm.

For more information contact:

Terri Moon

(309) 688-3446

St. Thomas Men's Club



Saturday, August 15, 2020

Serving from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

In the school cafeteria Adults (13 and older) – \$10.00* Children (6 through 12) – \$5.00*

Children five and under free with paid adult. *

Advance sales recommend - So we can order enough fish

Tickets For Sale After Mass

Carry Outs Available

Menu includes: Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Bread, and Drink Children's menu: Fish or Grilled Cheese Women's Guild : Cookies

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St. Thomas Parish & School Picnic



Join us for the St. Thomas Parish/School Picnic.

Sunday, August 9th after 11AM Mass on the back lot.

Bring your chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy lunch and fellowship as we start to kick off the new school year.

Hot dogs, chips, and waters will be provided.

You are welcome to bring additional food for your family, but we will not be having a potluck this year.

When you go the poor, you encounter Jesus



The range of requests for assistance from our neighbors in need is broader than the "big three" requests of Rent, Ameren, and Water. We're used to those requests, and can anticipate

what to expect and how to address our clients' needs in most cases. But from time to time, there are calls for help that challenge our resources and resourcefulness. The table below offers you an idea of what we might face with some of the more infrequent and unusual requests. This is why we make home visits (except at present); circumstances surrounding mant of these requests may need extended conversations to understand the needs of the client more fully.

The work of St. Vincent de Paul is never routine or boring; come and join us on a most gratifying and interesting journey. You will be blessed by the people you meet and by the words and feelings you share and the insights into poverty you receive on every visit. Thank you for your continued support.

Some other St. Vincent de Paul Requests besides Rent/Ameren/Water Bills

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Attorney fees
Baby stroller
Bus pass (city)
Car payment
Class fee
Clinic payment
Clothing
Day care
Dental
Eye exam & glasses
Funeral expenses
Furnace
Furniture
Green card renewal

Hearing aids
Knee brace
Medications
Medical bills
Phone bill
Property tax
Refrigerator
Sanitation bill
Toiletries
Train ticket
U-Haul rental
Washer/dryer
Water heater

Don Smith

Food Pantry

Current needs are: rice, syrup, pasta sauce, and meal helper.

Parish Office Hours

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m. Staff will also be available by email or voicemail. 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 deliver for the Parish Office you are welcome to put them under the door of the Office downstairs in the Church, or under the door of the main Sacristy upstairs. The Church is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

For those not yet ready to come back to Mass

We will continue to have Communion available outside of Mass on Sunday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm. Come into the narthex, or pull up in the crescent drive to receive.

We will continue to record Mass and post the recordings on YouTube. See the parish website **stthomaspeoria.org** for a link to the channel.

We will begin recording the Sunday 7 AM Mass in place of the Saturday 5 PM Mass. As we begin to have music at Saturday evening Mass, we may have copyright issues with videos posted on YouTube. The silent Mass on Sunday morning at 7 AM will be easier to upload.



St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 677-7696

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.

New Parishioner	Change of address/phone	
Phone		
City	ZIP	
Address		
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First Name(s)		
Last Name		
form.		

Catholic Women's League Rosary

Monday, August 17th - 9:30 am

St. James Church

2240 E. Legion Road, Williamsfield, IL 61489

For any questions please contact **Melanie Picl** (309)-682-4520

We will be practicing safe social distancing along with recommending masks as needed.

Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark's Church, Peoria



Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic

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THURSDAY, September 10

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Questions? Contact Tara Shane at 691-8741 or **t.shane@pndhs.org**.

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Sacrament of Baptism

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

Confessions

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

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