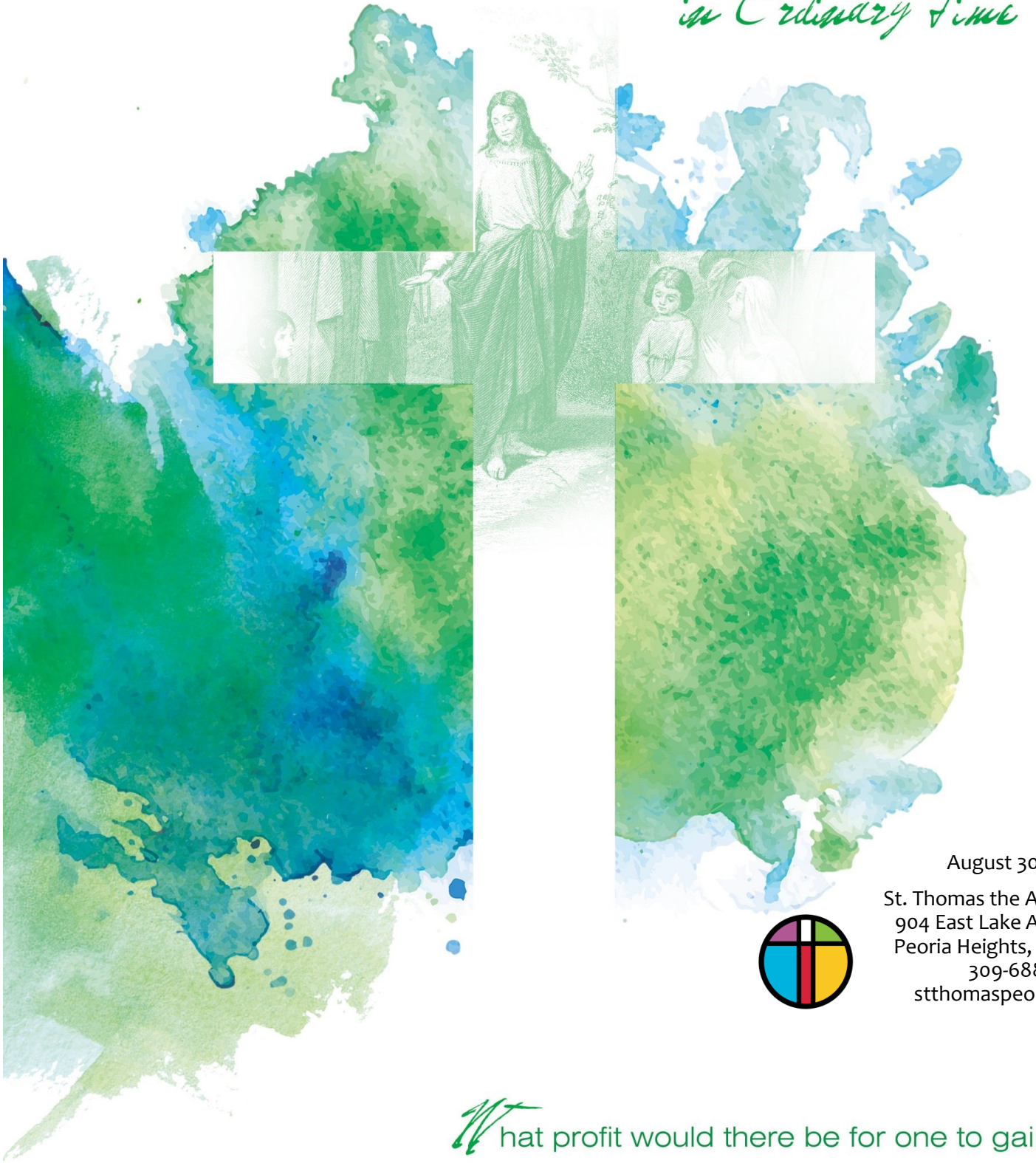


# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



August 30, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle  
904 East Lake Avenue  
Peoria Heights, Illinois  
309-688-3446  
[stthomaspeoria.org](http://stthomaspeoria.org)



*W*hat profit would there be for one to gain  
the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what  
can one give in exchange for his life?

Matthew 16:26

## From Our Pastor



This week we look forward to additional work in the sanctuary as the baldacchino and reredos are installed around the tabernacle. I am grateful for all the feedback and encouragement that you have given about these wonderful improvements to the church.

Several parishioners have come forward to support the purchase of new mosaic Stations of the Cross. If you're interested in supporting this effort, please let me know. I'm happy to see your support for these beautiful additions grow.

This Friday will be the first Friday of September. We continue with our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Please sign up and join us for some time of quiet prayer before the Eucharist. Exposition begins at 8:30 am and will continue until Benediction just before 8 pm.

Congratulations to our St. Thomas School faculty and staff for completing our second week of school. We have our pre-school students in the building as well as our grade school students. I am so proud of their hard work and their flexibility during these difficult times. Believe it or not, the students are happy to be back in school! They say that they're happy to see their friends again. However, it is also good for them to be out of the house, and learning again – (I know the parents agree!). Please continue to support our parish and school as we work for the education of our children.

-Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week  
Peoria Siding & Window Co.



## Readings for the Week of August 30, 2020

|                  |   |
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Luke 4: 16-30   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 1 Corinthians 2: 10b-16; Luke 4: 31-37  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Luke 4: 38-44   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</b><br>1 Corinthians 3: 18-23; Luke 5: 1-11 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Luke 5: 33-39   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>St. Teresa of Calcutta</b><br>1 Corinthians 4: 6b-15; Luke 6: 1-5                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20  |

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 31, 2020

|           |  |
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| 7:00 a.m. | Bob Prendergrass/Kay Ryan                    |
| 8:00 a.m. | Catherine Richardson/Catholic Women's League |

### Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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| 7:00 a.m. | Dottie Flores/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley |
| 8:00 a.m. | Walter Arnold/Terry Hardesty          |

### Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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| 7:00 a.m. | Mary Dunne/Donna Weeks           |
| 8:00 a.m. | Brooke Crawmer Joseph/Maddie Cox |

### Thursday, September 3, 2020

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| 7:00 a.m. | John Rush/Mary Jane Joseph                      |
| 8:00 a.m. | Jack & Jane Donnelly/Tom & Diane Carroll Family |

### Friday, September 4, 2020

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| 7:00 a.m. | James D. Patrich/Steve & Maggie Jackson |
| 8:00 a.m. | World Peace & Special Prayer Intentions |

### Saturday, September 5, 2020

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| 8:00 a.m. | Purgatorial Society        |
| 5:00 p.m. | Karen Helton/Sally Johnson |

### Sunday, September 6, 2020

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| 7:00 a.m.  | Melvin & Lucille Noe/Family              |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Winnefred A. Farragher/Frances Farragher |
| 11:00 a.m. | Jing Bautista/Bennet Family              |
| 5:00 p.m.  | For the People                           |

## Week of August 30

**FIRST FRIDAY SIGN-UP** in the Narthex

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Registration, Downstairs after Masses

**CENTERING PRAYER** Monday, August 31, 8:30 a.m., Church

**ROSARY** Tuesday, September 1, 10:00 a.m., Church

**ADORATION** Friday, Sept. 4 after 8:00 Mass until Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Club Golf Outing

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.

## RCIA

Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Church?

RCIA classes begin **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7 PM** in the school library.

If you are interested in attending RCIA classes, please call the Parish Office, or simply attend the first class on September 16.

## That Man is You ~ Registration

All men of the Parish are invited to participate in **That Man is You**, starting Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 a.m. This year's theme is *The Fight of Faith*, with a lineup of 10 dynamic speakers.

**Registration: After all Masses, August 29 & 30.**

If you are interested in participating, please register after Mass this weekend. Contact the Parish Office, or email George Burek at [georgeburek@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeburek@yahoo.com)

## Weekly Collection

|                              | August 16, 2020 | Fiscal YTD |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Collections needed.....      | \$20,000.....   | \$160,000  |
| Sunday Collections.....      | \$11,880.....   | \$94,456   |
| Electronic Collections ..... | \$3,399.....    | \$27,192   |
| Total Collected.....         | \$15,279.....   | \$121,648  |
| Over/(Short) .....           | \$(4,721).....  | \$(38,352) |

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

Bette Grimm



## 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.

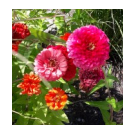
## Volunteers needed for Disinfecting

We could use a few additional volunteers to help disinfect the church after each of our weekend Masses. The disinfecting process is not complicated. We use an antiviral disinfecting spray to wipe down commonly touched surfaces. The time required is not long.

If you are willing to volunteer, please call the parish office or email [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net).

## Stay in Touch

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





In Jesus, we are all brothers and sisters on the same healing journey.  
With Jesus we are instruments of God's peace, love and compassion.  
Through Jesus, we strive to help people we serve to empower themselves.

From the Society of St. Vincent De Paul



Due to the Covid pandemic, we have replaced our preferred home visits with telephone interviews. A senior citizen called for assistance and repeatedly stated she doesn't like to ask for monetary assistance as there are others she feels are more in need. She requested help with a cell phone bill of \$95. Her teenage grandson lives with her and she needs to keep in touch with him.

From our conversation, we learned she is a diabetic, and is also on dialysis three times a week. She has special dietary needs, and follows the guidance of her healthcare provider. She stated that her adult children usually help her, but because of the pandemic, their jobs and incomes have been negatively affected.

We shopped for cleaning supplies she had difficulty finding because of recent shortages. We also took her food from our Food Pantry, gave her a Kroger gift card, and paid her phone bill. Our client was very grateful for our concern and all we able to provide.

Please keep her in your prayers, and continue to support our Food Pantry, and our monthly collection for services that we provide.

Nancy Medendorp

## BISHOP TYLKA KEEPSAKE



July 23 was a special day in the history of the Diocese of Peoria, and the highlights of the episcopal ordination of Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka have been beautifully captured in a special keepsake program, *A Moment of Grace*. The 8.5-by-11, 56-page high quality commemorative includes nearly 40 color photos from the day, the full texts of homilies and other remarks by church leaders, background on Bishop Lou and his family, and more.

The program is available by sending \$12 (\$10 per booklet, plus \$2 for shipping) to Bishop Tylka Commemorative, c/o The Catholic Post, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL, 61656. Make checks payable to The Catholic Post.

We will have some available, in the narthex, for \$10.

## Free Event ~ Find out about Scouting

### Scout Pack 28 and Troop 28



Youth and parents can learn more about joining **Scouts BSA** (and can collect Pokémon on the Pokémon Go app) by visiting a Pokémon gym in your area.

Come to the Pokémon gym at the bell tower in front of St. Thomas Church, and speak to volunteers involved in St. Thomas scouting. You will receive a rope and instructions to practice knot tying.

Open to girls and boys ages Kindergarten through age 20. Come out to learn about Scouting and catch some Pokémon while you are there!

**Join us, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

This will be a socially-distanced event, not a large gathering. Please wear a mask and be considerate to others in your vicinity!

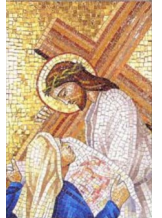
## Mosaics of the Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross: You are welcome to contribute to the purchase of new mosaic Stations of the Cross to match the new mosaics that we will have in our sanctuary.

Please contact Msgr. Gray or the Parish Office for more information.



Station 4



Station 6

## Food Pantry

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

*Thanks for your generosity*



## Children's Religious Education

Religious Education (CCD) serves children in grades 1 through 8 who attend St. Thomas Parish, but do not attend St. Thomas school.

At this time we have not yet developed a plan for in-person instruction; however, be assured your child(ren) will receive religious education, despite the obstacles facing all of us from COVID. Please follow the Church bulletin for more details and start-up information.

Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and we hope to start at the end of September or beginning of October.

Contact Angie Robenstein at 309-645-1364, or 309-685-2533, for registration materials to be sent to you, as plans progress.



# 2020 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

In support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Assistance Fund  
Hosted by: St. Thomas Men's Club

**Friday, September 25th, 2020 • Mt. Hawley Country Club**

All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from this year's outing will fund \$500 scholarships for students of St. Thomas who demonstrate a financial need. It is the goal of the Men's Club to fund 15 scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated.

## GOLF REGISTRATION \$95 per person

Golfer sponsorship includes: Door prize ticket, green fees, cart, and dinner.

*Registration Deadline Friday, September 11th • Late registration after September 11th, \$100 Per Person*

**DINNER ONLY \$25 Per Person /** Dinner starts at 5:30pm.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### HOT SPOT SPONSORS

- Golf Beverage Sponsors: \$200 / Logo on Sign at beverage stations
- Dinner Sponsors - \$200 / Logo on table tents at dinner

### TEE SPONSORS \$125 / 35 Sponsors

Placement of company logo sign at the Tee Box or at the Hole.

### BE A PRIZE OR RAFFLE SPONSOR

Feature your business by donating a raffle or prize item. Please drop off prize or raffle item at 613 W. Glen Ave. Include donor information and value (optional).

- Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am
- Shotgun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon)
- Followed by a Steak Dinner at St. Thomas
- Registration Deadline Friday, September 11th
- Late Registration \$100 Per Person

For more information please contact:

Terri Moon (309) 688-3446

Email: [terrimoon@stthomas-church.net](mailto:terrimoon@stthomas-church.net)

**Please Submit Payment with Registration**

### REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Golfers

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Sponsorship

Sponsorship Category : \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **St. Thomas Men's Club**

Mail registration along with payment to:

Terri Moon / Golf • 904 E. Lake Ave. • Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 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.

## Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

The Holy Hour is generally the first Monday of the month and consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers.

Monday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Mark's Church; 1113 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria  
Facial masks and social distancing requested

*Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?*

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_



## 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](http://stthomaspeoria.org) for a link to the channel.

We are 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.

## Resting in God

Join Sister Linda Burkitt, OSF, in a virtual three, or five, day retreat.

Call 309-214-0187, or email [srlbicc@gmail.com](mailto:srlbicc@gmail.com), for more information/details/arrangements.



## Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic

Get your foursome together and sign up for the 24th Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic.

**THURSDAY, September 10**, Weaver Ridge Golf Club.

The outing includes a round of golf with cart, great prizes, a box lunch, dinner and awards. This is a fun way to support Catholic secondary education.

Questions? Contact Tara Shane at 691-8741 or [t.shane@pndhs.org](mailto:t.shane@pndhs.org).

Registration for golf participation, hole sponsors, and major sponsors is available at [www.PeoriaNotreDame.com/golf](http://www.PeoriaNotreDame.com/golf).

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| <b>Sacristan</b> .....Mother Vaclava Ballon, FSJB.....(688-3500)<br><a href="mailto:fsjbpeoria@yahoo.com">fsjbpeoria@yahoo.com</a>  |  | <b>Tuition Coordinator</b> .....Pat Wombacher.....(x1341)<br><a href="mailto:patwombacher@stthomas-school.net">patwombacher@stthomas-school.net</a>                                    |  |
| <b>Deacon</b> ..... Dcn. Mark Kelsch..... (692-4908)<br>Dcn. John Nelson ..... (981-2716)<br>Dcn. Ed Mallow ..... (360-7735)  |  | <b>CCD Coordinator</b> ..... Angie Robenstein.....(x1200)<br><a href="mailto:angierobenstein@stthomas-school.net">angierobenstein@stthomas-school.net</a>                              |  |
| <b>School Principal</b> ..... Maureen Bentley ..... (x1210)<br><a href="mailto:maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net">maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net</a>   |  | <b>Music Coordinator</b> ..... Ann Horst..... (682-5507)<br><b>Choir Director</b> ..... Erin Craig<br><a href="mailto:erincraig@stthomas-school.net">erincraig@stthomas-school.net</a> |  |
|   |  | <b>Annulment Consultant</b> .....John Mackoway ..... (699-5213)  |  |
| <b>Sacrament of Baptism</b><br>Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the class.   |  | <b>Confessions</b><br>Saturday<br>4:00-4:45pm &<br>6:00-6:30 p.m.  | <b>How to Submit Bulletin Information</b><br>Send information for the bulletin to <a href="mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net">parishoffice@stthomas-church.net</a> with subject <i>Bulletin</i> . Submissions are due by Friday noon, one full week prior. Send images or logos separately as attachments. Submissions may be edited for content and length. |