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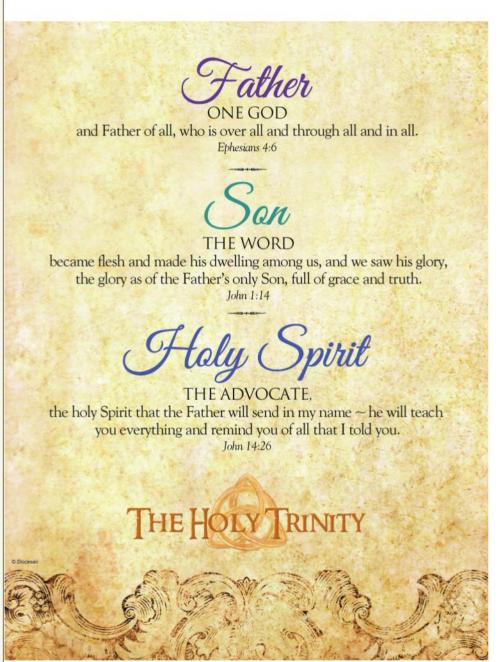
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



June 12, 2022

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity





# From Our Pastor

May the love of God the Father, the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you on this Trinity Sunday.

Priests are required to make an annual retreat which is an important part of spiritual renewal. I will be on retreat during this week. Please remember me in your prayers. I look forward to this brief time away in order to renew my focus on the spiritual life.

This weekend, young adult men from around the Diocese will participate in the first Emmaus Days Session at the Newman Center in Urbana. Please remember to pray for them and for an open heart to hear the Lord's call.

During this week, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck will lead a holy hour for vocations on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. I encourage all our servers to attend and to vest for the Holy Hour. Please join Fr. Chase as he shares his reflections as Associate Vocations Director and encourages us to promote a culture of vocations and religious service.

One of the unique characteristics about priests and religious sisters is the vow of obedience, to go wherever we are sent. Last week, the Sisters of the Pierced Hearts in Miami decided to reassign Sr. Sara Kowal. Like the Franciscan Friars who also decided to reassign the Franciscan priests at Holy Family, these religious promise to go where they are assigned by their superiors. While it is a loss for us, please keep Sr. Sara in your prayers. I know that Dr. Susie Cicciarelli will lead PND well as interim principal.

I have recently asked for some extra help in running our Martha Group which provides funeral luncheons for families after a funeral. Their service is truly a godsend during a time of grief. If you would like to help, either by bringing in a dish for a funeral lunch or by volunteering to serve at the lunch, please contact the office and we will add you to the group list.

-Msgr. Gray



# Readings for the Week of June 12, 2022

Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

Monday St. Anthony of Padua

1 Kings 21: 1-16; Matthew 5: 38-42

**Tuesday** 1 Kings 21: 17-29; Matthew 5: 43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** Sirach 48: 1-14; Matthew 6: 7-15

**Friday** 2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday 2 Chronicles 24: 17-25; Matthew 6: 24-34

Sunday The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11b-17

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, June 13, 2022

9:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Anthony Axelson

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

7:00 a.m. Grace Cafaro/Denise Noell

Thursday, June 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. Marian & Les Brown/Kitty Bienemann

Friday, June 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. Paul & Michael Tamkin/Manolito & Marianna Cabucas

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. Christopher R. Cassidy/Dorothy Bertschy

5:00 p.m. Jim & Eileen Brereton/The Steve Brereton Family

Sunday, June 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. Charles Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney
10:00 a.m. Mary Kay Farraher/Frances Farraher

5:00 p.m. For the People

## Week of June 12

ROSARY Tuesday, June 14, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m., Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Thomas Holy Hour Reception for Msgr. Gray Parish Picnic Men's Club Golf Outing June 23 July 9/10 August 14 September 23

# Msgr. Gray's Silver Jubilee



Msgr. Gray was ordained a priest on July 12, 1997 and will celebrate 25 years of priesthood this summer.

#### Save the date...

Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 10: Everyone is invited to a reception after weekend Masses.

Monday, July 11: Vigil of Anniversary Holy Hour

Tuesday, July 12: Anniversary Mass of Ordination, 7:00 a.m.

*In August*: a celebration Run/Walk for the parish and school, hosted by school families

Friday, August 26: A Night in Rome celebration dinner at Connected.

**Friday, September 16:** A Trivia Night with Msgr. Gray More to come...

# **Weekly Collection**

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June 5, 2022	Fiscal YTD
\$20,000	\$980,000
\$25,654	\$713,976
\$3,188	\$156,634
\$28,842	\$870,610
\$8,842	\$(109,390)
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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**

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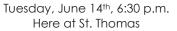
Mary Margaret 'Peg' McConnell

# **Wedding Congratulations**

Brette McCauley ~ Ryan Coughlin

Kylie Rutschke ~ Kenneth Murphy

# **Holy Hour for Vocations**





Pray with Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck for vocations in our diocese.



# Pray with the Pope

June 2022 For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Sponsor of the Week



# 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

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On **September 25, 2022**, Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary **for couples who are celebrating** their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2022.

If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> this year please contact the parish office by **July 1** and give us your names and the date of your wedding. We will forward your names to the Diocese and you will receive a personal invitation to attend this celebration. **309-688-3446** or parishoffice@stthomas-church.net

# Welcome Fr. Henderson

Welcome to Fr. Don Henderson, our celebrant for 7:00 a.m. Masses, Monday through Thursday this week while Msgr. Gray is on retreat. June 13—16



Emmaus Days is a vocations awareness program sponsored by the Diocese of Peoria. By providing a spiritual, fun environment for young men, we help make them more aware of God's presence in their lives and get them excited about living their faith. It is a mixture of spiritual activities and summer fun. We promise that, after this summer of fun and faith, you will walk away with the confidence to pray each and every day the Emmaus Days prayer: Lord, help me to want to be what you want me to be.

Session II

June 24-27, 2022 High School Juniors & Seniors

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

Session III

July 17-20, 2022 High School Freshmen & Sophomores

Peoria Notre Dame

Session IV July 20-22, 2022

Seventh & Eighth Graders

Peoria Notre Dame

More information and registration can be found online at: Cdop.weshareonline.org/emmausdays2022

# Honor Msgr. Gray with a Gift to the Building Fund

For those considering a gift for Msgr. Gray on the anniversary of his ordination, he would be honored if you were to consider making a gift to the building fund, to continue the work in the church with improvements to our pews and carpet.



## St. Thomas Men's Club will host the Msgr. William Watson Memorial Golf Outing

September 23, 2022 Mt. Hawley Country Club

More details and sponsorship opportunities will be in future bulletins.

Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas
Tuition Assistance

# Together We Play Accessible Playground Update and Vote Request



The St. Thomas RoboComets Together We Play team, comprised of St. Thomas School RoboComets team members and alumni (now at PND), have been working since the beginning of 2020 to raise funds to build an accessible playground in Tower Park.

With the help of many generous donations, the playground fund is now nearing its inflation adjusted goal of \$125K. However, we could use your help.... (1) The Gilmore Foundation has provided \$16,000 matching funds to get us to our goal, please consid-

er a donation to take advantage of this match. (2) To go beyond our goal and further enhance the engagement of children of all abilities, we have also submitted a proposal and have been selected as a finalist for the *Build Peoria 2022-2023* project.

**Please vote** for the Together We Play Accessible Playground Project <a href="https://www.buildpeoria.org/vote">https://www.buildpeoria.org/vote</a> and encourage others to vote for our project.

To learn more about the project or see how you can donate, please go to <a href="http://advocatesforaccess.com/together-we-play">http://advocatesforaccess.com/together-we-play</a>. You can also leave a check, made out to "Together We Play", in the school office.

# **Teaching Position Available**

St. Thomas School is seeking to fill a full time middle school science or social studies teacher opening. Applicants must hold a teaching certificate from the State of Illinois. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Maureen Bentley, principal at:

maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net



St. Thomas School seeks a full-time custodian to begin this summer. The custodian is responsible for cleaning all aspects of the school building. Hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. during the school year Aug.-May, summer hours adjust, but are still full time. This person is eligible for medical insurance.

If interested, please contact the school principal, Mrs. Maureen Bentley at (309)685-2533 or by e-mail at maureenbentley@stthomas -school.net



**Support groups** meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at ICC's Peoria Campus, *Poplar Hall* at 7 p.m.

**Connection** – for anyone living in recovery of any mental health challenge, meets in **Poplar 127** 

**Family Support Group** – for family members or close friends of someone with a mental health challenge, meets in **Poplar 132** 

#### Next meeting June 16

Proof of Covid vaccine required or negative test within the week.

Contact NAMI Tri-County Illinois: Telephone information: **309-693-0541** <u>www.namitri-countyillinois.org</u> FB: Nami Tri-County IL

Brochures for NAMI, and other information from our Parish Nurse, can be found in the tan kiosk in the narthex.

# Parish Mission Appeal



The Annual Mission Appeal at St. Thomas will be held at all Masses on **June 18-19** for Building Hope in Kids – Uganda.

Their primary school is helping to break the cycle of generational poverty for over 800 children!

# 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

## 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 <a href="mailto:sdjanda1@comcast.net">sdjanda1@comcast.net</a>.

#### **Opportunities Available:**

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monthly Truck – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Dates are June 16th, July 14th and August 11th





# Country Club of Peoria

9.7.2022

Join us for the 26th annual Peoria Notre Dame Golf Classic! Registration for this golf experience is \$225 per golfer (\$900 per foursome) and includes a special tee gift, lunch, hole contests with fabulous prizes, and complimentary beverages on the course. At the end of the day, a delicious dinner will be served from food stations. In addition to games on the course, there will also be a raffle and 50/50 with more great prizes.

The outing begins at 10 a.m. with registration & lunch. At 10:45 a.m., there will be a Pre-Outing Putting Competition followed by a Shotgun Start @ 11:00 a.m.

Due to the popularity of the event, NO FOURSOMES WILL BE RESERVED WITHOUT PAYMENT. So make your reservations today!



Register online at pndhs.ejoinme.org/PNDGolfClassic2022 or use the QR code:

#### 55th Annual Itoo Shish-Ka-Bob Saturday, June 25 (11am-7pm)

- \*The Itoo Society invites all to join us for our 55th Annual Shish-Ka-Bob at the Itoo Hall on Farmington Road on Saturday, June 25 (note the change from our traditional Sunday event).
- \*Our traditional menu of beef or chicken kabobs, cabbage rolls, pita bread, and Lebanese salad will be served from 11am-7pm. Children's hot dog meals and baklava will also be available for purchase.
- \*Preorder your meals for convenient drive-thru pickup, or enjoy your meal in our outdoor tent or pavilion seating, as well as limited indoor seating. Enjoy fun and games and for the kids all day! This year's event will feature Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos from 5-10pm in our outdoor pavilion, along with late-night food options and a full-service bar.

# **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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#### For Itoo Shish-Ka-Bob Information

Visit our event website at *itoosociety.org/shish-ka-bob.html* or our Facebook event at *facebook.com/events/1056746574912412* 



# ST. MATTHEW PARISH, CHAMPAIGN

Calling all women artists, ages 22-40, in the Diocese of Peoria.

Join us for a weekend of enkindling our artistic gifts.

#### We will:

- Explore the value of rest, vulnerability, and evangelization in the artistic life through a series of talks.
- Engage in a community potluck where you get to share your artistic gifts with St. Matthew parish.
- Build community among women artists in the diocese.
- Take time to delight in God and his gifts through prayer, time in nature, and rest.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For conference schedule, questions, or an application for this retreat, email Lindsey Weishar at lweisharwriting@gmail.com

#### **CONFERENCE DETAILS**

Even if you're not a young woman artist, there are ways to be involved in this retreat. Email lweisharwriting@gmail.com for more details 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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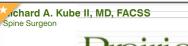


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