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April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



From Our Pastor

Today we begin the observance of Holy Week with Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. This is the holiest week of the Church year. May we all observe the sacredness of this time by intensifying our Lenten devotions and our spiritual union with Jesus as we walk with him through the Last Supper, to the Passion, and await at the tomb for his Resurrection. Please see the Holy Week schedule in the bulletin.

The priests of the Diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass with Bishop Tylka this week. This year, we will present the holy oils from the Chrism Mass to the parish at the Mass on Holy Thursday. The oils will be brought up during the offertory and reposed in the Ambry in the wall of our sanctuary.

Good Friday is the traditional first day of the Divine Mercy Novena which concludes on the Sunday after Easter. If you are interested in this devotion, the Novena will begin this Friday.

With the consecration of Russia by Pope Francis, there has been renewed interest in the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. Among the request of Our Lady are: Praying the Rosary, Works of Penance, and the First Saturday Devotion. It is always good for us to bring the Rosary into our prayer life and to keep a spirit of mortification by works of self-denial for the conversion of souls. In particular, the First Saturday Devotion is the practice of reciting the Rosary, confessing and receiving Communion on the First Saturdays of five consecutive months. This is a noble practice and Catholics are encouraged to make this devotion at least once in their life if not throughout their lives by honoring our Lady on the First Saturdays of the month.

We are approaching the end of the academic year. Looking ahead to the next year, I encourage every family with grade school children to take care of their religious education by enrolling them at St. Thomas School or in our CCD program. We will be in need of an additional CCD teacher for the next year. If you would be interested in giving one hour of your time each week to teach the faith to our children, please let me know.

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of April 10, 2022

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Luke 19: 28-40;

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 22: 14—23: 56

Monday Isaiah 42: 1-7; John 12: 1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49: 1-6; John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday Holy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-15

Friday Friday of the Passion of the Lord ~ Good Friday

Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9;

John 18: 1—19: 42

Saturday The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Genesis 1: 1—2:2; Genesis 22: 1-18; Exodus 14: 15—15: 1; Isaiah 54: 5-14; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Baruch 3: 9-15, 32—4: 4; Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6: 3-11; Luke 24: 1-12

Sunday Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8

John 20: 1-9

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 11, 2022

7:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00 a.m. For the Priests of our Diocese

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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

9:15 a.m. Mary Cooper/Friends

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:30 p.m. Dr. Jay Alameda/Family

No 7:00 a.m. Masses during the Triduum

Friday, April 15, 2022

3:00 p.m. Liturgy & Communion ~ Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 16, 2022

8:15 p.m. St. Thomas RCIA Class

Sunday, April 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. Katie Oltman/Mary Camp 10:00 a.m. Cecilia LaHood/Family

Week of April 10

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, April 10, after morning Masses

ROSARY Tuesday, April 12, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CCD Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m., School

PENANCE SERVICE Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m., Church

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Church

ADORATION Thursday, april 14, 8:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION Friday, April 15, 3:00 p.m., Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, April 15, 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 16, 8:15 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Thomas Holy Hour Memorial Mass April 28 April 27

Lenten Confessions

Fridays, including Good Friday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. until the last confession

Palm Sunday, April 10 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. & 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 P.M.

~ Reminder From Our Bishop ~

...Now, having reached a point where many of the safety protocols are able to be lifted, the time has come to **rescind the dispensation** from obligation to attend Sunday Mass. This will occur on **Palm Sunday**, **April 10, 2022...**

Weekly Collection

	April 3, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$800,000
Sunday Collections	\$18,273	\$581,333
Electronic Collections	\$3,188	\$127,942
Total Collected	\$21,461	\$709,275
Over/(Short)	\$1,461	\$(90,725)

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



Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday April 13
Penance Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. Presentation of Holy Oils during Mass Adoration in the Chapel will continue until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Passion with Communion, 3:00 p.m.
Confessions 6:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil Mass, 8:15 p.m.
Baptism & reception of new Catholics
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass

RCIA Topics

Apr 13: Practice followed by Confession &

penance

Apr 16: Easter Vigil (Saturday)

Apr 20: Mystagogia



Pray with the Pope

April 2022

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Father ~ Daughter Dance

An evening of fun for all



St. Thomas Parish **Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** Serving 7:00 a.m.—12:00 noon



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ALL THE **CHILDREN OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

Tickets can be purchased at the cafeteria doors after all morning masses.

PRICES ARE:

Family - \$20.00 Adult - \$5.00 Kids - \$3.00

The St. Thomas PTO appreciates your support. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our annual breakfast on April 10th, 2022.

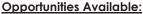


Student Summer Service Hours **Available**

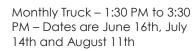
The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours! Summers offer two days each week for four students to gain service hours.

On Monday and Thursday mornings, holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to clients. Packing groceries, registering clients, restocking shelves, repackaging food, helping clients with food selection and assisting clients to their vehicles are activities students will perform while under adult supervision. An additional service opportunity occurs on one Thursday per month when we receive a truckload of food products from Midwest Food Bank. On these days, six 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 sdjanda1@comcast.net.



Monday and Thursday mornings - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM









Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift and pledge to the 2021 ADA. Your gifts support the many programs and services of the Diocese of Peoria.

There is still time to contribute. Please fill out your pledge card and return in the Sunday collection or drop off in the Parish Office. Call or email the Parish Office with questions. Online giving is also an option this year at Catholic Diocese of Peoria Annual Diocesan Appeal 2021 - Catholic Diocese of Peoria (cdop.org). We appreciate your support of the ADA and the Diocese of Peoria.

Progress: 2/28/2022

Goal	\$ 134,920
Total pledged	\$ 127,213
Total paid	\$ 113,604
Remaining to goal	\$ 7,707

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians of the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Sponsor of the Week



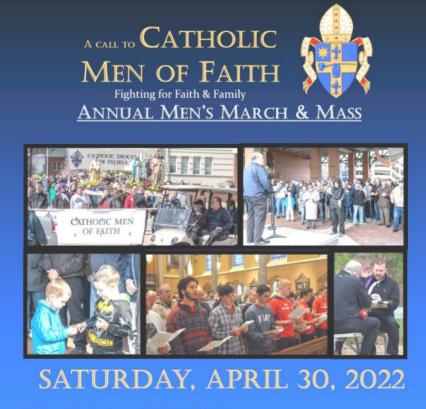
Tuition Assistance for the 2022/2023 School Year

Families who are interested in being considered for financial assistance for the 2022/2023 school year must complete the online FACTS Grant & Aid Application at **online.factsmgt.com/aid**. The application and required supporting tax documents (your 2021 tax return and W-2's) must be received online by FACTS by the application **deadline date of April 29**, **2022**. There is a \$35.00 fee required in order to complete the FACTS application.

Completion of the FACTS application by the **April 29, 2022** deadline makes you eligible to receive financial aid from the John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund through the Diocese of Peoria and the St. Thomas Parish Sponsor a Student Fund.

If you have any questions about the financial aid process or would like assistance in completing your application please contact Pat in the Parish Office at 688-3446.

All Men of the Parish are Encouraged to Attend the Men's March



8:30am- Confessions at the Peoria Riverfront

9:00am- Gathering & Opening Prayer

9:15am- Men's Rally Begins

9:45am- March to Cathedral

10:30am- Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St. Mary

11:45am-Fellowship & Food Following the Mass at Spalding Pastoral Ctr.

*Food & Beverages will be available for nurchase

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Going for the Gold(en) Years

Saturday, April 30, 2022 10:00 am until 1:30 pm

Proctor Center 309 S. DuSable St. Peoria, Il 61605

Explore what <u>Graceland Center for Purposeful Aging</u> plans to offer for adults ages 50 +

10:00 am	Check in	Coffee and snacks, visit vendors
10:30 am – 10:45am	Welcome Peggy Jacques Founder and Executive Director of Graceland Center	Opening Dr. Joseph Babione UnityPoint Peoria UnityPlace
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Healthy Living for your Brain	Daryl Carlson Alzheimer's Association Il Chapter
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Feisty Physical Fun for the 50's and Beyond!	Christine Clemons CTRS
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Holding Back the Years	Tahari N. Allen, MA, LPC OSF Strive-Trauma Recovery Cente
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Box Lunch Included with registration Visit Vendors and Door Prize Give Aways	Recap Q & A Graceland Center's Purpose Gathering Community Input

- Registration is DUE by APRIL 15th, 2022!
- Registration MUST be completed BEFORE the event. Registrations after April 15th will be accepted only if there is room for more people. Walk ins will <u>not</u> be able to be accommodated due to COVID precautions.
- COVID rules will be followed. Be prepared to wear a mask to attend and to observe social distancing as indicated.
- Cost is \$5 per person, CASH ONLY.
- No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Note on the registration form if you have a need for a scholarship, access accommodations, or food allergies.
- Register at https://forms.gle/5Bbc6p18pzHnbtyA8 OR
- <u>Call</u> 833.503.7773 to leave a message; we will return your call promptly to help you register.

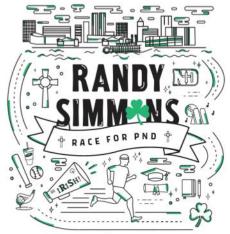
Please browse our website at: www.Gracelandcenter.com
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We welcome your questions, insight, and enthusiasm for this project for ALL older adults in the Peoria are:

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
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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

Eucharistic Miracles: Exhibit & Talk

Holy Trinity Church, 711 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL, will host

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibit designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, from

Friday, April 8—Palm Sunday, April 10

April 10 at 1:30 p.m. ~ a presentation by Michael O'Neill

Miracles of the Eucharist and Lanciano

A good-will offering will be accepted.

Registration is appreciated and can be made by visiting hsp-ht.org and clicking on the link for Register for Lanciano or by calling the parish office at (309)829-2197.

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. 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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