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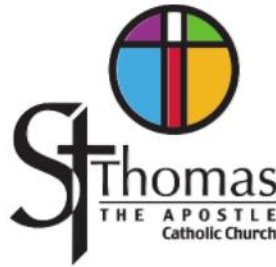
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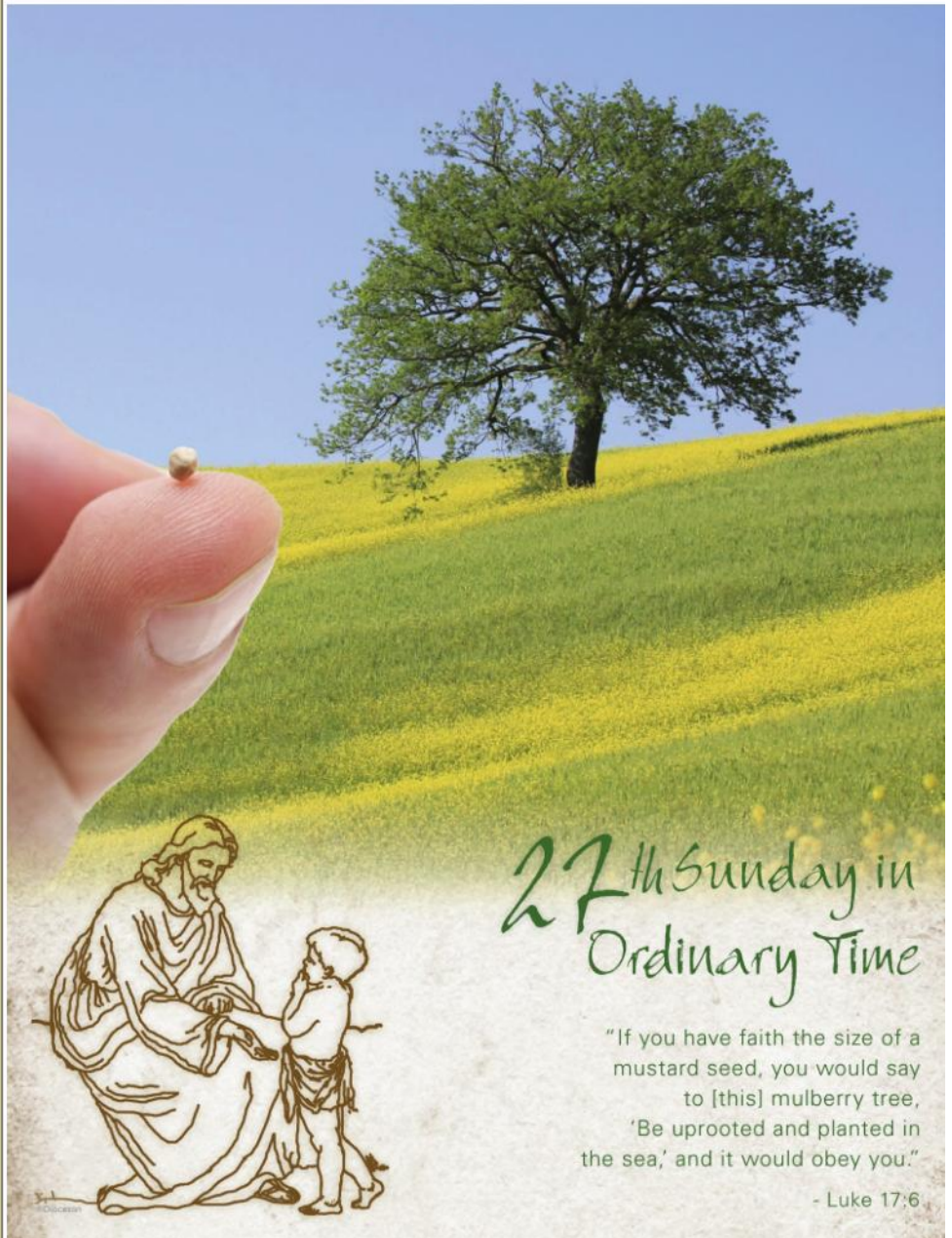


October 2, 2022

*See in every human  
face the face of Christ*

**POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II**

*Respect Life Sunday*



*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

"If you have faith the size of a  
mustard seed, you would say  
to [this] mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in  
the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Luke 17:6



## From Our Pastor

We will have a Donut Sunday this weekend with refreshments after the Sunday morning Masses. Please join our fifth grade students as well as our student athletes from our Fall sports as we recognize them at our 10 AM Mass.

October is dedicated both to the Rosary and Respect for Life. These two elements can come together, especially by praying the rosary for a greater respect for life. As important as a Supreme Court decision is, the work to promote a culture of respect for human life continues. By our words, our example, and especially our prayer, let us encourage our society to protect and value the most vulnerable among us.

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi this week on October 4. Please join us at 8:45 AM for the blessing of animals on our parking lot.

On Thursday, October 6, we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our parish. The new church was dedicated on this day in 2002. This celebration is a local solemnity in our parish.

This Friday is a First Friday with adoration from our morning Mass until Benediction at 7 PM. All are welcome.

- Msgr. Gray



## Pray with the Pope

October 2022

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



## Readings for the Week of October 2, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10
<b>Monday</b>	Galatians 1: 6-12; Luke 10: 25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> Galatians 1: 13-24; Luke 10: 38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</b> Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14; Luke 11: 1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dedication of St. Thomas the Apostle Church (2002)</b> Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Hb 12:18-19,22-24; John 4:19-24
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Galatians 3: 7-14; Luke 11: 15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Galatians 3: 22-29; Luke 11: 27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kings 5: 14-17; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 3, 2022

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

### Tuesday, October 4, 2022

7:00 a.m. Paul & Michael Tamkin/Manolito & Marianna Cabucos

### Wednesday, October 5, 2022

7:00 a.m. Buddy Hannagan/Jeanne Whalen

### Thursday, October 6, 2022

7:00 a.m. Ralph Barnett/Tom & Bonnie Stroot

9:15 a.m. Charles Bode/Family

### Friday, October 7, 2022

7:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

### Saturday, October 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. Chuck Gavin/The Gavin Family

5:00 p.m. Sam & Eleanor Becker/Jim & Nancy Becker

### Sunday, October 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB

10:00 a.m. Patty Resutko/Larry Resutko

5:00 p.m. For the People

## Week of October 2

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS** this weekend

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Tootsie Roll sale after all Masses this weekend

**COFFEE & DONUTS** after Sunday morning Masses, Parish Hall

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

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** Tuesday, October 4, 8:45 a.m., Back Parking

**ROSARY** Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m., Church

**CCD** Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 p.m., School

**OCIA/RCIA** Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE** Thursday, October 6, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**TMIY** Friday, October 7, Doors open 6:00 a.m., program begins 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

**ADORATION** Friday, October 7, after 7:00 Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Tenderfest</i>	<i>October 8</i>
<i>St. Thomas Holy Hour</i>	<i>October 20</i>

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, October 7**

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

Eucharistic  
Adoration



## Weekly Collection

September 25, 2022

Fiscal YTD

Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$260,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$6,398.....	\$147,035
Electronic Collections .....	\$6,364.....	\$35,388
Total Collected.....	\$12,762.....	\$182,423
Over/(Short) .....	\$(7,238).....	\$(77,577)

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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Thank you for your support.

## Our Sympathy

Please pray for those who have died this week

## Baptism Congratulations

Elissa Ruiz, daughter of  
Gabriela Ruiz and Juan Napoles

Jude Bradley Hansen, son of  
Samantha and Luca Hansen

Shawn Jr. & Harvey Honaker, sons of  
Katie and Shawn Honaker

Gabriel Michael Crofts, son of  
Jessica and Adam Crofts

Penelope Rae Parker, daughter of  
Kimberly & Robert Parker

Charles Mayer Beach, son of  
Julia Adams & Robert Beach III

## Wedding Congratulations

Ethan Volz and Morgan Kumer



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

[Give online to ADA 2022](#)

## RCIA/OCIA

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Date

Topic

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**.



## Coats for Kids

The men of **That Man Is You** are once again sponsoring a **Coats for Kids** program at St. Thomas. We are collecting winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves. Coats and accessories should be new or "gently used/like new" condition. Collection boxes will be in the back of the church and at the bottom of the stairs *starting the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup>*. The Coats for Kids Drive will end on *Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>*. Please be generous and help keep the kids in our community warm this winter.

Sponsor of the Week



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From Blue Ribbon Catering.

**BAGS** Show us your stuff! There will be pickup games throughout the night.

**DJ** Dining Music while eating from 5 - 7pm. Followed at 7pm by Open Requests  
**FREE Admission!**  
**Bring your chairs and blankets!**

**Pre-Ticket sales will be after mass on Oct 1st & 2nd**

Children Welcome!

If rain the Fest will move to the new gym.

\*Proceed will help fund an outdoor kitchen for the school\*

To volunteer to help click: <https://signup.com/go/DGjgHeT>



St. Thomas Back Lot

**Saturday, October 15th**

8-9 set-up, **9-1 Sale**, 1-2 Clean Up

\$20 per space ( 2 parking spots) \$5 table rentals if needed  
Renters sell and keep all profits! Click to participate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DADAC2AA7FE3-parking>

Come and browse for your next treasure!

# PETS!



## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your Fidos & your Fifis

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m.,**

to the Back Parking Lot for the annual *Blessing of the Animals*.

Please keep all dogs on a leash and all cats or other small animals crated, or caged, as appropriate.

Carve out a  
New tradition

**Give Blood!**



**Peoria Notre Dame High School Blood Drive**

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**Friday, October 14  
1:00 p.m.—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 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.

Join us for coffee  
and donuts after  
morning Mass this  
weekend



**Knights of  
Columbus**

**Tootsie Roll Sale**



After all Masses this Weekend

**St. Thomas - Food Pantry**

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

We wish to thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Society. As you can imagine we have been incredibly busy.

You can send your donations to **St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o Cissy Carlson 127 W. Northland Avenue Peoria 61614** or **place your donation in the wooden boxes after Masses** the first week of each month.

**Catholic Women's League**

Catholic Women's League of Peoria, Illinois  
invites all women on

**Wednesday, October 19th, 2022**

10 am Rosary and Speaker, Delores Sheen will present a reflection on the World Rosary and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

St. Anthony Church, 2525 S. Skyway Road, Bartonville, IL 61607

**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**

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Under **About** open the *New Parishioner Registration*, complete and submit the form.

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**New Parishioner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Change of address/phone** \_\_\_\_\_



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Drawing – September 24, 2022

Early Drawing for \$500 – September 12, 2022

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### Count Your Blessings Raffle

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2408 W. Heading Avenue, West Peoria, IL 61604

## 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](mailto:wccconnie13@gmail.com) or call **Connie McClure** at **402-659-4577** for details.



### 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](http://Peoriadccw.org.blogspot.com)

Or call President Mary Ann Hughes  
At 217-597-1021



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Send information for the bulletin to [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto: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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