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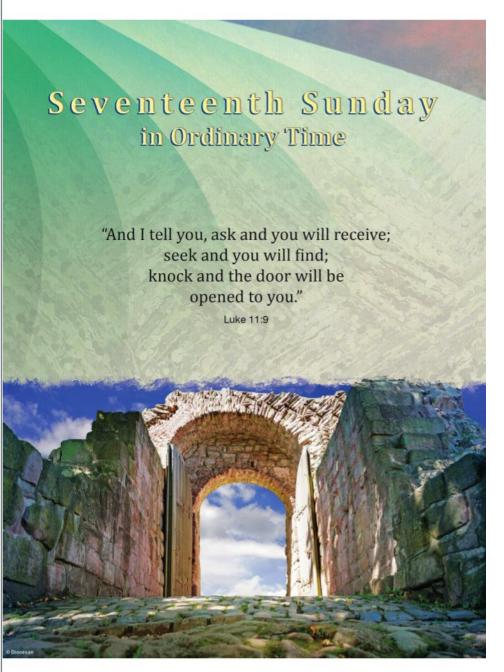
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- Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@ stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage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



July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

Earlier in July, we celebrated our patron, St. Thomas, and my ordination anniversary which was on July 12. The rest of July is not as busy with activities, although the new school year is right around the corner.

One fun event this week will be a run/walk at Donovan Park on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm. Since I try to walk and exercise regularly, I invite you to join me for this evening for your health. There will be refreshments afterwards.

One ongoing activity at the parish is the care for the shut-ins and the dying. I am grateful to the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who help bring the Eucharist to those who are not able to attend Mass. I visit as many of the shut-ins as I can on First Fridays according to my schedule. If you know of someone who is ill or physically unable to attend Mass, and especially if you know someone who is dying, please contact the office so we can arrange a visit. We depend on your help to know when a parishioner is in need.

Recently we have also received various requests about baptism. The pandemic may have led to delaying baptism for some children. In any case, if you know someone who has not been baptized, this would be a good time to provide for this life-giving sacrament. If parishioners are presenting their first child for baptism, we ask the parents to take a short baptism class to review their responsibilities. If the child is under the age of 7, we can arrange the baptism at any convenient time. For those who are older, we arrange some catechesis to instruct the child about the faith before admitting him or her to the sacraments, probably around the Easter Vigil.

For any adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, we will begin RCIA classes for catechesis in September. You might consider planting the seed now, for anyone who should think about beginning the process, to become Catholic in the fall.

- Msgr. Gray

The link for the run/walk is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHhyopCQDkCzVN5xx5NCnsjhWT43xyTHQwEdLJYI_mpakVXw/viewform



Readings for the Week of July 24, 2022

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday St. James the Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28

Tuesday Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jeremiah 14: 17-22; Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21; Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday Jeremiah 18: 1-6; Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday St. Martha

Jeremiah 26: 1-9; John 11: 19-27

Saturday St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24; Matthew 14: 1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11;

Luke 12: 13-21

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 25, 2022

7:00 a.m. Kevin & Ed Harmon

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased School Sisters of Notre Dame/Frances

Farraher

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

7:00 a.m. Jay & Lois Streid/John & Jan Galbreath

Thursday, July 28, 2022

7:00 a.m. Rosemary & Joe Bartley/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

Friday, July 29, 2022

7:00 a.m. Del Bertschy/Betty Arnold

Saturday, July 30, 2022

8:00 a.m. The Oltman Family/Mary Camp

5:00 p.m. The Rabjohns Family/Bill & Ernie Jacobs

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Genny Hinchman/Catholic Women's League

5:00 p.m. Robert Maushard/Kathy Maushard

Week of July 24

ROSARY Tuesday, July 26, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

JUBILEE FUN RUN/WALK Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., Donovan Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Picnic Au
A Night in Rome Au
Trivia Night Se
Men's Club Golf Outing Se

August 14 August 26 September 16 September 23



All men from the parish are invited to participate, and invite others.

Registration for *That Man Is* You will be **after all Masses August 27 - 28.**You can register after Mass or email **georgeburek@yahoo.com.**

We will start again on Friday September 2nd, running through December 9th. Doors will open at 6:00 am, program begins at 6:30 and ends at 7:30. No TMIY on Sept 16th or Nov 25th.

Religious Education

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:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

C/O CCD

904 E Lake Ave

Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Scan to register



Questions: CCD@StThomas-Church.net

Weekly Collection

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	July 17 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$60,000
Sunday Collections	\$7,761	\$35,642
Electronic Collections	\$2,081	\$6,677
Total Collected	\$9,842	\$42,319
Over/(Short)	\$(10,158)	\$(17,681)

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

Claudia Bima



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.



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...

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.

Sponsor of the Week





Join us for

Joshua Camp

High School Students

Enjoy a day filled with fun, food, games, and speakers sharing the importance of Life

Sponsored By Central Illinois Right to Life

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: Redeemer Presbyterian Church 2035 N. Kickapoo Creek Rd. Peoria. II. 61604

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Monsignor Gray's Jubilee Fun Run/Walk

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

Open to all ages and abilities.

The walk/run is free, but please register ~

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

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

Congratulations PND AP Capstone Students



100% of PND students who took the AP Capstone exams in the spring performed at a college level! In addition, the mean of the scores for PND Seminar students was 3.90 out of 5 compared to Illinois students' mean score of 3.09. PND Research students scored a mean of 4.23 which is almost an entire point more than Illinois students at 3.4.

AP Capstone is designed to help high school students prepare for college level research, composition, and presentation.
Congratulations to PND AP Capstone students and graduates!



Please join Peoria Cursillo for our
August Ultreya
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
2022 Theme: "In God's Time"
Guests are Welcome!
Families are Welcome!
on Saturday, August 6; 7:00pm

Join us for a lay talk, Mass and social time!

Celebrant: Msgr. Jerry Ward

Lay Reflection by Cheryl Sprague

Hosts: Blessed Sacrament Cursillistas

Social Time in the parish hall afterwards

You can contact the Cursillo Office at 309/676-5587; cursillopeoria@gmail.com for more information. Blessed Sacrament, 1020 S. First Ave., Morton, 61550 Reservation Forms will be available for the September & October Cursillo Weekends!, and a chance to sign up for Palanca. Let's make Cursillo #1204 and #1205 the best Cursillos ever... together!





Catholic Author Meet and Greet

St. Philomena Catholic Church is excited to host an opportunity for readers of all ages to stock up on good books and meet the authors and illustrators who have created them.

> On Thursday, July 28 from 10am-12pm in the St. Philomena Parish Center, 1000 W Albany, Peoria.

We will offer an open-house style event featuring fourteen local Catholic authors. Each will have books for sale and will be available for signings and photos. Throughout the morning, the authors will offer readings, story time, and Q&A about their books. Kids activities for little budding authors and illustrators will be set up, and a used book swap will be available to all. The event is open to the public and free to attend. For a complete list of authors and their books, go to www.stphils.com/church.

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

On Saturday, October 8th St., Louis Parish in Princeton, IL is hosting the DCCW Biennial Convention.

Our theme for this year is the Eucharistic Revival

There will be more information in August complete with registration and details of the day's activities.

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.

For more information about how your child can go further at Peoria Notre Dame, call Admissions Director Matt Blackford at 309-691-**8741** today!

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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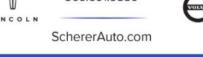


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