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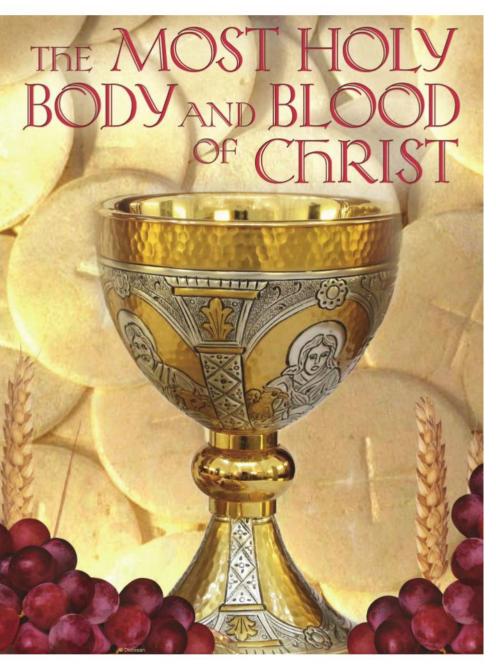
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- 1. Join Msgr. Gray for Mass. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org or the My Parish App
- 2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@ stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



June 19, 2022





From Our Pastor

Jesus Christ is truly present for us in the Eucharist. Blessings on the solemnity of Corpus Christi – the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ.

A special greeting today also to our fathers on Father's Day. I appreciate the warm wishes as a spiritual father. Over 25 years of priesthood, I am more and more aware of the spiritual responsibilities of a priest-Father who looks after the welfare of his congregation, as a natural father cares for his family. Priests need to have the characteristics of fathers, being virtuous, courageous, diligent in supporting the family, serving as an example for children, and being a loving protector of his bride. The Church is the Bride of Christ, so a priest must care for his parish with the same love.

Please pray for generous vocations to the priesthood that the Church may be protected, served, and loved by holy priests.

After the 10 AM Mass, we will have a solemn Eucharistic procession. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried in the monstrance as we stop at devotional altars set up on our campus before returning to the main Church for Benediction. This procession demonstrates that the Eucharist is at the heart of everything we do at St. Thomas Parish and School.

Please visit *https://www.usccb.org/eucharist* for more information from our Bishops' Conference about the Eucharist.

Each year, every parish is asked to support a missionary work as part of our concern for the universal Church. This year we will welcome John Grillot to speak on behalf of the Ugandan mission, *Building Hope in Kids*. The fundamental work of this mission is to build schools to teach the children in order to break the cycle of poverty in this African country. Envelopes will be available after Mass and Lencourage you to return your contribution for the missions in the coming weeks.

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of June 19, 2022

Sunday	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11b-17
Monday	2 Kings 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7: 1-5
Tuesday	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kings 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7: 6, 12-14
Wednesday	Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs 2 Kings 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3; Matthew 7: 15-20
Thursday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Isaiah 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ezekiel 34: 11-16; Romans 5: 5b-11; Luke 15: 3-7
Saturday	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lamentations 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19; Luke 2: 41-51
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. Paul Berres, Sr./The Barkley Family

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Jack & Margaret Weinstein

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. Kevin Wood/Bill & Joan Krumholz

Thursday, June 23, 2022

7:00 a.m. Jodi Hessling/Chris & Dianna Russick

Friday, June 24, 2022

7:00 a.m. Tom Jacquin/Family

Saturday, June 25, 2022

8:00 a.m.Jim Treber/Chris & Dianna Russick5:00 p.m.Andrew Burgeson/Darlene Keck

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Mary Kay Barkley, 1st Anniv./Matt & Lesley Vonachen
10:00 a.m.	Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist
5:00 p.m.	For the People

Week of June 19

ROSARY Tuesday, June 21, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m., Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reception for Msgr. Gray Parish Picnic Men's Club Golf Outing 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: Celebration of 25 years of priesthood at weekend Masses. A reception will follow each Mass in the Parish Hall.

Monday, July 11: Vigil of Anniversary Holy Hour, 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be offered to the servers who attend after the Holy Hour.

Tuesday, July 12: Anniversary Mass of Ordination, 7:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Wednesday, July 27: Jubilee Fun Run/Walk, Donovan Park 6:30-8:30 p.m. As a tribute to a healthy lifestyle, join Msgr. Gray for this fun evening.

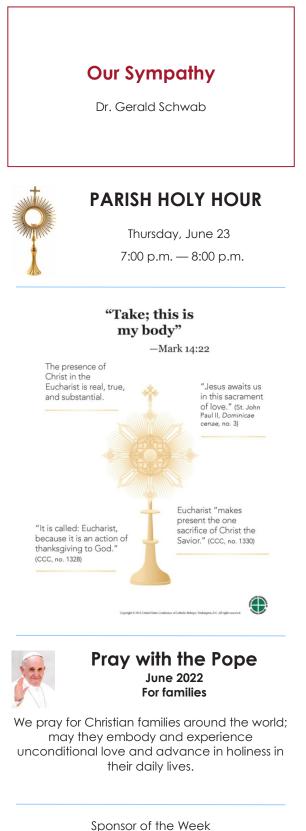
Friday, August 26: A Night in Rome celebration dinner at Connected.

Friday, September 16: A Trivia Night with Msgr. Gray. The questions will not be about Msgr. Gray, but he will choose the topics based on his areas of interest. Test your knowledge of mathematics, theology, Rome and Italy, health and nutrition, 80s movies, and skiing.

Weekly Collection

	June 12, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$1,000,000
Sunday Collections	\$30,289	\$744,265
Electronic Collections		
Total Collected	\$33,477	\$904,087
Over/(Short)	\$13,477	\$(95,913)

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.



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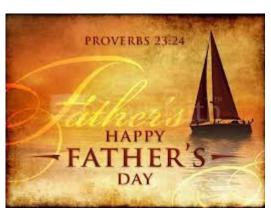
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Parish Mission Appeal



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!



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

~ Proverbs 20: 7

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 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

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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	High School Juniors & Seniors
June 24-27, 2022	St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign
Session III	High School Freshmen & Sophomores
July 17-20, 2022	Peoria Notre Dame
Session IV	Seventh & Eighth Graders
July 20-22, 2022	Peoria Notre Dame
Mo	ore information and registration can be

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

Save the Date 25th Jubilee of Ordination A Night in Rome

A dinner to celebrate Monsignor Gray's 25th Anniversary of the Priesthood.

AUGUST 26TH Connected Restaurant If you would like to make a gift for Monsignor to this celebration and the building fund, please contact Stephanie Schachtrup Coad

STEPH.COAD@GMAIL.COM

309.253.3315



Support groups meet the 3rd 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 July 21

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.

Full time custodian needed

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

St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Due to inflation, the food pantry is seeing an increase in the number of clients seen per month, and our shelves are emptying faster than usual. Please help us restock the pantry so that we can continue to serve our neighbors in need! We accept any shelf-stable food items, but the most needed items are: canned corn, canned or dried beans, pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, mac and cheese,

pasta or rice side dishes, meal helper, peanut butter and canned chicken.

Thank you for your generosity



Save the Date

Monsignor Gray's Jubilee Fun Run/Walk

July 27th 6:30-8:30pm Donovan Park Cross Country Course

Open to all ages and abilities. Details to come on registration and commemorative t-shirts.

Please contact Melissa Bare (309-643-4433) for any questions.



Peoria Notre Dame is Seeking Nominations for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award!



Candidates should demonstrate: 1. loyalty to Catholic education, 2. activity in the Catholic community, and 3. personal and professional achievements.

Please submit your nominations to the selection committee at Peoria Notre Dame, 5105 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614 or email Alumni Director Tara Shane at **t.shane@pndhs.org**. Nominations should be postmarked or received by **July 31, 2022**.

Student Summer Service Hours Available

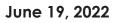
The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours! Summers offer two days each week for four students to gain service hours.

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 <u>sdjanda1@comcast.net</u>.

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 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 teg gift. Junch. 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:

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

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

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th 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**

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.

Last Name	
First Name(s)	
Email	
Phone	
Address	
City	ZIP
Phone	
New Parishioner	Change of address/phone





ENKINDLE An Artists Retreat for Women

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2, 2022 ST. MATTHEW PARISH, CHAMPAIGN

Calling all women artists, ages 18 and up, 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
- 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 Iweisharwriting@gmail.com CONFERENCE DETAILS

If you're not a woman artist and would like to be involved in the parish potluck or in other ways, email lweisharwriting@gmail.com for more details

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.

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

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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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