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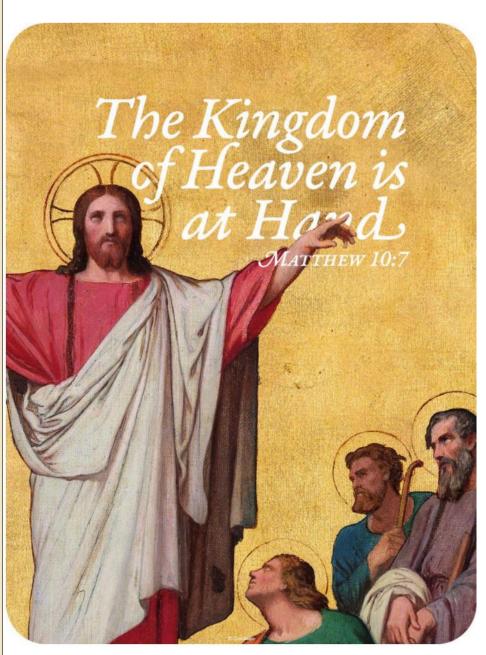
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June 18, 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Father's Day! I look forward to blessing all the fathers and grandfathers this weekend and to our Father's Day activities on Saturday evening.

From Our Pastor

It is especially nice when we can draw together members of our parish family and our school family, and so I encourage all the fathers who are parishioners or school parents to come together for this casual summer celebration. Families are encouraged to bring your own supplies as we share fellowship as part of one St. Thomas Family on the parking lot after the 5 p.m. Mass.

We welcome a new father: Fr. Marc Nkulu, SMA, as parochial vicar at St. Thomas. Fr. Marc is a religious order priest from the Society of African Missions, where Fr. Achilleus is a diocesan priest from the Diocese of Bukoba.

I am particularly thankful for the many parishioners who took part in our Corpus Christi adoration last weekend. Our procession took place indoors because of the weather last Sunday, but our spirits were not dampened because of the large numbers present to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you also to the many parishioners who made a visit during the time of adoration that followed last Sunday between the 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses. Pictures are available in the bulletin and more pictures have been posted on Facebook.

- -Msgr. Gray

Adult Education

This week we will begin the book study of *Treasure in Clay*, the autobiography of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. I am confident that the Venerable Servant of God will be beatified, even though this ceremony has been delayed for a time. Reading the autobiography will be a good way to learn more about the person of Fulton Sheen and prepare ourselves spiritually for a future beatification.

Everyone is welcome to the opening lecture on *Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m.* in the parish hall. The opening lecture will help set the stage and prepare readers for the themes that will be encountered in the book. Those who want to take part in the discussion groups that will follow can sign up for one of the groups that will meet. The schedule for each discussion group will be set up that evening. As Archbishop Sheen constantly said: *God love you!*



Readings for the Week of June 18, 2023

Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday St. Romuald, Abbot

2 Corinthians 6: 1-10; Matthew 5: 38-42

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9; Matthew 5: 43-48

Wednesday St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop

2 Corinthians 11: 1-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

Friday 2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30; Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Peter 1: 8-12; Luke 1: 5-17

Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Romans 5: 12-15; Matthew 10: 26-33

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 19, 2023

7:00 a.m. Charles F. Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Oltman/Mary Camp

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

7:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Rueth

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

7:00 a.m. Grace Cafaro/Denise Noell

8:00 a.m. Dec. Members of Barkley & Vonnahme Family/The

Barkley Family

Thursday, June 22, 2023

7:00 a.m. Glen Morton/Family

8:00 a.m. Jim Konitzer/Bob & Mary Ann Knight

Friday, June 23, 2023

7:00 a.m. Larry Zarley/Marie Zarley

8:00 a.m. Fred Darche/Rick & Maureen Pantages

Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. Judy Campbell/Lise Sanders Hallberg5:00 p.m. Ralph Barnett/Tom & Bonnie Stroot

Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:00 a.m. Betty Kane/Family

10:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny, Sr./Family

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of June 18

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, June 18, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, June 20, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ADULT EDUCATION: SHEEN PRESENTATION Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm,

Parish Hall

CONFESSIONS WEEKEND June 24 & 25, After all Masses

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration July 7
St. Thomas Holy Hour July 20
St. Thomas Golf Outing August 25



Weekly Collection

June 11, 2023

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$1,000,000
Sunday Collections	\$14,725	\$654,513
Electronic Collections	\$7,869	\$206,011
Total Collected	\$22,594	\$852,655
Over/(Short)	\$2,594	\$(142,070)

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Our Sympathy

Nathan Park, grandson of Jan & Don Smith



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.

72-Hour Rosary Prayer Vigil for Peace

Our nation continues to be shaken by grievous acts of senseless violence that betray the true dignity of all human beings. While we may feel powerless and overwhelmed, we must not give in to despair. Our Lady of Fatima said, Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. As her spiritual children, NCCW is once again holding a 72-Hour Rosary Prayer Vigil for Peace from:

Saturday June 10th @ 7 pm ET -Tuesday June 13th

We will close the 72 hours with our regular monthly member Rosary conference call on the 13th at 7:30 p.m. ET. Sign up for a time slot at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAA22A7F4C61-nccw1
For more information, contact NCCW
Spirituality Commission Chair Kim Padan at 217-898-5256 or kim@gabrielsmom.com

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GOLF REGISTRATION \$125/Person

Golf Registration includes: Green fees, Cart, Range Balls, and Food + Drinks in the Club House after the event.

Registration Deadline Friday, August 18 th Late registration after August 18th, \$135 Per Person

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- Followed by Food & Drinks in the Club House
- · Registration Deadline Friday, August 18th
- Late Registration \$135 Per Person

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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.

Muni Band at St. Philomena

The people of St. Philomena Parish are happy to once again host the Peoria Municipal Band for a Friday Night Concert on June 23, 2023. The band will set up outside at the front doors of our church. 1000 W Albany, Peoria. Bring a lawn chair and your own snacks and drinks. The band begins promptly at 7p.m. and plays for about an hour. Please join us for this familyfriendly event.

Be sure to arrive in enough time to allow time for parking and setting up your lawn chairs. The gate at the Albany entrance to the campus will close no later than 6:30pm. After that time, cars must enter campus off of Twelve Oaks.

We will pass the basket durina the concert to help cover the costs for the band. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to Community Foundation of Central Illinois, with Peoria Municipal Band on the memo line. Your donations are appreciated and allow the band to perform in concerts just like this one.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Granddads, and Godfathers!

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MyParish is an app that is free to download, and free to use. It is full of very useful information, both for our Parish and for Catholics in general.

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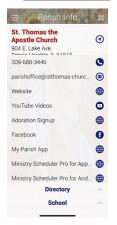
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Under Prayer you will find the Act of Contrition, an Adoration Prayer, The Rosary with all prayers and mysteries, and many other prayers.





Parish Nurse Notes: **June is**

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Our Parish Community has been offered an opportunity to host a complimentary speaker series from the Alzheimer's Association covering topics such as 10 Warning Signs, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body, and others. Programs last 30-60 minutes and can be offered day or evening, depending on interest. Please call or email if you would like to attend these offerings. Dates and times will be determined after responses have been tallied.

Summer Hours: I will have more limited hours beginning June 1. My plan is to be in office 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons. I will continue to be working on offerings for our community as well as coordinating with our Food Pantry to expand services offered at the August Backpack Giveaway.

As always, please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns. I am able to access those on a more frequent basis.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy beginning to the summer.

Mary Clare Geraghty RN, BSN

309-688-3446 x1350 or ParishNurse@stthomas-church.net



St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Help Desperately Needed!

The food pantry is seeing an increase in the number of

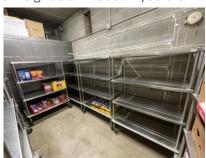


families seeking food assistance over the past few months. As a result, we are critically low on shelf-stable items that we routinely offer our visitors on a monthly basis. Items needed are: macaroni and cheese, rice, cereal,

crackers, boxed potato/pasta sides, pasta sauce and dried pasta, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups, Hamburger Helper, pancake mix and syrup and canned beans. Please consider providing some of these items for our neighbors in need. If you are

unable to shop just give a donation and we will do the shopping.

Any help you can give is greatly appreciated... thank you so much!



Thank you for your generous support!



56th Annual Itoo Shish-Ka-Bob ~ Saturday, June 24 (3pm-7pm) Sunday, June 25 (12pm-5pm)

The Itoo Society invites all to join us for our 56th Annual Shish-Ka-Bob at the Itoo Hall on Farmington Road.

Our traditional menu of beef or chicken kabobs, cabbage rolls, pita bread, and Lebanese salad will be served each day. Meals are \$18 each. Preorder your meals for convenient drive-thru pickup, or enjoy your meal outdoors, limited indoor seating. Live music until 10 pm Saturday, late night food options, and full-service bar.

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REGISTRATION FOR 2023 IS ONLINE AT WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG

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.

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.

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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

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

Parish Office Hours

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- 3 Msgr. Gray
- 0 Terri- Administrative Assist.
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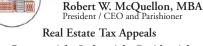


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