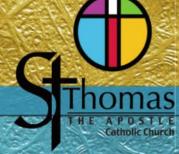


5th Sunday of Easter



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From Our Pastor

Congratulations to our students who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday! This is an important part of their journey of faith and reminds all of us of the great value of the Eucharist. May we never take this gift for granted. For those who are not Catholic or who are not able to receive Communion, please let me know if I can help you, or address any obstacles.

This is also a good time to remind us all about the best way to receive Communion reverently at this time.

You are encouraged to receive Communion in the hand and not to make physical contact with the person distributing the Eucharist. We want to take precautions to avoid the spread of disease. For this reason, it is best to open your hand flat, and let the minister place the host on your hand. I encourage you to avoid grabbing the host, since this is often when accidental hand-to-hand contact occurs.

The Eucharist is the most precious object we have in the Church, more important than any work of art or chalice or vestment. The Eucharist is the Body of Jesus Christ Himself, truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For this reason, it is important you receive Communion when you come forward, and do not walk off with the Host. At times, a minister has to follow a person who may unknowingly walk away with the Host to make sure it is consumed or returned. Please help us by receiving both promptly and reverently.

These days we have the added difficulty of managing a face mask. It has happened that some have dropped the Host, or broken the Host, when trying to receive with the face mask in place. If you have any difficulty, please lower your mask as you approach to avoid any disrespect that may come to the Host.

Recently, a broken piece of the Eucharist was discovered dropped on the ground shortly after distributing Communion. This occurred in the aisle where the Host could have been stepped on. While I'm sure this was accidental, we must take every precaution to avoid any sacrilege to come to the Eucharist. Please help us do all we can to stay safe and healthy, and also to pay the greatest respect to our Lord Jesus, Who comes to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Monday Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3, 2021

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Robert Lehnhausen/J. P. Harney

8:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Jim & Pat Callaway

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jeanne Brousssard/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

8:00 a.m. Ed Dotta/Madeline Dotta

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

7:00 a.m. Ed Dotta/Ken Matheny 8:00 a.m. Melvin Noe 4th Anniv./Family

Thursday, May 6, 2021

7:00 a.m. Suzie Draher/Mary Goble 8:00 a.m. Ric & Joe Olson/John Szentes 9:15 a.m. Gordon Jockisch/Rose Seghetti

Friday, May 7, 2021

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

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

Saturday, May 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. Jack & Frances McGinn/Mary Eaton 5:00 p.m. Mary Carrigan/Dave & Lynn Wargo

Sunday, May 9, 2021

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Alice Grow/The Pearl/Cain Family

11:00 a.m. Sharyn Axelson/Family

5:00 p.m. Bob Nelson/John & Sonia Nelson

Week of May 2

FIRST FRIDAY SIGN-UP in the Narthex for Adoration

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS this weekend

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS membership drive after 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Masses

COFFEE AND DONUTS after Sunday morning Masses, Parish Hall, served by the Knights of Columbus and our St Thomas School and CCD 7th Graders

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

CCD Wednesday, May 5, 6:00 p.m., School

LADIES' NIGHT OUT Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday, May 7, beginning after 8:00 a.m. Mass and closing with Benediction at 8:00 p.m

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Friday Adoration	May 7
Parish Holy Hour	May 20
Men's Club	May 20
Men's Club Golf Scramble	June 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.



Pray with the Pope

May 2021 For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Weekly Collection			
	April 25, 2021	Fiscal YTD	
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$860,000	
Sunday Collections	\$6,621	\$711,218	
Electronic Collections	\$3,399	\$146,157	
Total Collected	\$10,020	\$857,375	
Over/(Short)	\$(9,980)	\$(2,625)	

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

Please pray for those who have died this week

Baptism Congratulations

Aleiyah Faith Menchaca, daughter of Seturnino and Brianna Menchaca

Parker James Wilson, son of Ben and Crystal Wilson

Frances Elaine Cullinan, daughter of Allen and Laura Cullinan

Adeline Victoria Dang, daughter of Tan Quy Dang & Nhung Thi Hong Nguyen



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Ladies' Night Out

All women of the Parish are Invited

Are you feeling the strain of being cooped up and away from friends?

Join us for our first *Ladies' Night Out* here at St. Thomas. The social will begin with a brief spiritual reflection about Mary during the Easter Season by Msgr. Gray . Following the reflection, women of the parish are invited to stay for a social with refreshments and snacks will be served. It is not necessary to bring anything, but those who would like to provide food or drinks are encouraged to make arrangements by contacting the Parish Office.

When: Thursday, May 6th Where: in the Parish Hall Time: 7:00 p.m.



2021 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

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

> Friday, June 25, 2021 Mt. Hawley Country Club

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Pray the Stations in Garden Tranquility





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Membership Drive

After the morning Masses 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Looking for eligible Catholic Gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus

Review for our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are holding several refresher sessions for readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. As we continue our return to normal, it is good to review the guidelines for serving as a reader or an extraordinary minister. Training sessions will be held in the church.

Lectors, please come on either Sunday, May 16 at 12 PM or Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30 PM.

EMHC, please come on either Sunday, May 23 at 12 PM or Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 PM.

We will review everything involved in serving in these ministries. You can reserve your spot by signing up through Ministry Scheduler Pro for one of these sessions.

Participating at one of these sessions is required to continue serving in these ministries.

Thanks for your service!

When you go the poor, you encounter Jesus

Dear fellow parishioners:

St. Thomas has generously supported the food pantry and that is truly appreciated. It is a frightening time for people struggling to keep their lives together, and the need for food, including milk, fresh produce and meats, has increased.

If you are able, please consider prayerfully donating **today** to The St. Vincent de Paul Society to support those most affected by COVID-19 who need a helping hand.

We also invite any of you who would be interested in helping with this very rewarding ministry to join us.

Thank you, and may the presence of Christ fill your hearts.

Linda Waible

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

-- Matthew 25:35-36





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We look forward to seeing you there!







Do You Still Need Your COVID Shot?

If you are 16, or older, call the Health
Department hotline @ 833-621-1284 and ask
about the vaccine.

Student Summer Service Hours

The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours. Summers offer two days each week for four students to gain service hours. On Monday and Thursday mornings, holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to clients. Packing groceries, registering clients, restocking shelves, repackaging food, helping clients with food selection and assisting clients to their vehicles, are activities students will perform with adult supervision.

An additional service opportunity is available one Thursday per month when we receive a truckload of food products from Midwest Food Bank. On these days, students help adult volunteers unload the truck, repackage food, rotate stock and stock shelves.

Students interested in earning service hours at the food pantry this summer should email Diana Janda at dianajanda1964@gmail.com

Opportunities Available:

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Monthly Truck – 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM – Dates are June 17th, July 15th and August 12th

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BOOTS ON GROUND

38th Annual PND Blue & Green Gala

Put on your boots and join us for the 38th annual Blue and Green Gala, **May 22 beginning at 5:00 pm**.

The evening, hosted on the grounds of PND, will consist of live and silent auctions, dinner, raffles, wine pull, and more! Don't miss

your chance to win such coveted auction items as a paint and ice cream party from Fired Up and Emack and Bolio's, a night of making tiramisu with our school chaplain Fr. Krengiel, or a ribeye steak dinner for 20 people at your home provided by generous PND parents.

Are uncomfortable attending the gala in person? Join us virtually with our live-stream of the event. With two virtual options, you may choose to let us provide your dinner (pick up at the PND circle drive between 4:30 and 5:30), or make your own and take part in the virtual event.

Throw on your boots and support Catholic secondary education.

Make reservations at pndgala.weebly.com.

St. Thomas Food Pantry

Current needs
are: canned fruit,
pasta sauce, meal
helper, cleaning supplies
and personal hygiene
items

Thank you for your generosity

Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Saint Mark Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue, in Peoria. The first Monday of the month, May 3rd, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Face masks and social distancing are requested.

Holy Hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers. Please join to pray for the protection of these innocent lives of the unborn and the restoration of their Constitutional rights.

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.

Last Name	
First Name(s)	
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Stay in Touch

- 1. **Join Msgr. Gray for Mass**. Link can be found on the parish website, sthomaspeoria.org or the Parish App
- Bookmark the Parish Blog which will feature regular updates (jgray.org/st_thomas).
- 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@stthomaschurch.net to sign up).
- Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).

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 are also 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.



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Sacrament of Baptism

Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the Parish Office schedule the class.

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

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Send information for the bulletin to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net with subject Bulletin. 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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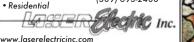
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