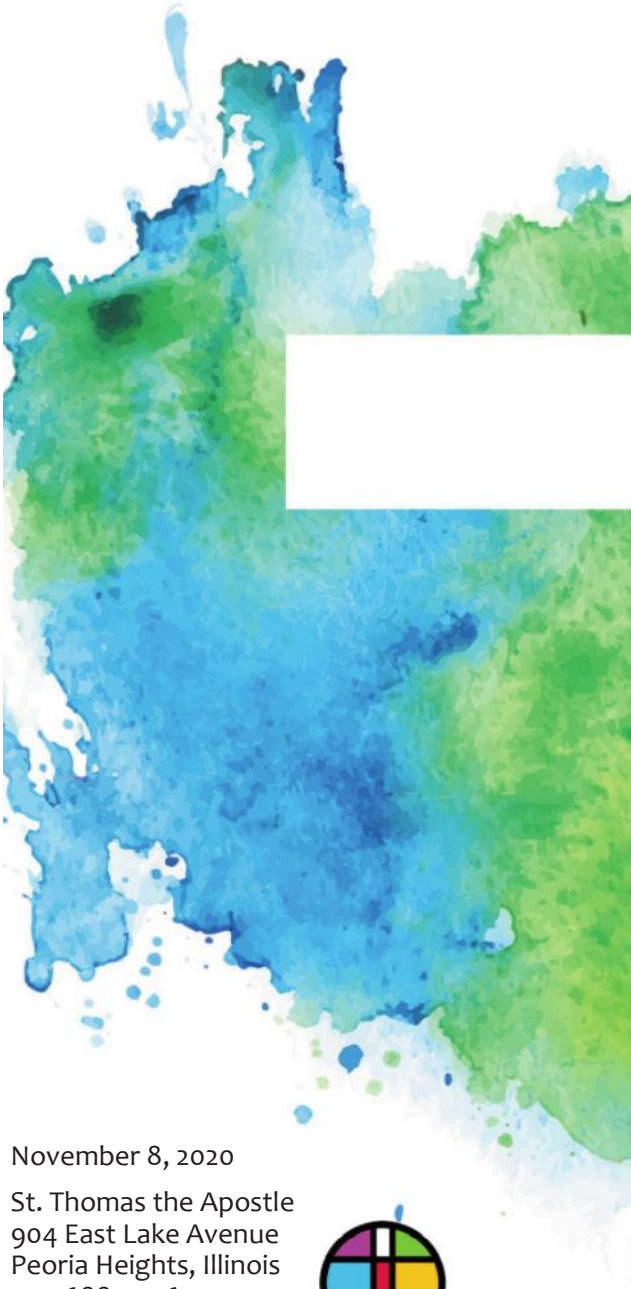


# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



November 8, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle  
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*The* foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

## From Our Pastor



The work in the Sanctuary is more than 90% complete. We have a few more details that will be finished in the coming weeks.

Candles and candlesticks, in the same style as our Easter Candle stand, will be added around the altar and on the *reredos* on the back wall. The wood railings will be replaced by metal railings to match the existing handrails. The sanctuary furniture will be replaced with darker wood, which should cause the white marble to stand out even more. Some patching and touch up work will help finish off the rough edges.

An ambry will be added to the sanctuary wall to hold the Holy oils. As you know, each year, at the Chrism Mass the Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism, used at Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointings of the Sick. These oils are retained in the Sacristy, but they can be displayed in the Sanctuary. This will be a wonderful addition to our church.

We have received donations to pay for mosaic Stations of the Cross. I am grateful for these contributions and those that have already been received to fully pay for the cost of the work that has been done. Since it will take time for the Stations to be prepared, we hope to have them in the first months of next year, God willing, in time for Lent.

I look forward to a solemn blessing of the new fixtures. I hope to have this blessing on Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, at 9 am Mass.

- Msgr. Gray



## Pray with the Pope November 2020 Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



## Readings for the Week of November 8, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13
<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17; John 2: 13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14; Luke 17: 7-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</b> Titus 3: 1-7; Luke 17: 11-19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Josaphat, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Philemon 7-20; Luke 17: 20-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</b> 2 John 4-9; Luke 17: 26-37
<b>Saturday</b>	3 John 5-8; Luke 18: 1-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 9, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Kathy Downing/Ted & Hanna Skoczynski
8:00 a.m.	Frances H. Smith/Bob & Toni Hogan

### Tuesday, November 10, 2020

7:00 a.m.	William Marchulones/Friends & Family
8:00 a.m.	Dr. James Snyder Jr./Dad

### Wednesday, November 11, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Sweeney & Conlon Families/ Frances Farraher
8:00 a.m.	Margaret Waltman/Dr. Michael Shekleton

### Thursday, November 12, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Tessa Casten/John & Amy Kelly
8:00 a.m.	Al Segneri 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv/Betty Segneri Arnold
9:15 a.m.	Bill Miller/Spaulding Council Knights of Columbus

### Friday, November 13, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Sr. Bernadette Kouri FSJB
8:00 a.m.	Thelma Antonacci/Nan & Steve Powers

### Saturday, November 14, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Lynn Gable/Angie Aeschliman
5:00 p.m.	Margaret & Bernard Savers/Family

### Sunday, November 15, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Ann Ribando/Mark & Barb Ruff
9:00 a.m.	Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist
11:00 a.m.	Paul Hap Nguyn
5:00 p.m.	For the People

## Week of November 8

**CENTERING PRAYER** Monday, November 9, 8:30 a.m., Church

**VIRTUAL ADVENT MARKET** Monday, November 9 ~ begins

**ROSARY** Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m., Church

**CCD** Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m., School Conference Room

**RCIA** Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., School Library

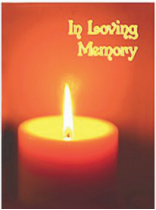
**THAT MAN IS YOU** Thursday, November 12, 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

**SAINTS, SYMBOLS & SWINGSETS TOUR** Friday, November 13, Parish Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Open House      December 12  
Virtual Advent Market      December 12

## Book of Remembrance



The month of November begins with All Saints and All Souls, and is traditionally a month to pray for the dead.

Please record the names of your loved ones in the St. Thomas **Book of Remembrance** in the narthex, as we all remember family members & friends, all people we love, no longer here with us.

As men & women of faith, we're all called to **remember, pray for, & ask for** the prayers of those who have gone before us in Christ. All of us, members of the Communion of Saints, bear witness to the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Jesus, & His victory over death.

For all these people we love, we pray,

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.*

*And may the souls  
of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen...*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis,  
Domine...  
Et lux perpetua luceat eis...*

*Fidelium animae, per misericordiam  
Dei, requiescant in pace...Amen...*

## Weekly Collection

	November 1, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$360,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$22,132.....	\$235,558
Electronic Collections .....	\$3,399.....	\$61,182
Total Collected.....	\$25,531.....	\$296,740
Over/(Short) .....	\$5,531.....	\$(63,260)

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

Joe Arnold, father of Jozalyn & Nora Arnold &  
son of Mary & Dan Arnold

Rita Primus, mother of Anita Nelson

Loretta Holl, aunt of Anita Nelson

Alice Grow, mother of Leanne Immesoete &  
grandmother of Jack & Molly Immesoete

Patricia Vonachen, mother of Donna Abdnour

Tom Joseph, uncle of Ed Mallow

Patrick Regan

## RCIA Topics

November 11: Forgiveness of sins, resurrection  
of the body, judgment, life everlasting

November 18: Liturgical year, Church tour,  
Mass practice

November 25: No class

December 2: Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary

December 9: Liturgy, Sacraments,  
Sacramentals

## 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.*

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## St. Thomas Parish Volunteer Opportunities

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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

## Parish Council

### Seeking Nominations for the Council

Elections for our Parish Council members take place each year in November. **Between now and November 13** we are inviting parishioners to recommend members of the parish who would be ideal candidates to serve on our Parish Council.

The Parish Council is a vehicle for fulfilling the pastoral mission of our Parish. The Parish Council does this by fostering growth in our parish family and the sharing of spiritual gifts and talents. The Council advises and assists the pastor in the formulation of policy, in fostering good communication, and in providing leadership in carrying out our parish mission.

The Parish Council advises regarding all aspects of parish life, including the spiritual, education, social, and financial concerns of the Parish. The Parish Council is assisted in studying the financial health of the parish by the Parish Finance Council.

The Parish Council is composed of nine elected members who each serve for a three-year term, and one member who is a liaison from the Finance Committee.

The deadline for nominating a parishioner is **November 13**. Nominations may be presented to the parish office in writing or via email. Each nomination should include the name of the person making the nomination, the person being nominated, and a short comment about the qualities that make the candidate a good nominee to the Parish Council.

After the nominations have been presented, each nominee will be asked if he or she wishes to accept the nomination. The Parish Council elects the new members from the list of nominees at the November meeting. Please consider nominating your fellow parishioners who can help contribute to the building up of our parish.



### Holiday Shopping Online? Make it AmazonSmile

Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587) to generate donations for St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Check out our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need most.

### Save the Date!

**Saturday, December 12**

Virtual Advent Market ~ pick-up  
See next page for more information



**Weekend of December 12—13**

Parish Open House  
More information to follow



You are invited to

## St. Thomas Parish & School



### Saints, Symbols and Swingsets

St. Thomas Parish will host an exciting evening of *CELEBRATION* showcasing the newly-renovated Sanctuary and Parish Office to kick off a fundraising campaign to help build a new playground for our school.

Please come see all the beautiful changes we have been working on during the last few months, and take a glance into our future.

Small, adult-geared tours will be offered throughout the evening.  
Light snacks and adult beverages will be served.

RESERVE YOUR FREE SPOTS NOW by calling the  
Parish Office at #688-3446

\*\*\* Due to COVID restrictions, masks are required, as well as an RSVP!

**When: Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00 P.M.**

**Where: St. Thomas Church, Lake St. Entrance**



## Halloween Pumpkin Decorating

St. Thomas School style

### 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)).

## Virtual Advent Market

Join us this year for the redesigned St. Thomas Virtual Advent Market. This is a **Facebook event** accessible from the St. Thomas School Facebook page.

Starting Nov. 9, a new vendor(s) will be highlighted each day. Check out the FB post to see what wonderful items they have to offer. You can make your purchases directly through the vendor(s) ~ **shop online Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**, at our Facebook event:

<https://tinyurl.com/adventmarket>.

**Order** craft-at-home kits by calling the School Office **309.685.2533**.

**Pick up** your purchases and craft kits **Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 10- 1pm**.

Santa will be here for socially distant photos from 10-noon. **Sign up** for a time to visit Santa and pick up items: <https://signup.com/go/zGYkqZK>

Hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

The vendors include:

- Nov. 9** - Kimmie's Hair Pretties <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122256791129426/?ref=share>  
Seek apparel & home <https://www.facebook.com/seekapparelhome>
- Nov. 10** - Mary Kay, Sam Harris, Yoli [karla.dennhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:karla.dennhardt@yahoo.com)
- Nov. 11** - A Perfect Pear Boutique <https://aperfectpearboutique.com/>;  
or call A Perfect Pear at **309.688.7327**
- Nov. 12** - Arbonne <http://GwenZiegler.arbonne.com/Zieglergwen@gmail.com>
- Nov. 13** - Mary and Martha [entertainwithemily@gmail.com](mailto:entertainwithemily@gmail.com)
- Nov. 14** - Bushbaby <https://www.bushbaby.co/shop-online?category=ST+THOMAS+ADVENT+MARKET>
- Nov. 15** - Love Letter Jewelry [joannehoerr1@yahoo.com](mailto:joannehoerr1@yahoo.com)



**Nov. 16** - STS Spiritwear [khcogdal@yahoo.com](mailto:khcogdal@yahoo.com)

**Nov. 17** - Sucre Sweets <https://sucresweetsandsocials.com/> or  
call Sucre at **309-291-5065**

**Nov. 18** - Perfectly Posh [lorataylor.po.sh](mailto:lorataylor.po.sh)

**Nov. 19** - Thirty-One, <https://www.mythirtyone.com/AllisonBuckhardt>

**Nov. 20** - Faithful Presents <https://faithfulpresents.com/>

**Nov. 21** - Four30 Scones <https://www.four30scones.com/online-orders-1>;  
when ordering be sure to indicate St. Thomas pick up if you want to pick them up on December 12

## 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.



Peoria Notre Dame's

## 12 Days of Christmas

CASH AND CAR RAFFLE



Daily cash prizes will be awarded from  
December 7 through December 17  
with the

Grand Prize drawing for a 2021 Toyota RAV4 on December 18.

Tickets can be purchased from PND students, by  
calling **691-8741**,  
or online at [PeoriaNotreDame.com/12days](https://PeoriaNotreDame.com/12days).

Ticket orders can be  
credited to PND students or staff for incentives.

Only 3,000 tickets will be sold.  
Cost is \$75 per ticket, 3 for \$200, 5 for \$300, 10 for \$550, and 12 for \$600.

Official rules, details, and online orders can  
also be found at [PeoriaNotreDame.com/12days](https://PeoriaNotreDame.com/12days)

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Change of address/phone \_\_\_\_\_

## The Turkey is Pardoned

*But, we are sad ~*

The Thanksgiving dinner  
**will not** take place this  
year because of COVID  
19.



*We apologize to those  
inconvenienced by this decision.*

**\*\*Please Note\*\***

### Catholic Women's League

Is cancelling CWL Day of Reflection, and  
all other events are **cancelled** until the first of  
the year.

We invite all women to join us in praying the  
Rosary (from home or wherever you  
may be):



Monday, Nov. 16th, 10 am and  
Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 10 am

May we all be united in prayer on those days!

## PND Band Fruit Fundraiser!

Orders accepted Oct. 30—Nov. 15.

<https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/128437>



## Cold Weather Is On Its Way!

During October and November, the  
Food Pantry will collect gently-used  
winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to help  
our clients stay warm this winter. This is a great  
opportunity to clean out your closets and make a  
difference in the lives of our community friends  
at the same time. Please place your donations in  
the food pantry box in the narthex.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

## Food Pantry

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

*Thanks for your generosity*



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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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