



From Our Pastor

Happy feast of Corpus Christi! Today we honor the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the consecrated host, we believe Jesus is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Today we will have a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament after the 9 AM Mass. We will place the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance at the end of the Mass and go in procession to two separate altars before returning to the church for the final Benediction.

The real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the truths of the faith that may be the hardest for Catholics (and non-Catholics) to accept. Everything we sense tells us the host is ordinary bread... our sight, touch, taste. One sense only tells us the truth... hearing, as we heard the words said, *This is my Body which will be given up for you* (Catechism, 1381). Trust what you hear, since Christ Himself speaks through the priest at every Mass when we celebrate the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded: *Do this in memory of me*.

Thank you to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help distribute Our Lord, and most of all for the faithful witness of your lives of faith. Thank you especially to those who bring the Eucharist to our sick and homebound parishioners. They are very grateful for this service by which they remain connected to Jesus and to our parish family.

Thank you to our servers who assist at the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as our readers and musicians who add to the devotion of our Masses.

Thank you to all of our parishioners: Thank you for your faithful attendance at Mass where we are privileged to share in the Eucharistic celebration. Especially to those who cannot receive Communion, thank you for your presence, since we are all still united in prayer and devotion, asking for God's blessing.

Thank you to those who attend daily Masses, where we encounter Our Lord every day. Thank you for attending Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays or monthly at our Thursday Holy Hours in which we spend quiet time with Our Lord. Thank you for coming to confession, since the absolution of our sins makes us more ready to welcome our Eucharistic Lord.

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of June 6, 2021

Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19;

John 19:31-37

Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51

Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 7, 2021

7:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny, Sr./Family

8:00 a.m. Randy Royer/Jenni, Jeff, Joey, Summer, & Sophia

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:00 a.m. Norm & Gery Ralph/Family 8:00 a.m. Eunice Bingham/Herb Bingham

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 a.m. Mary Clary/Maria & Rigo Diaz

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 10, 2021

7:00 a.m. Homer Jacquin

8:00 a.m. Lina Piscitelli/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, June 11, 2021

7:00 a.m. Chuck Gavin/Brian Kemp 8:00 a.m. Snyder Anniversary/Allen

Saturday, June 12, 2021

8:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Charles & Michelle Barbieur 5:00 p.m. Msgr. William Watson/St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, June 13, 2021

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Joe Kelly/John & Sonia Nelson

11:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist 5:00 p.m. Carlito & Lucinda Bautista/Bautista & Bennett Families

Week of June 6

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS this weekend

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass today

COFFEE AND DONUTS Sunday, after morning Masses, Parish Hall

ROSARY Tuesday, June 8, 10:00 a.m., Church

PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION Saturday, June 12, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Thomas Holy Hour June 17
Men's Club Golf Scramble June 25
Parish Solemnity of St. Thomas July 3

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

June 2021 The Beauty of Marriage

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Weekly Collection

	May 30, 2021	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$960,000
Sunday Collections	\$11,628	\$785,383
Electronic Collections	\$3,399	\$163,152
Total Collected	\$15,027	\$948,535
Over/(Short)	\$(4,973)	\$(11,465)

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

Geraldine Ralph, mother of Kate Slevin

Welcome New Parishioners

Kenneth & Megan Bannan Vincent & Kimberly Cogdal Ryan Coughlon Kyle & Alyxandra Donarski Matthew & Sarah Eggena Denise Henry Paula Hill Elizabeth Hinnen Arius & Gracia Hounwanou Tracey LaForge Robert Marek Brette McCauley Kathy McCullough Seturnino & Brianna Menchaca Robert & Kimberly Parker Zach & Christina Robinson Paul Ruhaak Lynette Schurtz Victor Street Danny & Rosiland Swain Louis & Joan Turner Kevin & Bridget Wombacher

Sponsor of the Week



When you go the poor, you encounter Jesus



The range of requests for assistance from our neighbors in need is broader than the *big three* requests of Rent, Ameren, and Water. We're used to, and can address, those needs in most cases. But, from time to time there are calls for help that challenge our resourcefulness.

This is why – except for the present covid-19 suspension – we make face-to-face visits; circumstances surrounding most of these requests require extended conversations to be able to help the Client.

Material needs are important, but we also try to provide each person a reminder of the love and presence of God.

The work of St. Vincent de Paul is never routine or boring; join us on a most gratifying journey. Please call the Parish Office at 688-3446 and they will put you in touch with someone who can answer your questions. You will be blessed by the people you work with as well as those you meet, and the insights into poverty you receive on every visit. Thank you again for your generous prayerful and financial support.

~ Don Smith

Build-Day Volunteers Needed!



Come help assemble the new playground for our STS students \sim

June 12, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., or stay all day if you can.

You DO NOT need construction experience,

just willingness to help, and be 18, or older.

Lunch will be provided. If you have tools bring them along!

Call the school office at **(309) 685-2533** or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4dadac2fabf58-playground to sign up.

Thanks in Advance!

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 **dianajanda1964@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

Staff Openings



St. Thomas School seeks to fill the following teacher openings for our 2021-2022 school year.

- 5-8 Grade English teacher
- Second grade teacher
- Fourth grade teacher

Applicants must hold an Illinois elementary education (K-9) teaching certificate. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net

New Grads are welcome!

Come join the caring, professional staff here at ST. Thomas and help guide our students into the future.



Together We Play Accessible Playground Project Needs Your Votes

You may be thinking we just did a playground project, what's this about another? The St. Thomas School **RoboComets** proposed building an accessible playground in Tower Park as part of the 2019 FIRST LEGO League season.

After the project was approved by the Village of Peoria Heights, the team formed Together We Play and joined with Advocates for Access to start raising more than \$100,000 for the project. The team needs your votes and your financial support

(http://advocatesforaccess.com/together-we-play)

The Together We Play Accessible Playground Project has been selected as a finalist for this year's Build Peoria project. Please vote for the Accessible Playground Project before June 19th: https://www.buildpeoria.org/vote, and watch for future announcements about the July 17th family fun event, Together We Play ... In Space.

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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- Golf Beverage Sponsor: \$200 / Logo on Sign at beverage stations
- Reception Sponsors \$200 / Logo on table tents at the reception.

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- Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am
- Shotgun 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

For more information please contact: Terri Moon (309) 688-3446

Email: terrimoon@stthomas-church.net

Please Submit Payment with Registration

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person:	Phone:	
Address:		
Email:		
Golfers		
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Player 2:	Phone:	Amount \$
Player 3:	Phone:	Amount \$
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St. Thomas Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your generosity



Saint Mark Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, 7:00 P.M., June 7th, 2021. Face masks and social distancing requested.

Holy Hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers. Please join us in prayer for the protection of these innocent lives and the restoration of their Constitutional rights.



Seeks a new *Director* for the *Fall Campaign*

The ideal candidate will act as Spokesperson for the Campaign, coordinate kickoff rally, assist in contacting local churches, facilitate monthly

meetings May~Sept., and update the website. There are three seasoned volunteers with whom you would work.

Call Karen Guth, local Founding Director, 309-453-7493, for more information.

Important Right-to-Life Phone Numbers to Save

CIRTL (Central IL Right-to-Life) pregnancy assistance hot line: 309-645-8000

Women's Care Center: 309-689-0200

Empower Life Center (FKA the Women's Pregnancy Center): 309-688-0202

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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.

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.

New Parishioner	Change of address/phone
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First Name(s)	
Last Name	
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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).
- 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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Call this number if you need services

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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.

How to Submit Bulletin Information

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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