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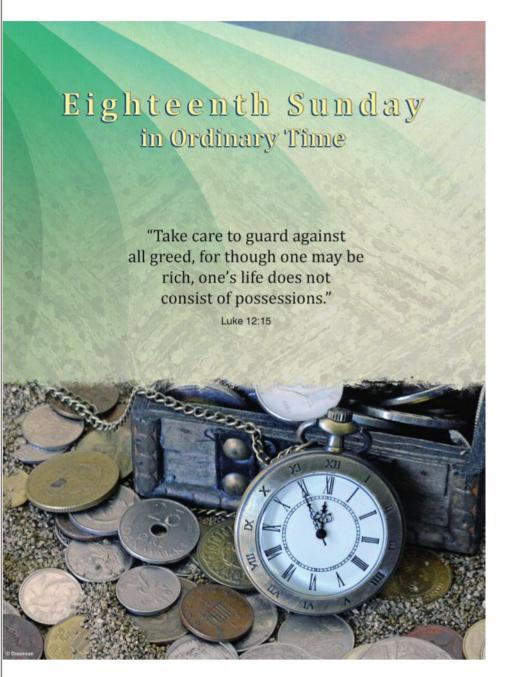
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- 2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage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



July 31, 2022





### From Our Pastor

Thanks to everyone who took part in the run/walk at Donovan Park last Wednesday. Investing in your health is always a beneficial activity.

The month of July is almost spent, and August marks the approach of the new school year.

For those in the public system, school starts shortly. Please sign up for CCD if your grade school student is not receiving their religious instruction elsewhere. New students are still welcome to sign up for the next few weeks. We could still use one more CCD teacher, if you are interested in helping to teach the faith to our young people.

For those at St. Thomas School, we begin on August 15, the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.

Regardless of when school begins for you, you are welcome for an end-of-summer / back-to-school picnic on Sunday, August 14 after the 10 am Mass. As many of our families come back from summer travels, I look forward to this fun event to gather as a community. Please mark your calendar.

This Friday is a First Friday, so please sign up to spend some time with Our Lord during adoration between our morning Mass and Benediction at 7 pm. Thank you in advance for signing up.

- Msgr. Gray



# Pray with the Pope August 2022 For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



## Readings for the Week of July 31, 2022

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Luke 12: 13-21

Monday St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 28: 1-17; Matthew 14: 13-21

Tuesday St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Jeremiah 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14: 22-36

**Wednesday** Jeremiah 31: 1-7; Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday St. John Vianney, Priest

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Matthew 16: 13-23

Friday The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Nahum 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16: 24-28

Saturday The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28b-36

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18: 6-9; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, August 1, 2022

7:00 a.m. Kasen Kaitharath/John & Amy Kelly

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mary C. Hirschfeld/Jeanne Whalen

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

7:00 a.m. Martha Kyasimire/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Thursday, August 4, 2022

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Terri Moon

Friday, August 5, 2022

7:00 a.m. Janet Keithley/Family

Saturday, August 6, 2022

8:00 a.m. Susanne Tillia/Tom & Bonnie Stroot 5:00 p.m. Bernard & Margaret Sauer/Family

Sunday, August 7, 2022

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8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB

5:00 p.m. Jim Treber/Chris & Dianna Russick

## Week of July 31

**SIGN-UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** This Weekend after all Masses, narthex

ROSARY Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

**ADORATION** Friday, August 5, after 7:00 Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 14
August 18
August 26
September 16
September 23

Once each month we pause to spend time before our Lord during the hours of Adoration. Please consider signing up to spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord.

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#### Friday, August 5

Beginning after 7:00 a.m. Mass and continuing throughout the day, until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.





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 2<sup>nd</sup>, running through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6:00 am, program begins at 6:30 and ends at 7:30. No TMIY on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> or Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Weekly Collection**

	July 24 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**

Mark Hall

Robert Brammeier

Judy Campbell

**Howard Crow** 

## **Baptism Congratulations**

Angel & Ian Hernandez, children of Angel & Susana Hernandez

Roxana Hernandez, daughter of Jose & Maria Hernandez

Soledad Hernandez, daughter of J. Jesus & Sulema Hernandez

Peter Leo Burek, son of Nick & Mary Beth Burek

### Welcome!

Fr. Don Henderson, our celebrant for 7:00 a.m. Masses Aug. 2, 3, Tues. & Wed. this week.



# 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



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## When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

We have all been challenged in different ways by rising inflation. Whether it is the cost of food, gas, utilities or rent - everything is rising at a record pace. For people with a little extra cushion, these increases are troublesome. To someone who was already

just breaking even, it can be devastating. The St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Society has started to receive more calls from people in need. In one 8-day period in June, we received 26 calls. Call volume is up and the amounts being requested are larger. The number of checks written was up 70% in June vs. May. In June, we paid approximately \$6000 toward rent, Ameren, sewer, auto insurance, gas card, diapers and taxes.

With this increase in need, we are going through funds quickly and can use your help so we can continue to provide assistance to our neighbors. They are so grateful for the help, and also for the compassion and hopeful attitude that accompanies it. Thank you for supporting this community outreach. It means so much.

Sincerely, Linda Waible St. Vincent de Paul member

We wish to thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Society. As you can imagine we have been incredibly busy. You can send your donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o Cissy Carlson 127 W. Northland Avenue Peoria 61614 or place your donations in the wooden boxes after Masses the first week of each month.



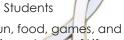
Thanks to all who donated to the Diaper Drive.

Additional donations may be dropped off in the Parish Office this 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

Each participant will receive a free shirt

Register at **309-645-8000** or **309-360-9687** 

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### Men's Retreat

All men of the parish are invited to a 3 day Men's Retreat at White House Retreats in St. Louis.

The retreat check-in is on the evening of **Thursday, September 15**, 2022 and the retreat **ends on Sunday, September 18**<sup>th</sup> right after lunch.

You can find more information about White House at <u>WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT</u> (whitehouseretreat.org).

If you're interested or would like to register, please contact **George Burek** at: **georgeburek@yahoo.com**.

# Hardy Bucks for the Women's Care Center

If you have any unused *Hardy Bucks* from Hoerr Nursery the Women's Care Center would love to have them to use for their soon to open new location on Knoxville Ave.

Donate any unused *Bucks* from now until August 15.
You may drop your donated *Bucks* in the Sunday collection basket, or in the Parish Office.

### **PND Blood Drive!**

Please thoughtfully consider donating blood at the upcoming PND blood drive. Blood only has a shelf-life of 42-days and platelets only 4-days, which is why the need is constant throughout the entire year.

What: PND Blood Drive

Where: PND Commons (enter through the main

front entrance to the school)

**When:** Tue, August 9, 2022, 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

#### How to Schedule your Appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PeoriaNDHS

Not only are you helping the patients who will be recipients of your critical donation, but you will also be helping PND Seniors Regan Ruggerio, Liam Ludolph, and Anneth Hape earn college scholarship funds!





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!



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Women's Ministry

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:00PM STARTNG SEPT. 29TH

Pick up a flyer in the narthex or scan for more details!





# Win a custom set of Titleist irons with personalized fitting!

Enter the PND Golf Classic Raffle to win a complete custom set of Titleist irons and fitting (up to a \$1500 value). This fitting will be done using the latest TrackMan technology.

Second prize is a custom Titleist driver & fitting (up to a \$550 value).

Get your raffle tickets at <a href="https://pndhs.ejoinme.org/">https://pndhs.ejoinme.org/</a>/
<a href="PNDGolfClassicRafflePrizes">PNDGolfClassicRafflePrizes</a>.

# **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
Address	
Phone	
Email	
First Name(s)	
Last Name	
form.	

## 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

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Saint Mark's Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria. 7:00 p.m., August 1, 2022

Holy Hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers. Please join us in prayer for the protection of these innocent lives and the restoration of their Constitutional rights.

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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