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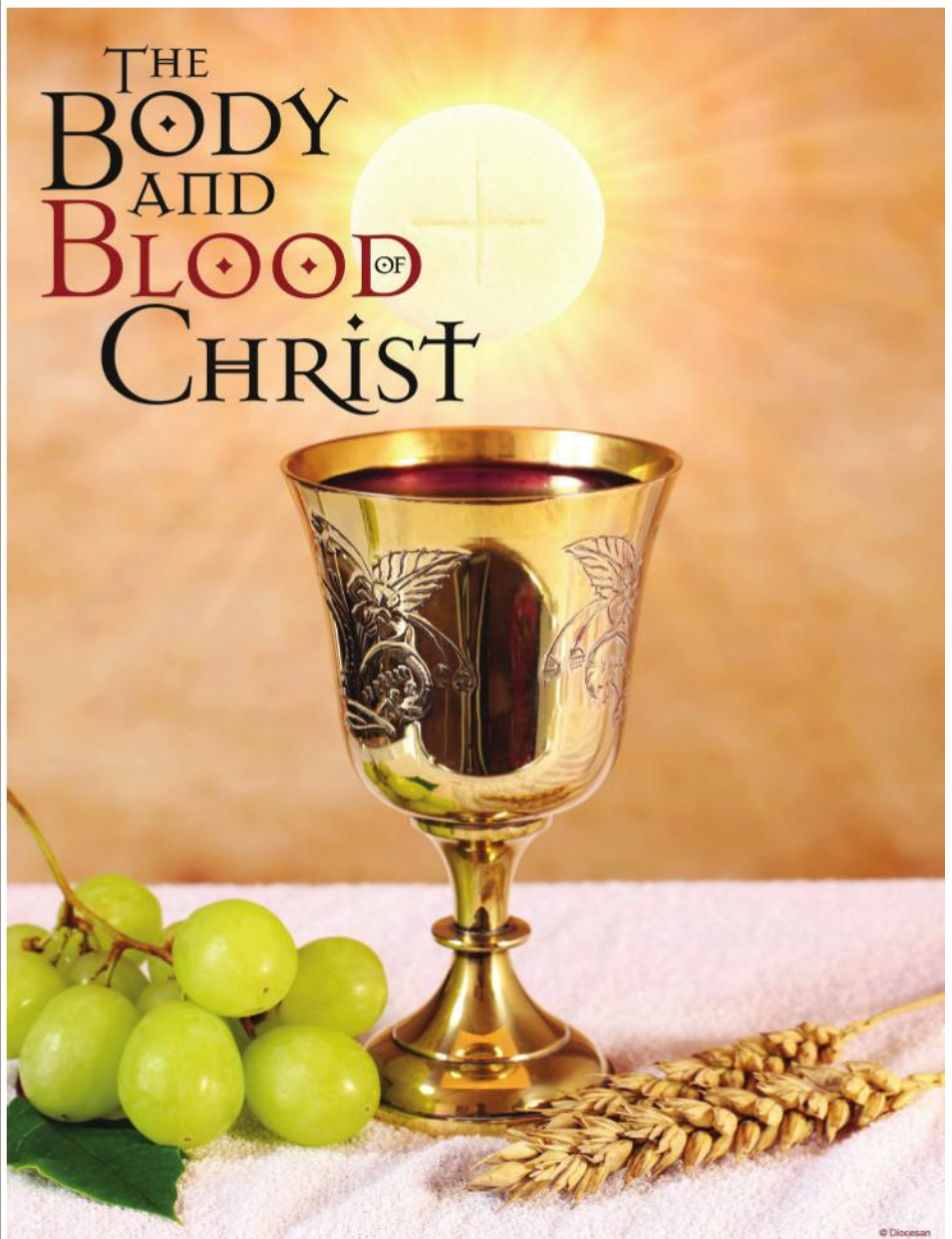
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*June 4, 2023*





## From Our Pastor

On Trinity Sunday, All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! In addition to honoring the Trinity, please join us for refreshments after all Masses as we thank Fr. Achilleus as he prepares for his next assignment.



Next weekend, we will celebrate Corpus Christi. As in previous years, we will have a Eucharistic Procession following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Those who stay after Mass will be invited to follow the Blessed Sacrament as we carry the Eucharist around our campus with songs and prayers to honor Our Lord Jesus Christ. After we complete the procession, we will return to the Church and the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until the evening Mass.

You are welcome to come to make a visit during this time to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. You are invited to sign up online to make sure someone is with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon. You can see the sign up with 20 minute blocks here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4faaaf23a4fdc70-corporus#/>

What should I do in front of the Blessed Sacrament? Some use this time for prayer by reciting the rosary or reading Scripture, but you can also spend this simply as time of silence to sit with the Lord. In our busy world with so many activities, time for silence is precious and one of the best ways for us to listen to God.

After soliciting feedback for an adult education, I propose a book study this summer of the autobiography of Archbishop Fulton Sheen: *Treasure in Clay*. I plan to start the book club with an introductory lecture on Thursday, June 22, and then divide those who are interested into smaller discussion groups. These groups can meet at the time best for each person, whether on a weekday morning or a weekday evening. Each group will have a group leader and discussion questions to guide you. The book club should last about six or seven weeks.

All you need to take part is an interest in learning more about Archbishop Sheen. Please see the sign up information in the back of the narthex or email your interest to [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net).

- Msgr. Gray



## Readings for the Week of June 4, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3: 16-18
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Tobit 1: 3; 2: 1a-8; Mark 12: 1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Norbert, Bishop</b> Tobit 2: 9-14; Mark 12: 13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tobit 3: 1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12: 18-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Tobit 6: 10-11; 7: 1bcde, 9-17; 8: 4-9a; Mark 12: 28-34
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Ephrem, Deacon &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Tobit 11: 5-17; Mark 12: 35-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Tobit 12: 1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12: 38-44
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ</b> Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; John 6: 51-58

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 5, 2023

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Bartley/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley  
8:00 a.m. Sophia Fecht/The Barkley Family

### Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan  
8:00 a.m. Beverly Grant/Pat

### Wednesday, June 7, 2023

7:00 a.m. Caryl Lane/The Clary Family  
8:00 a.m. Sam and Harriett Ottenweller

### Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families  
8:00 a.m. Merton Hubert by Family

### Friday, June 9, 2023

7:00 a.m. Mary Janke  
8:00 a.m. Teresa Walker/The Schachtrups

### Saturday, June 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. Jack and Francis McGinn/Mary Eaton  
5:00 p.m. Betty Pegg/The Calabro Family

### Sunday, June 11, 2023

8:00 a.m. For the People  
10:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB  
5:00 p.m. Patricia Messmer/Family

## Week of June 4

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

**RECEPTION** for Fr. Achilleus, June 3-4, following all Masses

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** Sunday, June 4, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

**ROSARY** Tuesday, June 6, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

**MEN'S CLUB** Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina

**CARMELITES** Saturday, June 10, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*St. Thomas Holy Hour* June 15  
*Father's Day Celebration* June 17



## Pray with the Pope

June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

## Musician(s) Needed

St. Thomas needs one, or more, musicians for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. We would be happy to have several musicians share and play only 1 or 2 times/month. You will not need to cantor.

If you, or someone you know, plays organ, piano, or guitar and are interested in this important ministry for the Parish, please contact the Parish Office.

## Weekly Collection

May 28, 2023

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$960,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$17,095.....	\$624,703
Electronic Collections.....	\$2,459.....	\$196,772
Total Collected.....	\$19,554.....	\$821,475
Over/(Short) .....	\$(446).....	\$(138,525)

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

Jim Konitzer, father of Lynn Wargo

## Baptism Congratulations

Alexa Guadalupe, Adriana Gabriella,  
and Eduardo Ernesto,  
Children of Eduardo & Gabriella Oseguega

Eden Faustina Axelson, daughter of  
Emily & Brendan Axelson

Andrew Paul Axelson, son of  
Whitney & Michael Axelson



## Reception for Fr. Achilleus

Join us in the Parish Hall  
After all Masses this Weekend

As we say *Thank You* and goodbye  
To **Fr. Achilleus** and  
Wish him all the best in his next assignment

## I would be happy if St. Thomas Parish

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## Msgr. Watson Memorial Golf Outing

Friday, August 25, 2023  
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### When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



*If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to him or her, 'Good-bye and good luck! Keep warm and well-fed,' but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? (James 2: 15-16)*

Indeed, what good is that? What is a Church without compassionate action? As a relatively new member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Thomas, I have observed my fellow Vincentians in multiple acts of compassionate action towards our neighbors in need and, of course, that action also includes prayer and words of encouragement. But Vincentians know that words are not enough. Often, my partner has gone above and beyond providing financial aid for a neighbor: visiting a neighbor in the hospital, purchasing clothing out of his/her own funds, checking on a neighbor by phone for many weeks.

On home visits, I have observed the challenges and sufferings in multiple ways: the single mom who has just lost her job; the father who can no longer work due to serious health issues; the young man working multiple low-paying jobs just to get by; the young lady who needs help with tuition for her nursing classes at ICC. And more than once I have heard a neighbor's story in a room with no furniture or maybe one chair. People need to be understood with all their problems, sufferings, and contradictions. On our visits, I see my partners with their warm hearts and helping hands, and yes, their heartfelt prayer.

And, you, our Church brothers and sisters, may not be able to join our society, but it is your generous action of giving that makes our compassionate actions possible. Prayer and understanding are essential. Yet it is your dollars that often ease desperate circumstances for our neighbors in need. Your next opportunity to contribute to our outreach is at the weekend Masses of June 3 and 4. Of course, you may consider joining us if your life situation would allow it. Please know that our St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful for your generosity, and you remain in our prayers!

~ Marlynn Kelsch

## 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](mailto:dianajanda1964@gmail.com).

### Opportunities Available:

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monthly Food Delivery – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. –  
Dates are June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>

~ Diana Janda

### Are You Interested?

Are you interested in volunteering for our funeral luncheons or for our other annual activities? Are you interested in Bible studies or other study groups? If you didn't fill out an interest slip, please pick one up on the tables in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

## 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, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, Hamburger Helper.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## Summer at Newman

The **St. Joseph Newman Center** (located next to St. Mark Church-Peoria) is hosting **summer Small Groups** for **incoming college freshmen**. The groups are open to any 2023 high school graduates, regardless of plans for next year. They do not need to be planning to attend Bradley or ICC in the fall! The idea is to build community among these students and encourage them to pursue a life of faith and virtue in college.

We will begin meeting in early June, but students can join at any time.

For more information or to register please contact: **Sara Petty, Campus Minister** at [stjosephnewman@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephnewman@gmail.com) or **Conor Walsh, President** at [cwalsh@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:cwalsh@mail.bradley.edu).

## Emmaus Days 2023

Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign, Illinois. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. **REGISTRATION FOR 2023 IS ONLINE AT [WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG](http://WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG)**

### Session 1 June 9-11, 2023

College Age & Young Adult  
St. John Catholic Newman Center  
Champaign, IL

### Session 2 June 23-26, 2023

High School Juniors & Seniors  
St. John Catholic Newman Center  
Champaign, IL

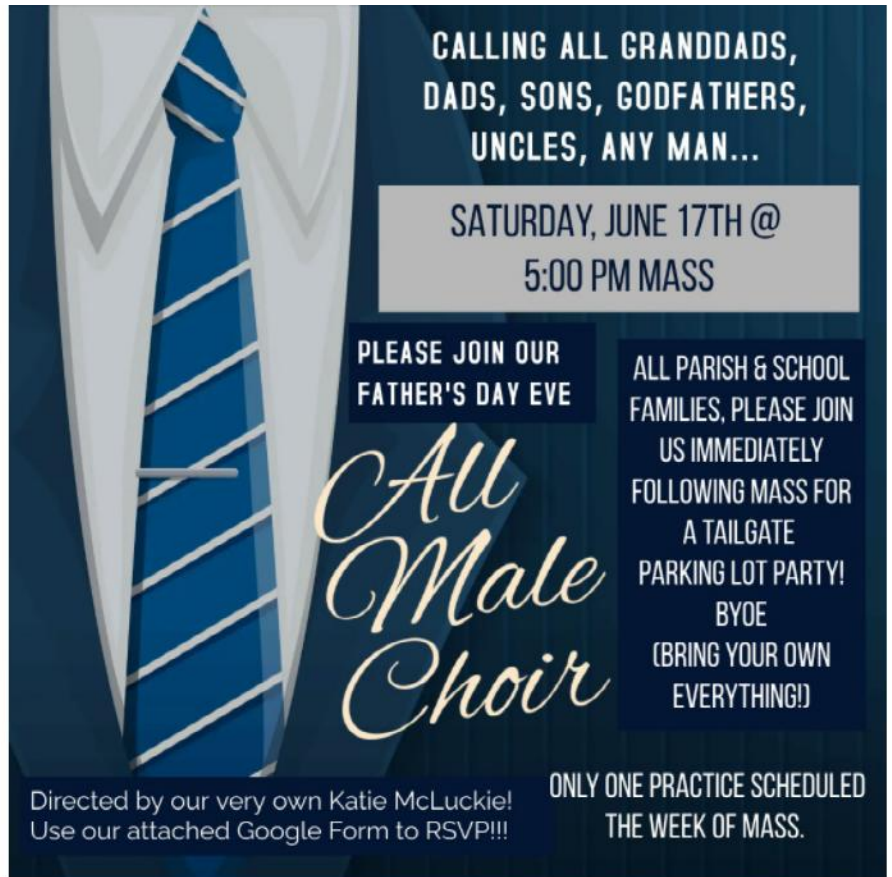
Sessions 3 and 4 will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School (this is an update as of April 2023). Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and card games.

### Session 3 July 16-19, 2023

High School Freshmen & Sophomores  
Peoria Notre Dame High School

### Session 4 July 19-21, 2023

Seventh & Eighth Graders  
Peoria Notre Dame High School



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St. Edward Parish



## 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration

June 7 - June 10, 2023

St. Edward Catholic Church  
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Guest Speaker will be Fr. Mike Schaab, a retired priest of our diocese, with a talk at 6pm. We close each evening with Evening prayer and Benediction at 6:45pm followed by meet and greet in the Hall

## Joshua Camp 2023

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
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**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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