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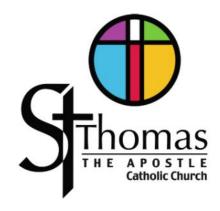
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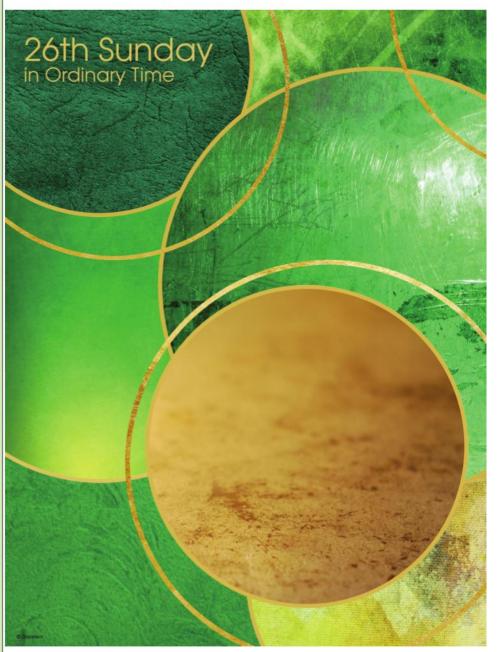
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



September 25, 2022





From Our Pastor

Bishop Tylka spent the first week of September in Rome for the bishops' orientation program in the Holy See. During the second week of September, I was invited to assist the other diocesan officials who visited individual offices in the Vatican with Bishop Tylka.

Together, we had the opportunity to join Bishop Tylka for Mass at Chiesa Nuova, St. Peter's, St. Paul outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major. It was a blessing to offer Mass in these important holy sites in the Eternal City.

While we were there, we visited the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints and the Secretary of State to discuss the Cause of the Venerable Servant of God Fulton Sheen. Saints should always be models of the virtues, including prudence. In our current climate, a bishop's reputation must be examined with respect to prudence in dealing with their priests, lest they fail in their responsibility to exercise proper oversight. Given the investigations underway in the State of New York, some thought it was premature to beatify Fulton Sheen while these questions were being examined.

We were able to present evidence that Bishop Fulton Sheen did not mishandle any allegations that came to him as Bishop of Rochester. Furthermore, after a two-year window lifting the statute of limitations in New York, not one accusation was brought forward that implicated Bishop Sheen in any way.

Both the Dicastery for Causes of Saints and the Secretary of State were very satisfied with the thoroughness of this research. The authorities in Rome are awaiting the opinion of some members of the episcopal conference in the United States to hear their opinion. I believe that no Servant of God for beatification and canonization has been subjected to more scrutiny than Fulton Sheen, and his reputation as a model bishop has been proven time and again.

Please continue to pray for this Cause. I am hopeful that any remaining obstacles can be overcome, and we can look forward to a beatification soon.

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of September 25, 2022

Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Job 1: 6-22; Luke 9: 46-50

Tuesday St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Job 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9: 51-56

Wednesday St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

Job 9: 1-12, 14-16; Luke 9: 57-62

Thursday Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 OR Revelation 12: 7-12ab;

John 1: 47-51

Friday St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Job 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5; Luke 10: 13-16

Saturday St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the

Church

Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14;

Luke 17: 5-10

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26, 2022

7:00 a.m. Suzette Little Kennedy/John & Amy Kelly

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

7:00 a.m. Chip Chan/Family

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

7:00 a.m. Susanne Tillia/Tom & Bonnie Stroot

Thursday, September 29, 2022

7:00 a.m. Jodi Hessling/Chris & Diana Russick

9:15 a.m. Mike Faster/Mike Mehan

Friday, September 30, 2022

7:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny, Sr./Family

Saturday, October 1, 2022

8:00 a.m. Janny Osten/Dorothy Bertschy

5:00 p.m. Carmelite Community of Mary Mother of the Blessed

Sacrament

Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:00 a.m. Mark Brewer/Family

5:00 p.m. Peter Pasquel/Rose Pasquel

Week of September 25

ROSARY Tuesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CCD Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA (RCIA) Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Thursday, September 29, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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

TENDERFEST pre-sale tickets October 1-2, after all Masses

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of Animals
Adoration
Tenderfest
St. Thomas Holy Hour
October 4
October 7
October 8
October 20

BE HEALED



We are all sick – whether it's spiritual, emotional, or physical. Prairie Fire Ministries in Des Moines, Iowa, holds monthly healing services to rekindle the Holy Spirit & witness to the power of God. Each service has packed the Des Moines Cathedral with people from all over the country. Many miraculous healings have occurred and been documented by the bishop.

NOW THEY ARE COMING TO PEORIA!

Come and allow God to heal you!

SAT, Oct 22 at 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6001 N. University, Peoria

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
Total Collected	\$12,495	\$162,863
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

Please pray for those who have died this week



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.

The good repent on knowing their sin; the evil become angry when discovered.



- Fulton J. Sheen

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Date Topic

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!

October 11 at 6:30 p.m. - Information Night!

October 17 & 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Freshmen Enrollment for 2023-2024

Public Square Rosary Saturday, October 15 - Noon till 2:00PM St. Mark's Church Parking Lot

The Fatima Miracle of the Sun took place on the second Saturday of October at this exact time 105 years ago. The intention of this Rosary is for the conversion of our country and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

There will be over 2,000 public square rosaries held at the same time around the world.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a chair and a friend and be a part of this very important event.

For more information, contact **Angela** at **309-686-0017.**

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10.08.22 5:00pm to 10:00pm Back Parking Lot



Friday Night Fish Fry

Every Friday from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the *Knights of Columbus Hall* 7403 N. Radnor Rd, Peoria. Fried chicken, baked chicken, whole catfish, catfish filets, baked cod, & shrimp dinners, plus kid's meals. Carry-out available.

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports VOCATIONS

Vocation is our individual path to holiness and growing the Kingdom. Following our vocation requires allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to love and follow Jesus.

Emmaus Knights is a new program for the formation of young men and their fathers. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about this program and to watch the ADA videos. Vocations video: https://youtu.be/l0c5SEgiCX4

We have Emmaus Knights once a month and we are calling men from all around the diocese — not only the young men but also their fathers — to come here to be formed, to be trained, to realize what God is asking them to do in their lives.

- Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Vocations Director, Diocese of Peoria

What kind of dad do you want to be? Do you want to be the dad who builds your children up from the culture of today, from the world of today that doesn't satisfy them in the depths of their soul? Or do you want to give them the love of God that will transform their lives and fill their lives with the peace and joy that this world cannot provide? That's the dad we want to be and that's why we are here.

— Tim Olsen, father attending Emmaus Knights

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



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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: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, crackers, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, meal helper, dry pasta, canned veggies, canned soup.

Thank you for your generous support!



When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

Our group of St. Vincent de Paul consists of about 40 members. All are volunteers and we meet once a month. In pairs we visit people in our area who have called our call center requesting some assistance and we help them in any way we can.

St. Jude/St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Sacrament, St. Pats in Washington/St. Monica and Holy Family along with us are the parishes in the Peoria area that have St. Vincent de Paul groups.

Members are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic levels. All are united in an international society of charity by the spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing. St. Vincent de Paul groups are in 142 countries and have over 700,000 members.

Last month we had to ask some other groups of St. Vincent de Paul in town for additional money because our funds were depleted. They were generous and we were able to help people through the end of the month.

Thank you for your past generosity. You are our main source of revenue through our First Sunday of the month collection and we most assuredly appreciate your help.

~ Loretta Hardgrove



40 Days for Life Kick Off Rally

Peoria's 40 Days for Life team will be hosting a Kick Off Rally for the upcoming 40 Days for Life Campaign. Everyone is invited to this rally which will be held at the Spalding Pastoral Center on **September 27**th at 6:00pm.

There will be free food in the form of sandwiches at the rally as well as a couple of talks from speakers who will share their experience with us. Lastly, you will also be able to receive free *Pray to End Abortion* lawn signs at the rally.

Join us as we all gather together to toast life and the beginning of these 40 Days of Prayer and Vigil.

For more information or questions, contact **Anthony Berlinger** at his email address: **anthonyberlinger@gmail.com**

40 Days for Life: September 28—November 6

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful virils and community.

peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers worldwide!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community: Vigil location: Outside the Planned Parenthood on 2709 Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL.

Vigil hours: 7:00am – 7:00pm daily

Local contact: Anthony Berlinger Phone: **309-340-2002**

Email:

anthonyberlinger@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/peoria

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.

Address City	
Last Name	



Women's Care Center Peoria is GROWING!

Since opening in our new location last month, we need extra support staff with a heart for our mission of serving women and building healthy families!

Full and part time Counselors are needed as well as a part time Counseling Assistant. Paid training is provided.

Please email resumes to:

wccconnie13@gmail.com or call Connie

McClure at 402-659-4577 for details.



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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

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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

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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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