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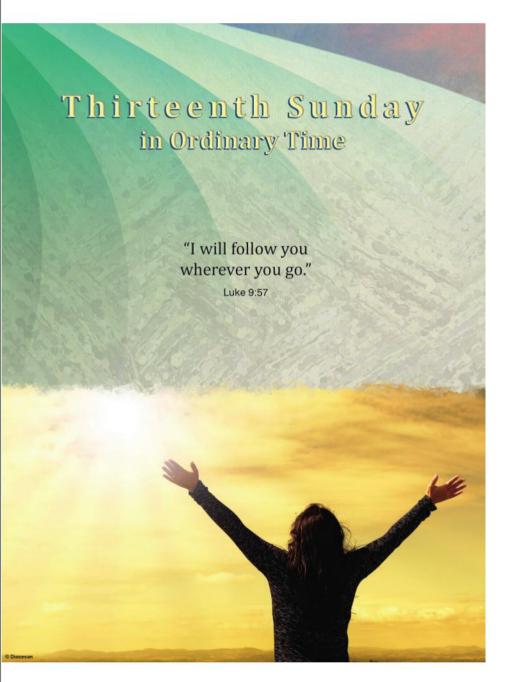
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June 26, 2022





#### From Our Pastor

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Corpus Christi devotions last weekend, as well as our holy hour and celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus this past week.

The festivities are not over, as we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle on July 3, just before the Fourth of July holiday. For us, this solemnity takes the place of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time with its own proper readings and Mass texts.

St. Thomas is a witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ as an Apostle. As part of the College of Apostles, the College of Bishops continues this witness in the world today. St. Thomas has the unique perspective, from today's Gospel, of being invited to touch the wounds of Christ in order to strengthen his faith. Though commonly remembered as "Doubting," he becomes a witness to our belief in the power of Jesus Christ.

St. Thomas is depicted in our sanctuary. As a reminder, you can read the guidebook that gives you a tour of the church, including our patron saint. From our homepage, www.stthomaspeoria.org, click on the Sanctuary link to see the guidebook. St. Thomas is on page 28.

You can read the Scripture passages that mention St. Thomas by looking up these verses: Matthew 10:3; John 11:16, 14:5, 20:19-31, 21:2; and Acts 1:13.

On Monday, the Fourth of July, we will have one Mass at 9 AM.

-Msgr. Gray

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# Readings for the Week of June 26, 2022

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21; Galatians 5: 1, 13-18; Luke 9: 51-62

Monday St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8: 18-22

Tuesday St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Amos 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12; Matthew 8: 23-27

Wednesday Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 13-19

Thursday The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Amos 7: 10-17; Matthew 9: 1-8

Friday St. Junipero, Priest

Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9: 9-13

**Saturday** Amos 9: 11-15; Matthew 9: 14-17

Sunday Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle

Isaiah 52:7-10; Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, June 27, 2022

7:00 a.m. Melissa Chase/Dave & Rose Chase

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Benjamin Axelson

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

7:00 a.m. Melvin & Lucille Noe/Mary Ann Noe

Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:00 a.m. Betty Shepherd

Friday, July 1, 2022

7:00 a.m. Helen Ann Farraher/Frances Farraher

Saturday, July 2, 2022

8:00 a.m. Robert Maushard/Robert J. Peters & Family 5:00 p.m. Bob Arnold 15<sup>th</sup> Anniv./Betty Arnold

Sunday, July 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. St. Thomas Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Phyllis Gladson/Ken & Judy Zika

5:00 p.m. For the People

### Week of June 26

ROSARY Tuesday, June 28, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ADORATION Friday, July 1, after 7:00 Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Thomas Parish Solemnity Reception for Msgr. Gray St. Thomas Holy Hour Parish Picnic Men's Club Golf Outing July 3 July 9/10 July 21 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 19, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$1,020,000
Sunday Collections	\$11,612	\$755,877
Electronic Collections	\$3,188	\$163,010
Total Collected	\$14,800	\$918,887
Over/(Short)	\$(5,200)	\$(101,113)

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**

Dr. Gerald Schwab

Marjorie Ruskusky



August 24, 2021 – June 14, 2022

Thomas Bannan

Skyler and Sarah Bell Family

Nick and Megan Bernitt Family

Mavis Bucklew

Nino and Joanna Capobianco Family

Mary Elizabeth Copeland

Juan Espana

Roberto and Amanda Flores

Mark and Caroline Haas Family

Meredith Hislope

Kristine Hornung

Kathy Joseph

Angela Kenny

John and Heather Kohout Family

Morgan Kumer

Jerry and Amanda Lowry Family

**Dulce Morales** 

Christian and Kristin Rath Family

Iris Rosales Family

Florence Rufus

Sabrina Schell

Tamara Sears

Jonathan Smith

Josef and Nicole Taylor Family

Ethan Volz

Amy Vonachen-Tippett Jennifer Zimmerman Family



# 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.

# Right to Life Run for Life

Come join the Central Illinois Right to Life Run for Life 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, **July 9 at 7:30 a.m.** at Metamora Fields Golf Course, Metamora, IL

Mail in registration forms at wpeo.com.

Register online at https://raceroster.com/ events/2022/56371/run-for-life-5k 2022 — Run for Life 5K —

#### Welcome Fr. Henderson

Welcome to Fr. Don Henderson, our celebrant for 7:00 a.m. Masses, Monday through Wednesday this week ~ June 27-29.

# **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

### **CCD Teacher Needed**

We have an opening for a CCD teacher to help with religious instruction on Wednesday evenings during the school year. All teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact Liz Plaskon at ccd@stthomaschurch.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



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 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





# 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



# 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.



# Part-Time Helper Needed to Clean the Church & Parish Hall

We have an opening for a part-time paid position for someone who can help vacuum and help with other light cleaning in the church. The position is five to ten hours per week. The schedule is flexible and can fit your needs. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

## Holy Hour for the Unborn

July 4, 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Church, Bradley Ave., Peoria
Holy hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, &
other prayers. Please join us in prayer for the
protection of these innocent lives.
Masks are optional

# 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

# When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

Here's the Thing...

Words from our dearly beloved Fr. Paul Stark, S.J. Father Stark advised our St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Thomas to provide data to our parishioners in addition to the stories of those we have helped. Please see the data below for year-to-date expenditures through 5/31/2022.

Our pantry served 480 homes with a total of 1,462 members in their households. Thank you for your financial and food donations that allowed us to serve those in need.

Our members visited with 111 clients to understand their needs. We help guide our clients to governmental agencies, jobs and healthcare resources. Year-to-date we have provided funding to Ameren of \$7,274.35 for 23 clients. Sewer and water bills totaled \$5,133.89 for 17 clients. Auto related funds totaled \$1,555.25. We helped 7 clients in this category with gas cards and car repairs for our clients to be able to get to their jobs. We helped with miscellaneous expenses such as used appliances, tuition and clothing for 12 clients. The miscellaneous expenditures totaled \$3,144.40. We served 52 clients with rent totaling \$22,621.03.

Your donations allowed us to provide a total of \$39,728.92 to serve those in need.

A brief story about a 32-year-old woman who has disabilities. She works two days a week at the Community Action Center Workshop. She was financially challenged by a move to a safer apartment. She had been in an apartment for several years but recently was being taken advantage of financially and physically. She needed help with a deposit at a new apartment complex that was safe. Your contributions allowed us to assist her with her deposit. She is safe now and very appreciative for your help.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Nancy Medendorp

# 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 July 14th and August 11th



# St Jude's Summer Basketball Camp

Jim Carlson will again be conducting a Basketball Camp for St. Jude's Hospital. It will be held at the St Vincent de Paul Catholic School Gym from July 5-8 for Boys and Girls Grades 1-8. Applications have been passed out in school. Any questions please call Jim at 309-681 -8717 or james.j.carlson@countryfinancial.com

Peoria Notre Dame is now enrolling incoming 9-12 grade students for the 2022-2023 school year! Become a part of the Irish family built upon 160 years of Catholic education and tradition. With 50 honors classes to choose from, your teen has the opportunity to be challenged with college level work throughout high school. And our outstanding Student Services team provides just the right help for students needing additional learning assistance. For more information about how your child can go further at Peoria Notre Dame, call Admissions Director Matt Blackford at 309-691-8741 today!

# 25th and 50th **Wedding Anniversaries**



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.

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



# 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.

- · 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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

#### CONFERENCE DETAILS

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

### 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

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outdoor pavilion, along with late-night food

options and a full-service bar.

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.

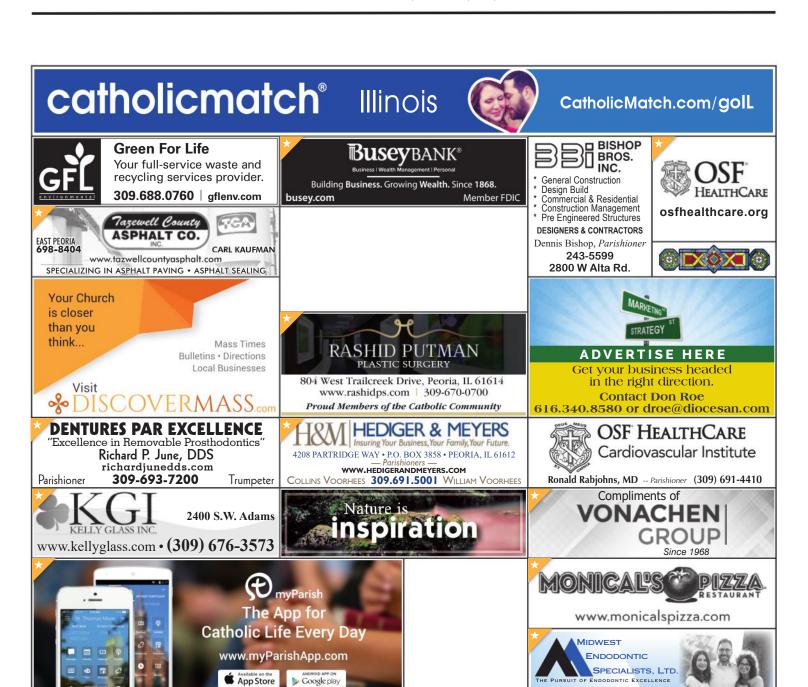
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