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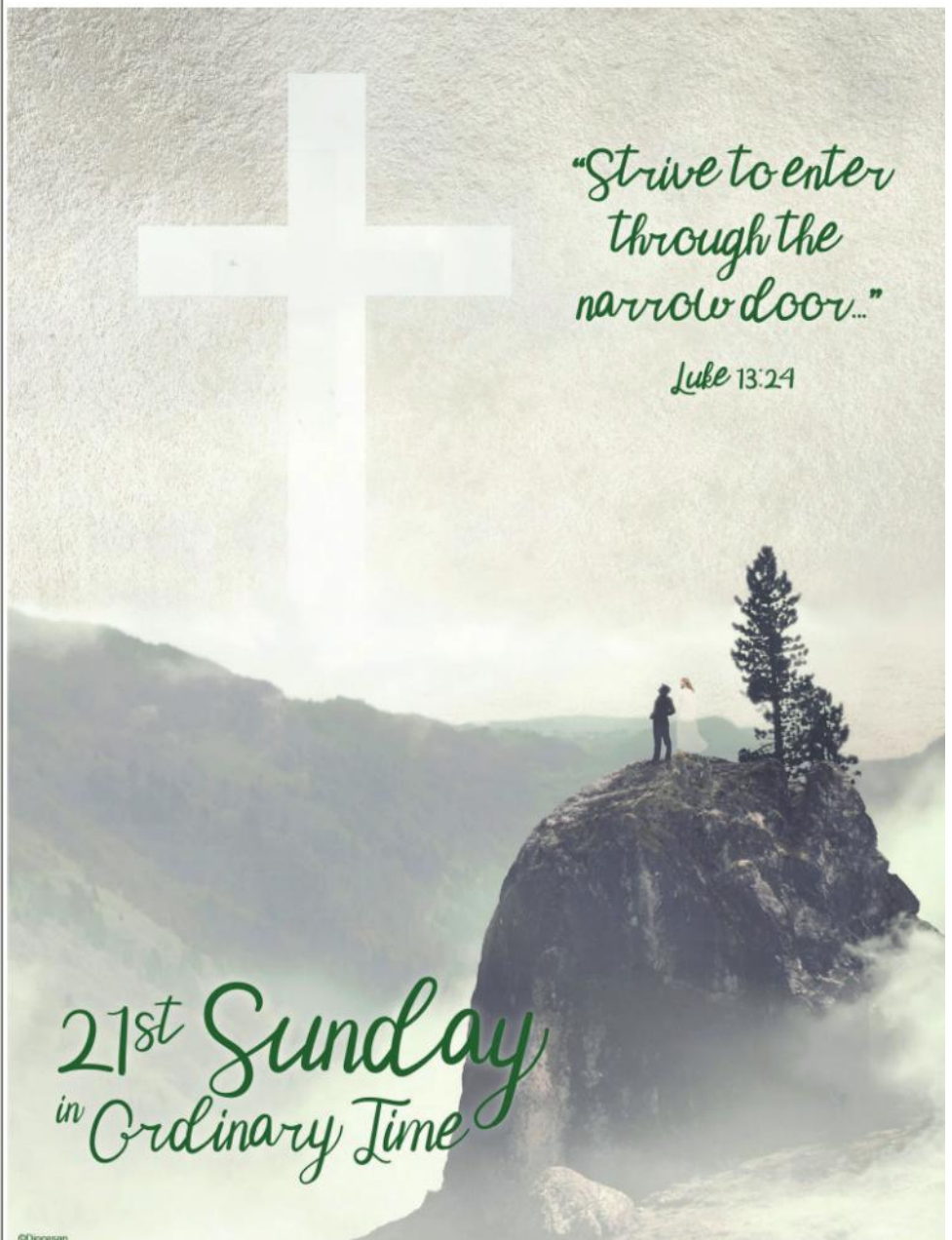
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1. Join Msgr. Gray for Mass. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org or the My Parish App
2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



August 21, 2022





From Our Pastor

As the school year gets underway, we are glad to welcome our new and returning students back to St. Thomas School. For grade school students who need religious instruction, CCD will begin soon on Wednesdays to prepare our children for the sacraments and to grow in their faith. Please look ahead if you have children who need to sign up for CCD.

Even adults can have school! For those who want to learn more about the faith or consider becoming Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation classes will be starting in September. If you or someone you know wants to learn about becoming Catholic, please let us know or watch for the upcoming RCIA classes next month.

I reminded the students that it's not enough to just learn about God. If you appear before Jesus and he asks, "Do you know who I am?" and all you can say is, "I studied about you in class," that is not enough. To know Jesus means spending time with Him and living according to his Word. Make sure your study of Jesus is supplemented by practicing the Faith. Come to Mass every Sunday. Pray every day. Live the Gospel and reject sin. Show that your faith is not mere lip service.

As I explained to the kids, you can't say that you're a basketball player if you study the skills and attend practice. Sure, those things are important, but all the practice and study in the world doesn't mean anything if you don't show up on the court to play. So a gentle reminder to our children (and our adults): Put your faith into practice – Get in the game – Come to Mass. The Lord's day is a day of rest... but not a "day off" from the Lord.

- 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 21, 2022

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30
Monday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23: 13-22
Tuesday	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23: 23-26
Wednesday	St. Bartholomew, Apostle Revelation 21: 9b-14; John 1: 45-51
Thursday	St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; Matthew 24: 42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25; Matthew 25: 1-13
Saturday	St. Monica 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 25: 14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 22, 2022	7:00 a.m. Amanda Burtfield Kent/Family
Tuesday, August 23, 2022	7:00 a.m. Lois Lipka/Herb Bingham
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	7:00 a.m. Janny Osten/Dorothy Bertschy
Thursday, August 25, 2022	7:00 a.m. Honor Jacquin/Family 9:15 a.m. Bob Pendergrass/Austin & Melissa Griggs
Friday, August 26, 2022	7:00 a.m. Lois Streid/Nathan & Sherry Miller
Saturday, August 27, 2022	8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./The Pasquel Family 5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Knell/Terry & Marty Best
Sunday, August 28, 2022	8:00 a.m. For the People 10:00 a.m. Kevin & Ed Harmon 5:00 p.m. George Hrdlicka

Week of August 21

ROSARY Tuesday, August 23, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

A NIGHT IN ROME Friday, August 26, Connected Restaurant

REGISTRATION FOR TMIY & WOMEN'S MINISTRY Saturday/Sunday, August 27-28, After all Masses

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration	September 2
Trivia Night	September 16
St. Thomas Holy Hour	September 15
Trivia Night	September 16
Men's Club Golf Outing	September 23

Our Sympathy

Murdie Sue Killam, mother of Cheryl Matkovich

Patrick McLaughlin

Jack Schlicksup, brother of Dave Schlicksup



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.

ALL NEW!
ST. THOMAS
Women's Ministry

THURSDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM

STARTING SEPT. 29TH

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



Registration after all Masses August 27-28

Weekly Collection

August 14, 2022

Fiscal YTD

Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$140,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$8,659.....	\$84,310
Electronic Collections	\$1,875.....	\$17,358
Total Collected.....	\$10,534.....	\$101,668
Over/(Short)	\$(9,466).....	\$(38,332)

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, 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.

SUBSTITUTES WANTED!



St. Thomas School is looking for substitutes for our upcoming school year! Come join in on the F-U-N!

Teachers, Comet Parents & friends of STS- If you are interested please email Cheryl in the front office!

Be the SPARK!
cherylrees@stthomas-school.net

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Novena of Protection

If our age in its pride laughs at, and rejects Our Lady's Rosary, a countless legion of the most saintly men, of every age and of every condition have not only held it most dear and have most piously recited it, but have also used it at all times as a most powerful weapon to overcome the Devil, to preserve the purity of their lives, to acquire virtue more zealously, in a word, to promote peace among men.

~ Pope Pius XI

In thanksgiving for God's everlasting love and joining all of our petitions

Please join in a

54 Day Rosary Novena

Beginning on August 21, feast of Pope Pius X
Ending on October 13, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

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 includes green fees, golf cart and dinner at Avanti's.

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).

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



Annual Parish Picnic ~

A goodly crowd



The rain held off so games, contests, good food, and fellowship could be enjoyed by all.



Sponsor of the Week



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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

Placement of company logo at all sponsorship levels. Logo as title sponsor on welcoming banner. Logo on all printed materials.

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

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

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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).

- **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

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Sponsorship Category : _____ Amount \$ _____

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

Mail registration along with payment to:

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PND Alums Have Talent

Join us for PND Alums Have Talent featuring Bergan '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!



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 _____

St. Thomas - Food Pantry

September is Hunger Action Month, and the St. Thomas Food Pantry is experiencing its usual summer shelf-stable food shortage. The effects of inflation are bringing more of our neighbors into the pantry to supplement the groceries they are able to purchase. Please help fill our shelves so that we can continue to help them!

The pantry accepts any shelf-stable food items, but these items are needed most: Dry Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Boxed Side Dishes, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned and Dry Beans, Canned Meat, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Meal Helpers, Mac & Cheese, Soup and Crackers.

Thank you for your generous support!

He is in your power
Jeremiah 38:5



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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