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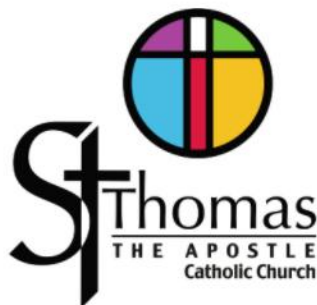
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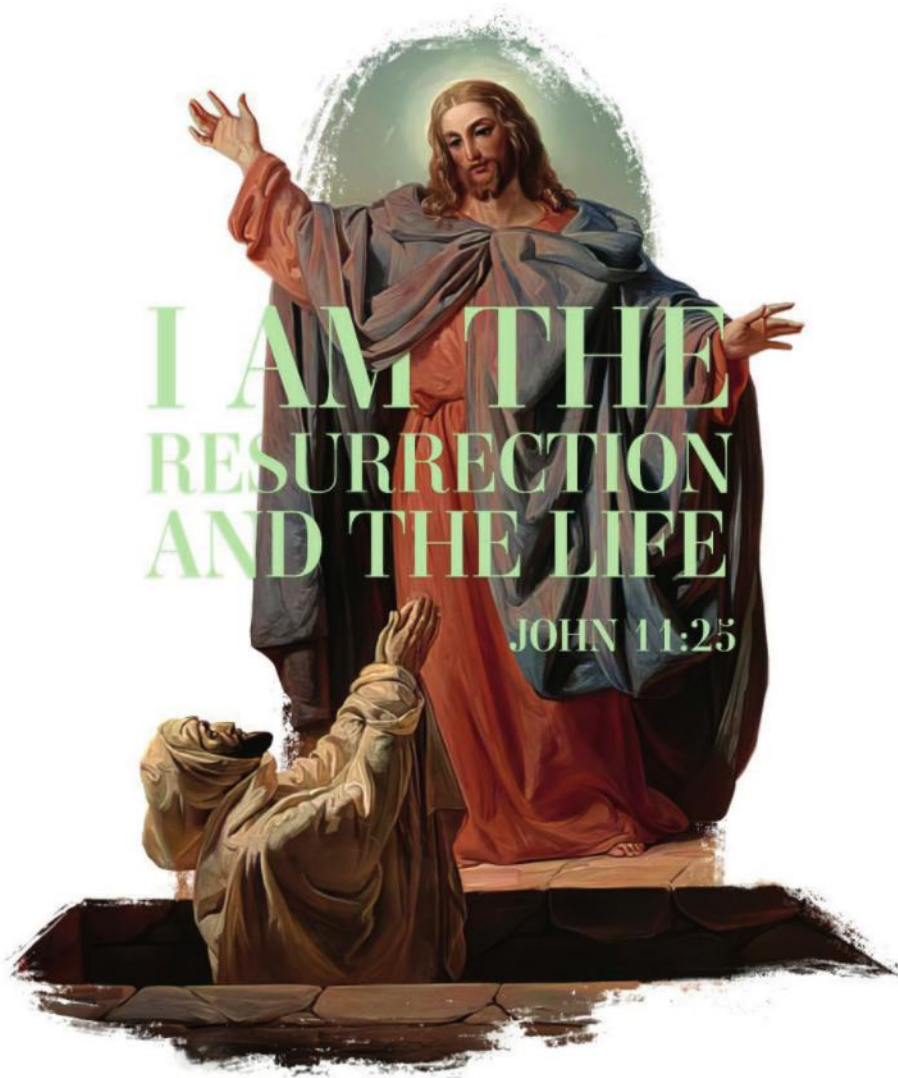
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3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent



I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 11:25



From Our Pastor

Our Parish Mission starts Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we welcome Michael Gormley as he addresses living out our faith not just on Sunday but in every aspect of our life. The Mission continues Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be available on Monday after the Mission.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter Passiontide, a time that is more intensely focused on the preparation for the Passion. Our attention is more focused on these spiritual mysteries as we remove more and more distractions. As we get closer to the Passion, we are invited to be more mindful of ways we can purify our lives and detach ourselves from worldly things. Even the practice of silence is a way to disconnect from the busy activity of the world around us. Let us use the silent time after Communion to be more available to God in prayer.

On Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week. As in past years, we will have a solemn procession with palms at our principal Mass at 10:00 a.m. You will be invited to gather in the Narthex for the reading of the first Gospel of the entrance into Jerusalem and then to process into the church as we begin the Mass and listen to the Passion.

The priests of the Diocese will gather with Bishop Tylka on Tuesday of Holy Week to celebrate the Chrism Mass. Bishop Tylka will bless the holy oils that we will use for the next year. If you would like to attend, please come to the Cathedral at 1:00 p.m. on April 4th.

Please note our Holy Week schedule, especially the special Masses we will have for the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

- Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week



Readings for the Week of March 26, 2023

- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45
OR John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday** Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR Daniel 13: 41c-62;
John 8: 1-11
- Tuesday** Numbers 21: 4-9; John 8: 21-30
- Wednesday** Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8: 31-42
- Thursday** Genesis 17: 3-9; John 8: 51-59
- Friday** Jeremiah 20: 10-13; John 10: 31-42
- Saturday** Ezekiel 37: 21-28; John 11: 45-56
- Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14—27: 66

Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 27, 2023**
7:00 a.m. Gerald & Mary Schwab/Family
8:00 a.m. Kevin Harmon/Jim & Pat Callaway
- Tuesday, March 28, 2023**
7:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Van Buskirk/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley
8:00 a.m. Kathleen McNally/Family
- Wednesday, March 29, 2023**
7:00 a.m. Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist
8:00 a.m. Chuck Gavin/Brian Kemp
- Thursday, March 30, 2023**
7:00 a.m. Ron Richardson/Lisa Flier
8:00 a.m. Jack & Francis McGinn/Mary Eaton
9:15 a.m. Bette Grimm/Joan Krupa
- Friday, March 31, 2023**
7:00 a.m. Joe Kelly/Friends
8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Runkle/The Runkle Family
- Saturday, April 1, 2023**
8:00 a.m. Ava Malana/Filipino American Catholic Community
5:00 p.m. Lawrence & Eloise Cooling/The Steve Brereton Family
- Sunday, April 2, 2023**
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:00 a.m. Judy Campbell/Mary Ann Noe
5:00 p.m. Dave Ryon/Family

Week of March 26

- PARISH MISSION** Sunday, March 26, 6:00 p.m., Church
- MEN'S BASKETBALL** Sunday, March 26, 7:00 p.m., School Gym
- PARISH MISSION** Monday, March 27, 6:00 p.m., Church
- CONFESSIONS** Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Church
- ROSARY** Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel
- CHOIR** Tuesday, March 28, 5:00 p.m., Music Room
- CCD** Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 p.m., School
- OCIA** Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- THAT MAN IS YOU** Friday, March 31, doors open at 6:00 a.m., program begins at 6:30 a.m., Parish Hall
- CARMELITES** Saturday, April 1, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	April 2
<i>Holy Hour</i>	April 20
<i>Adoration</i>	May 5



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday *Mass of the Lord's Supper* 7:30 p.m.
Adoration following 8:30—11:00 p.m.

Good Friday *Passion of the Lord* 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday *Easter Vigil Mass* 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday *Masses* 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (no 5:00 p.m.)

Weekly Collection

March 19, 2023

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000	\$760,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$7,459	\$499,287
Electronic Collections.....	\$4,499	\$143,696
Total Collected.....	\$11,958	\$642,983
Over/(Short)	\$(8,042)	\$(117,017)

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

Ava Victoria Malana

Eugene W. Poignant

Lenten Devotions

Daily Masses 7:00 am & 8:00 am Monday-Friday; 8:00 am Saturday

Confessions:

6 pm – 7 pm Fridays
4 pm – 4:45 pm and after the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays
Immediately after the 8 am, 10 am and 5 pm Masses on Sunday

Fridays during Lent

6:00 pm Adoration and Confession
7:00 pm Benediction, Stations of the Cross



Pray with the Pope

March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Musician(s) Needed

Beginning May 2023 St. Thomas will need one, or more, musicians for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. If you, or someone you know, play an instrument and are interested in this important ministry for the Parish, please contact the Parish Office.

OCIA Topics

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Date	Topic
March 29:	History of the Church, Preparation for confession
April 5:	Penance Service, Practice
April 8:	Easter Vigil (Saturday)
April 19:	Mystagogia

St Thomas Mission

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to meet you right there, and take you further!

Life Beyond
SUNDAY

PARISH MISSION

WITH MICHAEL "GOMER" GORMLEY



MARCH 26 & 27 6:00PM



904 E. LAKE AVE. PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL

EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 2ND @ 11AM

Ages 2 and up through 8th Grade

We will provide baskets!

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 20TH - JOIN US AFTERWARDS FOR THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE CAFETERIA!

Notes to Parishioners

Do you, or another parishioner you know of, have a special occasion coming up? Something like a milestone birthday or anniversary? Is anyone dealing with an illness of any kind, or just need a pick-me-up? If the answer is yes to any of these questions please let us know who you are! Call or email the Parish Office and give us your name and address. We have a lovely group of ladies who want to send a card, or note, so you would just need to watch your mail.

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!

Student Summer Service Hours Available

The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours! Summers offer two days each week for five students to gain service hours. On Monday and Thursday mornings, federal holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to neighbors in need. Packing groceries, registering pantry guests, restocking shelves, repackaging food and assisting guests to their vehicles are tasks that students will perform while under adult supervision. An additional service opportunity occurs one Thursday per month when we receive a truckload of food products from Midwest Food Bank. On these days, five students help adult volunteers unload the truck, repackage food, rotate stock and stock shelves. Students interested in earning service hours at the food pantry this summer should email Diana Janda at dianajanda1964@gmail.com.

Opportunities Available:

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM – June 1st through August 10th
Monthly Food Delivery – 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM – Dates are June 15th, July 13th and August 17th

~ Diana Janda



2023 Confirmands with Bishop Tylka. Congratulations!

When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



Fifth Station of the Cross: Simon Helps Jesus carry His cross.

Simon didn't know just who it was he helped that day, but his act of kindness was echoed through the centuries. God is calling you to do the same. National Council of St. Vincent de Paul.

I am writing you to emphasize the virtue of kindness (alms giving) a truly powerful virtue. I'm encouraging you on your journey of almsgiving. It is truly a powerful discipline. Giving transforms us, and brings us closet to God, enabling to give the best of oneself. The power of kindness is undeniable.

We all have encountered difficult times, especially in this day and age. St. Vincent de Paul members have helped people living in poverty and on the edge of poverty. Your donation brings hope and dignity to those in need. Your offering is a part of your own spiritual formation. It's about ministry to the poor, enabling them to maintain some hope & dignity in their lives. (It must be terrifying to be evicted from your home in five days).

Many of these people are trapped in poverty and need help, but your gift will help support them and give hope. Like Simon, you may never know who you have helped, but they will know someone cared. Thank you for answering the call like Simon and so deepen your faith.

~ Cindy Hall

P.S. Let the 5th Station of the Cross transform you to do what God has asked us to do, and change the way you see God and love Him. Let us remember a cross is lighter when two carry it. Give a great love for our neighbor so that we can help him carry his crosses by our kindness in word and action.

Enjoy a meal and support your
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10% of Sales brought in for the week of
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will be donated to the
St. Thomas School PTO

You are welcome to come as many times as you'd like throughout the week. Please present this flier, or digital copy, when you order

**ANNUAL ST. THOMAS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Sunday, April 2nd 8:30-1:00

Served with all you can eat Pancakes & Sausage, Coffee, Juice & Milk

**EASTER EGG HUNT @ 11:00 AM
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING 10:00 AM MASS**

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

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JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 19,
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5th Annual Randy Simmons Memorial Event

Be on the lookout! Signs are going up around town!! Registration is now open for the 5th Annual Randy Simmons Memorial Event. Cheers to another great year celebrating the best man in the best community! #**onamissiontofundtuition** Proceeds benefit the scholarship in his name at PND.



Eagle Eye Summer Institutes

We invite teens, ages 16-18, to embark on an 8 day **Summer Institute** full of fun, friendship, recreation, prayer, and study July 15 - July 23.

Our retreat will be on the monastery grounds of the Community of St. John in Princeville, IL, led by Brothers and Sisters of St. John. The classes, along with Mass, the Divine Office, and a Holy Hour each day, give teens the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and be formed in the truths of the faith. Campfires, sports, and recreation offer a chance to form deep friendships with other teens dedicated to growing in holiness.

Delicious meals, lodging, recreation fees, and study materials, as well as travel and expenses for the team of religious are included in the registration fee of \$405* (Checks to be made out to **Eagle Eye Ministries**). Details and registration at <https://www.eagleeyeministries.org/summer-institutes/>

Lebanese Food Festival

March 26, 2023; 11:00 am—5:00 pm
2920 W. Scenic Dr., Peoria

Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$6 for children under 12 and are available at the door. Carry outs will be available.

For more information, call 309-688-5555.



Sophia's Kitchen serves 300 hungry souls each day. You can help this mission with an outward expression of our Catholic beliefs. Let's brighten someone's day! This Easter egg is waiting for you to color it and attach an uplifting message. Return it to Sophia's Kitchen with your donation, and we'll enclose these notes of encouragement in lunch sacks until Pentecost.

Your donation will fund daily meals, a weekly food pantry, and a pet food pantry. Let's show our neighbors that we care, not just with food, but with love. Use your favorite Bible verse, write a poem or just say "I care!" Be creative! 105 N Richard Pryor Place, Peoria, IL 61605, or online donations can be made at www.CatholicPeoria.com



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** _____

Holy Hour for the Unborn

7:00 p.m., April 3
Saint Mark Church,
1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria

Holy Hour consists of Benediction, the Rosary, and other prayers. Please join in prayer for the protection of these innocent lives.



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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