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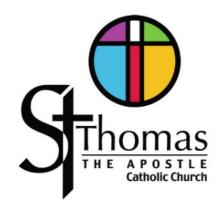
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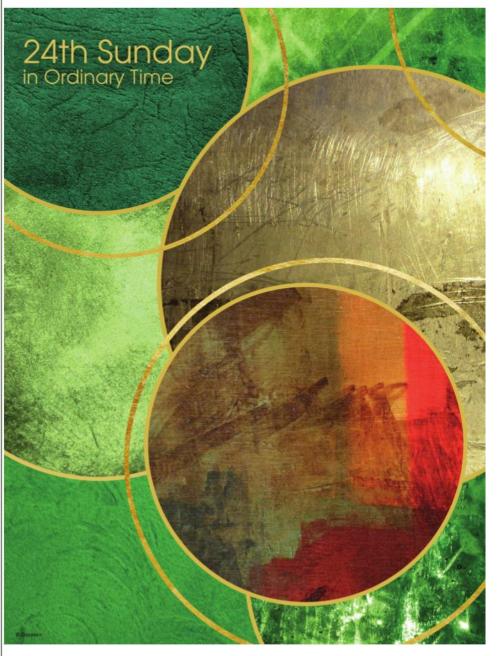
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- Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



September 11, 2022





From Our Pastor

Fr. Achilleus will introduce himself at Masses this weekend. We look forward to learning more about him as he gets to know St. Thomas Parish.

We also resume our Donut Sundays now that we are back to school and many are back from Labor Day travels. We will have the help our 6th and 7th grade students this weekend as well as refreshments after Sunday morning Masses.

A word of thanks to our buildings and grounds volunteers. With their help, we have replaced the carpet tiles at the Lake Street entrance. which was a very necessary improvement. We are grateful.

This coming Friday, we will also have a Trivia Night in the Parish Hall on the church lower level. I have picked the topics and written the questions. All that remains is for you to sign up for a fun filled evening with food and entertainment. See the information in the bulletin.

We will soon begin our Catechism class for those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or to join the Church. RCIA, or now called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Parish Hall beginning September 21.

If you are interested, or know someone who should consider joining the Church, please encourage them to attend this introductory session. We have recorded our catechism sessions in case someone can't make an individual class. Please help us Go and make disciples by inviting someone to attend these classes.

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of September 11, 2022

Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32

The Most Holy Name of Mary Monday

1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33; Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21: 4b-9; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17

Thursday Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 19: 25-27 or Luke 2: 33-35

Friday Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 15: 35-37, 42-49; Luke 8: 4-15

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mark Brewer/Family

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Gordon Jockish/Jennifer & Jeff Shields 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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

Thursday, September 15, 2022

7:00 a.m. Len Kuchan/Family

Friday, September 16, 2022

Carina Stotler/Bob & Judy Fontana 7:00 a.m. Sandra Roberson/Anne & Warren Boley 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 17, 2022

The Rabjohns Family/The Comfort Family 8:00 a.m.

Jason Rutherford/Family 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. Robert Denton/Mary Vojta 10:00 a.m. Ginny Hinchman/AOL Class of 47

For the People 5:00 p.m.

Week of September 11

COFFEE & DONUTS after Sunday morning Masses, Parish Hall

ROSARY Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

TMIY Friday, September 16, Doors open 6:00 a.m., program begins 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

TRIVIA NIGHT Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Thomas Holy Hour September 22 RCIA Begins September 21 Men's Club Golf Outing September 23 Adoration October 7

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

Calling all 7th—12th Grade Men





September 11, October 23, November 13, December 11 4:30—6:30 p.m. 2327 W. Heading Ave. Peoria, IL

Prayer, Pizza, Ping Pong

Visit www.comeandfollowme.org for more details

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Weekly Collection September 4, 2022 Fiscal YTD Collections needed.....\$20,000.....\$200,000 Sunday Collections......\$22,373.....\$124,529 Electronic Collections \$1,400 \$25,839 Total Collected......\$150,368 Over/(Short)\$3,773.....\$(49,632)

Your support of St. Thomas Parish is important to sustain our Please remember to contribute regularly 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

Dolores Otten, mother of Mary Jane Burtsfield



Welcome Fr. Achilleus Tegamaisho, our new Parochial Vicar



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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 21 Topic

Date

September 21: Intro, Belief in God

September 28: Apostolic tradition, Sacred

Scripture, Revelation, Faith

October 5: Biblical History, Bible Timeline October 12: Trinity, God is Three, God is One October 19: God the Father, Creator of

October 26: God the Son

November 2: God the Son (pt 2); God the

Holy Spirit; Saints

Heaven and Earth

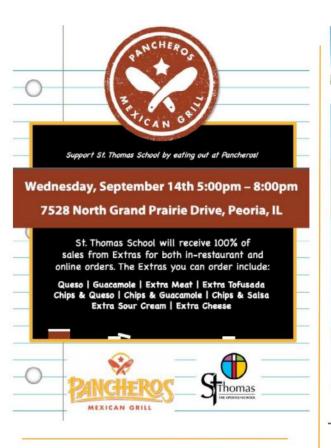
November 9: Holy Catholic Church

November 16: Forgiveness of sins, Resurrection

of body, Judgement, Eternal Life, Liturgy, Sacraments

November 23: No Class

Classes are open to anyone who wishes to join the church, or to current Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts after morning Mass this weekend





For your convenience a link is provided so that you may use the ease of on-line payment:

Give online to ADA 2022

St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

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

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

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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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports DISCIPLESHIP

As disciples of Christ, we have a lifelong calling to learn from and seek a deeper relationship with Jesus. This equips us with wisdom and truth to accompany others in their faith journey.

Ministries and programs include: annual Men's March, Spanish Father-Son Encounter, Marriage Mass, Abide in Me - High School Youth Retreat, and more. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

Through FOCUS missionaries — in their desire to draw me near to them and grow in fellowship with me and in a relationship with me — I got to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ. I realized that these men care where I end up after my time passes on this earth. Watching my dad accept the high call to become a deacon, gave me the strength and desire to accept Jesus' high call for me to be a FOCUS missionary.

Discipleship Video

- Evan Burge, son of deacon candidate Mike Burge and his wife Marie



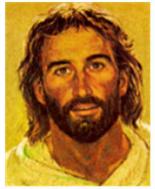






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- Next Men's weekend: Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2022
- Next Women's Weekend: Oct. 27-30, 2022
 September and October weekends held at Sacre Coeur Retreat Center near Magnolia, IL

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You're welcomed to join us today, tomorrow, or whenever you feel inclined to answer the invitation.

Memorial Service for the Unborn



10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 10

St. Mary's Cemetery 421 N. Sterling, West Peoria

Hosted by Central IL Right to Life & Knights of Columbus Spalding Council No. 427

For more information call 309-369-9769

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!

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.

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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.

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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