St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Staff

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

904 East Lake Avenue, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 stthomaspeoria.org; 309-688-3446 parishoffice@stthomas-church.net

Pastor: Msgr. Jason A. Gray.......(x3) msgrgray@stthomas-church.net Parochial Vicar: Fr. Achilleus Tegamaisho.. frachilleus@stthomas-church.net Fr. John Twinomujuni......In Residence

Sacristan: Mother Vaclava Ballon, FSJB (688-3500); fsjbpeoria@yahoo.com

Deacon: Dcn. John Nelson.......981-2716
Dcn. Ed Mallow......360-7735
Dcn. Mark Kelsch (Senior Status)

School Principal: Maureen Bentley..(x1210) maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net

Administrative Assistant: Terri Moon.....(x0) terrimoon@stthomas-church.net

Bulletin Editor: Peggy Sullivan......(x1301) peggysullivan@stthomas-church.net

Accountant: Julie Streid.....(x1340) juliestreid@stthomas-church.net

Tuition Coordinator: Pat Wombacher(x1341) patwombacher@stthomas-school.net

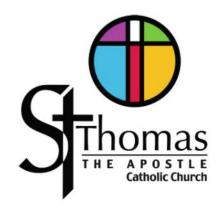
Director of Faith Formation: Mary Cushing.. marycushing@stthomas-school.net

Music Coordinator: Ann Horst..... 682-5507 Annulment Consultant:

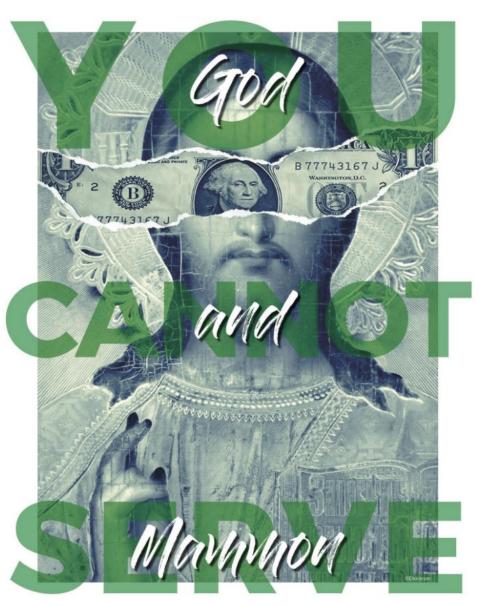
John Mackoway...........699-5213
Parish Nurse: Mary Clare Geraghty..(x1350)
parishnurse@stthomas-church.net

Stay in Touch

- Join Msgr. Gray for Mass. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org or the My Parish App
- Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 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 18, 2022



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time . Luke 16:13



A BRIEF BIO: FR. Achileus R. Tegamaisho

My name is Fr. Achileus Rwehumbiza Tegamaisho, born February 17th 1965 and raised in Bukoba Tanzania (E.Africa) in a family of 9 children (5 girls and 4 boys) and I'm the 8th. Among the 4 boys, 2 are priests and among the 5 girls, one is a Religious Nun (sister). I have 24 Nieces and Nephews and 3 among the nephews are in the Seminary training to become Priests. My parents have all passed away plus four of my siblings.

Bukoba Town is found very close to Lake Victoria, the 2nd Largest Lake in the World and very near to the Equator therefore experiencing Equatorial type of climate. We have 12 hours daytime and 12 hours night time. Our staple food is Matoke (Banana/plantain), rice and ugali (made from maize flour). Main Cash crop is coffee and tea. We get fresh fish from the Lake.

I did my studies in Tanzani: Primary, Secondary School up to College level (Philosophy and Theology). Later on after my ordination, I did my Master Degree in Education management and Planning. Swahili is my National Language and Haya my native language.

I was ordained a Priest of Bukoba Catholic Diocese in 1996. My Diocese is blessed of having good number of Priests and Religious people. The first African Cardinal is born from my Diocese. Currently we have more than 130 active priests, more than 50 Major Seminarians and more than 300 younger Seminarians. The major problem is the costs of training to Priesthood.

As a Priest, I have received different assignments from my Bishop: as parochial Vicar, Pastor for more than twenty years and Secretary of Diocesan department like Education, Catechetical and PMS. I have been also Dean of two different Deaneries and member of the Bishop's consulting team (Consulter). I have been also a Founder, Head and Director of two Diocesan Schools which are still doing good despite of the problems on running costs.

My last appointment before coming to Peoria Catholic Diocese, was Diocesan Coordinator (Contact person) of the 2021-2023 Synod of Bishop and while already in Peoria my Bishop has appointed me to be coordinator of Missionary Cooperation Plan in USA besides my normal pastoral duties.



Readings for the Week of September 18, 2022

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Proverbs 3: 27-34; Luke 8: 16-18

Tuesday Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, &

Companions, Martyrs

Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9: 9-13

Thursday Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Luke 9: 7-9

Friday St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday Ecclesiastes 11: 9—12: 8; Luke 9: 43b-45

Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16; Luke 16: 19-31

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 19, 2022

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Zarley Family/Mary Ann Noe

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. Thomas S Farraher & Frances Farraher

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

7:00 a.m. Carol Ostrander/Friend

Thursday, September 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. Anna Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney 9:15 a.m. George Bodish/Daniel & Kristina McNaught

Friday, September 23, 2022

7:00 a.m. Sarah Salmon/Family

Saturday, September 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mikey Axelson 5:00 p.m. Dr. Jay Alameda/Family

Sunday, September 25, 2022

8:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist

10:00 a.m. Arlene Crawford/Carla & Jack Jockisch Family

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of September 18

ROSARY Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CCD Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m., School

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

OCIA (RCIA) Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

HOLY HOUR Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m., Church

TMIY Friday, September 23, Doors open 6:00 a.m., program begins 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING Friday, September 23, 12:00 p.m., Mt. Hawley Country Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of Animals October 4
Adoration October 7
October 8



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, September 22 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



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

	September 11, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$220,000
Sunday Collections	\$9,310	\$133,839
Electronic Collections	\$3,185	\$29,024
	\$12,495	•
Over/(Short)	\$(7,505)	\$(57,137)

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

Kevin Myszkowski, father of Avery Myszkowski

St. Theresa Novena For Vocations



Begins September 22, and continues for nine days

See: Peoria VocationsNovena - Peoria Vocations (comeandfollowme.org) for the novena prayers and meditations

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Date Topic

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

Heaven and Earth

October 26: God the Son

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

Holy Spirit; Saints

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.

Enrollment Event

Learn more about Peoria Notre Dame!

Please join us for coffee, doughnuts, and a brief presentation showcasing all of the school's academic opportunities on **September 22**nd from **8:15 to 9:15 a.m.** in the auditorium of the school. Tours of the building will be offered after the presentation for those interested. This is a great opportunity to see how PND develops the whole person!

PEORIA

NOTRE DAME

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF

For 2023 Confirmands & Parents

Wednesday, September 21sty 6:00—7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

We will eat pizza, learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, hand out parent & sponsor guides, and go over everything you need to know about this process!

Questions? Contact marycushing@stthomas-school.net





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

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.

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

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

Please Submit Payment with Registration

Phone:Phone:Phone:	Amount \$
Phone:Phone:	Amount \$
Phone:	Amount \$
Phone:	Amount \$
Phone:	Amount É
	Amount 3
Phone:	Amount \$
	Amount \$
	Total Enclosed \$
	homas Men's Club ith payment to: . • Peoria Heights, IL 61616

For there is one God 1 Timothy 2:5

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. The Eucharistic Revival is an invitation to grow in our love and reverence for the holy Eucharist and to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.

Activities will include Eucharistic Congress for youth, Holy Hours with the traveling diocesan monstrance, explanatory Masses for children and adults, and more. Through ADA, the Office of Divine Worship is able to give ongoing support to all our parishes. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival and other ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

It is incredibly important to me that the kids know Jesus in the Eucharist, Jesus in His Word, and Jesus in our Faith. For me, having faith has been the unchanging peace when the world around me is collapsing. I want them to have that because I know the storms will come for them as well. Today is the first time I have ever been a part of a Corpus Christi procession and it was awesome to witness and be a part of. It just elevates the entire Mass and experience with the Eucharist as we are all on a journey walking toward heaven. Eucharistic Revival video: https://youtu.be/hP46Q3I5AZk

-Amanda Lauritsen, math teacher St. Mary Catholic School, Pontiac

Carve out a new tradition.

Give Blood!





Peoria Notre Dame High School Blood Drive St Thomas the Apostle Church

904 E. Lake Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Friday, October 14, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org.
You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass!

Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information. By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship.

We've got a treat for you this month: Come to give in October and get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. Enjoy some buttery popcorn or a refreshing drink with your next movie screening on us. Terms apply, see rcblood.org/boo





Scan to schedule

1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org Download the Blood Donor App

©2015 The American National Red Cross

[175] + Order ID: 1406426 - Item ID: 6178120 - Ony. 1 of 1 - 040667387 - 2022-APL-0635 - ARCG - 225932

Sponsor of the Week





More information to come

Volunteers are needed! Click the link to sign up: https://signup.com/go/DGigHeT



ST. MARY'S OF KICKAPOO ANNUAL FAMOUS SAUSAGE DINNER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 11:00-3:00

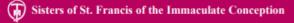
New location: St. Mary's Pari	<u>ish Hall Kickapoo</u> <
Adults	Buffet Style Menu
All you can eat Buffet! Bluebird Carving Raffle Carry outs Available!!! Lottery Ticket Raffle	Kickapoo Sausage Real Mashed Potato Sauerkraut Applesauce Desserts* Free Will

Raw Bulk Sausage—Sib. Pkg. @ \$25 each x = \$	RAW SAUSAGE PICK UP 10/1/22			
Raw Link Sausage—5lb. Pkg. @ \$30 each x= \$	SATURDAY			
*Cooked Links—3lb. Pkg.@ \$25 each x= \$	12:00-2:00			
Cooked Links available for pickup on day of dinner only* Scan code to or	der			
TOTAL DUE \$				
NAMEPHONE #				
Order forms & Payment can be mailed to:				
St. Mary's Church, 9910 W. Knox Street, Edwards, IL	61528			
ORDERS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2022	_			

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.

New Parishioner	Change of address/phone
Phone	
City	ZIP
Address	
Phone	
Email	
First Name(s)	
Last Name	
form.	





1st Prize - \$5,000 2nd - \$3,000 3nd - \$1,000 4th - \$500 Tickets \$25 ea. / 5 for \$100 / 10 for \$200 **Drawing - September 24, 2022** Early Drawing for \$500 - September 12, 2022

Proceeds go toward Sisters' Ministries

Count Your Blessings Raffle
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Make checks payable to: Heading Ave. Franciscans 2408 W. Heading Avenue, West Peoria, IL 61604

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!



Peoria Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women

Invites you to our

Biennial Convention Saturday, October 8, 2022 St. Louis Church, Princeton

For more information, go to Peoriadccw.org.blogspot.com
Or call President Mary Ann Hughes
At 217-597-1021

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.

Peoria

309-690-0011

Galesburg

309-315-2135

MIDWEST-ENDO.COM



-24 Hour Service

(309) 693-2400

TING-COOLING-REFRIGERATION

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

(309)633-1313 www.dmiheatingandair.com

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
"FREE ESTIMATES ON NEW
EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION"

Commercial

www.laserelectricinc.com

Industrial

• Residential





309-495-0179 1209 W. Main Street Peoria, IL 61606

Aging Care Management, LLC

48 Years Experience Working With The Aged

Sandi Kistner, MSW, C-ASWSM of • Consultation • Recommendation • Direct Care e in Filing Long Term Care Insurance Claims 309-231-0318

OM SMITH PLUMBING CO. 🧣 ILLINOIS LICENSE 055-004303

Plumbing • Heating • Sewering • COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

Том Ѕмітн tsptom@mtco.com www.tomsmithplumbing.com

429 E. Sciota Peoria Heights, IL (309) 688-5114



PEORIA EAR, NOSE & THROAT GROUP

7301 N KNOXVILLE AVE. • 309-589-5900

Parishioner

JAMES A. GERAGHTY, M.D.

PRAIRIE HOME ALLIANCE

CUSTOM BATH

Mcomm Group, Inc. **Channel Marketing** Alumnus/Parishioner group



Become a weekly business presence within your parish community

Call Don Roe 616.340.8580 droe@diocesan.com



500 School St. Washington, IL

309-745-3300 storage@zosky.com

ezstoragellc.com

KAVANAGHI

YEP, WE DO

THAT TOO

Attorneys at Law PARISHIONER: ARY E. SCHMIDT

676-1381 ksswf.com

WOOD FRONT



Tammy Vu Parishioner

For beautiful, strong . . . natural looking nails 683-6968 Junction City's New Building



DISCOVER SCHERER, YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE.

SCHERER MAZDA

Keri Thierer

Sales Consultant

2300 W Pioneer Pkwy 309.691.0300 SchererAuto.com

Proud mother of Aberdeen (St. Thomas class of 2026)





Scherer Lincoln Volvo

2200 W Pioneer Pkwy 309.691.9880

LINCOLN

SchererAuto.com

DISCOVER SCHERER, YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE.

MCQUELLON CONSULTING, INC

Robert W. McQuellon, MBA President / CEO and Parishioner

Real Estate Tax Appeals

Parishioner Steve Jackson, President Showroom Hours: M-F 9-5; Sat. 10-3 309-699-9517

203 EASTGATE DRIVE Washingtion, IL prairiehomealliance.com

Commercial • Industrial • Residential 309-256-6700 Mobile • 309-693-2600 Office • 309-693-6200 Fax



Email: bob@mcquellon.com • www.mcquellon.com



wyman-group.com | 309.685.8222 114 West Stratford Dr.

Suite E | Peoria

1025 N Sheridan Road 309-671-4543

www.sharrisuniforms.com



HealthInsuranceExchange John E. Moore - President

Focusing on the health insurance needs of small businesses & individuals Chase Bank Building • 411 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria IL 61602 www.HealthInsuranceExchangeCl.com 309-740-9850



JIM ROCHFORD ATTORNEY AT LAW

JIM ROCHFORD & ASSOCIATES 309.637.5322 101 South West Adams, #700

PARISHIONER drochford@rochfordlaw.com





obrientoyotaofpeoria.com



obrienlexusofpeoria.com

nchard A. Kube II, MD, FACSS

Minimally invasive spine surgery Physical therapy on site

Parishioner

7620 N University St. Office: 309-691-7774

www.prairiespine.com



KRUMHOLZ BROTHERS

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS
Landscape • Excavating • Erosion Control www.krumholzbros.com

DAVE & RICHARD KRUMHOLZ



Casting, Forging & Steel Products





ENDORM