



September 20, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle  
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# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*Matthew 20:15-16*

## From Our Pastor



This weekend we will distribute pledge cards for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The ADA is the primary means of supporting the work of the Diocese of Peoria. Many of you will recall that we normally conduct the Annual Diocesan Appeal in the spring, but Corona caused the delay of many activities, including this appeal.

The Diocese has reduced the goal this year for all parishes, as we are all dealing with the economic consequences of the recent shut-down. I encourage you to do your part to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. There will be more information about the appeal this weekend.

We have begun our new RCIA class for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic. Everyone is welcome and is invited to any of our sessions. RCIA classes will be held in person, but each individual lecture will also be recorded, since the lockdown has challenged us all to grow in learning to communicate more effectively online. Each recording will be available for those who want to watch the session afterwards.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please encourage them to join our RCIA class or contact the Parish Office for more information. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, in the school library.

We look forward to the Men's Club Golf Outing Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. There are still spaces for those who would like to sign up.

Finally, we are finishing modifications to make our Parish Office more functional. I look forward to inviting you into the Parish Office to see this beautifully repurposed space that will better serve all our parishioners.

-Msgr. Gray



## Pray with the Pope

September 2020  
Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



## Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 55: 6-9; Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9: 9-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Luke 8: 19-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> Proverbs 30: 5-9; Luke 9: 1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Luke 9: 7-9
<b>Friday</b>	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Luke 9: 18-22
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</b> Ecclesiastes 11: 9—12: 8; Luke 9: 43b-45
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 21, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Eileen Hoekstra/Marie Brien
8:00 a.m.	Carol Ostrander/Kathy Clary

### Tuesday, September 22, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Dr. James N. Kenny Sr./Family
8:00 a.m.	Anna Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

### Wednesday, September 23, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Jacquin/Family
8:00 a.m.	Sarah Salmon/Family

### Thursday, September 24, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Suzette Little Kennedy/John & Amy Kelly
8:00 a.m.	Norma Stroup/Dale & Brenda Noel
9:15 a.m.	Bette Grimm/Diana & Tim O'Hanlon

### Friday, September 25, 2020

7:00 a.m.	David Lynch/Greg & Margo Folley
8:00 a.m.	Walter Arnold/Sue Frasco

### Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Ward, Nyla, & Needra Bell/Jack & Margaret Weinstein
5:00 p.m.	Ric & Joe Olson/Kari & Larry Tongel

### Sunday, September 27, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Jeanne Broussard/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley
9:00 a.m.	Jim Scherer/Rose Sullivan
11:00 a.m.	Chip Chan/Family
5:00 p.m.	For the People



## Week of September 20

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** This weekend

**CENTERING PRAYER** Monday, September 21, 8:30 a.m., Church

**ROSARY** Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 a.m., Church

**RCIA**, Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m., School Library

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Thursday, September 24, 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

**MENS CLUB GOLF OUTING**, Friday, September 25

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of Animals	October 2
Women's Guild Dinner	October 12

## Sanctuary Update



We look forward to the installation of the mosaic images of the saints in the Sanctuary. In addition to St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Patrick, we will also have images of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Cont.

## Weekly Collection

September 13 2020

Fiscal YTD

Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$220,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$11,105.....	\$135,455
Electronic Collections .....	\$3,399.....	\$37,389
Total Collected.....	\$14,504.....	\$172,844
Over/(Short) .....	\$(5,496).....	\$(47,156)

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

Please pray for those who have died this week

*Sanctuary Cont.*

St. Thomas appears in a few specific passages of Scripture. When Jesus is prepared to go to Jerusalem, Thomas says that he will go to die with him (John 11:5-16). At the Last Supper, Thomas asks a question and is taught that **Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life** (John 14:1-7). Thomas is probably best known for his words of faith after the Resurrection, *My Lord and My God* (John 20:19-29).

After the Resurrection, Thomas was said to have evangelized Parthia and brought the Gospel as far as India. Tradition holds that Thomas visited the Indo-Parthian King Gondopernes who put him in charge of building the royal palace, since Thomas had skills as a carpenter. Hence, Thomas is depicted with the carpenter's square. He was martyred at Madras, which explains the depiction of the spear.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is an American-born saint and the patroness of Catholic Schools. She lived on the East coast from 1774 to 1821. As a young woman, she was raised Episcopalian, married and had children before her husband died. As a widow, she was moved by the devotion of her Catholic friends to the Blessed Sacrament. Converting to Catholicism in 1805, she dedicated herself to teaching children. She professed religious vows in 1809, and began a religious order that ran a boarding school for young girls, a school for the poor, and an orphan asylum.

The Sisters of Charity grew under Mother Seton's influence, and served Catholics in Philadelphia, New York, and several other states. The motherhouse was in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she died of tuberculosis. Her selfless dedication to the education of children is remembered to this day.

We ask for the intercession of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle to watch over our Parish. We also ask for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's intercession as a secondary patroness to watch over St. Thomas School. We will be reminded in the sanctuary of these great witnesses to the Catholic Faith who will inspire us to work for the good of St. Thomas Parish and School.

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## Children's Religious Education

We are currently registering students grades 1-8 for our 2020-2021 Religious Education classes (CCD) and will begin class on **Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.**

We will offer in-person classes, as well as home-based learning for students, with lessons provided from our religious education teachers.

Sacramental classes (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for Grades 2, 7, and 8 will be held in-person only.

Contact Angie Robenstein at 645-1364 or 685-2533 for registration materials and any questions or concerns.

### Food Pantry

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

*Thanks for your generosity*



### 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)).

## Youth Sports ~ St. Thomas Community Center

The **Greater Peoria Family YMCA's** Rebound Program (co-ed, ages 8-14) will not only teach the skills of **teamwork** and **leadership** but also spend **dedicated** time each week to foster development in the **principles** and **values** of the YMCA.

Several sessions are scheduled from September 2020 through June 2021. For more information: <https://peoriaymca.org/rebound/>

Youth Volleyball League: Co-ed, ages 7—14

Sundays from September 27—November 15

Children learn the fundamentals, focusing on basic skill development and proper technique. Participants progress from learning the rules to developing skills in the areas of underhand and overhand serving, setting, spiking, and digging.

For more information: [peoriaYMCA.org/YOUTHSPORTS](http://peoriaYMCA.org/YOUTHSPORTS)

## Knights of Columbus I.D. (Tootsie Roll) Drive



Weekend of October 3 & 4, 2020

### 2020 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

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

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

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### HOT SPOT SPONSORS

- Golf Beverage Sponsors: \$200 / Logo 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).

#### GOLF REGISTRATION \$95 Per Person

**Registration Deadline Friday, 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**

## 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.

## Vigil for Life

The day designated for St. Thomas sidewalk participation is Monday, October 26, 2020 from 7 a.m.—7 p.m.

Parishioners meet outside Planned Parenthood @ 4709 N. Knoxville Ave.

Please sign up @ [40daysforlife.com/Peoria](https://40daysforlife.com/Peoria) and click on **sign up for vigil hours**

## Celebrate Life Week at SIUE

*Students for Life* at SIU-Edwardsville are hosting several programs for *Celebrate Life Week* September 28—October 3, 2020

Programs are free, open to the public, and are via Zoom

Contact the Students for Life at [sivesfl@gmail.com](mailto:sivesfl@gmail.com) for more information

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

We are recording the Sunday 7 AM Mass in place of the Saturday 5 PM Mass.

## Catholic Women's League

Rosary Prayer  
Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 am  
St. Philomena Church  
1000 W. Albany  
Peoria, IL 61604

CWL Membership Renewal  
now - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Please mail dues (\$10) to:  
Catholic Women's League  
P.O. Box 9674  
Peoria, IL 61612-9674



## Resting in God

Join Sister Linda Burkitt, OSF, Heading Ave. Franciscan, 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.

## Helping Those in Need

Please do not give any money to anyone who approaches you at St. Thomas. All requests should be referred to one of the priests.

The volunteers in our St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter provide a great service, and are ready to meet with those in need and determine what help is appropriate to provide.



St. Vincent de Paul Helpline:  
677-7696

**ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES**  
**Quarter and Year Ending June 30, 2020**

	Quarter Ending June 30, 2020		Year Ending June 30, 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>CHURCH</b>				
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	226,100	274,700	1,023,600	1,100,000
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	19,800	51,600	84,300	209,400
Total Operating Revenue	245,900	326,300	1,107,900	1,309,400
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salary and Related	44,300	51,500	207,000	226,400
PND Tuition & Assessment	13,000	27,000	96,600	108,000
Other Operating Expenses	91,400	77,700	405,400	383,000
Total Church Expenditures	148,700	156,200	709,000	717,400
<b>NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>97,200</b>	<b>170,100</b>	<b>398,900</b>	<b>592,000</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Tuition and Fees	170,000	205,350	1,130,900	1,127,100
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	82,500	90,950	370,200	402,100
Total Operating Revenue	252,500	296,300	1,501,100	1,529,200
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
School Expenditures	434,400	488,300	1,956,200	2,067,900
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	55,300	53,800	283,100	261,300
Total School Expenditures	489,700	542,100	2,239,300	2,329,200
<b>NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE</b>	<b>(237,200)</b>	<b>(245,800)</b>	<b>(738,200)</b>	<b>(800,000)</b>
<b>COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE</b>	<b>(140,000)</b>	<b>(75,700)</b>	<b>(339,300)</b>	<b>(208,000)</b>
<b>NON OPERATING ACTUAL REVENUE/EXPENSES</b>				
Annual Giving (See Notes)	2,200	-	39,200	70,000
Investments	21,200	25,000	107,700	100,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	23,400	25,000	146,900	170,000
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(116,600)</b>	<b>(50,700)</b>	<b>(192,400)</b>	<b>(38,000)</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> The unrealized activity of our investments is not included in the above numbers. Those numbers are stated below.				
Unrealized Appreciation	311,400	25,000	(49,400)	100,000



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			<b>Annulment Consultant</b> .....John Mackoway ..... (699-5213)		
<b>Sacrament of Baptism</b> Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the class.		<b>Confessions</b> Saturday 4:00-4:45pm & 6:00-6:30 p.m.	<b>How to Submit Bulletin Information</b> 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.		


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