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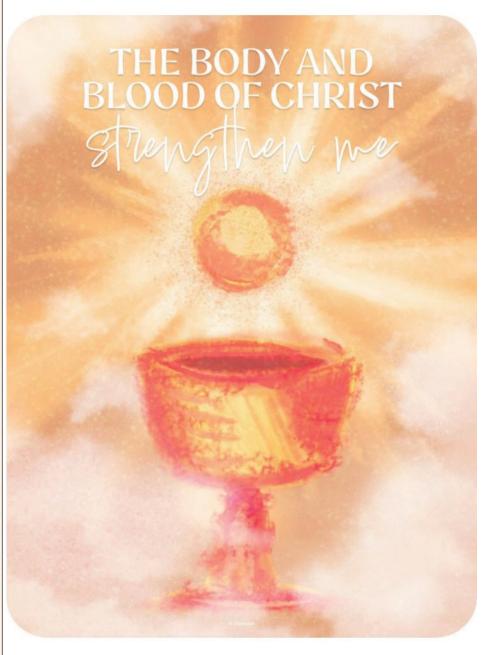
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June 2, 2024 Corpus Christi





From Our Pastor

This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

During this Eucharistic year, our bishops have asked us to give renewed attention to the Eucharist and deepen our devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We do this in our public prayer when we participate in the Mass and prepare ourselves to receive Communion. We also do this in our private prayer, especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, in which we lift our minds and hearts to the Lord individually. We can also grow in our love for the Eucharist through devotions, such as exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and in Eucharistic Processions.

This Sunday after the 10 am Mass, we will have a Eucharistic Procession as we carry the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Church in a solemn procession around our immediate neighborhood. You are invited to come and take part, by singing and praising the Lord. Those who made First Communion this year can wear your First Communion outfits again as you share in the devotion.

Please note the upcoming summer Bible school program *Totus Tuus*. The program will take place one week from now. If your children haven't signed up yet, please take time to do this. Children going into 1st through 6th grades will participate in a morning program, Monday through Friday. Teens going into 7th through 12th grade will participate in an evening program beginning Sunday night. A special thank you to those who are helping to host the *Totus Tuus* team during that week.

- -Msgr. Gray



Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.



Readings for the Week of May 26, 2024

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

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

Monday St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

2 Peter 1: 2-7; Mark 12: 1-12

Tuesday 2 Peter 3: 12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12; Mark 12: 18-27

Thursday St. Norbert, Bishop

2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Mark 12: 28-34

Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosea 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3: 8-12, 14-19;

John 19: 31-37

Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Timothy 4: 1-8; Luke 2: 41-51

Sunday Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 3: 9-15; 2 Corinthians 4: 13—5: 1; Mark 3: 20-35

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 3, 2024

7:00 a.m. The James Family/Jenny Williams

8:00 a.m. John Pusey

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

8:00 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/Cheri Fauth

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

7:00 a.m. Judy Campbell

8:00 a.m. Howard & Gertrude Scherer/Barbara Turner

Thursday, June 6, 2024

7:00 a.m. Jeri Callahan/John Callahan

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 7, 2024

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Bartley/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

8:00 a.m. Donna Abdnour

Saturday, June 8, 2024

8:00 a.m. Eugene Poignant

5:00 p.m. Jean Hurst/Mary F. Gainey

Sunday, June 9, 2024

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Ed & Cathy Mallow5:00 p.m. Virginia Kreutz/Mark & Jane Jabouski

Week of June 2

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND PANTRY COLLECTIONS this weekend

SIGN-UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION this Weekend after all Masses, narthex

CORPUS CHRISTY PROCESSION following 10:00 Mass, Sunday, June 2

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

ADORATION Friday, June 7, after 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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







SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024

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 lovingly carried throughout



Weekly Collection

May 25, 2024

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$960,000
Sunday Collections	\$7,318	\$617,194
Total Collected	\$11,012	\$810,962
Over/(Short)	\$(8,988)	\$(149,038)
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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 O'Connell, daughter of Larry Brooks



Once each month we pause to spend time before our Lord during the hours of Adoration.

On this, the Feast of The Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus, please consider signing up to spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord.

Friday, June 7

Beginning after 8:00 a.m. Mass and continuing throughout the day, until Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

Totus Tuus Sign-Up

June 8th & 9th Following all Masses



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.

Sponsor of the Week





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 dianajanda 1964@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

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

OUR PURPOSE IS TO SUPPORT ST. THOMAS FAMILIES BY PROVIDING HOME COOKED OR CARRY OUT MEALS IN TIMES OF NEED SUCH AS THE BIRTH OF A NEW BABY OR A MISCARRIAGE

JOIN OUR TEAM! VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WHEN A NEED ARISES, INVITING THEM TO SIGN UP FOR A DAY TO BRING A MEAL

CONTACT GABRIELA JUVINALL TO BE ADDED TO THE EMAIL LIST OR TO ALERT US TO A FAMILY WHO MAY NEED SUPPORT

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Care for Creation

LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore – Praise be to you, my Lord. These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Last fall Pope Francis released Laudate Deum, reminding us of the urgency of the Laudato Si' message. He wrote, There are no lasting changes without cultural changes, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes. Pray this week to become aware and be open to the changes that will be presented each week in the bulletin.

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

When eating at a buffet restaurant or on a picnic, you can help conserve natural resources and reduce waste by taking just one plate, one napkin and only the utensils you need. Encourage others to do the same.

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

WINE WOMEN & CHOCOLATE Ladies Night Out June 14, 2024 6.00 PM Bring a friend and a bottle to share! St. Thomas Parish Hall 904 E. Lake St. Peoria Heights

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.

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**.



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

Please place your donations in the collection bins as you enter the stadium. Thank you and God bless!

Thank you for your support!

St. Mark Parish is seeking a full time property and maintenance manager.

This person is needed to manage the church, school, and other buildings on the St. Mark Campus (making minor repairs and/or contracting for maintenance). Other duties include monitoring existing maintenance contracts, inspecting facilities, and various custodial duties. *Part time applicants will be considered*.

Email mcluskey@saint-mark.net for a full job description. For consideration, please send resume and references to:

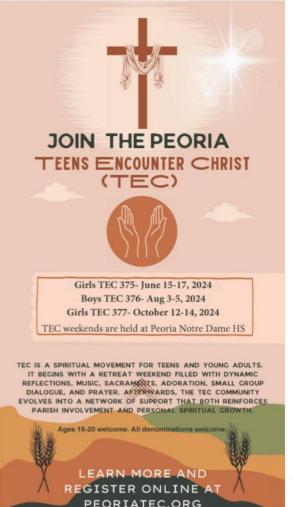
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Send images or logos separately as attachments.

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 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

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