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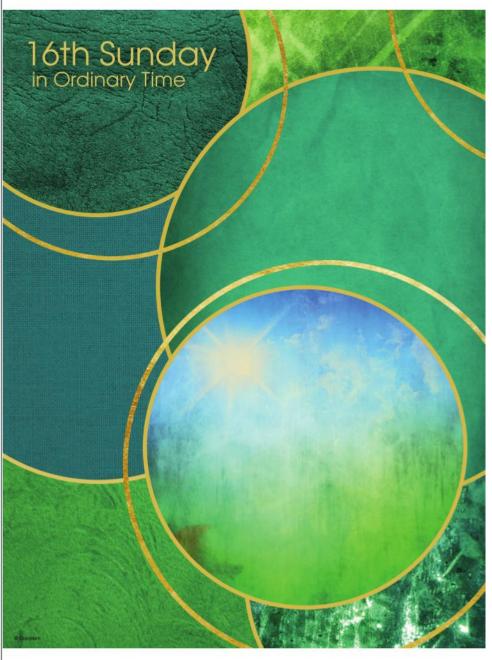
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- 2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



# July 17, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





#### From Our Pastor

Thank you so much for sharing in the celebrations of my 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. It was a joy to share in this celebration with so many beloved parishioners over the weekend, as well as the holy hour and the Tuesday morning Mass on the actual anniversary. A priest serves his parish, but as I mentioned last week, it is not only my privilege to be with you at \$1. Thomas, but I am encouraged by your tremendous outpouring of support.

Thank you for your kind gifts, especially those given to our building fund to help with the next stage of our work in the church. Over the weekend, we have received a little under \$10,000 given to our building fund. I look forward to continuing to grow these funds.

Please remember to pray for vocations and especially for those who will take part in the Emmaus Days retreats this week at Peoria Notre Dame.

While we are celebrating ordination anniversaries, you might also remember Bishop Tylka who will celebrate his second anniversary of ordination as our Bishop on July 23rd.

Finally, our monthly holy hour will be this Thursday at 7 pm. Please join us.

-Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week



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# Readings for the Week of July 17, 2022

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 24-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Monday St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12: 38-42

**Tuesday** Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Jeremiah 1: 1, 4-10; Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3: 1-4b OR 2 Corinthians 5: 14-1;

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Saturday St. Bridget, Religious

Jeremiah 7: 1-11; Matthew 13: 24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18: 20-32: Colossians 2: 12-14: Luke 11: 1-13

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, July 18, 2022

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

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7:00 a.m. Janny Osten/Dorothy Bertschy

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. Al & Marilyn Smith/The Barkley Family

Thursday, July 21, 2022

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

Friday, July 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mark Brewer/Family

Saturday, July 23, 2022

8:00 a.m. Paul & Michael Tamkin/Manolito & Marianna Cabucos

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Mark Karosky/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Sunday, July 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Rich & Colleen Lavin

10:00 a.m. Kevin & Ed Harmon 5:00 p.m. For the People

## Week of July 17

**CCD REGISTRATION** At all Masses this weekend

ROSARY Tuesday, July 512 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, July 21, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

HOLY HOUR Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m., Church

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jubilee Fun Run/Walk
Parish Picnic
A Night in Rome
Trivia Night
Men's Club Golf Outing
July 27
August 14
August 26
September 16
September 23

# **Our Sympathy**

Larry Zarley



#### **PARISH HOLY HOUR**

Thursday, July 21 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



# Introducing our Director of Faith Formation

My name is Mary Cushing, I have been teaching Middle School Religion and Social Studies at St. Thomas since 2014. I am excited to be starting a new position as Director of Faith Formation at the parish as well as continuing to teach 7th and 8th grade Religion at the

school. My goal is to follow Christ's call to *make disciples of all nations* by providing opportunities for our community to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ as well as knowledge of him and his Church. In the past few years I've been feeling the Holy Spirit's nudge to direct my energy toward teaching the faith and view this opportunity as an answer to prayer.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies, History, and Secondary Education from Eastern Michigan University and am pursuing a Masters in Catechetics and Evangelization from Fransican University of Steubenville. In addition to my 10 years of experience teaching middle and high school, I've volunteered in Youth Ministry, Religious Education, and RCIA in several different parishes. I am a Michigan native, now living in West Peoria with my husband, Tim, and our three young children. I look forward to meeting you!

# Weekly Collection July 10, 2022 Fiscal YTD Collections needed \$20,000 \$40,000 Sunday Collections \$9,435 \$27,881 Electronic Collections \$2,081 \$3,956 Total Collected \$11,516 \$31,837 Over/(Short) \$(8,484) \$(8,163)

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.



# 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...

**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.



# Pray with the Pope July 2022 For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



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 &

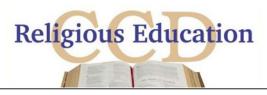
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Peoria Notre Dame

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



All families with students entering 1st – 8th grade not attending St. Thomas School are invited to attend CCD.

Classes will be **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00** at St. Thomas School, **beginning September 7**.

Payments can be made by drop off at our church office, in envelope marked CCD in collection basket or

#### Mail to:

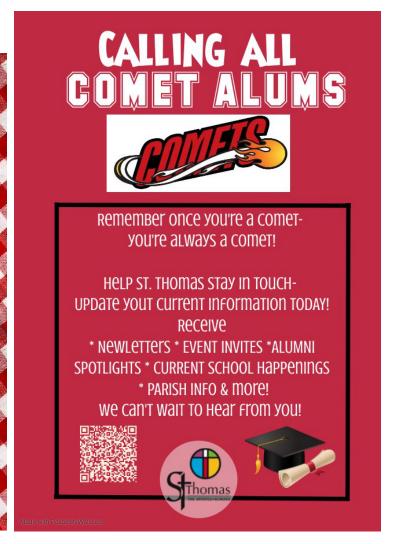
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Questions: CCD@StThomas-Church.net

Scan to register









# 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.

## **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.



Please join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception

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Please contact **Ann Kube** for details at: **kubeamk@hotmail.com** or call (309)370-7642

# **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

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# St. Thomas - Food Pantry

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

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

On September 25, 2022, Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Marv 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

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal 36th **Annual Conference**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Saturday, July 30, 2022 Spalding Pastoral Center

Speakers:

Bishop Tylka, Fr. John Verrier, Dr. Carol Razza Includes Mass, Confession, Healing Service, Praise and Worship.

Register online: http://ccr-cdop.org/ Questions: ccrpeoria@gmail.com or call **Deacon Kevin Zeeb 309-657-6320** 



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 who need additional learning assistance.

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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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