

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

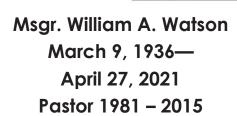
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#### From Our Pastor

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. We ask the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother during this month of May on all of us.

Last week we were able to honor Msgr. William Watson who was laid to rest in Odell. His funeral service can be seen on the Watson Thomas Funeral Home website. He was born in 1936 and died at the age of 85. He served as our second Pastor from 1981 until his retirement in 2015. We are grateful for the 34 years of faithful and generous service that he gave to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

We will take some time this week to organize a fitting tribute to Msgr. Watson and to plan a Memorial Mass for him here. Those who are interested in volunteering should step forward this week so we can organize the assembly of photos from his time as our pastor and stories about his service to the parish. I look forward to reaching out to the many priests who served with him over the years.

We will have more information about the Memorial Mass in next week's bulletin. I know that many people were not able to travel to Odell for the funeral, so the Memorial Mass that we will have here will be a special time for our parish to honor him, celebrate him, and pray for him. Please contact me or the parish office if you are able to help.

Finally, I encourage our readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to plan to attend one of the refresher sessions we will have to review our routines for Sunday Masses. With God's help we will continue to get more and more back to our normal parish life!

-Msgr. Gray





## Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday St. Damian de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wednesday Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

Friday St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Saturday St. Isidore

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sunday The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, May 10, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jeannette Holland/Anne & Kevin Morrissey 8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Meixner & Connolly Families

#### Tuesday, May 11, 2021

7:00 a.m. Chuck Gavin/Bonnie, Charlie, & Colleen Gavin

8:00 a.m. Len Kuchan/Jim & Nancy Becker

#### Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:00 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/Frances Farraher

8:00 a.m. Mary Rose Kelly/Family

#### Thursday, May 13, 2021

7:00 a.m. Karen Helton/Rita Deets

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Mallow/Hessling Family/Ed &

Cathy Mallow

9:15 a.m. Kevin Harmon/Ed Harmon

#### Friday, May 14, 2021

7:00 a.m. Bernadean May/Tim & Mary Jones 8:00 a.m. Frank McCabe/Maureen Kuchan

#### Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:00 a.m. Cornelia Schneider/Jean Hisler 5:00 p.m. Dolores Oppe/Shirley Oppe

#### Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Raymond & Viola Horst/Paul & Ann Horst 11:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Francis Carlson/John F. Carlson

5:00 p.m. Tony Ferris/Teresa & Gary Doll

### Week of May 9

ROSARY Tuesday, May 11, 10:00 a.m., Church

CCD Wednesday, May 512 6:00 p.m., School

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Parish Holy Hour May 20
Men's Club Golf Scramble June 25

## Msgr. William Watson

In a 2015 interview with The Catholic Post, Msgr. Watson said he thought about being a priest from a young age. His parents went to daily Mass. "The church was almost as much a part of our life as our home was," he recalled, resulting in close contact with parish priests and the Springfield Dominican Sisters.



He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria on June 3, 1962, by Bishop John B. Franz at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

In 1981, Msgr. Watson received his first assignment as pastor. It would also be his last. He guided St. Thomas the Apostle Parish — one of the largest parishes in the diocese — until his move to senior status in 2015.

His 34 years at the Peoria Heights parish saw dramatic growth in its physical plant. He oversaw an addition to the south side of the school in 1995. The present church was built and dedicated in 2002 while preserving the original church. The former convent was renovated for parish offices and a new rectory was built, linked to the church by a skywalk.

Known for his compassion, gentle leadership, and Irish wit, Msgr. Watson found joy in the support of parishioners, his brother priests, and the offering of daily Mass, which he called "the center of my life."

# 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	-	•
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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**

Msgr. William A. Watson

## **Baptism Congratulations**

Lily Rosalee Eggena, Emma Jean Eggena, & Annie Josephine Eggena, daughters of Sarah and Matt Eggena

Happy Mother's Day

To All our Mothers



### **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.

**Sponsor of the Week** 



# 2021 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

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

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#### 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!

Love soccer and want to learn from a pro? Former soccer pro, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck is offering a training session for up to 10 students! Fr. Hilgenbrinck played for professional teams both in Chile and the US, but now serves as the vocations director for the Peoria Diocese. Your student could learn the fundamentals of soccer infused with a bit of faith! The training session, along with other exciting auction items, is only available through Peoria Notre Dame's upcoming gala. Bid in-person at the gala or online during the live stream on May 22. Visit pndgala.maxgiving.bid.

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.

## 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!





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#### St. Thomas the Apostle School PTO

May 12, 2021

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:

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#### We look forward to seeing you there!

For the safety of our guests and team members, fundraisers are currently being conducted exclusively in our drive-thru. To learn more about how you can partner with us to serve up a better tomorrow, visit portillos.com/good portillos.com/good



#### ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Quarter Ending March 31, YTD March 31, 2021

	2021			
_	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
CHURCH				
Operating Revenue				
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	243,600	265,100	829,700	820,100
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	33,000	47,500	82,000	148,600
Total Operating Revenue	276,600	312,600	911,700	968,700
Operating Expenses				
Salary and Related	49,600	63,100	143,500	172,800
PND Tuition & Assessment	26,000	23,700	78,000	71,100
Other Operating Expenses	100,600	92,500	344,500	273,300
Total Church Expenditures	176,200	179,300	566,000	517,200
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE				
OVER EXPENSES	100,400	133,300	345,700	451,500
SCHOOL				
Operating Revenue	0.41.500	001100	0.40.400	
Tuition and Fees	261,500	306,600	843,400	883,800
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	142,700	133,400	222,400	306,700
Total Operating Revenue	404,200	440,000	1,065,800	1,190,500
Operating Expenses				
School Expenditures	499,900	517,100	1,458,400	1,512,800
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	78,000	94,000	191,300	243,400
Total School Expenditures	577,900	611,100	1,649,700	1,756,200
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(173,700)	(171,100)	(583,900)	(565,700)
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES	(73,300)	(37,800)	(238,200)	(114,200)
NON OPERATING ACTUAL REVENUE/EXPENSES				
Annual Giving (See Notes)	4,800	41,400	70,000	
Depreciation	42,800	35,000		
Investments	77,800	25,000	163,400	75,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	82,600	25,000	247,600	180,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	9,300	(12,800)	9,400	65,800
<b>NOTE:</b> The unrealized activity of our investments is no Those numbers are stated below.	ot included in t	he above n	umbers.	
Unrealized Appreciation	131,200	25,000	751,800	75,000



# PND Irish Expo

Paving the way in advanced coursework for secondary education, Peoria Notre Dame senior AP Research and Project Lead the Way students have completed their final research projects. Now seniors are ready to present their projects to the public during the first PND Irish Expo.

The event will be held **May 19th at 6:00 pm** in the Peoria Notre Dame Commons.

Enjoy light refreshments as you learn about interesting topics such as how landing zone variables impact course difficulty in golf, expanding the physicians well-being index to improve mental health among medical professionals, and musical patterns in Al generated songs. You will be blown away by the research and analytical work prepared by these high school seniors in these PhD dissertation style projects. Come see how PND students are going to change the world!

# 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.

# Women's Care Center—Baby Bottle Campaign 2021

This year we are using an envelope with a Baby Bottle picture in place of the actual baby bottle. These envelopes will be passed out at all Masses this weekend.



#### **Student Summer Service Hours**

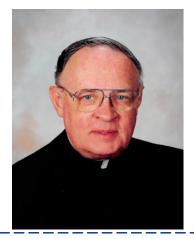
The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours. Summers offer two days each week for four students to gain service hours. On Monday and Thursday mornings, holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to clients. Packing groceries, registering clients, 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



## **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)	
Email	
Phone	
Address	
City	ZIP
Phone	
New Parishioner	Change of address/phone

## St. Thomas Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your generosity



#### **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.

## Stay in Touch

- 1. **Join Msgr. Gray for Mass**. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.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).

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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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