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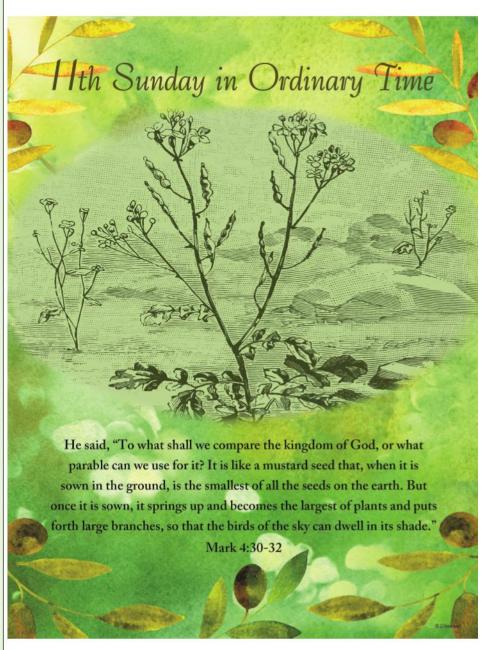
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



June 16, 2024



#### From Our Pastor

Thank you to everyone who helped with Totus Tuus this past week. I am glad that we were able to have this summer program for our young people. May our children remain always close to the Lord. Please pray for the team as they continue at their next parish.

Tickets will be available this weekend for our summer event at Haven on the Farm on July 13. This event will be a fun social opportunity, but also a way of raising funds for our school counselor. I look forward to seeing you there.

We have room to accept more Mass stipends at St. Thomas. It is a pious custom to pray for the dead and especially to ask for Masses to be offered for the faithful departed. Burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy, and praying for the dead is a great spiritual work of mercy. By asking for Mass to be said, you are uniting your prayers for the deceased with Our Lord's perfect prayer of the Mass.

Masses can also be requested for the living and for other intentions. We often ask for others to pray for us in a time of need. Having a Mass said for someone adds the prayer of the Church to our own personal prayers. It is a great act of charity to pray for the needs of others.

To request a Mass, you can send your list of intentions to the parish office or you can come to the office in person. The customary offering for a Mass is \$10. If you send in your Mass requests, we will schedule them when openings are available. If you request specific dates, we will try to honor those requests if possible. If you come in to schedule Masses in person, we can verify the date on which your Mass will be offered.

Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Thomas Church.

- -Msgr. Gray

## Pray with the Pope June 2024 For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

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 June 16, 2024

Sunday Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34

Monday The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

1 Kings 21: 1-16; Matthew 5: 38-42

**Tuesday** 1 Kings 21: 17-29; Matthew 5: 43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sirach 48: 1-14; Matthew 6: 7-15

Friday St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

2 Chronicles 24: 17-25; Mathew 6: 24-34

Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38: 1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, June 17, 2024

7:00 a.m. Shawn Connolly/Cari Connolly 8:00 a.m. Jim Hagemann/Dennis & Pam Goett

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Cherie Fauth 8:00 a.m. Marian Lien/Denise McCormack

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

7:00 a.m. Sonny King/Mike Phelan

8:00 a.m. Charles Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

Thursday, June 20, 2024

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m. Gloria Christian/Paul & Ann Horst

Friday, June 21, 2024

7:00 a.m. Mark Brewer/Family

8:00 a.m. Matt Leali/Karen & Randall Jacobs

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. Fred Darche/Dave & Lynn Wargo

5:00 p.m. Jim & Eileen Brereton/Steve & Edie Brereton

Sunday, June 23, 2024

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Yock/The Pilat Family

5:00 p.m. Katherine Przyborowski/Michele & Sarah Konecki

#### Week of June 16

MISSION APPEAL This weekend, all Masses, Church

**ALL AMERICAN COMETS** Ticket sales after all Masses this weekend

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office

IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., Church

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Millions of Monicas June 25
Parish Solemnity July 3
Adoration July 5

### **Mission Appeal**

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, Tanzania, 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: <a href="https://youtu.be/vJR1sB5uZFQ?si=c7tp67GiDNfnfYR9">https://youtu.be/vJR1sB5uZFQ?si=c7tp67GiDNfnfYR9</a>

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**.

## **Weekly Collection**

June 9, 2024

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$1,000,000
Sunday Collections	\$13,424	\$646,664
Electronic Collections	•	•
Total Collected	-	·
Over/(Short)		

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, June 20 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

#### A NEW BIBLE STUDY!

MEN & WOMEN ARE INVITED

REMINDER
MEETS THURSDAYS
ST. THOMAS
Parish Hall
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Gospel of Matthew – Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

Study Guide available at https://loc.ignatius.com/catholic-study-bible/

Contact: Eileen Grawey -

eileen@sipcoproducts.com

Amy Kelly - alkelly445@gmail.com

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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.

#### **Care for Creation**

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Try to buy fresh fruit and vegetables not packaged in plastic. Take your own re-usable mesh bags. Mesh bags can be laundered and kept with your reusable grocery bags. This eliminates the need to use the grocer's plastic produce bags which are difficult to recycle.

~ DCCW of the Peoria Diocese

## Chess Club Coach Needed

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needs a
new
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the Fall! If you have
a passion for the
game and can meet
with students on
Tuesday mornings
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If interested please contact Principal Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stth omas-school.net or call 309-688-3446, Ex. 1210.



## Baskets Needed

If you have empty baskets you do not need please drop them off to the Parish Office!

We would love to use them for our silent auction for the All American Comets Event on July 13th.

Please drop off by June 23rd or email stscometsmark eting@gmail.com

Thank you!

Beth Lees & Sarah

Tamburro - Event

Chairs

# St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

Friday, September 20, 2024 MT. Hawley 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

#### **GOLF REGISTRATION \$130/Person**

appreciated!

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

Registration Deadline Friday, September 13th Late registration after September 13th, \$140 Per Person

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am
- · Shotgun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon)
- · Followed by Food & Drinks in the Club House
- · Registration Deadline Friday, September 13th
- · Late Registration \$140 Per Person

#### TEE SPONSOR \$150 / 36 Sponsors

Placement of company logo sign at the Tee Box or at the Hole.

#### BE A PRIZE OR RAFFLE SPONSOR

Feature your business by donating a raffle or prize item. Please drop off prize or raffle item to Macro Wealth Management at 6915 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria IL 61614 Include donor information and value (optional).

#### For more information please contact:

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

#### Please Submit Payment with Registration

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person:	Phone:			
Address:				
Email:				
Golfers				
Player 1:	Phone:	Amount \$		
Player 2:	Phone:	Amount \$		
Player 3:	Phone:	Amount \$		
Player 4:	Phone:	Amount \$		
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Sponsorship Category :		Amount \$		
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## St. Thomas - Food Pantry

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Items most needed at this time are: pasta sauce, Hamburger Helper, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, crackers, mac and cheese, and rice/potato/pasta side dish mixes .

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM Lagron-Miller Uniform Sale August 1st-10th

## **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

New Parishioner	Change of address/	phon	e	
Phone				
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Address				
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First Name(s)		_Mr	Mrs	Ms
Last Name				
form.				

## June Ultreya

Please join Peoria Cursillo for our June Ultreya!!! St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bartonville 2024 Theme: "God is with us and is working

miracles"

Guests are Encouraged & Welcome! Families are Welcome! on Saturday, June 22;

beginning with the parish Mass at 4:30pm

Join us for Mass, talk and social time! Speaker: Fr. Charles Klamut Social Time in the parish hall after Mass & talk

You can contact the Cursillo Office at 309/676-5587; cursillopeoria@gmail.com for more information. St. Anthony, 2525 S. Skyway Drive, Bartonville, IL 61607

Reservation forms will be available for Men's weekend #1233 which takes place Aug. 22-25, and Women's weekend #1234on Oct. 24-27, 2024; Both at St. Anthony in Bartonville!





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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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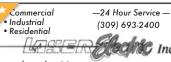
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