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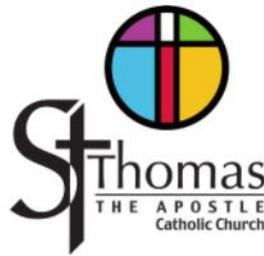
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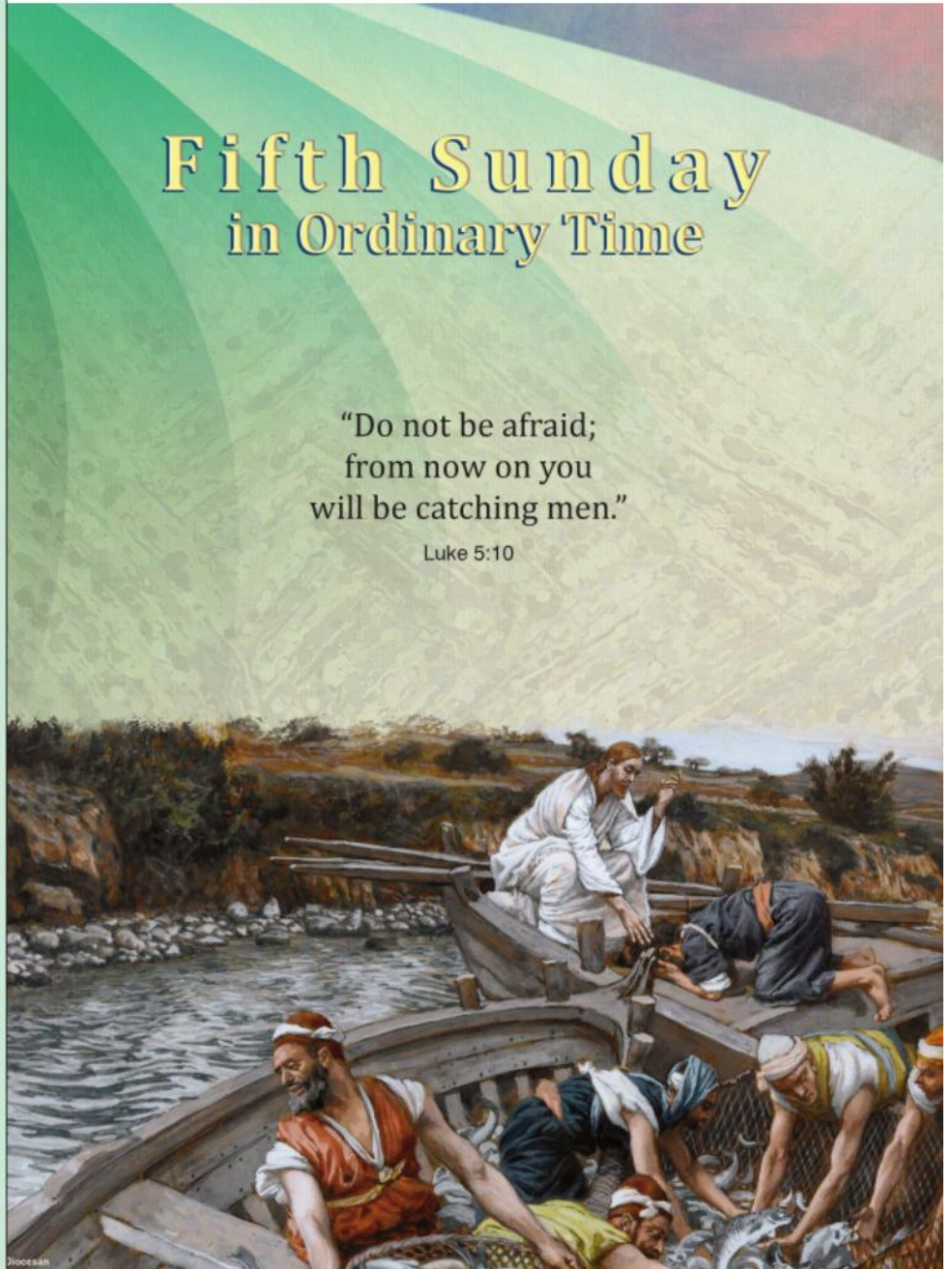


February 6, 2022  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid;  
from now on you  
will be catching men."

Luke 5:10







## From Our Pastor

Some parishioners expressed interest in continuing to offer "homework" to further our study of the Scriptures. For each weekend, please read the assigned readings for the weekend. If you would like to explore more of the Bible, I will offer additional reading that you can consider. See the bulletin for this information.

Fr. John Twinomujuni has been in residence at St. Thomas for several weeks as he went through his training and began his work in Pastoral Care at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. In conversations with the Diocese and OSF, Fr. John will continue to live in residence at St. Thomas. I am happy to share the rectory with Fr. John. His full-time assignment will continue to be in Pastoral Care at OSF. While you may see him from time to time, he will not have any responsibilities here at the parish.

We have been raising money to replace our older windows at St. Thomas School. I am very happy to announce that we have raised \$320,000 which is a sign of your heroic generosity. We estimate that the cost of the windows will probably be a little over \$400,000. We will continue to invite donations for this project throughout the spring. We estimate that more efficient windows could produce annual savings of \$10,000 in heating and cooling.

In the meantime, I ask everyone in the parish to pray for the success of St. Thomas School. As we celebrated Catholic School's Week, we continue to encourage new families to choose Catholic Education at St. Thomas. Please join me in prayer for blessings on our school, for successful enrollment and for success in making the physical improvements that will serve the school for many years into the future.

-Msgr. Gray



## Readings for the Week of February 6, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mark 6: 53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</b> 1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mark 7: 1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 10: 1-10; Mark 7: 14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Scholastica, Virgin</b> 1 Kings 11: 4-13; Mark 7: 24-30
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 1 Kings 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mark 7: 31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kings 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mark 8: 1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 7, 2022

7:00 a.m. Shirley Faux/Carmelite Community

### Tuesday, February 8, 2022

7:00 a.m. Joseph P. Kelly/John & Amy Kelly

### Wednesday, February 9, 2022

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

### Thursday, February 10, 2022

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sandra Tucubal/Ed & Cathy Mallow

9:15 a.m. Sonny King/Steve Cramer & Karen Woolley

### Friday, February 11, 2022

7:00 a.m. Dec. Mem Farraher/Shane Families/Frances Farraher

### Saturday, February 12, 2022

8:00 a.m. Charlie & Lid Zeman/Jack & Margaret Weinstein

5:00 p.m. David Riekert/Jim & Nancy Becker

### Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:00 a.m. Del Bertschy/Paul & Ann Horst

10:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist

5:00 p.m. For the People



## Week of February 6

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** after Sunday morning Masses, Parish Hall

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS** this weekend

**ROSARY** Tuesday, February 8, 10:00 a.m., Church

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**CCD** Wednesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m., School

**RCIA** Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Friday, February 11, doors open 6:00 a.m., program 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

**CARMELITES** Saturday, February 12, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Thomas Holy Hour	February 24
Adoration	March 4
Fish Fry	March 25

## Bishop Jenky's Birthday & Retirement

On March 3, Bishop Jenky will celebrate his 75th birthday, which is the age when bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the Holy Father. Well wishes on the occasion of his birthday and his retirement may be sent to him at the following address:

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
Spalding Pastoral Center  
419 NE Madison Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61603



Sincerely in the Lord,

Monsignor Philip D. Halfacre  
Vicar General

## Weekly Collection

	January 30, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000	\$620,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$10,698	\$445,303
Electronic Collections .....	\$3,188	\$99,250
Total Collected.....	\$13,886	\$544,553
Over/(Short) .....	\$(6,114)	\$(75,447)

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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Thank you for your support.

## Our Sympathy

Stephen Ferri

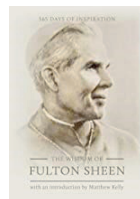


## Pray with the Pope

February 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



## Books Available

There are copies of *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen: 365 Days of Inspiration* available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

## RCIA Topics

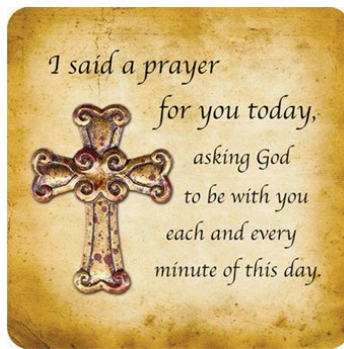
- Feb 9:** Prayer, Universal Call to Holiness  
**Feb 16:** Our Father, Hail Mary, other prayers, prepare for Lent  
**Feb 23:** Moral Law, grace  
**Mar 2:** Ash Wednesday, NO Class  
**Mar 9:** Ten & Great Commandments, #1-3; Divine/Natural Law  
**Mar 16:** Commandments 4, 5, 7, 8  
**Mar 23:** Commandments 6, 9, 10  
**Mar 30:** History of the Church

- Apr 6:** Examination of Conscience, Preparation for Confession, Review  
**Apr 13:** Penance Service, Practice  
**Apr 16:** Easter Vigil (Saturday)  
**Apr 20:** Mystagogy

Sponsor of the Week







## Prayers to the Infant of Prague



Please join in praying to Christ Child as the Infant of Prague for blessings upon St. Thomas School, for success during Catholic Schools' Week, for our school enrollment, and for success in replacing our windows for energy efficiency.

O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. Grant that St. Thomas School may grow for your glory and honor.

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted. Grant that St. Thomas School may grow for your glory and honor.

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. Grant that St. Thomas School may grow for your glory and honor.

Divine Infant Jesus, I want to give You my hands today. I want to serve You with all my heart and make You known and loved. Doing Your will is the source of my inner peace and joy.

Divine Infant, I give You my hands to touch those I meet with Your love and peace. I ask You to heal those in pain, to encourage the hopeless, to console the sorrowing, and to provide for those in want. I ask You to reach out to the lonely. I especially plead for the many people suffering from great poverty and injustice.

Miraculous Infant, I believe that You love me and know all of my needs. I place them in Your hands. I trust in Your love and care. I want to honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen.

Join us for Coffee  
and Donuts after  
morning Mass this  
weekend



## Summary of Diocese Financial Activities Year ended June 30, 2021

### Revenues and Expenses

	6/30/2021
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Annual Diocesan Appeal	\$ 5,483,575
Contributions	33,086
Restricted Contributions	26,140
Reimbursement Income from Other Funds	1,865,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,921,439
Contributions Designated for Retreat Center	15,985,682
	<u>25,314,922</u>
<b>Costs and Expenses:</b>	
Pastoral Offices	1,778,383
Pastoral Ministries	606,345
Pastoral Commissions & Assessments	90,758
Religious Personnel Development and Care	1,168,658
Religious Education	765,173
Social Services	142,898
Administration	1,516,645
Building Expense	1,022,919
Capital Costs	250,349
Retreat Center Construction Cost	18,039,190
	<u>25,381,318</u>
<b>Excess of Expenses and Capital Costs over Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (66,396)</b>
<b>Special collections</b>	
Bishops' Relief Fund	91,514
Campaign for Human Development	46,869
Holy Land	70,371
Pentecost	45,151
Religious Retirement	88,803
Rice Bowl	17,507
Eastern Europe	55,675
Mission Sunday	65,355
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal	67,969
Other	5,683
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 554,897</b>
<b>Endowment Grant Distributions</b>	
John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund	\$ 530,774
Monsignor Duncan College Campus Ministry Fund	\$ 225,504
Fulton Sheen Religious Education Fund	\$ 12,484



## Scripture Homework

For those who would like to dive more into scripture, read the readings for the Sunday and then consider the following homework for further study.

5th Sunday in ordinary time: February 6, 2022

- **Read Revelation 4** and compare the description of the angels and their hymn with the today's reading from *Isaiah 6*.
- **Read Revelation 8** and compare the burning coals to today's reading from *Isaiah 6*. The coals are used in worship as the incense rises like the prayers of the holy ones, but it is also used to purify (like the lips of *Isaiah*) as the fiery coals are cast down to the earth.
- **Read Psalm 51** and consider how *Isaiah* needed to be purified of his wickedness, as the psalmist prays to be purified of his sin.
- **Read John 21** and compare with today's Gospel from *Luke 5*. The same miracle of the catch of fish has a different effect on Peter when he experiences it after the resurrection. Consider his first reaction in *Luke* (Leave me, Lord) from his second reaction in *John* (Lord, you know that I love you.)

6th Sunday in ordinary time: February 13, 2022

- **Read Matthew 5:1-12** and compare the Beatitudes in Matthew with those in today's Gospel of *Luke 6*.
- **Read Matthew 25:31-46** and compare the Beatitudes in today's Gospel of *Luke 6* with the parable of the sheep and goats. See how the bad and the good, the blessings and the curses are set in parallel literary structures as opposites of one another.

### St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Current needs are: boxed skillet meals, pasta sauce, peanut butter, boxed side dishes, and personal hygiene products

*Thank you for your generosity*

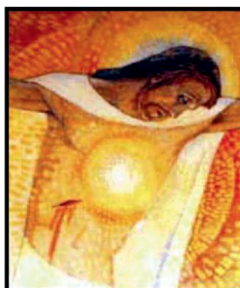
## When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

PRAYING TO HAVE HEARTS THAT BRING GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE



The members of SVDP at St. Thomas wish to thank you for your prayers and monetary support without which we could not assist the less fortunate calling for help. Beginning the new year, the rate of calls we received has significantly increased. As of Jan. 12, we have received 19 requests to help 40 family members - 12 for rent, 3 for water, 1 for power, 2 for transportation, and 1 for tuition. There are many reasons the callers are in desperate need of help. We listen to their stories, do some investigating, and offer other resources, in addition to ours, that may be helpful. Then we pray that we make the right decision. It is an honor to serve those less fortunate.

If you are interested in joining our group, please call the church office at 309-688-3446. A member of SVDP will be alerted to contact you to answer any questions.



2022 Lenten Day of Recollection

### *Redemptive Suffering & the Hope of Heaven*

Saturday, March 19, 2022 9am – 3pm  
Spalding Pastoral Center  
419 N.E. Madison Ave., Peoria



Fr. John Verrier  
Pastor, St. Joseph, Brimfield  
and St. James, Williamsfield



Sister Faustina Thomas O.P.  
Dominican Sisters of Mary,  
Mother of the Eucharist



Fr. Daniel McShane  
Parochial Vicar, St. Jude Peoria

9:00 a.m. Check-in and Continental Breakfast  
Breakfast, Lunch, and talks | Adoration | Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Mass at 11AM

Books, gifts, religious goods for sale  
Community of St. John | Dominicans of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist | Servants of the Pierced Hearts  
Fulton Sheen Museum (on-site) | Visit Fulton Sheen tomb at St. Mary's Cathedral (2 blocks away)

**\*\*REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 11\*\***  
Due to lunch reservation required

Questions? Arlene Heinz (309)868-9061 or Janice Lukich (309)231-1814.

\$25 per person Check made payable to "Divine Mercy Cenacle of Peoria"  
Please include attendee(s) name, contact email, and phone.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED VIA EMAIL

MAIL TO: Mrs. Paula Göttemoller, 13027 W. Parks School Rd., Princeville, IL 61559

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."  
(Diary of St. Faustina, 1319)





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	Option 1 Mondays, 12-12:30p	Option 2 Wednesdays, 3-3:30p	Option 3 Thursdays, 6:30-7p
Lesson 9:	January 24	January 26	January 27
Lesson 10:	February 14	February 9	February 10
Lesson 11:	February 28	February 23	February 24
Lesson 12:	March 1	March 9	March 10

**Join us for the last four classes!**

\*There are 12 sessions in all and you may earn up to \$75 per household if you attend the full series. Choose the option that works best for you!

## Monthly Holy Hours for Vocations with Fr. Chase.

Did you know that Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck hosts a monthly holy hour and leads meditation in various Peoria area parishes? Join the movement of monthly devotion to our Eucharistic Lord for the increase in faithful vocations to priesthood and consecrated life!

All holy hours are from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

- February 15<sup>th</sup>: St. Mark's, Peoria
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: St. Jude's, Peoria
- April 5<sup>th</sup>: St. Edward's, Chillicothe
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Vincent's, Peoria

## PND Annual Blue & Green Gala

March 19, 2022



A county fair is an event that draws people together to celebrate local people, food, businesses and entertainment. We hope you will come together with us to support Peoria Notre Dame during our 39th annual *Blue and Green Gala: Heart of PND County Fair!* Your support by contributing live or silent auction items or monetary donations is greatly appreciated for the success of the event. If you would like to donate an item, please call event coordinator **Sarah Huenefeld** at **309-691-8741** or email [s.huenefeld@pndhs.org](mailto:s.huenefeld@pndhs.org).



## 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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Under **About** open the *New Parishioner Registration*, complete and submit the form.

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**New Parishioner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Change of address/phone** \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Saint Mark's Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue  
**7:00 P.M., Monday, February 7, 2022 .**

Face masks and social distancing requested.

Holy Hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers.



**How to Submit Bulletin Information**

Send information for the bulletin to [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto: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. Please, DO NOT send PDFs.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the class.

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm  
&  
6:00 p.m.-until last confession heard.

**Parish Office Hours**

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
- 0 - Terri- Administrative Assist.
- 1340 - Julie-Accounting
- 1341 - Pat-Tuition

If you have items to deliver for the Parish Office, you are welcome to put them through the mail slot 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 4:00 p.m. every day.

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