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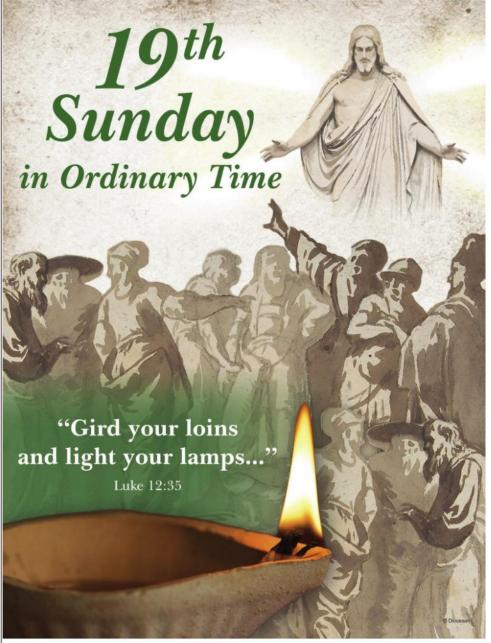
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



August 7, 2022





From Our Pastor

While school has started for some, we are making our final preparations to begin the school year at St. Thomas next week. Please remember our teachers as they make a retreat for the beginning of the year on Friday.

To mark the transition from summer back into the school year, please join us for a picnic after Mass next Sunday, August 14 after the 10 AM Mass. All our school families and parish families are welcome, as a time for our entire St. Thomas family to gather. The generosity of our parishioners helps to support our school and the activities of our younger families and their children add to our vibrant parish.

Monday, August 15, is not only the first day of school but also the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this day falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year in the United States. However, it is a very fitting day to begin the school year as we ask the Blessed Mother to watch over our students and their families, and all our faculty and staff at St. Thomas School. In addition to our 7 am Mass for the Assumption, we will also have a school Mass at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

As has been announced, we will have a dinner at Connected on Friday, August 26. Those who plan to come should turn in their ticket requests as soon as possible. I look forward to this celebration.

- 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 August 7, 2022

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday St. Dominic, Priest

Ezekiel 1: 2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17: 22-27

Tuesday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Ezekiel 2: 8—3: 4; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10; John 12: 24-26

Thursday St. Clare, Virgin

Ezekiel 12: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21—19: 1

Friday St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19: 3-12

Saturday Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ezekiel 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19: 13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8, 2022

7:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

7:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny, Sr./Family

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

7:00 a.m. Anna Merkle/Family

Thursday, August 11, 2022

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

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:00 a.m. Ray & Phyllis Noe/Mary Ann Noe

Saturday, August 13, 2022

8:00 a.m. Andrew Burgeson/The Burgeson Family

5:00 p.m. Jo Ann Gross/Family

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. Anthony Gray/John & Sonia Nelson

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Daniel Owens/Ed & Cathy Mallow

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of August 7

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS this weekend

ROSARY Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

CARMELITES Saturday, August 13, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Picnic August 14
St. Thomas Holy Hour August 18
A Night in Rome August 26
Trivia Night September 16
Men's Club Golf Outing September 23

ALL NEW! ST. THOMAS

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:00PM

Women's Minis

STARTNG SEPT. 29TH

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



Weekly Collection

	July 31 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$100,000
Sunday Collections	\$13,061	\$56,651
Electronic Collections	\$360	\$11,436
Total Collected	\$13,421	\$68,114
Over/(Short)	\$(6,579)	\$(31,886)

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

Janette Ochs

Keith and Norma Johnson

Baptism Congratulations

Declan David & Finley Marie, children of Sarah & Bryce Clonch



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.



Msgr. Gray's Silver Jubilee

Msgr. Gray was ordained a priest on July 12, 1997 and is celebrating 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.



Donating to SVdPS

We wish to thank you for your continued support of the 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.

St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

In support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Assistance Fund

Friday, September 23, 2022 Mt. Hawley Country Club

All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from the outing will again fund scholarships for students at St. Thomas. The goal of the Men's Club is to fund 20 scholarships for St. Thomas families. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated!

GOLF REGISTRATION \$125/Person

Golfer sponsorship includes: Door prize ticket, green fees, cart, and Hor d'oeuvres & Drinks in the Club House after the event.

Registration Deadline Friday, September 16 th Late registration after September 16th, \$135 Per Person

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE SPONSORSHIP \$2,500 / Sponsorship

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HOT SPOT SPONSOR

- Golf Beverage Sponsors: \$250 / Logo on Sign at beverage stations
- Reception Sponsor \$250 / Logo on Reception Tables

Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am

- Shotgun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon)
- · Followed by Hor d'oeuvres & Drinks in the Club House
- Registration Deadline Friday, September 16th
- · Late Registration \$135 Per Person

TEE SPONSOR \$125 / 36 Sponsors

Placement of company logo sign at the Tee Box or at the Hole.

BE A PRIZE OR RAFFLE SPONSOR

Feature your business by donating a raffle or prize item. Please drop off prize or raffle item to Macro Wealth Management at 6915 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria IL 61614 Include donor information and value (optional).

For more information please contact:

Terri Moon (309) 688-3446 Email: terrimoon@stthomas-church.net

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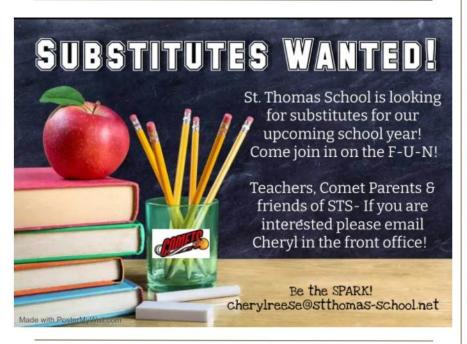
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We have all been challenged in different ways by rising inflation. Whether it is the cost of food, gas, utilities or rent everything is rising at a record pace. For people with a little extra cushion, these increases are troublesome. To someone who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





Cursillo/TEC Open House

Please join the Cursillo and TEC community for our Open House at our new home at Holy Family Convent.

Monday, Aug. 8th from **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** 2312 W. Wagner Ln., Peoria, 61615

Snacks, Appetizers and Beverages will be provided!
See the freshly painted and updated St. Francis Room ready for team meetings.



Come see the new Palanca/Wheat Chapel

Visit the Fr. Tom Henseler & Dcn. John Skender Conference Rooms A new Wheat Room is also in progress

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 18th* 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**.



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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!

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 ______

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

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

DCCW Blennial 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.

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

No Cost and let us know shirt size!

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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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