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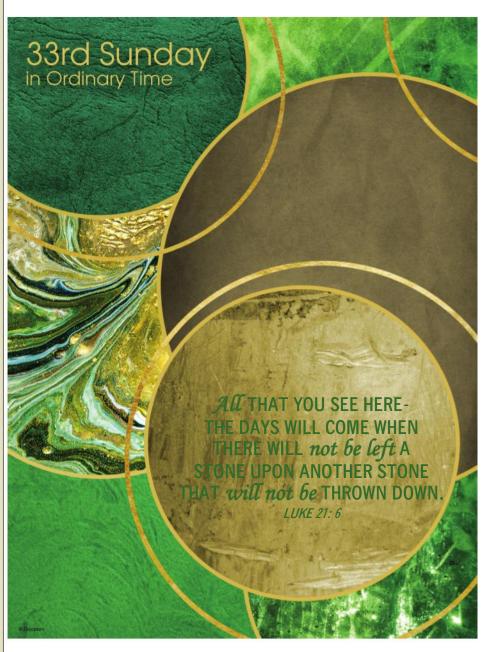
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



November 13, 2022





From Our Pastor

Several quick items for your consideration:

On Thanksgiving Day, we will not have a dinner offered at the parish because of declining interest in past years. However, we do encourage all our parishioners to bring in food donations for our pantry. Donations will be collected in the narthex before Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 AM. You will also be invited to help carry these donations to the pantry after Mass.

Toward the end of the year, we ask for nominations for our parish council. Please see the note in the bulletin. Any parishioner is invited to recommend the name of candidates you think would contribute to the good of the parish by serving on our parish council. Candidates should be faithful, positive and dedicated to building up our parish and the spiritual life of our parishioners. Please make your suggestions to the parish office.

Be aware of common text message or email scams. You may get a message that appears to be from me. The scammer will claim that I'm in a meeting, but I need your help. If you respond, the scammer asks you to purchase gift cards for a sick patient with cancer, or something similar. The scammer will ask you to send the card numbers or a picture of the card in an effort to steal your money. Be aware that I will never ask you for a suspicious contribution through a text message or email.

The Diocese of Peoria has recently sent out a mailing about the Annual Diocesan Appeal to anyone who has not yet made a pledge to this diocesan campaign. We currently have reached over 75% of our goal of \$133,000. If you haven't made a pledge, I encourage you to respond to this mailing by returning the pledge card or making a pledge online at www.cdop.org. Every gift counts and helps us get closer to our goal. Thank you for supporting our Diocese, and the programs offered by the Diocese, and especially the training of our seminarians.

-Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of November 13, 2022

Sunday Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3: 19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12;

Luke 21: 5-19

Monday Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Luke 18: 35-43

Tuesday St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22; Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday St. Margaret of Scotland

Revelation 4: 1-11; Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Revelation 5: 1-10; Luke 19: 41-44

Friday St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Revelation 10: 8-11; Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday Revelation 11: 4-12; Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Colossians 1: 12-20;

Luke 23: 35-43

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 14, 2022

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Logan Andres/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Terri Moon

Thursday, November 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. Merita Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

9:15 a.m. Gerald & Mary Schwab/Famiy

Friday, November 18, 2022

7:00 a.m. Donna J. Weinstein/Jack Weinstein

Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. Gordon Jockish/Jennifer & Jeff Shields 5:00 p.m. Paul Ruhaak/George Mahrt Family

Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. Janice Marie Kennedy/John & Amy Kelly

10:00 a.m. Jim Treber/Mike & Susie Palmer

5:00 p.m. For the People

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Week of November 13

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, November 15, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CHOIR Tuesday, November 15, 6:15 p.m., Music Room

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office

CCD Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA/RCIA Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

WALKING WITH PURPOSE Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

CONFESSIONS Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m., Church

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., Church

TMIY Friday, November 18, Doors open 6:00 a.m., program begins 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Market December 3

Advent Market December 3



Pray with the Pope

November 2022
For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Save the Date!

The St. Thomas the Apostle Progressive Dinner:

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

Weekly Collection

	November 6, 2022	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$380,000
Sunday Collections	\$15,904	\$223,934
Electronic Collections	\$2,618	\$52,099
Total Collected	\$18,522	\$272,033
Over/(Short)	\$(1,478)	\$(103,967)

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



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, November 17 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

RCIA/OCIA

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Topic

Date

November 16: Forgiveness of sins, Resurrection

of body, Judgement, Eternal Life, Liturgy, Sacraments

November 23: No Class

November 30: Baptism, Confirmation

December 7: Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary

December 14: Eucharist December 21: NO Class December 28: NO Class

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Annual Diocesan Appeal as of October 31, 2022

St. Thomas Parish Goal\$	133,057
Total Pledged\$	88,115
Total Paid\$	71,390
Balance Due\$	44.942

For your convenience in making your ADA pledge a link is provided so that you may pledge, and make your payment(s), on-lline:

Give online to ADA 2022

Or pick up an ADA envelope from one of the tables in the narthex

ST THOMAS SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Quarter and Year Ending September 30, 2022

	Quarter Ending Sept 30, 2022	
	Actual	Budget
CHURCH		
Operating Revenue		
Collections, Gifts and Bequests	432,200	299,500
Other: Parish Organizations, Etc	13,000	8,800
Total Operating Revenue	445,200	308,300
Operating Expenses		
Salary and Related	52,100	50,900
PND Tuition & Assessment	23,800	23,900
Other Operating Expenses	111,100	90,500
Total Church Expenditures	187,000	165,300
NET CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE		
OVER EXPENSES	258,200	143,000
SCHOOL		
Operating Revenue		
Tuition and Fees	198,900	217,600
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	163,100	99,800
Total Operating Revenue	362,000	317,400
Operating Expenses		
School Expenditures	574,400	502,300
Other: Café, Athletics, etc	97,900	73,100
Total School Expenditures	672,300	575,400
NET SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES		
OVER REVENUE	(310,300)	(258,000)
COMBINED OPERATING EXPENSES		
OVER REVENUE	(52,100)	(115,000)
NON OPERATING ACTUAL REVENUE/EXPENSES		
Annual Giving	1,500	-
Investments	21,300	25,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	22,800	25,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(29,300)	(90,000)
NOTE: The unrealized activity of our investments i	s not included in the	e above number:
Those numbers are stated below.		
Unrealized Depreciation	(190,300)	25,000

Help Wanted

The Parish *Christmas Open House* will be here before we know it. Please start thinking about how you might be able to assist in making this event the best one ever. Please call, or email, the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.





Parish Council

Seeking Nominations for the Council

We invite parishioners to recommend members of the parish to serve on our Parish Council. Term of service starts in January. The Parish Council is composed of nine elected members who each serve for a three-year term, and one member who is a liaison from the Parish Finance Committee.

The Parish Council advises regarding all aspects of parish life, including the spiritual, educational, social, and financial concerns of the Parish. The Parish Council is assisted in studying the financial health of the parish by the Parish Finance Council.

You may present nominations to the Parish Office in writing or via email. Include the name of the person making the nomination, the person being nominated, and a short comment about the qualities that make the candidate a good nominee to the Parish Council. Each nominee will be asked if he or she will accept the nomination Please consider nominating a fellow parishioner who can contribute to building our parish.

Diocese of Peoria – Office of Tribunal

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria - Tribunal located in the Spalding Pastoral Center is recruiting a Full-time Notary/ Administrative Assistant. The position entails communicating with Petitioners and Tribunal representatives to prepare applications for marriage annulments. Organization, telephone and email skills along with transcription of oral interviews are required in this position. Competitive wages with a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision and 403(b) plan. Forward your resume

to humanresources@cdop.org.



Joy to the World

The Official 2022 Rolan Johnson Christmas
Ornament is Now Available!
The Sisters will be selling ornaments
November 12-13 at Masses
This year's ornament is \$36.00
All proceeds go to the Sisters Retirement Fund.

Yearend Tax Planning-Invest in Kids Program through Empower Illinois

As 2022 winds down it is not too late to take advantage of the 75% state tax credit associated with a donation to the *Invest in Kids Scholarship* program through *Empower Illinois*. All donations pledged and paid for by November 30, 2022 will be awarded to eligible St. Thomas students for the current school year.

Through your generous donations 30 students have already received scholarship awards from Empower Illinois. We still have 17 students on our waiting list who are eligible to receive scholarship awards if we receive additional contributions. Any donations pledged and paid from Dec. 1- Dec 31, 2022 will still give you the 75% state tax credit for 2022 but the funds will be awarded to students during the 2023/2024 school year. Caterpillar will match donations made through the *Invest in Kids Act*.

Your continued support of Catholic education through the Invest in Kids Program as well as our St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Program is deeply appreciated. Our students and their parents are exceptionally grateful for the support provide by our very generous parishioners.

If you have any questions please contact Pat in the Parish Office.

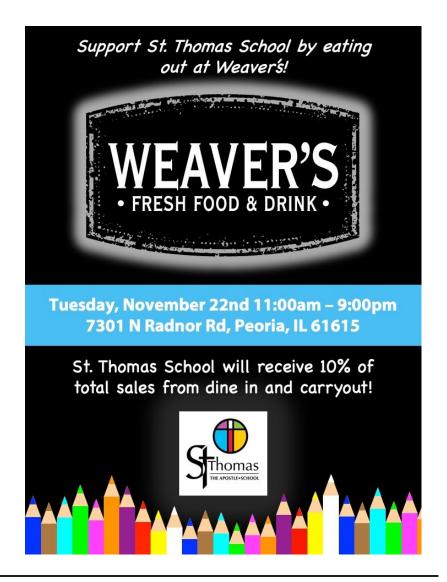
PEORIA NOTRE DAME RANDY SIMMONS TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Peoria Notre Dame and the Randy Simmons Family announce that the application process is now open for the Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Created in memory of Randy Simmons, the scholarship provides tuition assistance to an incoming freshman at PND and continues for the four years at the school. The application deadline is **December 7**.

Any questions, contact Cindy Dermody, Director of Advancement at: c.dermody@pndhs.org. The application can be found at:. https://www.pndhs.org/randy-simmons-tuition-assistance-scholarship-2/

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the PND varsity soccer team for their victories this week and for bringing home a state title! A special congratulations for those on the team who are STS graduates—Richie Kube, Nathan Oliver, Dillon Bare, Tommy Graham, and Coach Mark Streid. Great job one and all—We know all at St. Thomas and all of Irish nation are very proud.





Lagron-Miller is hosting Emanuele Fontanini, fourth generation Fontanini from Italy, at a tour event signing. Available to purchase will be an exclusive tour piece, Elisha, Shepherdess, as well as the 2022 Event Ornament which can be signed by Mr. Fontanini during these two hours. (You may also bring up to 2 pieces of your own previously purchased items and he will sign them as well.) If you are interested in purchasing an event piece but will not be available to attend the signing, you can also purchase ahead of time (in person, online or by phone.) We will have it signed for you at the event and afterwards it can be picked up or even shipped if you prefer. If you have any questions, please call Lagron-Miller Company 309-681-9171.

Catholic Women's League

Catholic Women's League Annual Meeting Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

Place: Buehler Home at the Gathering Space Registry - 9:30 am (Social with Light Refreshments)

Rosary at 10 am with Business Meeting to Follow

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.	

PND Enrollment



Enrollment at Peoria Notre Dame for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! Current 8th grade students and their parents are

encouraged to visit the campus, discover PND's rigorous course offerings, and discuss tuition payment options with the finance staff. PARENTS, don't let finances get in the way of providing a quality Catholic education for your teen. Scholarships and financial aid are available, and an amazing 90% of applicants receive assistance. Become a part of the PND family!

International Exhibition The Eucharistic Miracles Of the World

Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Spalding Pastoral Center, 419 NE Madison

11 a.m. Guest Speaker Fr. Luke Spannagel Jesus in the Eucharist: How Miracles Support Our Faith



Peoria Notre Dame is teaming up with Scherer for the 5th annual 12 Days of Christmas Cash and Car Raffle!

An Early Bird winner of \$500 will be drawn on November 17. Cash prizes will be drawn daily, beginning Monday, December 5 through Thursday, December 15.

The grand prize of a 2023 Mazda CX5 (MSRP \$28,075) will be drawn at 12:10 pm on Friday, December 16, 2022.

Tickets may be purchased online at **Peoria-NotreDame.com/12days**, or from a staff member or student of PND.

The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis invite you to their

Annual Motherhouse Bazaar

Friday, Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At: Motherhouse, 1175 St. Francis Ln., E. Peoria

For sale will be religious items, Christmas items, craft items, plants, handmade quilts, and more. In addition there will be freshly baked goods: donuts, breads, & cookies!

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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