

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



October 18, 2020

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At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

## From Our Pastor



We are continuing our planning for our progressive celebration and tour on November 13th. This should be a very enjoyable, fun and exciting evening. The purpose will be to celebrate what we have accomplished in our Church sanctuary and Parish Office and to look at the needs of our Parish School. Last year, we raised money for the church during the Progressive Dinner. This year, we will focus on the school's needs.

In order to provide for distancing, we will take reservations for small groups so that you can go through the tour with a limited number of people. Each reservation will begin in 15 minute increments, so that – as your small group passes to the next stop on the tour – a new group will be able to begin their tour. In this way, we will be able to accommodate a large number of our parish and school family members spread out over the course of a few hours, while keeping each individual group small.

The evening will begin in the sanctuary with a show-and-tell about all the improvements in our renovation. Come and get the *behind the scenes* explanations of even the small details that you may not have noticed.

After this station, we will take you downstairs to the Chapel basement and Church basement through three more stations where we will serve snacks and refreshments and walk you through the redesigned Parish Office space and talk about our needs for St. Thomas School.

Snacks and refreshments will be served, including adult beverages if you like. This tour will be best suited for adults. Each group will be able to pass through all four stations on the tour in about an hour.

There will not be any fee for attending, but your free reservation will be required in order to participate. We will accept donations and invite everyone to make a commitment of support for our school's needs at the end of the tour.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the details of the evening. I have included the volunteer form in the bulletin if you would like to help with one of our liturgical roles, or if you want to volunteer for this specific event. On behalf of the PTO of St. Thomas School and the planning committee, I hope you will be able to volunteer or attend this fun event!

- Msgr. Gray



## Readings for the Week of October 18, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b; Matthew 22: 15-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sts. John de Brébeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues, Priests &amp; Companions</b> Ephesians 2: 1-10; Luke 12: 13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Paul of the Cross</b> Ephesians 2: 12-22; Luke 12: 35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ephesians 3: 2-12; Luke 12: 39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. John Paul II, Pope</b> Ephesians 3: 14-21; Luke 12: 49-53
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. John of Capistrano, Priest</b> Ephesians 4: 1-6; Luke 12: 54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</b> Ephesians 4: 7-16; Luke 13: 1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Exodus 22: 20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10; Matthew 22: 34-40

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 19, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Dr. James N. Kenny/Family
8:00 a.m.	Frances H. Smith/Bob & Toni Hogan

### Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Theresa Farragher Applebaum/Frances Farragher
8:00 a.m.	Gordon Jockisch/David & Sharyn Joseph

### Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Thelma Antonacci/Gary & Theresa Shane
8:00 a.m.	Walter Arnold/Tim & Diana Couri

### Thursday, October 22, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Annie Joseph/Mike Phelan
8:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Mallow & Hessling Families/Ed & Cathy Mallow
9:15 a.m.	Harold Gilbert/Sue McWhirter

### Friday, October 23, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Richard Olson/Michele & Sara Konecki
8:00 a.m.	Catherine Richardson/Gloria Christian

### Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Nham Vu/Phan & Tam Vu
5:00 p.m.	Melissa Chase/Dave & Rose Chase

### Sunday, October 25, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Rich & Colleen Lavin
9:00 a.m.	Liz Powers/Mike & Danny Phelan
11:00 a.m.	Florence & Jim Ryan/Family
5:00 p.m.	For the People

## Week of October 18

**CENTERING PRAYER** Monday, October 19, 8:30 a.m., Church

**ROSARY** Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m., Church

**CCD** Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m., School Conference Room

**RCIA** Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m., School Library

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Thursday, October 22, 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day	November 3
Parish Open House	December 12
Advent Market	December 12



## Pray with the Pope

October 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

## 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

RCIA classes continue, and all are invited to participate.

You are welcome on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the school library. Videos from each session will also be posted on our YouTube channel. Search "Jason Gray St. Thomas" on YouTube. You will find a dedicated RCIA playlist of each class session.

## Weekly Collection

October 11, 2020

Fiscal YTD

Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$300,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$14,894.....	\$184,040
Electronic Collections .....	\$3,399.....	\$50,985
Total Collected.....	\$18,293.....	\$235,025
Over/(Short) .....	\$(1,707).....	\$(64,975)

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

Elizabeth Lehnhausen, mother of Mary Jo Pinto

James DeVore, father of Celeste Matheson & grandfather of Ben & Becca Matheson

## RCIA Topics

10/21/2020: God the Son  
 10/28/2020: God the Son (pt. 2); God the Holy Spirit; Saints  
 11/04/2020: Holy Catholic Church  
 11/11/2020: Forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body, judgment, life everlasting  
 11/18/2020: Liturgical year, Church tour, Mass practice

## Prayer

### Jesus help me

Jesus help me, your servant whom you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.  
 In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying  
 Jesus help me  
 In all my doubts, perplexities and temptations  
 Jesus help me  
 In hours of loneliness, weariness and trial  
 Jesus help me  
 In the failure of my plans and hopes  
 Jesus help me  
 In disappointments, troubles and sorrows  
 Jesus help me  
 When I throw myself on your tender love as a Father and a Saviour  
 Jesus help me  
 When I feel impatient and my cross is heavy  
 Jesus help me  
 When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot do their work  
 Jesus help me  
 Always, always, in joys or sorrows, in falls and short-comings  
 Jesus help me and never forsake me.  
 Amen.

Sponsor of the Week



## St. Thomas Parish Volunteer Opportunities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Help St. Thomas Parish by volunteering in one of the following ongoing areas:

\_\_\_\_ **Usher:** Help at weekend Masses with the collection and giving direction at Communion time.

\_\_\_\_ **Lector:** Help at weekend Masses, proclaiming the scripture readings and leading the intercessions.

\_\_\_\_ **Altar Server:** After appropriate training, assist the priest in the Sanctuary at Mass.

\_\_\_\_ **Cantor:** Help with leading songs and singing the responsorial psalm at Mass.

\_\_\_\_ **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** After appropriate training, assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at weekend Masses.

\_\_\_\_ **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound:** After appropriate training, assist with bringing Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins.

\_\_\_\_ **Comet Cash:** Help sell gift cards after Masses for the benefit of St. Thomas School PTO.

\_\_\_\_ **Food Pantry Volunteer:** Help our food pantry on select Mondays/Thursdays between 9 to 11 AM.

Volunteers are needed for these upcoming one-time events:

\_\_\_\_ **Sanctuary/Office Tour:** Help with our upcoming Parish Progressive Tour of the Church and Parish Offices on November 13, 2020, as an ambassador or volunteer.

\_\_\_\_ **Christmas Open House Volunteer:** Help with our annual Open House after Masses on December 12-13, 2020. Volunteers are needed for contactless service of refreshments and cleaning.

Leave the form in the baskets outside church, and you will be contacted with more information.

Thanks for your service

## Rolan Johnson Ornament

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception are pleased to announce our 26th Annual Rolan Johnson Christmas Ornament ~ *Jesus Blesses the Children*



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Older ornaments available at the Motherhouse, through our brochure or online at [westpeoriasisters.org](http://westpeoriasisters.org)

Sisters will not be selling at any parishes this year and will miss seeing you. They pray daily for your intentions, health and well-being.

The 2020 Christmas Ornament is \$35 and is available at the following:

- Immaculate Conception Convent – West Peoria
- Hometown Community Banks (divisions of Morton Community Bank)
- Kay's Hallmark – Metro Center
- Lagron Miller Co. - Peoria

All ornaments may be viewed online at [www.westpeoriasisters.org](http://www.westpeoriasisters.org)  
Development Office – 309-674-2005  
email: [development@westpeoriasisters.org](mailto:development@westpeoriasisters.org)

Proceeds benefit the Sisters' Retirement Fund.

## Save the Date!

**Friday, November 13**

Tour our latest renovations



**Saturday, December 12**

Advent Market

**Weekend of December 12—13**

Parish Open House

More information to follow





## HELP SAVE LIVES IN PEORIA

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside of Planned Parenthood at 2709 Knoxville Avenue in Peoria
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Michelle Marcinek  
[40daysforlifepeoria@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifepeoria@gmail.com)
- **Kickoff rally:** Mount Carmel Farm at 4600 Mount Carmel Way in Peoria. 6pm on Tuesday, September 22. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

\*Weather updates will post to FB @prolifePeoriaIllinois\*

Learn more and get involved by visiting [40daysforlife.com/Peoria](http://40daysforlife.com/Peoria)

## October is Respect Life Month

From the US Council of Catholic Bishops ~

The 2020-2021 theme is: *Live the Gospel of Life!*

This year continues to focus on the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, exploring how Jesus became man, and redeemed us through His humanity reveals the dignity of all human life.  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-20-reflection.pdf>

Additional Respect Life resources can be found at: <https://www.respectlife.org/2020>



## 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)).

## Walking with Moms

**Walking with Moms in Need** is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities walk in the shoes of needy local pregnant and parenting women.

Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

Where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in this Year of Service.

Visit [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com) to learn more and pledge to walk with mothers in need.

### Food Pantry

Current needs are: peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, meal helper, mac & cheese, canned fruit, & boxed side dishes

Thanks for your generosity

## Order Famous Kickapoo Sausage

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**Pick-Up Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
12 noon to 2 p.m.

Bulk sausage - 5 lb. pkg. @ \$25 Each X \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_

Link sausage - 5 lb. pkg. @ \$25 Each X \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_

Total due = \$ \_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Order forms & payments can be mailed to:  
St. Mary's Church, 9910 W. Knox St., Edwards, IL 61528

## 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.

## Catholic Women's League

Rosary Prayer

**Date & Time:** Monday, October 19th, 9 am

**Place:** St. Philomena Church  
1000 W. Albany, Peoria, IL 61604

**Join (or renew membership in) the Catholic Women's League**

All Catholic Women are invited to join: The Catholic Women's League (new members and membership renewal) now – Nov. 1st, 2020

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



## Vigil for Life

### St. Thomas Day of Participation

Parishioners meet outside Planned Parenthood @ 4709 N. Knoxville Ave., Monday, October 26, 2020 from 7 a.m.—7 p.m., the day designated for St. Thomas sidewalk participation

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

## 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.

## St. Bernard

### Chicken Noodle Dinner

Due to the COVID restrictions, St. Bernard will not host their annual sit-down Chicken Noodle Dinner. However, the dinner is still being held: **dinner is all take-out.**

Both hot and cold quarts are available, \$10.00 per quart.

**Pick-up location:** Southeast orange door in the parking lot of St. Bernard Gym (East Bluff Community Center), 510 E. Kansas

**Pick-up time:** Hot quarts, 12-4 p.m., Friday, November 13  
Cold quarts, 2-6 p.m., Saturday, November 14

**To order your Chicken Noodle Dinner:**

Call the Parish Office: **309-673-6316**

or Email:

[chickennoodlequarts2020@gmail.com](mailto:chickennoodlequarts2020@gmail.com)

When you order give your name, phone number, and an email address, along with the number of quarts you are ordering.

**Last day to order is October 31<sup>st</sup>!**



**St. Vincent de Paul Helpline:**  
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<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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