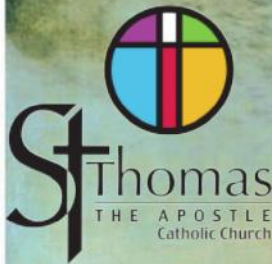


12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat,
so that it was already filling up. They woke him and said to him,
"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Mk 4:37-38



June 20, 2021

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From Our Pastor

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers within the parish. Fr. Stark and I join with you as spiritual fathers for you at St. Thomas.

We had many different volunteers who helped with our playground construction day, but I offer a special thank-you in particular to the fathers who came out to do so much of the heavy lifting last Saturday.

Last weekend, I suggested in my homily that we all reflect on the past year to learn from the trials that we all had to endure during the pandemic. We have all learned to operate differently by finding new ways to do old tasks. We have had to work at being effective in work or school and strengthening our relationships with family and fellow parishioners. We have been forced to evaluate our priorities, hopefully rediscovering the things that are most important in our lives and separating them from the trivial.

Reestablishing our relationship with God and with one another as a parish is an important task for all of us as we emerge from the past year. Let this be a time of renewal, prizing our faith, the celebration of the sacraments, and the bonds of fellowship with fresh energy! I have two specific opportunities to recommend:

—we have five nursing homes in our parish boundaries and have not been able to visit with the Catholic residents for more than a year. Now that we have the opportunity to make pastoral visits, we look forward to seeing our elderly, and offering Communion once again. I have reached out to some of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help take Communion to the sick. This corporal work of mercy is service to Christ Who we help every time we visit *one of the least of these* (Mt 25:40). If you're interested in assisting the visits to the elderly or taking Communion to them, please step forward.

—we have also begun to offer funeral lunches again, with our Martha Group, to grieving families on the day of a funeral. Volunteers have been very helpful by either (1) dropping off a dish for the luncheon, or (2) by being present to help serve the lunch after the funeral Mass. If you're able to assist with either of these areas, please volunteer.

Thanks for your commitment to our parish!

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41
Monday	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ, Religious Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday	Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7: 15-20
Thursday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
Friday	Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 or Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 21, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Adam & Elizabeth Weinstein Family/Jack & Margaret Weinstein
8:00 a.m.	Joe Maier/Grandchildren

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Beyler Family/Mike & Tracy Seyfert
8:00 a.m.	Francisca/Jeanne Whalen

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Celestino Gochoco/Manolito & Marianita Cabucos
8:00 a.m.	Len Kuchan/Ken McGann

Thursday, June 24, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Tom Jacquin/Family
8:00 a.m.	Sr. Bernadette Kouri FSJB

Friday, June 25, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Bill Grimm/Mike & Tracy Seyfert
8:00 a.m.	Msgr. William Watson/Mary Ann Noe

Saturday, June 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Linda Horton/Andy & Susan Piper
5:00 p.m.	Jeanette Holland/Anne & Kevin Morrissey

Sunday, June 27, 2021

7:00 a.m.	Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Colleen & Rich Lavin
9:00 a.m.	Lois Lipka/Paul & Ann Horst
11:00 a.m.	Charlotte Slaughter/Laurie Royer
5:00 p.m.	For the People

Week of June 20

FATHER'S DAY Sunday, June 20

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

MEN'S CLUB GOLF SCRAMBLE Friday, June 25, 12:00 p.m., Mt. Hawley CC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration	July 2
Parish Solemnity of St. Thomas	July 3
St. Thomas Holy Hour	July 15

Our Sympathy

Caryl Lane, mother of Rob Kazlauskis and
grandmother of Kyle Kazlauskis

Baptism Congratulations

Juliette Marie Robinson, daughter of
Zach & Christina Robinson

Happy Father's Day To all Dads in our Parish

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 Way of the Heart

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Sunday Collections.....	\$10,757.....	\$816,914
Electronic Collections	\$3,399.....	\$169,950
Total Collected.....	\$14,156.....	\$986,864
Over/(Short)	\$(5,844).....	\$(13,136)

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.



The Playground Build

Many dedicated workers came out on a really hot day to help build a great play structure for our STS students. Check it out next to the back parking lot/playground!



A bit of dust here?



Making quick work of digging post holes.

Hey, can you come over and help hold this thing?

All the little pieces ~ "does anyone know where they all go?"



One to dig and six to make sure it's done correctly

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, repack 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



Really taking shape



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity to become a witness of charity to those who suffer most. Pope Francis has encouraged us to *open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!* (Misericordiae Vultus, [MV] no. 15).

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection support Pope Francis as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

Pope Francis has told us that *mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope* (MV, no. 10). Please prayerfully consider participating in this collection and becoming a **witness of charity**, a force of mercy that reaches out to those around the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†Daniel R. Jenky

✠ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA

Fulton Sheen Newsletters

The Sheen Foundation quarterly newsletters are back! They include excerpts from Archbishop's Sheen's works, as well as stories about upcoming events, prayers answered, and more!



To receive this FREE newsletter, send your contact information to Info@SheenCause.org or call Sr. Lea in the Foundation Office -- 309-671-1550.



Staff Openings

St. Thomas School offers the following teaching positions 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 a resume to Mrs. Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net

Recent college graduates are welcome!

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



St. Thomas 2021 Golf Scramble

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Friday, June 25, 2021
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Registration Deadline Friday, June 18th
Late registration after June 18th,
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Terri Moon
(309) 688-3446

Register Online At:
<https://www.stthomaspeoria.org/product/2021-st-thomas-golf-scramble/>

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

Around the Diocese

June 27-July 2: *Totus Tuus*

St. Mark Parish, Peoria

July 11-17: *Totus Tuus*

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Morton

St. Mary Parish, Metamora

July Ultreya



Please join us for our Cursillo July Ultreya

2021 Theme: *Go Make Disciples* Guests and families are Welcome!

Saturday, July 10; 7:00pm

Holy Family Catholic Church, Peoria, and on the Peoria Cursillo Office Facebook Live page

Join us for a chance to pray and share!

Lay Reflection by Ron Budzinski

Host Couple: Maurice and Maureen Alouan

Social Time outside afterwards with snacks and beverages - individually wrapped

Guests are welcome!

No sign up needed! Please join us!

You can contact the Cursillo Office at 309/676-5587 or cursillopeoria@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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3. **Download My Parish App** to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
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