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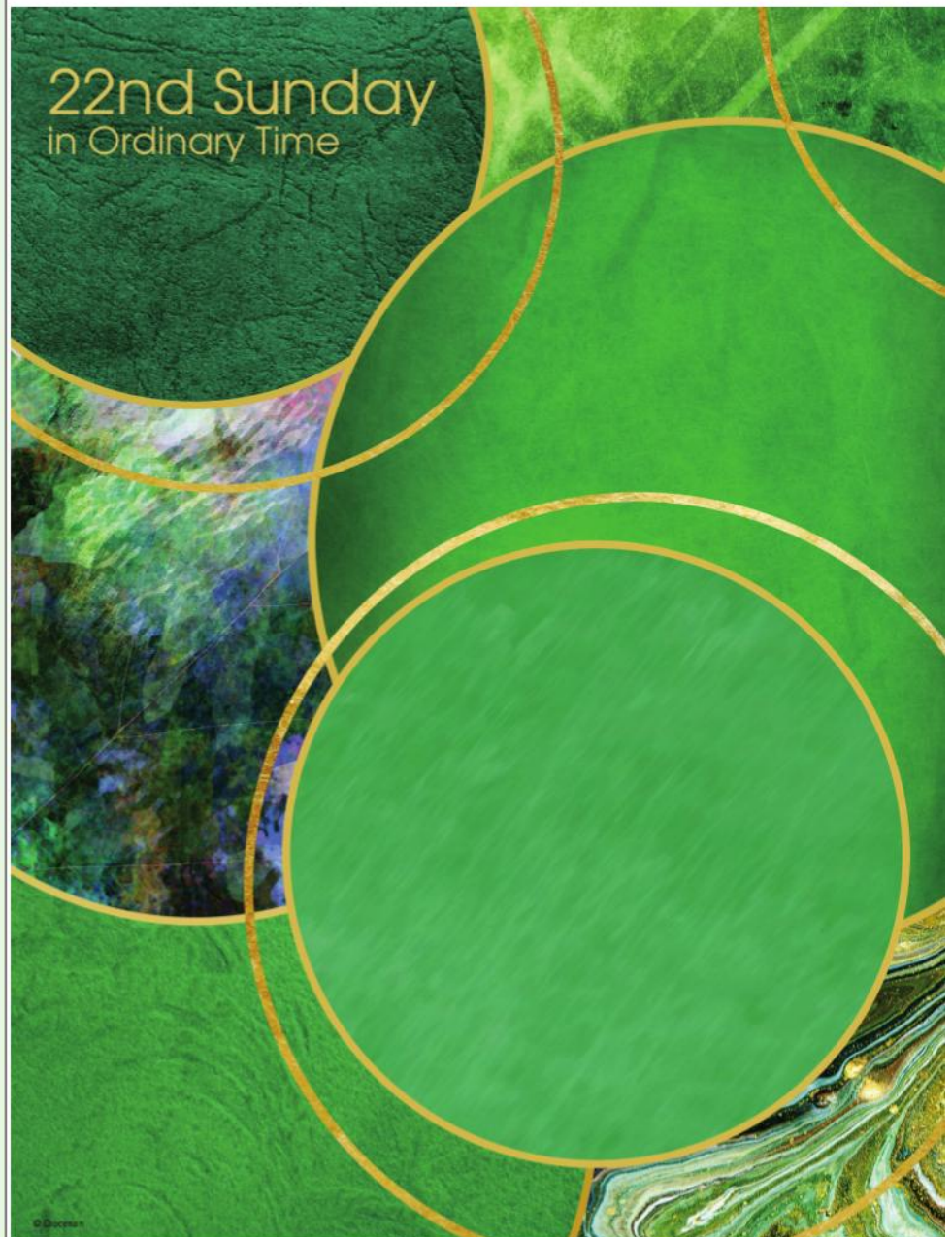
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August 28, 2022





From Our Pastor

I am happy to announce that Bishop Tylka has assigned Fr. Achilles Tegamaisho as parochial vicar at St. Thomas. Fr. Achilles is a foreign priest who has come to work in the Diocese of Peoria. I am grateful for his help with our parish. He will join Fr. John Twinomujuni who is a priest-in-residence at St. Thomas while he works full time in pastoral care at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Over the past months, I can testify that it is possible, even if the schedule is demanding, to cover all the pastoral demands of a large parish like St. Thomas by myself. However, in addition to my assignment as pastor, I also have responsibilities to the Tribunal and to the Diocese as Judicial Vicar regarding matters of canon law. The presence of a second priest at St. Thomas will be a welcome relief.

Next weekend, John Grillo will share information about Hope in Kids – Uganda, a non-profit organization that was founded by Fr. Julius to help build a school in Uganda. John was scheduled to present this mission appeal in June but had to reschedule because of illness. Thank you for your support of the Church in missionary territory.

Special thanks to those who planned the dinner last week at Connected. This dinner continued the celebration of my 25th anniversary of priesthood while also raising funds toward our building fund. These funds will help with the next stage of our church project, including carpeting, kneelers, and pews.

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of August 28, 2022

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
Monday	The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 6: 17-29
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2: 10b-16; Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3: 18-23; Luke 5: 1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Luke 5: 33-39
Saturday	St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 1 Corinthians 4: 6b-15; Luke 6: 1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 9: 13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29, 2022	7:00 a.m. Kevin Wood/Mike & Pat Scherer
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	7:00 a.m. Caryl Lane/Family
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	7:00 a.m. Paul & Michael Tamkin/Manolito & Marianna Cabucas
Thursday, September 1, 2022	7:00 a.m. Teresa Stimson, 1 st Anniv./Ed & Cathy Mallow 9:15 a.m. Rosemary Sweeney/Tom & Bonnie Stroot
Friday, September 2, 2022	7:00 a.m. Robert Maushard/Paul & Ann Horst
Saturday, September 3, 2022	8:00 a.m. Susanne Tillia/Tom & Bonnie Stroot 5:00 p.m. Msgr. William Watson/The Barkley Family
Sunday, September 4, 2022	8:00 a.m. Tom & Dorothy Lavin/Rich & Colleen Lavin 10:00 a.m. Phyllis Gladson/Ken & Judy Zika 5:00 p.m. For the People



Share Your Voice

Choir sings Sundays—10:00 a.m. Mass

Practices are Tuesdays beginning September 13, 2022 at 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Contact Ann Horst, Music Coordinator, at 309-682-5507 if you have any questions.

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Week of August 28

REGISTRATION FOR TMIY & WOMEN'S MINISTRY After all Masses this weekend

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

ROSARY Tuesday, August 30, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

TMIY Friday, September 2, Doors open 6:00 a.m., program begins 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

ADORATION Friday, September 2, after 7:00 Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday, September 2

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



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.

Pray with the Pope

September 2022
For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Weekly Collection

	August 21, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$160,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$8,538.....	\$92,848
Electronic Collections	\$3,416.....	\$20,774
Total Collected.....	\$11,954.....	\$113,622
Over/(Short)	\$(8,046).....	\$(46,378)

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

Ann Downes

Jose Rosalem

Laurence Hallar, father of Mike Hallar



Since coming to the "Heart of Illinois," Bishop Louis Tylka has experienced firsthand the faith and good works of our priests, religious and laypeople, and he has listened to the people of the Diocese of Peoria. In response to what he has learned, Bishop Tylka has announced that the diocese is embarking upon a pastoral planning process called *Growing Disciples*, with the goal of moving further into the mission which Christ has given us: to go and make disciples.

Over the next two years, the people of our diocese will together engage in a time of prayer, dialogue and discernment to look to the future of our Church across north central Illinois. We have inherited a rich legacy from previous generations who built up our local communities of faith, and our work in this process is to honor their legacy by ensuring a bright future of bringing others to Christ Jesus.

We invite you to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we embark on this journey. We also invite you to follow along as we share updates on this process and to engage in the opportunities that we will offer to share your feedback.

Let us be the fertile soil which will yield an abundant harvest for the Kingdom of God.



& Women's Ministry

Registration after all Masses
This weekend

Teacher's Aide Needed

St. Thomas School is seeking to fill a half day teacher's aide position. Hours are: 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., assisting with our preschool program.

If interested, please send a letter and resume to **Mrs. Maureen Bentley**, principal at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net.

Parochial Vicar Appointed

The Rev. Achilleus Tegamaisho will be joining us here at St. Thomas as our new Parochial Vicar. He will begin his appointment here the weekend of September 3 & 4, 2022. We look forward to getting to know Fr. Tegamaisho as we welcome him to St. Thomas!

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 16th

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

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Thank You Musicians!

The Sunday evening Mass does not have enough musicians to continue the band. As a sign of our appreciation, we would like to recognize all those musicians who have provided music for Sunday evening Masses over the past decade:

Don Almario, Elizabeth Bender, Amy Braet, Renae Callahan, Annie Carroll, Kate Carroll, Gabrielle Daniels, Mike Denny, Mickey Donarski, Emily Eckstein, Charlie Edwards, Rose Gray, John Groff, Emma Hill, John Houser, Renaldo Jacques, Mary Ruth Jarboe, David Longanbach, Mary Lynall, Celeste Matheson, Tim Messmer, Jane Myers, Jeff Myers, Marie Nelson, Maureen Reilly, Taylor Rusk, Angel Salazar Zupancic, Danielle Shook, Katelynn Shook, Nathan Shook, Steve Shook, Michael Shook, Mary Spangler, Delaney Spangler, Mike Sposato, Maddie Sposato, Jason Sprague, John Weber

Thank you for your service and the contribution of your talents to St. Thomas!

Parish Mission Appeal



Building Hope In Kids - Uganda

(BHIKU) is the nonprofit organization that was formed to help build and support the Primary School in Uganda that was founded by Fr. Julius Turyatoranwa near Mbarara, Uganda.

The Annual Mission Appeal at St. Thomas will be held at all Masses on **September 3-4** for *Building Hope in Kids – Uganda*.

Their primary school is helping to break the cycle of generational poverty for over 800 children!

Holy Hour for the Rights Of the Unborn

Saint Mark's Church,
1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria
September 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



The seasons are changing, and September brings the start of school and all the preparations. On top of the recent inflation challenges and the rise in Ameren bills, families face more expenses to clothe and outfit their children for school. This can create a fair amount of stress for all of us, but especially for those in our community who live on limited incomes. I assure you we have seen this in the increased number of calls and the extent of the need our callers have. Last month we came very close to running out of funds. A couple timely donations and support from some of the other parish SVdP conferences helped us continue answering the calls.

Recently I met with a lady who works as a CNA in an assisted living facility. She earns \$17/hour for 32 hours a week. She had Covid in the spring and was off work, and now has tested positive again. Of course, health care workers are required to isolate and quarantine to the full extent of the government requirements. She has fallen behind in her rent payments. She has her adult daughter and 2 pre-school children living with her, so she called for our help.

Your generosity will allow us to aid her during this time of need. Please consider the less fortunate of our community during this season. We thank you again.

And if you could help us with the food pantry, we really need shelf stable items, like canned fruits, vegetables, breakfast cereals, and spaghetti.

~ Tom Pilat



GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Bringing People to Christ!

Annual Diocesan Appeal – Watch for mailing to arrive soon!

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal will begin in a few weeks. NEW THIS YEAR: Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. By the end of August, each household will receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka inviting them to participate in the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus with others. The mailing will include a newsletter, a prayer request, a personalized pledge card and a return envelope. Fill out the pledge card and a prayer request if you wish and mail it directly to the Diocese of Peoria.

Please prayerfully consider supporting various diocesan ministries with your financial gift. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal.

To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos please visit cdop.org/ada

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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!

Bread-making with Fr. Dominic Garramone

Peoria native Fr. Dominic Garramone, better known as *The Bread Monk* will share his baking secrets at a demonstration at the East Bluff Community Center (Formerly St. Bernard's school gym) 512 E. Kansas, Peoria on **September 17 at 2 p.m.**

Father Dominic Garramone, OSB is a monk of Saint Bede Abbey in Peru, IL but grew up as a member of St. Bernard parish. He is the head of the Religion department at Saint Bede Academy and also its drama director. He was the host of the PBS cooking show *Breaking Bread with Father Dominic* from 1999 to 2001, and has written eleven cookbooks.

Fr. Dom will be presenting a program titled "In the Scone Zone," based on recipes from his new book. There will be drawings for free door prizes, and after the program Fr. Dominic's books and other abbey products will also be for sale.

\$10 per person. For reservations call Sue at 309 688-9883. Pay at the door.



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Phone _____

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P. Heights High School

Blood Drive

Peoria Heights Public Library
Community Room
816 E. Glen Ave.



Friday,
September 23, 2022
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For an appointment call **1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767)** or visit **RedCrossBlood.org**

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!**

Please join Peoria Cursillo for our
September Ultreya

2022 Theme: *In God's Time*

Saturday, Sept. 10; 4:30pm, St. Anthony
Catholic Church, 2525 S. Skyway
Dr., Bartonville, IL 61607

Join us for a Mass, lay talk, and social time!
Celebrant: Fr. Charles Klamut
Lay Reflection by Bill Fischer and Gina Morss-Fischer
Hosts: St. Anthony Cursillistas
Social Time with beverages and snacks
Guests are encouraged!
Families are welcome!

You can contact the Cursillo Office at **309/676-5587** or **cursillopeoria@gmail.com** for more information.

Reservation forms will be available for the September and October Cursillo Weekends!, and a chance to sign up for Palanca. Let's make Cursillo #1204 and #1205 the best Cursillos ever... together!

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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