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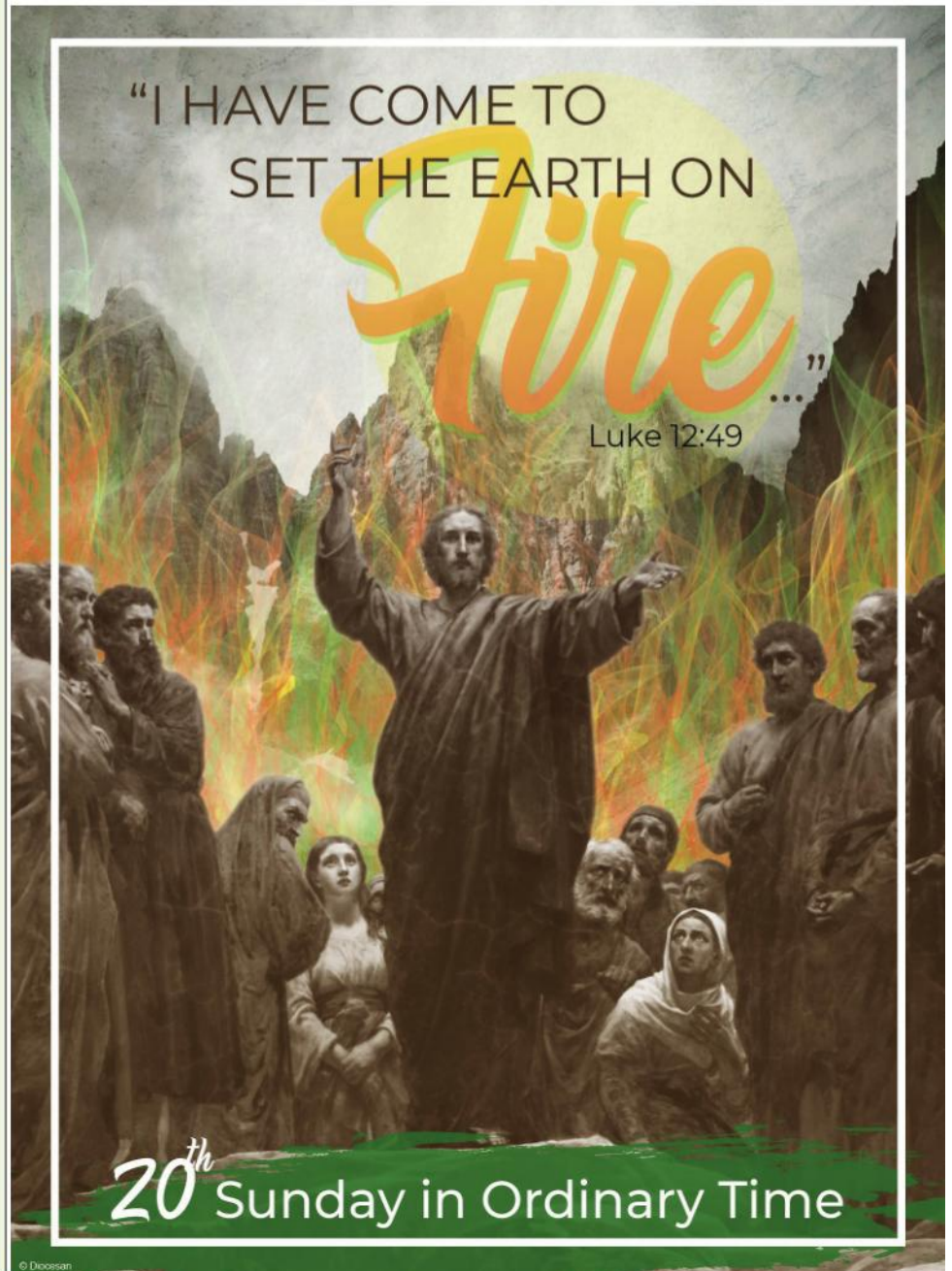
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2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
4. Bookmark the parish webpage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



August 14, 2022





From Our Pastor

We are excited to welcome back our students at St. Thomas School as we begin the new school year on Monday, August 15. We have some new faces among our faculty and staff, along with our returning teachers, to welcome the students. After all the hard work over the summer to prepare for this year, our parish should be very proud of the excellent education and Christ-centered environment we have at our school.

As we are opening the school year on the Assumption, we ask the Blessed Mother to watch over all our children returning to school and ask for her protection. Because the Assumption falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but you are welcome to attend our daily Mass at 7 AM or our school Mass at 9:15 AM.

As we prepare for school, we can bid farewell to summer with our parish and school picnic this Sunday after the 10 AM Mass. Please join us.

Please also join us for our monthly parish holy hour this Thursday, August 18, at 7 PM.

In the past, we have offered some spiritual reading around Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. This year, we have ordered a sample of the Word Among Us which is available for you to take home. These booklets contain the readings for the month and meditations that you may find helpful. The September booklets are available this weekend and we will have October and November booklets in the weeks ahead. May these resources be a help to our prayer and spiritual lives.

- 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 14, 2022

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53
Monday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56
Tuesday	St. Stephen of Hungary Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Matthew 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Matthew 20: 1-16
Thursday	Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Matthew 22: 1-14
Friday	St. John Eudes, Priest Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Matthew 22: 34-40
Saturday	St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church Ezekiel 43: 1-7ab; Matthew 23: 1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 15, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mark Brewer/Family
9:15 a.m. Hubert Family

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. Cecelia LaHood/Family

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Thursday, August 18, 2022

7:00 a.m. E. A. Presley/Jack & Margaret Weinstein

Friday, August 19, 2022

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

Saturday, August 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. Thomas J Farragher & Frances Farragher
5:00 p.m. Rita Clark/Family

Sunday, August 21, 2022

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist
5:00 p.m. Mary Fricke/Family

Week of August 14

PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 14, 11:00 a.m., Back Parking Lot

ROSARY Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m., Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Night in Rome	August 26
Adoration	September 2
Trivia Night	September 16
Men's Club Golf Outing	September 23

Our Sympathy

Judy Marie Hallar



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, August 18

7:00 p.m. — 8:00 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 2nd, running through December 9th. Doors will open at 6:00 am, program begins at 6:30 and ends at 7:30. No TMYY on Sept 16th or Nov 25th.

ALL NEW!
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Women's Ministry

THURSDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM

STARTING SEPT. 29TH

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Is Monday, August 15

This day is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation, however all are welcome to join us in celebration at the 7:00 or 9:15 a.m. Masses

Weekly Collection

	August 14, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$120,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$19,000.....	\$75,651
Electronic Collections	\$4,020.....	\$15,483
Total Collected.....	\$2,020.....	\$91,134
Over/(Short)	\$3,020.....	\$(28,866)

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 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.

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

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- **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

For more information please contact:

Terri Moon (309) 688-3446

Email: terrimoon@stthomas-church.net

Please Submit Payment with Registration

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Golfers

Player 1: _____ Phone: _____ Amount \$ _____

Player 2: _____ Phone: _____ Amount \$ _____

Player 3: _____ Phone: _____ Amount \$ _____

Player 4: _____ Phone: _____ Amount \$ _____

Sponsorship

Sponsorship Category : _____ Amount \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **St. Thomas Men's Club**

Mail registration along with payment to:

Terri Moon / Golf • 904 E. Lake Ave. • Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Total Enclosed \$ _____



The 5th Annual

Building Hope In Kids - Uganda Golf Outing

Saturday, September 17th, Quail Meadows Golf Course, East Peoria.
1:00 p.m. start

Register your 4-some! Don't have 4? Singles will be matched with a group.
Golf Registration: \$90.00 per player. Green Fees, golf cart and dinner at Avanti's this year are included in the price.

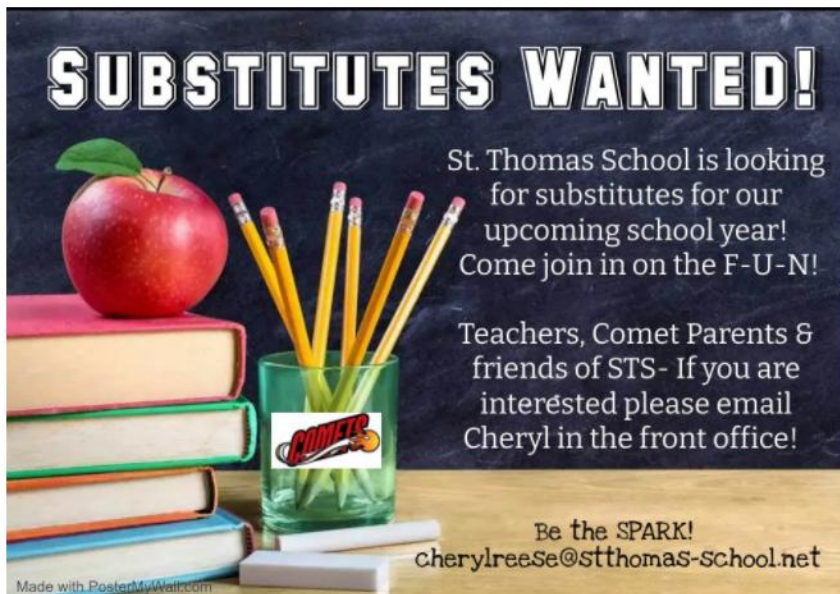
We welcome old, and new hole sponsors. Price again this year, is \$100.00 per sign. Thank you to the hole sponsors who have already turned their money in for this year.

If you are not a golfer, or can't play that day, please consider any kind of donation to BHIK-U and mail it to my house. It will be greatly appreciated.
Please make checks out to: Adolph Arnold

111 Regent Ct., E Peoria, IL 61611

Any questions, call Adolph Arnold at **309-264-7221**.

Thank you,
Adolph Arnold, BHIK-U Fundraising Chairman



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 [**WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT \(whitehouseretreat.org\)**](http://WHITEHOUSEJESUITRETREAT(whitehouseretreat.org)).

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



Lord, come to my aid
Psalm 40:18

Sponsor of the Week





PND Alums Have Talent

Join us for *PND Alums Have Talent* featuring Bergen '83 graduate and Broadway veteran Bart Shatto! Bart has starred in numerous roles on Broadway including the lead role of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*.

Bart will be joined by other alums who have excelled in the performing arts including Cheri Beever (BHS '74), Mike Reams (AOL/SI '84), Alex Palkovic (PND '07), Rusty Brost (PND '13), Annie Carroll (PND '15), Laurel Cramer (PND '16), Will Church (PND '22), and Carissa Phan (PND '22).

PND Alums Have Talent will be held ONE NIGHT ONLY on September 3 at 7:00 pm in the Livingston Auditorium at PND. Get your tickets now for the performance at pndhs.ejoinme.org/pndtalenttickets!

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.

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**.

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.

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



LISTEN UP!

Seniors teaching Seniors

Join us at our Open House

You are invited to attend and learn more about smart phones, computers, and other newer technologies. The Open House will begin with a short presentation on Peoria Area SeniorNet. Volunteer Instructors and Coaches will be on hand to answer your questions concerning smart phones, computers, photography, communication devices and much more!

Students may register for fall classes following the open house.

This Open House is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FRIENDSHIP HALL
411 W. LAKE AVE. AT NORTH ST., PEORIA

WHEN: SATURDAY, August 20, 2022,
10:00 AM TO Noon

Classes will begin on September 12th.

For Questions, call **800-872-4651 EXT 1510** and leave a message, or, online: www.PeoriaAreaSeniorNet.org for more information.

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** _____

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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