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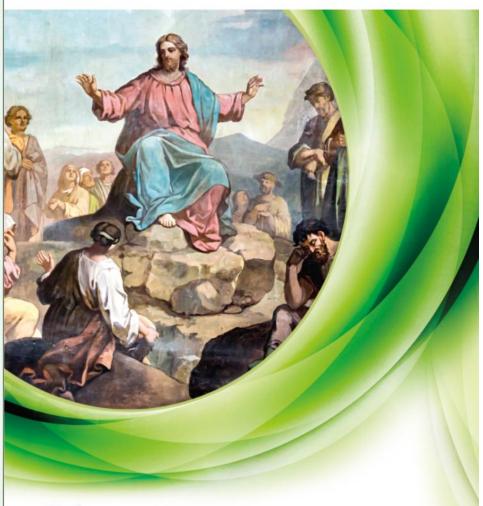
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- 2. Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@ stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



February 12, 2023



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." Matthew 5:33



From Our Pastor

Thanks to everyone who made Catholic Schools' Week so successful. I am grateful also to the committee working on the Progressive Dinner. I look forward to this event on Saturday of this week.

St. Thomas Parish has owned and rented a house on Illinois Avenue that is adjacent to the parking lot. When the parishioner who rented the house passed away, I was left with an important decision regarding the house: whether to sell the house, rent it out again, or take it down.

After weighing this question with our Parish Council, it was the unanimous recommendation that the parish should not give up ownership of this property. Because the house would require significant repair to maintain, it was also recommended that money not be wasted on repairs but that the house be taken down. It is obviously not safe to leave a vacant house unattended indefinitely.

The traffic in the parking lot at St. Thomas at the beginning and end of the school day can become congested. Furthermore, the parking lot can fill up when there are overlapping events at the parish and the school. With input from our St. Thomas School leadership, I look forward to studying how to this vacant parcel might be used, either for additional parking or to improve traffic flow. I am very grateful for the advice and expertise I have relied on from the leaders within both our St. Thomas Parish and School communities.

- -Msgr. Gray

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Readings for the Week of February 12, 2022

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37 OR

Matthew 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday Genesis 4: 1-15, 25; Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishops

Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22; Mark 8: 22-26

Thursday Genesis 9: 1-13; Mark 8: 27-33

Friday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Genesis 11: 1-9; Mark 8: 34-9: 1

Saturday Hebrews 11: 1-7; Mark 9: 2-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23;

Matthew 5: 38-48

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13, 2023

7:00 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/Tony & Mary Honey Jacob

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Family

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7:00 a.m. Tho Dang/Sue Brady

9:15 a.m. Bette Grimm & Mary Ellen Van Buskirk/Family

Friday, February 17, 2023

7:00 a.m. Dang Mai Tho/Linh Luong

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. Gerald & Mary Schwab/Family

5:00 p.m. Harry Alexander/Dennis & Carol Dayle

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. Nick Frasco/Linda Osika

10:00 a.m. For the People 5:00 p.m. Mary Fricke/Family

Week of February 12

ROSARY Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

CHOIR Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., Music Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

CCD Wednesday, February 15, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

WALKING WITH PURPOSE Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

THAT MAN IS YOU Friday, February 17, doors open at 6:00 a.m., program begins at 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STS Trivia Night February 25 Moms & Mimosas March 4

OCIA Topics

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Date Topic

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

March 15: Commandments 4, 5, 7, 8

Weekly Collection

February 5, 2023

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$640,000
Sunday Collections	\$17,562	\$427,235
Electronic Collections	\$4,201	\$117,284
Total Collected	\$21,763	\$544,519
Over/(Short)	\$1,763	\$(95,481)

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

Frances Richmond, mother of Maggie Jackson

Lenten Schedule



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Masses

7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Mornings

During Lent an additional **Mass** is added each weekday
7:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

Pray with the Pope February 2023

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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



St. Thomas - Food Pantry

The pantry accepts any shelf-stable food items, but these items are needed most at the present time: pancake mix, syrup, jelly, crackers, spaghetti sauce, canned soup.

Thank you for your generous support!

Souper Bowl

Let's team up with St. Thomas School to celebrate the **Souper Bowl**.

Please help us reach our goal of 500 cans of soup donated to the St. Thomas Food Pantry over the next week. Donations may be placed in the Feed The Hungry box in the church narthex.



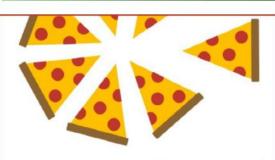
Thank you for helping us score in the fight against food insecurity!

Catholic Women's League Rosary and Social

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.

St. Philomena Church 1000 W. Albany Peoria, IL 61604





Help St. Thomas School 'raise some dough' by eating out at Old Chicago!

FAT TUESDAY!

Tuesday, February 21st 11:00am – 10:00pm 7610 North Grand Prairie Drive, Peoria, IL 61615

St. Thomas School will receive 15% of total sales from dine in and carryout!





St Thomas Mission

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PARISH MISSION





Sectional CHAMPS....onward to STATE!!

Congrats to the 8th grade boys team and thank you to all the

Comet fans that came out in full force to cheer them on!

THE FRIENDS OF CLONMEL PRESENT THE IRISH REVUE

Mark your calendar and join your friends for a fun evening of food, fellowship and Irish music in an early March warm up to St. Patrick's Day 2023.

Cimited Senting!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 AT THE LARIAT STEAKHOUSE IN PEORIA

Seating! RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

MATINEE LUNCHEON EVENT:

Doors open at 11:30am (cash bar available) Lunch served at 12:30pm with entertainment to begin at 1:30pm. COSTS (per person): \$45.00 for meal & entertainment;

\$40.00 for Friends of Clonmel Members (memberships available at door)

Meal choices

- Irish stew
- Corned beef and cabbage
- Tilapia with wild rice & hot vegetable
- Irish dessert
- lced tea and coffee

EVENING DINNER EVENT:

Doors open at 5:30pm (cash bar available) Dinner served at 6:30pm with entertainment to begin at 7:30pm. COSTS (per person): \$55.00 for meal & entertainment; \$50.00 for Friends of Clonmel Members (memberships available at door)

- Irish stew
- Meal choices (includes appetizer & salad): Corned beef and cabbage
 - Tilapia with wild rice & hot vegetable
 - Irish dessert
 - · Iced tea and coffee

ENTERTAINMENT (Irish Music & Dance)

Headliner and host: Lee Wenger and friends — Katie McLuckie, Chris Adams-Wenger and

Denise Adams - along with Bag Piper Patrick Martin Flynn's Irish Dancers and Roundstone Buskers with special appearance by Yvonne Murphy Tables of 10 can be reserved by pre-pay of \$400.00 for Matinee and \$500.00 for Evening.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.friendsofclonmel.org Make checks payable to Friends of Clonmel Remit check and form below to: Dan Heinz, 1729 W. Lamont Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614

Email:

Evening Event ate number of each meal: _____ Irish Stew _____Corned Beef _____Tilapia

THE FRIENDS OF CLONMEL ARE PLEASED TO BRING BACK THE IRISH REVUE TO CELEBRATE OUR IRISH HERITAGE. EFIT WILL SUPPORT ONGOING SISTER CITY EDUCATIONAL AND

SOCIAL PROGRAMS BETWEEN PEORIA AND CLONMEL. LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS EVENT ON THE FRIENDS OF CLONMEL WEBSITE: www.friendsofclonmel.org



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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)			

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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.





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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.

ConfessionsSaturday 4:00-4:45pm

&
6:00 p.m.-until last confession heard.

Parish Office Hours

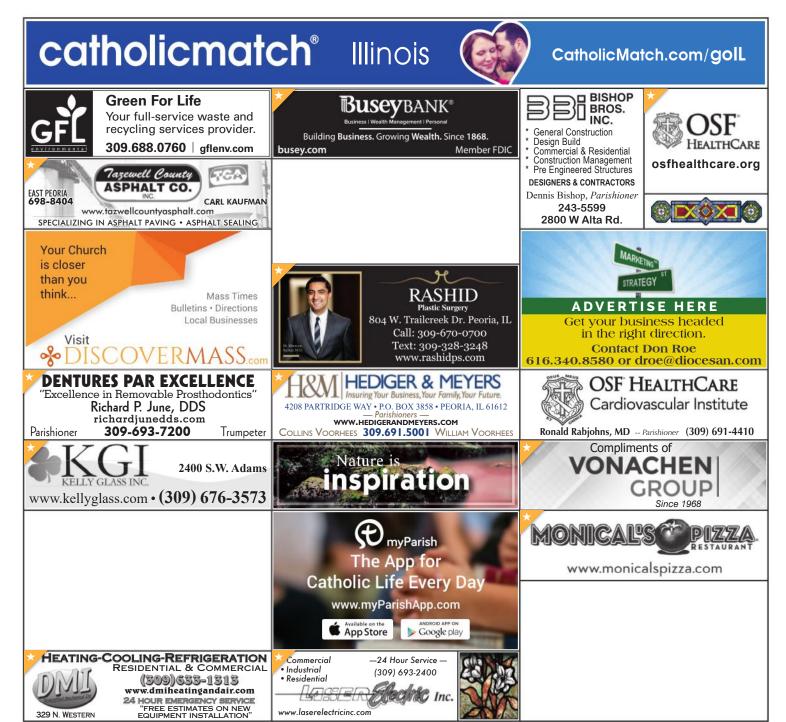
The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Staff are also available by email or voicemail. To leave a message, call 309-688-3446, and at the prompt, press:

- 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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