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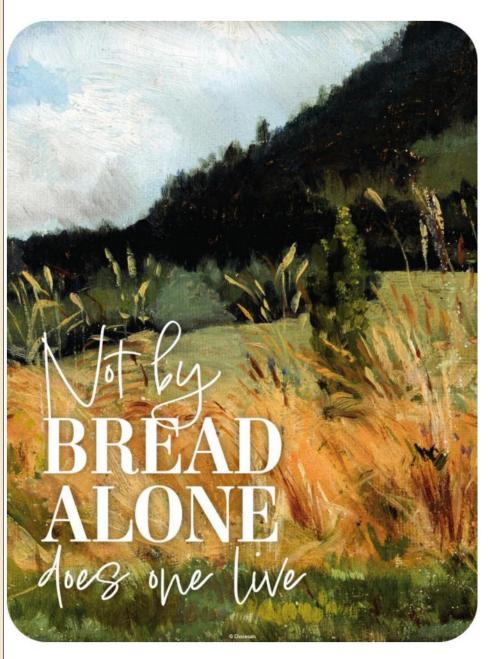
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ





From Our Pastor

Corpus Christi, meaning the Body of Christ, is our annual celebration of the Eucharist. Let us appreciate this memorial of the Last Supper and the Passion of Our Lord that we are privileged to celebrate each Sunday.

Today we will honor the Eucharist with a procession after the 10 AM Sunday Mass. The procession will move around our campus as we pause at two smaller altars for a short reading and Benediction. The procession should last about a half hour. After the procession, we will continue Exposition throughout the afternoon until the evening Mass at 5 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those who will be present in the afternoon for adoration. Please give the Lord 20 minutes or more for personal prayer.

Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, associate Vocation Director, will also come to St. Thomas this week for a vocation holy hour on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. Please join us.

Those interested in a book study of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's autobiography, Treasure in Clay, should plan to attend our opening lecture on Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Those interested should sign up online or through the forms in the narthex to indicate the time best for your schedule to participate in the book club discussion.

Fr. Marc Nkulu will begin his assignment this Wednesday. Please welcome him as he arrives and introduces himself to the parish next weekend.

Finally, we have made progress in raising money to replace kneelers, carpet, and pews in our church. We are about \$25,000 short of our goal. If you haven't given yet and still wish to participate, please send in your contribution. We are so close to the finish line. Your gift can put us over our goal.

- -Msgr. Gray

Sponsor of the Week





Readings for the Week of June 11, 2023

Sunday The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17;

John 6: 51-58

Monday 2 Corinthians 1: 1-7; Matthew 5: 1-12

Tuesday St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

2 Corinthians 1: 8-22; Matthew 5: 13-16

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday 2 Corinthians 3: 15—4: 1, 3-6; Matthew 5: 20-26

Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Deuteronomy 7: 6-11; 1 John 4: 7-16; Matthew 11: 25-30

Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21; Matthew 5: 33-37

Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19: 2-6a; Romans 5: 6-11; Matthew 9: 36—10: 8

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 12, 2023

7:00 a.m. Sarah Grace Borrowman/Jeanne Whalen

8:00 a.m. Dolores Oppe/Warren Oppe

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

7:00 a.m. Tho Dang/Tony Ghantous 8:00 a.m. Betty Kane/Sandy Wedekind

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:00 a.m. Gordon Jockish/Jennifer & Jeff Shields

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Ann Klauda/Eileen McDonough

Thursday, June 15, 2023

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Linh Luong 8:00 a.m. Matt Leali/Karen & Randall Jacobs

Friday, June 16, 2023

7:00 a.m. Patrick Regan/Kathleen Ray 8:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00 a.m. Michael Sullivan/James & Joyce Jorgenson 5:00 p.m. Jim & Eilleen Brereton/The Steve Brereton Family

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Gerald & Mary Schwab/Family5:00 p.m. Jack McNamara/The Messmer Family

Week of June 11

ADORATION following Eucharistic procession at 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mass, Sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4faaaf23a4fdc70 -corpus#/

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, June 11, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, June 15, 7:00 p.m., Church

FATHERS' DAY TAILGATE Saturday, June 17, following 5:00 p.m. Mass, Back Parking Lot

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration July 7
St. Thomas Golf Outing August 25



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.

On this feast of Corpus Christi 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.

Sunday, June 11

Following the Corpus Christi procession, until Mass at 5:00 p.m.



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Weekly Collection

June 4, 2023

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$980,000
Sunday Collections	\$15,085	\$639,788
Electronic Collections	\$1,370	\$198,142
Total Collected	\$16,455	\$837,930
Over/(Short)	\$(3,545)	\$(142,070)

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

Carol Mahoney

Shirley Gauwitz

Ed Maubach



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, June 15 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



Please join the

Corpus Christi Procession

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass

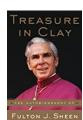
We will follow Msgr. Gray in Procession around the church campus, stopping along the way for special prayers.



Adult Education

There has been wonderful feedback regarding adult education. As a first step we will have a book/study club this summer starting June 22.

On June 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Msgr. Gray will present an introductory lecture for the first book we will read and study, the autobiography of Archbishop Fulton Sheen: Treasure in Clay



Those who are interested in continuing will divide into smaller discussion groups. Each group can then choose a meeting time that is best for all in the group, whether on a weekday morning or evening. Each group will have a group leader and discussion questions to guide you. The book club should last about six or seven weeks.

Those interested please sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUyarS6ocWCSC-r6pnNhx83y0_3hRkn68VQcmacf4Xz9R4Yg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Proclamation in Honor of Father Achilleus Tegamaisho

Whereas; Father Achilleus Tegamaisho – "Father Ach" to those who've come to know and admire him – has served St. Thomas parishioners for a goodly part of the last year ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach has traveled a very long way – from Bukoba, Tanzania on the shores of Lake Victoria – to bless us along the banks of the Illinois River in the Village of Peoria Heights ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach has a reputation for his kind and patient manner, no doubt earned through experience as the 8th child in a flock of nine including five supervising sisters ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach's homilies have earned high praise for the wisdom and guidance they impart, most recently regarding the hardships endured by many in his East Africa homeland, for whom he is raising funds to build a church back in Bukoba ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach is a learned man of global perspective, making him a much-in-demand partner on church trivia nights ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach may be of gentle demeanor, but his competitive spirit is not to be underestimated, as he proved in the teachers vs. students volleyball game ...

Whereas; Fr. Ach has had to call upon that drive to prove himself in something of a Catholic family rivalry, with two brothers who also are priests, a sister who is a nun, and three nephews now studying to earn their clerical collars. Why, the Tegamaishos could open their own seminary ...

Whereas; St. Thomas' loss is St. Vincent's soon-to-be gain ... and

Whereas; Fr. Ach is fluent in Swahili, he will understand this:

We, the Village Board and Mayor of Peoria Heights, simply say "Asante Sana," which means thank you so very much, for your contributions to St. Thomas and to the greater community, while wishing you all the best moving forward.

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Michael E. Phelan, Mayor	Date	

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Play. Search my parish. When it appears click download. This will take just a few minutes to complete. As soon as it is finished downloading it is ready to use.

The first thing you might want to do is search for St. Thomas. From the drop down menu choose *Discover Mass*. St. Thomas will appear in the list of choices and you can click to make it your parish.

This is also a good way to find a church when you are traveling this summer as many parishes across the US are using the app.



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.



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For information?

It is three-sided and turns easily. Each slot is clearly labeled with what you will find in it. In the rack you will find copies of the Bulletin, Religious newspapers, Pro-life news & information, Parish Nurse information, & More.

Please consult the rotating rack and help yourself to materials you find there.



RSVP: Father's Day Eve All Men's Choir (google.com)
Choose best rehearsal date when you RSVP.

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!



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GRADES 1-6: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM - 3 PM GRADES 7-12: SUNDAY-THURSDAY, 6:30-8:15 PM

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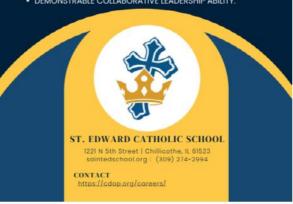
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Emmaus Days 2023

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

June 23-26,2023 Session 2

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.

July 16-19, 2023 Session 3

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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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

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