

July 25, 2021

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From Our Pastor

Over the past few weeks, I have addressed some questions about being in full communion with the Catholic Church and receiving Communion. A person who persistently denies an essential teaching of the Faith places himself outside of the communion of the Catholic Church. In this column, I will consider a pastoral response to this situation.

The pastors of the Church, especially the bishops, have a responsibility to shepherd the flock and to warn them about the dangers of sin. Above all, it must be remembered that calling a person to repent of a serious error is not being mean, attacking another, or a sign of hatred. Confronting error is an act of kindness and of charity. We have all had times in which we have been challenged, perhaps by our parents or by others who love us, who want the best for us. Challenging those who are not disposed to receive Communion does not weaponize the Eucharist. It is because of love that those in authority warn us of the dangers of error and sin. It is for the good of souls, and for our salvation.

When a person privately breaks communion because of grave sin or because of a serious error about the Faith, the greatest act of charity is to go to the person directly. A person who is not in full communion should not receive the Eucharist, lest as St. Paul warns us, he eats or drinks his own condemnation (1 Cor 11:29). It is an act of love and a sign of great respect to call a person to repentance, and to return to communion with the Church.

If the error or the offense is public, the pastors of the Church are concerned both about the person who breaks communion and about the example given to the rest of the community. Charity invites those who are shepherds to urge those who break communion to repent, but not only for their own sake. They should also avoid giving bad example, sowing confusion, or causing scandal among the faithful. The warning of the shepherd is also a sign of love for the flock he must protect.

It is never easy to challenge beliefs that are not in harmony with the Gospel, especially serious errors that hinder the reception of Communion. Let us always remember the awesome holiness of Jesus, Who is truly present in the Eucharist. Let us also remember that He died for us so we might receive His forgiveness whenever we repent of sin.

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Monday Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; John 11:19-27

Friday St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 26, 2021

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased School Sisters of Notre Dame/

Frances Farraher

8:00 a.m. Mary Kay Barkley/Catholic Women's League

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

7:00 a.m. Smith & Hafner Families

8:00 a.m. Jay & Lois Streid/Nathan & Sherry Miller

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

7:00 a.m. Lou Phelan/James & Elizabeth Haney 8:00 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/Ed & Emily LaHood

Thursday, July 29, 2021

7:00 a.m. Chuck Gavin/Brian Kemp 8:00 a.m. Mary Ward/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, July 30, 2021

7:00 a.m. Jack & Frances McGinn/Mary Eaton 8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Runkle/Maureen Williams

Saturday, July 31, 2021

8:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Joe & Sandy Whelan

5:00 p.m. Rita Sauer/Family

Sunday, August 1, 2021

7:00 a.m. For the People

9:00 a.m. Mary Ward/Laura Gibson 11:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB

5:00 p.m. Linda Horton/Andy & Susan Piper

Week of July 25

ROSARY Tuesday, July 27, 10:00 a.m., Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration August 6
Parish Picnic August 15
St. Thomas Holy Hour August 19
St. Thomas Volunteer Fair August 29
Septemberfest September 25

Our Sympathy

Fr. Thomas Henseler



July 2021 Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

K of C Exemplification



Terry Cochran, Grand Knight, Spaulding Council #427 and Doug Booher, Deputy Grand Knight, SC #427 welcomed new Brother Knights at the celebration of Exemplification this past Sunday.

New Knights (most of whom attend St. Thomas) include: Michael Axelson, Brian Barkley, John Bender, Orion Richey, Chris Russick, and Timothy Wona.

Weekly Collection

	July 18, 2021	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$60,000
Sunday Collections	\$9,494	\$38,277
Electronic Collections	\$3,188	\$9,986
Total Collected	•	-
Over/(Short)	\$(7,318)	\$(11,737)

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.

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.

Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Saint Mark Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria.

August 2, the first Monday, 7:00 p.m.

If you have received the vaccine, face masks are not required, if you have not received please wear a mask.

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.

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A New Parish Nurse

Greetings Fellow St. Thomas Parishioners!

I know many of you already, having been a part of the St.Thomas Family since 1996. I'd like to introduce myself now to everyone as the new Faith Based Community, or Parish, Nurse. I completed the certification course through OSF this late spring and am anxious to begin serving. I earned my BSN from Marquette University and have worked in adult critical care, multispecialty clinics for all age groups, and Cardiac Rehabilitation. I have an interest in wellness and prevention, which I plan to include in my ministry.

Some of the services I will provide as Parish Nurse are:

- Wellness and Health screenings;
- Work with Parish Wellness Council to provide health education materials and programs to meet needs of Parish;
- Assist individuals and families navigate through health system;
- Assistance in setting up medication schedules, completing Advanced Directives (living wills), and seeking care and services in the community;
- Occasional visits to parish members living at home or in centers receiving skilled nursing

How can you help my ministry?

- Pray for me, that I can make a difference in the lives and health of our Parish Family;
- Complete the Parish Health Needs Assessment that will be distributed next month;
- Join the Parish Wellness Council, to plan programs, services, and events to meet the needs of St. Thomas Parish.

I can be contacted by email at **ParishNurse@St.Thomas-church.net**. Phone number pending.

Respectfully,

Mary Clare Geraghty, RN, BSN

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FOUNDATION

Attention Caterpillar Employees & Retirees

Your donations to St. Thomas School are now eligible for a match through the Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts program. Please review the details of the program including any current match requests you have already submitted when planning your donation. If you make a donation to the school please consider submitting for a match.

Guide for receiving a match from Caterpillar Foundation

- Make a donation to St. Thomas School. Note: Donations to the church are not eligible for the match.
- Submit a match request using the Caterpillar Foundation match portal
- Search for St. Thomas School and enter the gift details at caterpillar.com/matchinggifts
- The school will receive a match request notification from the Caterpillar Foundation and will verify the tax-deductible gift amount

The Caterpillar Foundation will review requests and provide a match of your donation to the school according to the guidelines of their program at the time.

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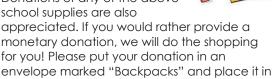
Project Backpack

Please help us get area K - 8th grade students ready to go back to school!

Please donate a new backpack(s) filled with the following items by **Sunday, August 8**th:

- * 2 Wide-Ruled Notebooks
- * 2 2-Pocket Poly Folders
- 1 Pack of Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
- * 1 12-Pack #2 Lead Pencils
- 1 Pack Black or Blue Pens
- 1 Pink Fraser
- * 1 Metric/English ruler
- * 1 10-Pack of Crayola Markers
- * 1 24-Pack Crayola Crayons
- * 1 12-Pack Crayola Colored Pencils
- * 1 4 oz. Bottle Elmer's School Glue
- * 2 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair School Scissors
- * 1 Pencil Pouch

Backpacks may be left in the collection tubs in the narthex or dropped off at the St.
Thomas Food Pantry (M and Th, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM).
Donations of any of the above



the Sunday collection or drop it at the parish office.

Please contact Diana at dianajanda1964@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for helping area students get off to a great start for the 2021-2022 school year!

Volunteer Weekend Coming

Tentatively set for Sunday, August 29th

Information will be available for all of the different ways in which you may volunteer to help here at St. Thomas.

We will only be able to do this with your help. Everyone is encouraged to take an active part by getting involved in those functions in which you are most interested.





To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria My dear friends,

I am writing to you today to bring to your attention the situation of our brothers and sisters in the Catholic Faith who live in Lebanon. They are facing what has been called the worst economic crisis in modern history. Indeed, the nation faces a famine, and some are in danger of starvation.

The Lebanese community is deeply rooted in our diocese, some of whom are Latin Rite Catholics while others belong to on of the Oriental Rites in communion with the See of Peter. I am asking that a second collection be taken in our parishes this month. The proceeds will be forwarded to the Patriarch, Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi, who will distribute the funds to those in need.

The Collection for our Brothers and Sisters in the Catholic Faith living in Lebanon will be taken up the weekend of July 31/Aug. 1.

Sincerely yours in Christ

+ Manie R. Jenky ".

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

When you go the poor, you encounter Jesus



Aah, summer. Time to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and gather with family and friends. We are thankful that vaccines and other precautions allow us to celebrate Mass in person, to attend ball games, and to travel. Being apart has made it so much sweeter

to be together!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has assisted clients throughout the pandemic, with your generous support. Most of the people who call Catholic Charities and are then directed to us do not have much savings and many lost jobs in businesses that shut down. The programs that provided funds to help people get by are ending as summer winds down, so we expect to receive many, many calls for help. We always confirm information given by clients so we are good stewards of your money and we ask you to consider increasing your donations as we enter an expected increase in need.

We stay as informed as possible of resources available through the government and other agencies, and we have access to job information that we share with clients, but many times people have immediate needs or fall through the cracks and we are there to help them.

Now as we move toward Labor Day, let's savor every summer day and remember that we have brothers and sisters who struggle. Thank you for giving the St. Vincent de Paul Society the resources to assist friends in need and for keeping them in your prayer. You're the best.

John & Pat Pusey

Thank You!

For the first time in several years St. Thomas has met our goal for the annual Diocesan Appeal.

Thank you for your generous support.

Septoberfest ~ Volunteers Needed



Septoberfest will be here before we know it ~ **September 25**th

We need your help to make this a success.

The 5 areas of need:

- Set-up on 9/25, beginning at noon
- Kitchen help 3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Beverage station 3:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
- Ticket counter 3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Tear down beginning at 10:30 p.m.

If you have questions or are able to **volunteer for two (2) hours** in one of the areas please call Gary Doll at 309-369-9617, Todd Dennhardt 309 -472-7178, or Tom Majewski 309-657-3402

Church Housekeeper Needed

Housekeeper needed part-time for cleaning of the Church, Chapel, Parish Hall, and related spaces. Duties include all aspects of hard and carpeted floor care, sanitizing, dusting, and other duties as needed.

Hours can be flexible and will likely vary weekto-week.

For questions, or to apply for the position, call the Parish Office at 309-688-3446.

Position Opening

St. Edward, Chillicothe has two positions to fill: school secretary and extended care coordinator for a new after-care program for pre-school students.

If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact Mike Domico at St. Edwards, (309) 274-2994.

St. Thomas Food Pantry

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

Thank you for your generosity

Peoria Notre Dame 25th Annual Golf Classic



To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic, the annual outing will take place this year on *Wednesday*, *September 8* at the Country Club of Peoria.

Gather your foursome for lunch, a round of golf on a pristine course, drinks and dinner along with great prizes.

Hole sponsorships and event sponsorships are also available. You can register for golf and sponsorships at *pndgolfclassic.maxgiving.golf*.

Questions? Contact Sarah Huenefeld at s.huenefeld@pndhs.org or 691-8741.

On A Mission to Help Fund Tuition

The 3rd annual **Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance** fundraising event will take place on **August 21, 2021**.

In-person or virtual \sim walk or run the 5k/1 mile event. Registration includes: t-shirt, magnet, discount coupon to RC Outfitters, drink ticket to Pour Bros. and a live concert at Pour Bros. the evening of the event.

To register: 2021 — Randy Simmons Memorial 5K Run — Race Roster — Registration, Marketing, Fundraising

If you are not able to participate, a donation can be made to the RS PND tuition assistance fund and sent to PO Box 10582, Peoria IL 61612. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

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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Staff Openings

St. Thomas School offers the following teaching positions for our 2021-2022 school year:

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!

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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).
- Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomaschurch.net to sign up).
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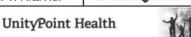
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