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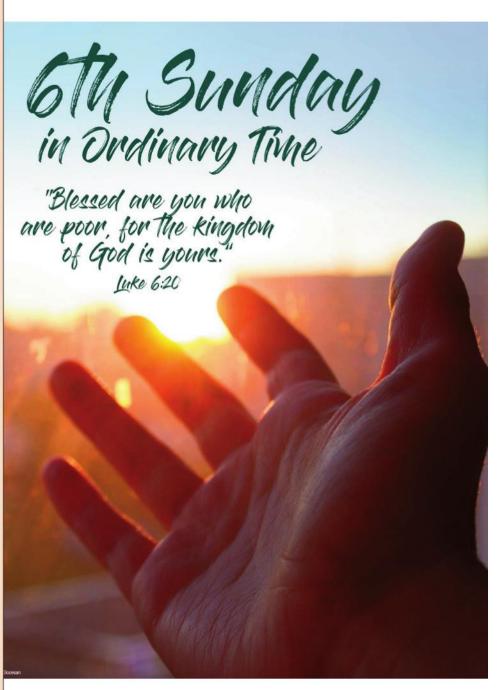
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

I am grateful to my brother priests for their assistance with Masses this weekend while I am away for a short time. Thank you for offering them a warm welcome as they visit us at St. Thomas.

With the help of local roofers, we have identified the source of the water that leaks into part of the narthex. The only thing preventing the repair is the freezing temperatures. With a little warmer weather, we will be able to have this leak fixed in the near future.

Last weekend, I mentioned the importance of knowing the Lord and his mercy. I offered to hear confessions after each of the Masses and I was happy to see many people take advantage of this opportunity. I am open to ways of making confession available more frequently, according to your need and interest. If you have thoughts on good times to make confession available, I would welcome your input.

Thank you also for continuing your prayers to the Infant of Prague for the benefit of St. Thomas School. Trusting in the graces that we receive from Our Lord, I know that our parish school will experience God's blessings.

-Msgr. Gray



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.



Readings for the Week of February 13, 2022

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20;

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Monday Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishops

James 1: 1-11; Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday James 1: 12-18; Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday James 1: 19-27; Mark 8: 22-26

Thursday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

James 2: 1-9; Mark 8: 27-33

Friday James 2: 14-24, 26; Mark 8: 34—9: 1

Saturday James 3: 1-10; Mark 9: 2-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49;

Luke 6: 27-38

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 14, 2022

7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan

Joe Maier/Carol Maier

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

Thursday, February 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. Canon John Flattery

9:15 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Bob & Barb Gusman

Friday, February 18, 2022

7:00 a.m. Bill & Luella Schierer/Mary Ann Noe

Saturday, February 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. James Vonnahme/The Barkley Family

5:00 p.m. Ric & Joe Olson/Mark Olson

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. Bruce Treder/Amy & John Kelly

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Tyler & Sarah Haar/Michael & Whitney

Axelson

5:00 p.m. Mary Fricke/Family

Week of February 13

ST SCHOOL Closed Monday, February 14

ROSARY Tuesday, February 15, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CCD Wednesday, February 16, 6:00 p.m., School

RCIA Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

MENS CLUB Thursday, February 17, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

THAT MAN IS YOU Friday, February 18, doors open 6:00 a.m., program 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Small Appliance Drive

That Man Is You is sponsoring a Small Household Appliance Drive.

We have identified needs from some of the clients of the St. Thomas Food Pantry for small household appliances. Similar to the Christmas Giving Tree Program, you will find slips of paper with the identified needed item in the gathering area in the back of the church. You can select a needed item, and then provide either a new or gently used appliance that's listed on the slip of paper. Bring the item back to St. Thomas with the slip of paper attached to it, and place it in one of the collection bins in the back of the church. The slips of paper will be available after all Masses the weekends of February 19 & 20 & February 26 & 27.

We ask that you obtain the item requested and bring it in with the label attached by Sunday March 6th. The St. Thomas Food Pantry will then distribute the items to the recipients. Please join us in helping those less fortunate in our community, who have a need but not the means to have some of the basic household appliances that many of us take for granted.

If you have any questions or need assistance in transporting an item to the church, please email **George Burek** at **georgeburek@yahoo.com**

Thanks you for your support of those less fortunate in our community.

Weekly Collection

	February 6, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$640,000
Sunday Collections	\$18,705	\$464,008
Electronic Collections	\$3,188	\$102,438
Total Collected	\$21,893	\$566,446
	\$1,893	•

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

John Waugh, brother of Barb Ruff & Mary Ann Findley

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.

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time: February 20

In the first reading, we see David deciding to spare King Saul, even when Saul was seeking to kill David. To see the full context of this reading, read 1 Sam 26.

In the second reading, St. Paul mentions the image of Christ as the New Adam. According to this image, the old Adam was the one whose disobedience brought sin into the world. Jesus is the New Adam whose obedience brought reconciliation. For more information, study the image of Mary as the New Eve. This image was proposed by the early fathers of the Church. Read about it by searching for Mary, the new Eve or read here: https://www.churchpop.com/2014/09/11/7-church-fathers-mary-new-eve/

RCIA Topics

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: Mystagogia

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	Quarter en	Quarter ending 12/21		YTD ending 12/21	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
CHURCH					
Operating Revenue					
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	388,300	332,400	628,000	638,500	
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	8,200	4,400	25,400	14,900	
Total Operating Revenue	396,500	336,800	653,400	653,400	
Operating Expenses					
Salary and Related	53,600	49,700	95,700	99,200	
PND Tuition & Assessment	24,700	24,800	49,400	49,500	
Other Operating Expenses	93,400	89,400	185,100	177,100	
Total Church Expenditures	171,700	163,900	330,200	325,800	
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	224,800	172,900	323,200	327,600	
SCHOOL					
Operating Revenue					
Tuition and Fees	303,300	307,500	522,900	532,500	
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	152,600	106,300	262,900	204,100	
Total Operating Revenue	455,900	413,800	785,800	736,600	
Operating Expenses					
School Expenditures	519,400	518,500	1,039,700	1,052,900	
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	94,700	87,200	164,500	156,600	
Total School Expenditures	614,100	605,700	1,204,200	1,209,500	
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	(158,200)	(191,900)	(418,400)	(472,900)	
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	66,600	(19,000)	(95,200)	(145,300)	
NON OPERATING ACTUAL REVENUE/EXPENSES					
Annual Giving (See Notes)	130,600	70,000	131,100	70,000	
Depreciation	43,000	40,000	43,000	40,000	
Investments	66,200	25,000	92,100	50,000	
Total Non Operating Revenue	239,800	135,000	266,200	160,000	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	306,400	116,000	171,000	14,700	
NOTE: The unrealized activity of our investments is not includ	ed in the above numb	ers. Those nu	mbers are state	ed below.	
Unrealized Appreciation	115,700	25,000	154,600	50,000	

Maintenance Position: The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is recruiting a Full-time (1st shift) - Building Maintenance Professional for St. Mary Cathedral, Spalding Pastoral Center and other Diocesan locations. Emphasis of the position is to carry out preventive/corrective maintenance along with general daily upkeep of the buildings and property. Highly skilled with a background in maintenance of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems will be required. Competitive wages and excellent benefits package! Forward your resume to humanresources@cdop.org.



Married Couples Retreat

We've Come to Share Our Story!



Presented by Deacon Rob and Joyce Heiple

Friday, March 11, 2022 to Sunday, March 13, 2022

Check-In starts at 6pm Friday. We end at Noon on Sunday.

Where:

Catholic Diocese of Peoria's Sacré-Coeur Retreat Center 8508 County Road 100 North Magnolia, IL 61336



Pricing

\$375 per couple (includes two-night stay, all meals and snacks)

For Reservations:

Please register at www.scrcmagnolia.org

For any questions, please contact **Deacon Terry Stalsberg** at (815) 869-4106 or at dcn_stalsberg@cdop.org



Men's Retreat

All men from St. Thomas are invited to attend a 3 day spiritual retreat to be held from **September 15 -18**, **2022** at the **White House Retreat Center in St. Louis**.

The 3 day retreat schedule includes a series of conferences/talks led by the retreat director, Benediction, Masses, Rosary, Confession opportunities, Sacrament of Anointing, time for personal prayer, discernment, meditation and more. Spiritual retreats provide an excellent opportunity to renew and deepen your personal faith and relationship with God.

If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact **George Burek** at **georgeburek@yahoo.com**.

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

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.



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



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 CLOSES 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 Gottemoller, 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)

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

PND Annual Blue & Green Gala

March 19, 2022

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!

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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**.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Save the Date: Thursday, Feb 17, 6:00 pm, all are cordially invited to a meeting in the St. Anthony Parish Center to learn about our Peter's Way pilgrimage to the Holy Land, In the Footsteps of Jesus, June 6-15, 2022.

The meeting will feature a zoom video conference with Peter Bahou from his office in New York. Growing up in Israel, with over forty years experience in escorting pilgrims to the Holy Land, Mr. Bahou will give an overview of the pilgrimage and answer any questions pertinent to the trip. Israel has re-opened for tourists and covid-related requirements are very reasonable. The gathering is open to all interested travelers and those who have already signed up for the tour...Middle Eastern refreshments will be served. For information: (309) 678-9166.

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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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