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August 13, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

Please join us for our back to school picnic on Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass. This picnic is for our entire St. Thomas family: all parishioners and school families. Our parishioners support the school through contributions and our school families bring vitality to the parish with their children. Let us come together this Sunday as we move from Summer back into the school year.

This Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation as we observe the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make plans to attend one of our Masses on Monday evening or on Tuesday. Anyone is welcome to attend the school Mass on the Holy Day at 9:15 a.m. We ask the Blessed Mother, taken up into Heaven, to continue to pray and intercede for us on earth. Mary loves Jesus, and she continues to show her love for the Body of Christ here on earth below.

Congratulations to the members of our parish who have completed the study of Treasure in Clay, the autobiography of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. I will offer a concluding lecture this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This lecture will discuss how Sheen would approach the issues we find in our world today. Sheen's wisdom is as relevant now as it was in his lifetime. It is not required that you read the autobiography to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you for your generosity toward our goal of replacing pews, kneelers and carpeting. We have reached our goal and are working with companies to accomplish these improvements. It will probably be no surprise that delays in ordering mean that the new kneelers will take time to manufacture and ship. The finished product will be installed in 2024. In the meantime, as we kneel at Mass, we are always reminded by Our Lord of the virtue of doing penance!

- -Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of August 13, 2023

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33

Monday St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Deuteronomy 10: 12-22; Matthew 17: 22-27

The Assumption Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2

1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57; Luke 11: 27-28

Tuesday The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27

Luke 1: 39-56

Wednesday St. Stephen of Hungary

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Matthew 18: 15-20

Thursday Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18: 21—19: 1

Friday Joshua 24: 1-13; Matthew 19: 3-12

Saturday St. John Eudes, Priest

Joshua 24: 14-29; Matthew 19: 13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14, 2023

7:00 a.m. Sr. Marietta Crahan/Don & Amy Gries

8:00 a.m. Frank Eaton

5:30 p.m. Anthony Gray/John & Sonia Nelson

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

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

9:15 a.m. Teresa Walker/The Schachtrups

12:15 p.m. Intentions of Dorothy Paesani/Daughter & Friends

5:30 p.m. Rosie Crowley Manning/The Crowley Family

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Oppe/Warren Oppe

8:00 a.m. Betty Pegg/Joe & Sandy Whalen Family

Thursday, August 17, 2023

7:00 a.m. Jose Rosalem for Eternal Repose 1st Anniversary

8:00 a.m. Ed Maubach/Ed & Cathy Mallow

Friday, August 18, 2023

7:00 a.m. Lynn Goble

8:00 a.m. Robert Maushard/Family

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. Klem Osika/Linda Osika

5:00 p.m. Jim Konitzer/Bob & Mary Ann Knight

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Jim Becker/The Mike Phelan Family

5:00 p.m. Mary Fricke/Family

Week of August 13

PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC Sunday, August 13, following 10:00 a.m. Mass

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, August 13, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

MASSES FOR THE ASSUMPTION Monday, August 14, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, 7:00, 9:15 (school) a.m., 12:15, 5:30 p.m., Church

ROSARY Tuesday, August 15, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

SHEEN PRESENTATION Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, August 17, 7:00 p.m., Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Extra Confessions August 20
St. Thomas Golf Outing August 25
Adoration September 1

OCIA (RCIA) Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA classes for any adults wishing to become Catholic will begin on **Wednesday**, **September 6**, **2023**.

Classes continue every Wednesday, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass in the spring.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the Parish Office at 309-688-3446 or parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to register, or you may just come to the first class.

Anyone who is already Catholic who would like to refresh your knowledge, or deepen your faith, is welcome to attend any, or all of the classes.

Weekly Collection

August 6, 2023

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$20,000	\$120,000
Sunday Collections	\$21,294	\$80,273
Electronic Collections	\$10,249	\$22,523
Total Collected	\$31,543	\$102,796
Over/(Short	\$11,543	\$(17,204)

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

Please pray for those who have died this week



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, August 17 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Archbishop Sheen's Continuing Message

Those participating in the Book Club concluded Archbishop Sheen's autobiography, *Treasure in Clay* last week. Msgr. Gray will give a closing presentation on Sheen's legacy and his continuing message for the Church today.

Wednesday, August 16th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The presentation is open to all who wish to attend. You do not need to have read the autobiography to benefit from this presentation.



Pray with the Pope

August 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



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If you have a 1st-8th grade student not attending a Catholic school we would be grateful to have her/him join us for CCD.

Please scan to register.



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CCD Teachers Needed

Are you or someone you know interested in sharing Jesus with our school age students? Please contact Liz Plaskon CCD@StThomas-Church.net. 6th grade needed (men of the Parish are welcome to volunteer!) Curriculum and supports are provided.

Proofreader Needed

Do you know all the *rules* of English grammar? Do you enjoy reading other's work and submitting corrections? If you answered yes to these questions then you are the person I need to help me with the bulletin.

I need someone to help proofread the bulletin each week. Done between 10:30 and noon on Tuesdays. I email you the pdf for you to read, then we go over it on the phone. If you are interested please call the Parish Office, 309 -688-3446 or email peggysullivan@stthomaschurch.net



Please join us for our Annual St. Thomas Parish & School

Back to School Picnic



August 13th 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
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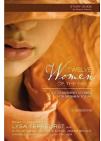
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Women of the Word





Women of the Word welcomes all women, incorporates Scripture study, small group discussion, and video based talks on relevant study material. This year we will be reading **Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today** by Lysa Terkeurst.

We will meet every other Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm, beginning August 31st. Childcare is provided.

Registration: after all Masses August 19th and 20th, or in the Parish Office.



That Man Is You will begin again on Friday, September 8th. Registration will take place after all Masses the weekend of August 26 & 27, 2023.

Alternatively, you can register by sending an email to George Burek at **georgeburek@yahoo.com**

The new theme for TMIY Sessions this year is The Light of Men, featuring 9 dynamic speakers.

All men from the parish are invited to participate, and to invite others to join us. Wherever you are in your spiritual life, God wants to meet you right there, and take you farther, so add *That Man Is You* to your Friday mornings!

Save the Dates!



We will be hosting our very first Light of the World Retreat October 20-23, 2023

This is an immersive weekend retreat experience where participants personally encounter Christ through the presentation of the *kerygma* - the basic gospel message. This retreat is meant for any adult who wishes to move ahead in their journey of faith.

Go to **www.lotwem.org/retreat** to learn more and watch the bulletin for registration information!

St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

In support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Assistance Fund

Friday, August 25, 2023 • Weaver Ridge Country Club

All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from the outing will again fund scholarships for students at St. Thomas. The goal of the Men's Club is to fund 20 scholarships for St. Thomas families. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated!

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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Terri Moon (309) 688-3446 Email: terrimoon@stthomas-church.net

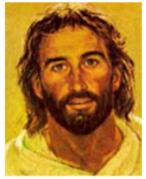
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You're welcomed to join us today, tomorrow, or whenever you feel inclined to answer the invitation.

Next Men's weekend: Aug. 24-27, 2023

Next Women's Weekend: Oct. 19-22, 2023

Weekends held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bartonville

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!

Save the Date

October 7th

Emmaus Procession 7:30 a.m. Quad Cities

More details coming

Near indeed Is His salvation For those who Fear Him

Psalm 85:10

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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As we continue to focus on the Eucharist and respond to the Bishops' call for a Eucharistic Revival

Pray

The Anima Christi

(meaning Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil foe, protect me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
And bid me come to you,
to praise you with all your saints
for ever and ever. Amen.

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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

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm ጲ

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:

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- 0 Terri- Administrative Assist.
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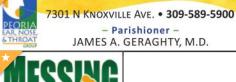




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