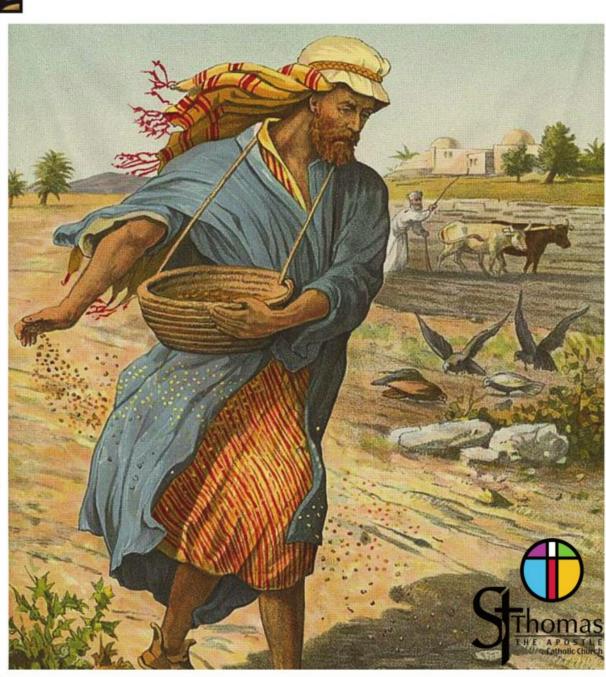


ORDINARY TIME

This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land... and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Mk 4:26-27





From Our Pastor

We had a wonderful celebration of Corpus Christi last weekend. Thank you to all who took part. You will find pictures from the procession in the bulletin. A special thanks to the Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist who not only provided decoration in the sanctuary but also the decoration of the two station altars we used during the procession. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for their support of our Donut Sundays through the year.

On Friday, we celebrated the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday. As we return to ordinary time, let us thank God for all the graces we receive from the love of God. Join us this Thursday, June 17, for our monthly parish Holy Hour. One of our traditions for this time of prayer includes the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, which is very appropriate for this month.

On Saturday, we also had the installation of the playground equipment for our school children. A special thank-you goes out to all who donated to make this a reality, and especially to those who volunteered their time to assemble the equipment. We at St. Thomas are all grateful for the donation of the land on the south side of our parking lot that gave us a beautiful place for this playground equipment.

Looking ahead,

- Please sign up for the Men's Club golf outing. The date is fast approaching, and this will be a great opportunity for fellowship. All are invited to register.
- Please help us fill a 2nd grade, 4th grade, and middle school English teaching positions at St. Thomas School by recommending any potential teachers who would like to apply.
- We are in the final months for the payment of pledges to last fall's Annual Diocesan Appeal. In the past, we have come in short of our target, but this year we are only \$5,000 away from making our parish goal. If you haven't contributed, you could help the parish by making a contribution!

-Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week





Readings for the Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-32

Saturday St. Romuald, Abbot

2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17: Mark 4:35-41

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14, 2021

7:00 a.m. Sharon Gilbert/Sue McWhirter 8:00 a.m. Mary C. Hirschfeld/Jeanne Whalen

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 a.m. Mary Ward/Mr. & Mrs. Edward Habecker 8:00 a.m. Joseph Daniel Arnold/Mary Phelan

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jack & Francis McGinn/Mary Eaton 8:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Warren & Bonnie Brietbarth

Thursday, June 17, 2021

7:00 a.m. Ed Dotta/Mary Matheny 8:00 a.m. Mary Abbey/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, June 18, 2021

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

8:00 a.m. Jim McCabe/Teresa McCabe

Saturday, June 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. Charles Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney 5:00 p.m. Jim Brereton/Steve & Edie Brereton

Sunday, June 20, 2021

7:00 a.m. Mary Kay Farraher/Frances Farraher

9:00 a.m. Ed Dotta/Ken Matheny

11:00 a.m. Barbara & J.V. Marcus/Terry & Marty Best

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of June 13

ROSARY Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 a.m., Church

PHONES WILL BE OUT Wednesday, June 16, 8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, June 17, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

HOLY HOUR Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m., Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Club Golf Scramble	June 25
Adoration	July 2
Parish Solemnity of St. Thomas	July 3
St. Thomas Holy Hour	July 15





PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, June 17 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



Pray with the Pope

June 2021 The Way of the Heart

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

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.

Weekly Collection

	June 6, 2021	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$980,000
Sunday Collections	\$20,774	\$806,157
Electronic Collections	\$3,399	\$166,551
Total Collected	-	·
Over/(Short)	\$4,173	\$(7,292)

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

Emmaus Days 2021

Registration is now open for Emmaus Days, a summer program for young men and boys, sponsored by the Diocese of Peoria.

After major adaptations last year because of the pandemic—including a series of online videos and small, one-day regional gatherings—the program returns to the familiar in-person format of four, multi-day sessions for age groups ranging from junior high to college age and young adult.

That opportunity to be together is vital, according to Father Chase Hilgenbrinck of the diocesan Office of Vocations.

Emmaus Days is an experience, Father Hilgenbrinck told The Catholic Post. It's an experience of being in community with other faithful men who desire to have fun in a virtuous, faith-based setting.

For more information, and to register, go to **comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays** .

Session I: College & working men, June 11-14 **Session II**: Junior & Senior men, June 25-28 **Session III**: 9th & 10th grade men, July 18-21 **Session IV**: 7th & 8th grade men, July 21-23

Session I & II will be at St. John's Newman Center, Champaign Session III & IV will be at Peoria Notre Dame

Thank You

High School

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the classes from St. Thomas Grade School and CCD program for the support of our Donut Sundays throughout the year.



We will take a break for the summer and look forward to beginning again in the fall.

When we begin again, we are open to suggestions for more health enhancing options, which some parishioners might prefer and find more enjoyable. Your recommendations are welcome!

Register online at: stthomaspeoria.org

2021 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

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

Friday, June 25, 2020 Mt. Hawley Country Club

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GOLF REGISTRATION \$99 Per Person

Registration Deadline Friday, June 18th

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



Have you made a pledge to our 2020-2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal? We are only \$5,000 short of our goal of \$117,322.

If you would like to make a contribution to push us over our goal, a check can be made out to *Diocese of Peoria* with memo, ADA.

Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program Update

We are happy to report that in passing the State budget for the upcoming fiscal year the legislature agreed to preserve the 75% Illinois State income tax credit for donations made to Empower Illinois on behalf of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Additionally, a one year extension of the program's current life was approved. Empower Illinois has been working to make sure that all of the lawmakers know the importance and potential of this scholarship program for those children most in need.

We are grateful for all of the generous donations to this program which have been made on behalf of our St. Thomas students. Seventeen students have already been awarded scholarships through *Empower Illinois* for the upcoming school year. We currently have an additional thirty seven students on our waiting list. Donations made through November 30, 2021 will be awarded to students for the 2021/2022 school year.

If you have any questions about the *Invest in Kids Scholarship Program* please contact Pat or Julie in the parish office.



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

The St. Thomas the Apostle School's *Together* We Play team, in collaboration with Advocates for Access, is working to build an accessible playground in Peoria Height's Tower Park.

This playground, which will provide fun for families of all abilities, is a finalist for this year's *Build Peoria* project. Help the project be chosen as the 2021 project by going to https://www.buildpeoria.org/vote-before-June 19th and voting for the Together We Play Accessible Playground Project.

Learn more about Together We Play here: http://advocatesforaccess.com/together-we-play.

Watch for future announcements about the July 17th family fun event, Together We Play ... In Space.









Many parishioners joined Msgr. Gray, Deacon John Nelson, and the Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist in the solemn procession around our beautiful campus in adoration of the *Body and Blood of Christ*.

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 – $\,6/17,\,7/15$ & $\,8/12$



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.

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
Phone	
City	ZIP
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Email	
First Name(s)	
Last Name	
form.	

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



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).
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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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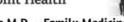
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