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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



May 26, 2024 The Most Holy Trinity



Congratulations Class of 2024!

Jorge Almonazi
Cooper Brown
Natalie Buckardt
Ginger Crawford
Cameron Evans
Betzabeth Garcia
Sinai Garcia
Violet Gardner
Emma Hackett
Amelia Hernandez
Arianna Juarez
Ava Lucas-Daniels
Pierce Lynch
Whitney Parks
Drake Reese

Whitney Parks
Drake Reese
Phoenix Reese
Jemaria Smith
Evan Wolbeck
Drake Ziegler





From Our Pastor

Today is Trinity Sunday. We praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three persons, one God.

Over the course of the next two months, we look forward to work being done on the church. During this time, we will be using chairs temporarily until new pews arrive. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Next weekend is Corpus Christi when we will have a Eucharistic Procession after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendars and join us for 10:00 a.m. Mass and the procession next Sunday. I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their help in coordinating the procession.

Parents, please register your children for *Totus Tuus*, as a summer Bible School during the week of June 9. Younger students participate Monday through Friday during the day. Older students in junior high and high school participate Sunday through Thursday in the evening. Please see the bulletin for more information or contact the office.

Fr. Deus-Dedit Byabato will make a mission appeal at St. Thomas the weekend of Jun 15-16 on behalf of the Diocese of Bukoba in Tanzania.

Fr. Marc Nkulu will leave for his new assignment in Macomb and Rushville at the end of June. We will have a reception for him after all Masses on the weekend of June 29-30. The following weekend, we will welcome Fr. Leopold Mushobozi, currently assigned to Holy Cross, Champaign.

May the Triune God bless our priests, and all our families during this summer!

- -Msgr. Gray



Pray with the Pope

May 2024 For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious And Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



Readings for the Week of May 26, 2024

Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40; Romans 8: 14-17;

Matthew 28: 16-20

Monday St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

1 Peter 1: 3-9; Mark 10: 17-27

Tuesday 1 Peter 1: 10-16; Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday St. Paul VI, Pope

1 Peter 1: 18-25; Mark 10: 32-45

Thursday 1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12; Mark 10: 46-52

Friday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a OR Romans 12: 9-16; Luke 1: 39-56

Saturday St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17: 20b-25; Mark 11: 27-33

Sunday The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Exodus 24: 3-8; Hebrews 9: 11-15; Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. Hafner & Smith Families

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

7:00 a.m. Glenda Murray/Manolito & Marianetta Cabucas

8:00 a.m. Matt Leali/Mark & Barb Ruff

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

7:00 a.m. Jeanne & Joe Broussard/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

8:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Ron & Jackie Gilles

Thursday, May 30, 2024

7:00 a.m. Richard Flores/Angela Kenny

8:00 a.m. Jean Hubert/Family

Friday, May 31, 2024

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m. Jim Henderson/Denise McCormack

Saturday, June 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. John Michael Jackson/Blasek, Cook & Gualandri Families

5:00 p.m. Bessie Parks/Michele Konecki

Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Vivienne Burek/George & Connie Burek 5:00 p.m. Arlene Crawford/The Jockisch Family

Week of May 26

EXTRA CONFESSIONS Following all Masses Sunday

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, May 26, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

MASS ON MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m., Church

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

ROSARY Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

MILLIONS OF MONICAS Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., Daily Mass Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration June 7
Totus Tuus June 9-14
Ladies Night Out June 14
St. Thomas Holy Hour June 20









Following 10:00am Mass

A Eucharistic procession is a beautiful tradition of the Church that brings Jesus, truly present into the world that he loves. Please join us as the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and



Weekly Collection

May 19, 2024

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$940,000
Sunday Collections	\$6,620	\$609,876
Electronic Collections	\$1,045	\$190,074
Total Collected	\$7,665	\$799,950
Over/(Short)	\$(12,335)	\$(140,050)

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

John Michael Jackson, brother of Steve Jackson



Millions of Monicas is a new ministry in the Diocese of Peoria for women to pray together for their children who have left the faith. This is not a support group or a self-help group. We simply meet once a month and pray together for each other's loved ones in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

> May 28 at 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas Daily Mass Chapel

For more information visit www.millionsofmonicas.com

Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Monday, June 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Saint Mark Church, 1113 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria

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







St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Items most needed at this time are: pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, pancake mix, syrup, jelly and peanut butter.

Thank you for your generous support!



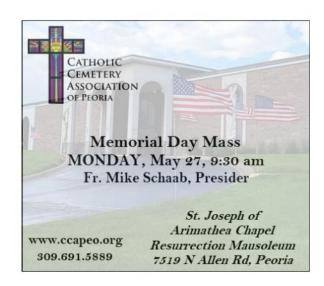
For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. – Matthew 25: 35

The **St. Thomas Food Pantry** offers an excellent opportunity for students needing service hours! On Monday and Thursday mornings, federal holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to our 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, 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 contact Diana Janda at dianajanda1964@gmail.com.

Opportunities Available:

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 3rd through August 15th

Monthly Food Delivery – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dates are Thursdays June 13th, July 11th, and August 15th



When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in the 1800s in France, in part by a Frenchman named Frederic Ozanam who was motivated by the life of St. Vincent de Paul, the Universal Patron of Charity. It was through God's grace that Vincent

was inspired to go to the poor, spending decades ministering to them. Consequently, our society is named after him. Here at St. Thomas, we members and you, our generous parishioners, are involved in the 3 Ts: we share our time, talents, and our treasure with our neighbors in need.

Our time: When we receive the name of a neighbor who has called our Helpline, we (a team of 2) contact that neighbor by phone and set up a time to visit him or her. Go to the poor the Society encourages – see the face of Christ in the person whenever possible. The visit takes time, yet it is so important to join with our neighbor in the flesh – not just a voice over the phone. In that visit we, the team, determine if we can assist financially with the need. Sometimes we can't, but we can provide our trifold paper which contains many resources with respect to job training through Goodwill Commons, help with young children of single mothers through Family Core, help with food through our wonderful Food Pantry, help with financial planning through Navicore, help with job hunting through a 30 day bus pass for those who lack transportation, or any of the many other resources for help.

Our talent: Our members have so many different talents shared in our Society. Not so long ago, one of our members shared his business talent to create pictures of our Church's Blessed Mother mosaic, which many of you purchased providing resources for us to share with our neighbors. Another member acquired a storage space for donated furniture that can be given to neighbors who lack beds, tables, chairs. Other members share knowledge of resources that not all of us are aware of.

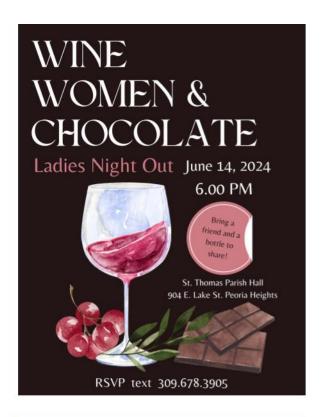
Our treasure: You, our parishioners, have been so very generous in providing the funds that allow us to go out to the faces of Christ, our neighbors, to make a difference in their challenging lives. So, you are our treasure. We are so grateful to you, and we keep you in our prayers. If you have plenty of the first T, time, please consider joining our Society. There is power in numbers. St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Thomas is always looking to grow!

~ Marlynn Kelsch

Mission

Fr. Deus-Dedit Byabato is a chaplain at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg, and a pastor at St. Aloysius Church in Wataga. He will be visiting us the weekend of June 15th and 16th for the annual Mission Appeal in our parish. We will be taking up a mission collection for the building of a new church in the village of Father's home town in Holy Cross Parish, in the Diocese of Bukoba, Tanania, East Africa. This will be the twelfth church that Fr. Deus has helped to build in Tanzania. Through his work, and through generous donations from the faithful, the number of Catholics in Holy Cross Parish has more than doubled! For more information, please watch the following video: https://youtu.be/vJR1sB5uZFQ?si=c7tp67GiDNfnfYR9

Please be as generous as possible to this very important cause. For questions **contact Fr. Deus at 309-453-5601** or **Father.Deus@osfhealthcare.org**.



Bookkeeper Needed

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is looking for a full or part time bookkeeper with accounting experience. This position will be responsible for managing receivables and payables, tuition, tracking donations, preparation of monthly financial statements and preparing the annual budget.

If interested, please send a resume to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net or call Terri at the parish office at 309-688-3446.



Faith & Family Night Supporting Catholic Charities

South Bend Cubs vs Peoria Chiefs
Saturday, June 15th, at Dozer Park, Peoria
Purchase tickets ~ please go to our Facebook Catholic Charities—
Diocese of Peoria ~ \$14.00

We are in need of the following items: Diapers size 0-7; Baby wipes; Baby formula New bottles; New baby blankets; Baby wash Baby lotion; Diaper rash lotion; New baby toys

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Thank you for your support!

FR. NICHOLAS
CONNER
PND CLASS OF 2014









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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:

- 3 Msgr. Gray
- 0 Terri- Administrative Assist.
- 1340 Julie-Accountina
- 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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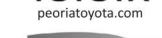


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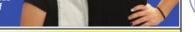




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