



#### **From Our Pastor**

Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth...

(Ps 104:30)

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks. It is time for renewal. Come Holy Spirit, indeed!

This week, we look back with gratitude to the Msgr. Watson Memorial Mass that we celebrated to honor the legacy left by our second pastor. Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate this Mass with such fondness and devotion.

We also look back with gratitude to the new servers and readers who have been trained, and those who participated in our refresher training. (We will train and offer refreshers for new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion this week.)

We give thanks for the invitation in the Chicago province to welcome up to 60% of capacity at Mass, as guidance from the federal and state governments continues to relax. We look forward earnestly to returning to Mass and renewing so many of our regular practices.

We celebrate 8th grade graduation this Sunday and look forward to the last day of school this week. Our students, and especially our staff, have worked unbelievably hard to make this year a success. Thank you!

Next Saturday we celebrate the ordination of two new priests. We give thanks for the celebration of Memorial Day (Mass that day will be at 9 am). And in the second week of June, we look forward to the installation of the new playground equipment that has been ordered through your generosity.

With Pentecost, we bring to a close the Easter Season. Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

-Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week





#### Readings for the Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23

Monday The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34

Tuesday St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45

Thursday St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52

**Friday** Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Saturday St. Paul VI, Pope

Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17;

Matthew 28:16-20

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, May 24, 2021

7:00 a.m. Thelma Antonacci/Deborah & Francis Dusch

8:00 a.m. Len Kuchan/Jerry & Kathy Staab

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

7:00 a.m. Bob Pendergrass/John Crowley 8:00 a.m. Susan McPheeters/Linda Osika

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:00 a.m. Sandra Roberson/Ann & Warren Boley 8:00 a.m. Mary Clary/Carole & Pat McKee

Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:00 a.m. Tom Burek/Linda & Steve Schrader 8:00 a.m. Joe Kelly/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, May 28, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jeanne & Joe Broussard/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley 8:00 a.m. Joseph Daniel Arnold/Mary Maureen McNamara

9:15 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/STS Students & Staff

Saturday, May 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Wigton/The McNally Family 5:00 p.m. Kathryn Moon/The Watts Family

Sunday, May 30, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jean Hubert/Family

9:00 a.m. The Deceased Members of McCauley Family

11:00 a.m. Kevin Harmon/Ed Harmon

5:00 p.m. For the People

#### Week of May 23

EMHC TRAINING Sunday, May 23, 12:00 p.m., Church

STS GRADUATION Sunday, May 23, 2:00 p.m., Church

ROSARY Tuesday, May 25, 10:00 a.m., Church

EMHC TRAINING Wednesday, May 25, 5:30 p.m., Church

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Friday, May 28

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Men's Club Golf Scramble June 25

#### **Our Sympathy**

Please pray for those who have died this week



#### **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 May 16, 2021 Fiscal YTD Collections needed \$20,000 \$920,000 Sunday Collections \$22,461 \$765,228 Electronic Collections \$3,399 \$156,354 Total Collected \$25,860 \$921,582 Over/(Short) \$5,860 \$1,582

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.

## Congratulations Graduates!

Kevin Bell Asher Cady Jack Campbell Mia Couri Calli Daniels Martha Gardner Jhosue Garnica Benjamin Geers Rachel Horst Gabe Jockish Grace Kilian Ishan Kishore Miriam Martinez Elizabeth Morgan Christian Pag-ong Felicia Phan Truman Raher Jhaneza Sarmiento Alexandria Sea Holly Short Shawn Slevin Olivia Stuart Catalina Tyre Sophia Wolbeck Summer Woo Edith Woolsey

#### All the Best as You Embark on Your High School Careers

## 2021 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

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

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

All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from this year's outing will fund \$500 scholarships for students of St. Thomas who demonstrate a financial need. It is the goal of the Men's Club to fund 15 scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated.

#### GOLF REGISTRATION \$99/Person

Golfer sponsorship includes: Door prize ticket, green fees, cart, and Hor d'oeuvres & Drinks in the Club House after the event.

Registration Deadline Friday, June 18th Late registration after June 18th, \$110 Per Person

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am
- Shotqun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon)
- Followed by Hor d'oeuvres & Drinks in the Club House
- Registration Deadline Friday, June 18th
- Late Registration \$110 Per Person

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Player 3:	Phone:	Amount \$
Player 4:	Phone:	Amount \$
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Mail registration along with payment to:

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Cecil Myers & Rick Couri took their temporary promises with the Secular Carmelite Community of Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament on May 8, 2021.

Pictured L to R: Msgr. Gray, Cecil Myers, Rick Couri

The Secular Carmelite Community meets the second Saturday of every month at 11:00 a.m., here at St. Thomas. Members come from across the diocese. All are welcome to attend. The day begins with Mass, followed by lunch and social time, and closes with formation.

For more information call **Mary Ann Noe**, President of the Community, at **309-686-6433** or **Michelle Palmer**, Formation Director, at **309-253-7968**.



## Review for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

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 this ministry. 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 this ministry.

Thanks for your service!

#### **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. Students will participate in all pantry activities with adult supervision.

An additional service opportunity is available one Thursday per month 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 dianajanda 1964@gmail.com

#### **Opportunities Available:**

Mon. & Thur. mornings – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Monthly Truck – 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM – 6/17, 7/15 & 8/12



Please join Cursillo for our June Ultreya Blessed Sacrament Church, Morton And on Facebook Live at our Peoria Cursillo Office page 2021 Theme: Go Make Disciples Guests are Welcome! on Saturday, June 5; 6:30 p.m.



Join us for a lay talk, Mass, and social time! Lay Reflection by Drew Lee Mass with Msgr. Jerry Ward Homily by Dcn. Kevin Zeeb Social Time outside afterward with snacks and beverages—individually wrapped

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST 2021 IN PERSON ULTREYA!

Please signup to attend in person via signup.com at: https://signup.com/go/LffquxW
You can contact the Cursillo Office at 309/676-5587 or cursillopeoria@gmail.com



#### **Gold Star Mass**

St. Mark Church, Mon. May 31, 9:00 am

St. Mark's is having a Gold Star Mass on Mon. May 31 at 9 am to honor the nine men from the parish who lost their lives in World War II.

At the Mass, a restored plaque listing the names of the men, will be rededicated: Alfred Hudson, Herbert A. Eaton, James R. Donovan, John "Jack" W. Bushell, Thomas J. McClurg, Herbert A. Kelch, Robert E. Kilpfer, Eugene F. Weisbruch, Vincent D. Lamb (originally from Rock Island).

If you are a family member or have any information about these men, please contact Maria Carroll at mariakingcarroll@gmail.com All are invited to the Mass.

Parish Registration	
Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, <b>or</b> mail to the Parish Office <b>or</b> Register on our website at stthomaspeoria.org. Und About open the New Parishioner Registration, complete and submit form.	er
Last Name	
First Name(s)	
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## St. Thomas Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your generosity

If a man is to live, he must be all alive, body, soul, mind, heart, spirit.

— Thomas Merton, **Thoughts in Solitude** 

#### **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).
- 5. 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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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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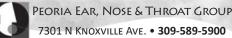
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