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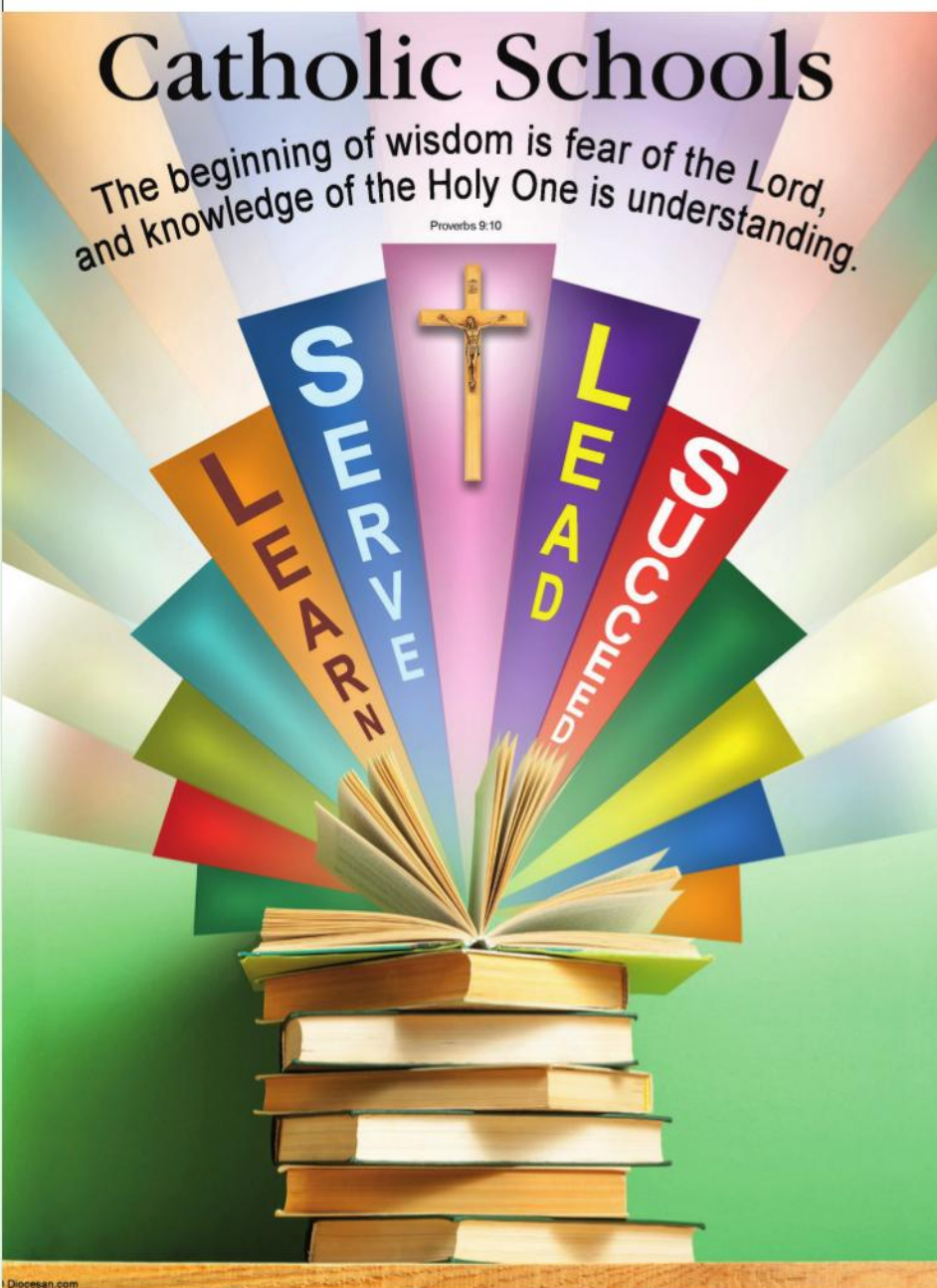
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4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

With this Sunday we open our annual Catholic Schools' Week in which we recognize the value of a Catholic education and express our gratitude for all those who work so hard to make our Catholic Schools excellent. On Sunday morning, please join us after the 10 AM Mass for an open house at St. Thomas School.

St. Thomas School is a critical part of our St. Thomas Family, since the parish and school work together as a part of our Catholic community. If you know of a family with pre-school or grade school children, please encourage them to consider St. Thomas for their education. I must also thank the extraordinary generosity of those who give to our school through Sponsor-a-Student contributions or through the Illinois tax-credit program Empower Illinois. Please ask if you need more information about these giving opportunities.

Our Progressive Dinner is coming up soon on February 18. The theme this year, "Roll out the red carpet," is directly related to the state of our church carpeting and kneelers. Your participation in this social fundraiser will support the efforts of replacing worn carpet as well as worn pews and kneelers in the church. The Dinner will Progress from the Peoria Country Club for appetizers, to individual homes for dinner, to the parish hall for dessert. It should be a fun evening and I encourage you to sign up.

Bishop Tylka has provided an update about the Growing Disciples initiative that is a two-year program to study all our parishes in the Diocese of Peoria to determine how we can more effectively serve the Catholics of this diocese given the number of priests and resources we have available. In the narthex, there is a one page overview of the steps taken so far. Please take a moment to read this update. Please also pray for our Bishop and for this program as he will have some difficult decisions to make in the next 18 months.

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of January 29, 2023

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12a
Monday	Hebrews 11: 32-40; Mark 5: 1-20
Tuesday	St. John Bosco, Priest Hebrews 12: 1-4; Mark 5: 21-43
Wednesday	Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15; Mark 6: 1-6
Thursday	The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3: 1-4; Hebrews 2: 14-18 ; Luke 2: 22-40
Friday	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr Hebrews 13: 1-8; Mark 6: 14-29
Saturday	Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21; Mark 6: 30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 58: 7-10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30, 2023	7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	7:00 a.m. Fred Darche/Mike & Theresa Haughey
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	7:00 a.m. Hylee Kemp/Don Stahl
Thursday, February 2, 2023	7:00 a.m. Gordon Jockisch & Arlene Crawford/Famiy 9:15 a.m. Thomas Reichert/The Reichert Family
Friday, February 3, 2023	7:00 a.m. Patty Hannagan Frerichs/Jeanne Whalen
Saturday, February 4, 2023	8:00 a.m. Betty Pegg/The Catholic Women's League 5:00 p.m. Todd Forkel/Dave & Pat McCauley
Sunday, February 5, 2023	8:00 a.m. For the People 10:00 a.m. Larry Zarley/Jody Maske 5:00 p.m. Les Morrical/Brian & Vicki Morrical

Week of January 29

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

St. THOMAS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, School

ROSARY Tuesday, January 31, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CHOIR Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., Music Room

CCD Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

WALKING WITH PURPOSE Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

THAT MAN IS YOU Friday, February 3, doors open at 6:00 a.m., program begins at 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

ADORATION Friday, February 4, after 7:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Progressive Dinner	February 18
Moms & Mimosas	March 4

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, February 4

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



Pray with the Pope

January 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Weekly Collection

January 22, 2023

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000	\$600,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$14,695	\$394,066
Electronic Collections.....	\$ 5,000	\$110,299
Total Collected.....	\$19,695	\$504,365
Over/(Short)	\$(305)	\$(95,635)

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

Jim Becker

Josh Wimmergran
son-in-law of Eileen Gaspar



PARISH MISSION

WITH MICHAEL "GOMER" GORMLEY



OCIA Topics

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Date

Topic

February 1: Individual aspects of the Moral Life
February 8: Prayer, Universal Call to Holiness
February 15: Our Father, Hail Mary, other prayers, prepare for Lent
February 22: Ash Wednesday; No Class

March 1: Community and Moral Law, grace
March 8: Ten & Great Commandments, #1-3; Divine/Natural Law

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"THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER EVENT OF THE YEAR"



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PREMIERES SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023

REGISTER HERE:



OR AT www.stthomaspeoria.org

**We are rolling out the Red Carpet
For our Progressive Dinner, Live Auction, Raise the Paddle and Raffle**

**Tickets \$50 per person
Reservations due no later than February 3, 2023**

**The evening begins at 5:00 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
At the Country Club of Peoria**

You will enjoy a small group dinner in a parish home at 6:30 pm.

**All will gather at St. Thomas at 8:30 pm for dessert,
Live Auction, Raise the Paddle and Raffle**

**Questions? Karoline Seitz-Goddard (309) 265-7700
Maggie Jackson (309) 256-1810**

MEN'S RETREAT

St. Thomas Parish will again have a Men's Retreat this year at
White House Retreat in St. Louis.

This year's retreat starts with check-in on **Thursday, September 14th** at 4:30 pm and concludes on **Sunday, September 17th** at 1:00 pm. An informational meeting about the retreat will be scheduled after Easter. More information about White House can be found at: <https://whitehouseretreat.org/> If you are interested in learning more or would like to register, please email **George Burek** at georgeburek@yahoo.com

Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 29—10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We are very proud of the exceptional teachers and staff we have at St. Thomas the Apostle School.

We would like to congratulate Terri Schlicksup, Kate Scrivner, & Cheryl Reese on their service anniversaries!



Terri Schlicksup - 25 years,
Kate Scrivner - 15 years,
Cheryl Reese - 25 years

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our school, parish, and students!

Find out more about us at
school.stthomaspeoria.org

Join Us For Our
Catholic School's Week
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29th

Pack the Pews @ 10 am Mass

School Tours Available!
Come & see all STS has to offer!

- Christ-Centered Learning Environment
- Exemplary Academics
- Safe, Secure Campus
- Athletics & Extra-Curriculars
- Pre-Care & After-Care Services
- Financial Assistance Opportunities

Pre-3 & Pre-K 2023-2024
Early Enrollment!
Reserve your spot today!

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

CALLING ALL 7TH-12TH GRADE MEN

**JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 19,
APRIL 16, MAY 7**

4:30-6:30 PM

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PRAYER, PIZZA, PING PONG

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USE THIS CODE & SCAN TO REGISTER

WOUNDED HEALERS

A St.Vincent de Paul Parish Ministry
6001 N. University, Peoria IL 61614

SVdP is hosting a Grief Support Ministry that is called Grief Wounded Healers. All are welcome in the community.

Our first meeting will be on January 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm, at the St.Vincent de Paul School in the Library. Come through the main entrance and our team will be there to welcome you.

Talk to your local parish for Registration forms and scheudle. For Questions email Taylor Huber Director of Evangelization at St.Vincent.de.Paul.Parish.thuber@svdppviking.com



CDOP Open Position

The **Catholic Diocese of Peoria** is seeking a
Director of Development.

The **FULL-TIME** position involves instituting the *Annual Diocesan Appeal* along with assisting the parishes, schools and institutions across the 26 counties of Central Illinois with Stewardship needs. Full Benefits available along with Salary commensurate with experience.

Forward by email a Letter of Introduction and Resume to: humanresources@cdop.org

Principal Needed

Peoria Notre Dame High School is seeking a Principal for the 2023-2024 academic year. The new Principal must be enthusiastic about the Catholic mission of the school – developing students in spirit, mind, and body. The preferred candidate for the position will have experience in administration, enthusiasm for youth, and the desire to work in a faith-based environment. The Principal will report directly to the Office of Catholic Schools superintendent and will supervise the Assistant Principal, dean of students, athletic director, campus ministry, counselors, student services, and teachers.

For a full job description, qualifications, and requirements, please review the description sheet at <https://5il.co/1lxvy>. Download a Principal Application Packet from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria at <https://cdop.org/careers>.

Kelly Needham Memorial Blood Drive

Feb. 25, 2023, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

St. Philomena School Gym, 1000 W Albany, Peoria

Whole blood donors who donated on or before Dec. 31 are eligible to give again on Feb. 25.

Since the first drive in memory of Kelly in 2013, we have collected 573 units of blood. Help us get to 600 units this year. Please sign up to give. Go to www.redcrossblood.org/ and search code **STPHILS** in the red box that says **Find a Blood Drive**.

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.

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

New Parishioner _____ **Change of address/phone** _____



February Ultreya

Saturday, Feb. 4th, 4:30pm
beginning with
the parish Mass

St. Anthony Catholic Church
2525 S. Skyway Rd., Bartonville, 61607
Join us for a Mass, talk, and social time
with beverages and snacks.

Guests & families are encouraged & welcome!

ST. MARY'S KICKAPOO MEN'S HAMBURGER FRY ROBERT C. SCHMITT GYM



SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2023
12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM



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DOOR PRIZES

COME RELAX!! ENJOY
FRIENDS & CONVERSATION



True Presence Night Friday, March 3

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, St. Anthony in Bartonville is hosting a worship concert in Lent. *The Vigil Project* is a Catholic worship band who make inspiring recordings and travel the country doing concerts in praise of God. They are currently on tour promoting their album *True Presence*, a collection of songs about the Eucharist.

The concert is from **7- 8:30 p.m.** It's free of charge, with a suggested free will offering. The evening will feature music, testimony, teaching, and Eucharistic adoration. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend what will truly be an evening of grace. Bring a friend!

Video invitation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LrK2hFKjQ&authuser=0>

Maggie Bertram Foundation Irish Fest 2023

Kick off the St. Patrick's Day celebrations at the Maggie Bertram Foundation for the Fine Arts' IRISH FEST & FISH FRY. **Friday, March 10th**. Holy Family School from 4-8pm. This family fun event includes live music, Irish Dancing and the best fish fry in town. Admission is free. All proceeds benefit the Maggie Bertram Foundation's fine arts education grant program. We are currently seeking donations to the silent auction, as well as financial/sponsorship donations. Please contact **Tim Campbell** at **309-303-1155** or **Denise Conner** at **309-210-3997**.



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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