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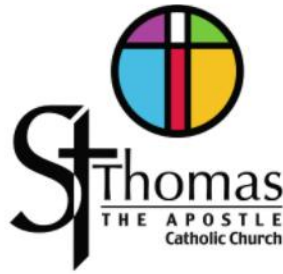
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3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
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July 7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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From Our Pastor

We welcome Fr. Leopold Mushubazi this weekend as he becomes our new Parochial Vicar. You will get to know Fr. Leo as he spends time with us and gets accustomed to our parish. We also have Fr. Fortunatus Rutaihwa coming to St. Thomas as a new OSF chaplain with residence at St. Thomas. His primary work is at the hospital, so we will not see him as often at the parish.

We continue to make progress on the nave of the church. After cleaning the return ducts in the ceiling, I got a report about our HVAC system: It turns out that the air conditioning had to work harder, since it takes more energy to cool the hotter air up near the ceiling. We will adjust the dampers to close them in the summer so we don't draw hot air from the ceiling into the system, but we will open them in the winter, since drawing hot air into the system will save on heating costs. It's amazing to see what a difference it made to clean and open those clogged air ducts.

As we install pews, we will soon reach the time when we will not need to set up chairs. This also means that we don't need the extra wooden chairs with the blue fabric seats. Beginning July 8, we will be giving away the extra wooden chairs to any who want them. Note that we will keep the blue chairs in the chapel. It will only be the wooden chairs in the church that are available. As of July 8, they will be free and available to any who want them.

The Diocese of Peoria has sent a "traveling" monstrance around to the parishes of the Diocese during the Eucharistic revival. We will receive the monstrance for a Holy Hour on July 11. This will also be our regular monthly Holy Hour for July. Please join us in the evening for adoration.

Our All American Comets fundraiser at Haven on the Farm will be July 13. Please remember that you must purchase tickets in advance to attend, since food will be arranged based on those who have reserved their ticket. See you there!

- Msgr. Gray



Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 2: 2-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Mark 6: 1-6
Monday	Hosea 2: 16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9: 18-26
Tuesday	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9: 32-38
Wednesday	Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10: 1-7
Thursday	St. Benedict, Abbot Hosea 11: 1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10: 7-15
Friday	Hosea 14: 2-10; Matthew 10: 16-23
Saturday	St. Henry Isaiah 6: 1-8; Matthew 10: 24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 7: 12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14 OR Ephesians 1: 3-10; Mark 6: 7-13

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 8, 2024

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Msgr. Gray/Cherie Fauth
8:00 a.m. Jim Hagemann/Dennis & Pam Goett

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:00 a.m. Joe Connolly/Cari Connolly
8:00 a.m. Melvin & Lucille Noe/Mary Ann Noe

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:00 a.m. James Vonnahme/The Barkley Family
8:00 a.m. Larry Zarley 2nd Anniv./Family

Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB
8:00 a.m. Mary "Betty" Rochford/The Rochford Family

Friday, July 12, 2024

7:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny Sr./Family
8:00 a.m. Patricia "Pat" Powers/Angie & Dan Aeschliman

Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions
5:00 p.m. Pat McCauley/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:00 a.m. Bill & Jean Quigley/Family
5:00 p.m. John Michael Jackson/Blasek, Cook, & Gualandri Families

Week of July 7

- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND PANTRY COLLECTIONS** this weekend
- MEN'S BASKETBALL** Sunday, July 7, 7:00 p.m., School Gym
- ROSARY** Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- TRAVELING MONSTRANCE HOLY HOUR** Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m., Church
- IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY** Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- MENS CLUB** Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Rudy's Cantina
- CARMELITES** Saturday, July 13, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall
- ALL AMERICAN COMETS** Saturday, July 13, 4:00 p.m., *Haven on the Farm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Millions of Monicas	July 23
Adoration	August 2
Assumption	August 15



Diocesan Traveling Monstrance

The traveling monstrance is going to every church in the Diocese of Peoria as part of the celebration of the *National Eucharistic Revival* in central Illinois.

We are celebrating it here at St. Thomas with

Holy Hour
Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and are invited!

Weekly Collection

June 23, 2024

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,000.....	\$1,040,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$11,883.....	\$697,816
Electronic Collections.....	\$4,218.....	\$212,889
Total Collected.....	\$16,101.....	\$910,705
Over/(Short).....	\$(3,899).....	\$(129,295)

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

Kevin Chatwood



Pray with the Pope

July 2024

For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)

We exceeded our Parish Goal!

Goal: \$153,016

Received to date: \$160,372.05

The amount over goal is returned to St. Thomas
Thank You for Your Generosity!

HAVEN ON THE FARM



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When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,

I felt compelled to give a few details on how The Society of St. Vincent de Paul came to be. The Society was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. The primary figure behind the Society's founding was Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a French lawyer, author, and professor in the Sorbonne. Frederic collaborated with Emmanuel Bailly, editor of the Tribune Catholique, in reviving a student organization which had been suspended during the revolutionary activity of July 1830. Ozanam was twenty(20) years old when he founded the Society. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Emmanuel Bailly was chosen as the first President. The Society took Saint Vincent de Paul as its patron under the influence of Sister Rosalie Rendu, DC. Sister Rosalie, beatified in November 1999 by Pope John Paul II, was a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, earlier known for her work with people in the slums of Paris. She guided Frederic and his companions in their approach towards those in need. The Society gradually expanded outside of Paris in the mid-19th century.

The Society's first conference in the US was established in 1845 in St. Louis, Mo. At the Basilica of St. Louis King of France or *Old Cathedral*. Fr. John Timon, CM, had learned of the Society while visiting with his Vincentian superiors in Paris. From Dublin, Ireland, he brought to St. Louis copies of the SVdP Rule. On November 16, 1845, Bishop Peter Kenrick dedicated the new St. Vincent de Paul Church on South Eighth Street and invited Fr. Timon to preach. Fr. Timon discussed the Society in his sermon, in the presence of prominent St. Louis laymen who took hold of the idea and held an organizational meeting on November 20, 1845. The conference included Moses Linton, founder of the St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal, and as chair Judge Bryan Mullanphy, who would become Mayor of St. Louis. Bishop Kenrick appointed Fr. Ambrose Helm as spiritual advisor to the Conference.

The national headquarters for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was established in St. Louis and membership has grown to over 100,000 in over 4400 US communities. Expenditures to "Friends in Need" in 2020 were over \$600M. Programs include visits to homes, prisons, and hospitals and provide funding for housing assistance, utilities, disaster relief, job training, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, furniture, transportation, care for the elderly, daycare assistance and medicine. Revenue is raised through parish laity donations and a large network of thrift stores.

In preparing this message to you and going back over some of my SVdP training materials I was struck by the power of the Holy Spirit in assembling the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Holy Spirit worked through all the groups associated with the Church: Clergy, Religious and the Laity. So, my message to you is *you can make a difference if You take the time to listen to His Voice!* Don't be afraid to act on what you hear. Christ is calling you. Get involved somewhere and sometime. Time waits for no man or woman. We, as Christians, are not given an indefinite amount of time, here on earth, to show our love and compassion for the poor. When we do show our love for the poor we show that love to Christ as well.

I leave you with a quote from St. Vincent de Paul himself and wish all of you a sincere *Sign of Peace*.

So, our vocation is to go, not just to one parish, not just to one diocese, but all over the world; and do what? To set people's hearts on fire, to do what the Son of God did. He came to set the world on fire in order to inflame it with His love.

Brian Barkley

St. Jude Summer Basketball Camp

Jim Carlson will be conducting a basketball camp for St. Jude Hospital.

St. Vincent de Paul Gym; July 8-11;
Boys & Girls gr 1-8

Applications passed out at school
Questions? Call Jim at 309-621-7586



Band & Music Teacher

Band & Music teacher needed at St. Thomas **beginning Fall 2024**. A background in music & band needed. For more information or to apply contact: Mrs. Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net.

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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

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-THURS, 8 AM - 2PM.



Chess Club Coach Needed

The **STS Chess Club**



needs a new coach **beginning in the Fall!** If you have a passion for the game and can meet with students on Tuesday mornings before school starts, 7:45-8:15 a.m., you could be that coach!

If interested please contact Principal Maureen Bentley at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net or call 309-688-3446, Ex. 1210.

1:1 Aide Needed

St. Thomas School seeks to help one of our Comet families in hiring a 1:1 aide for their child. This individual would be working closely with the school staff and family to support the child's academic and social/emotional needs while here at school.

The position is Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Start date August 14, 2024. To learn more about this position, please contact **Mrs. Maureen Bentley**, school principal at maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net



St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

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

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 appreciated!

GOLF REGISTRATION \$130/Person

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

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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).

- 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

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

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Mail registration along with payment to:

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Total Enclosed \$ _____

St. Thomas - Food Pantry

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 .

Thank you for your generous support!

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We want your feedback!



What is a community health needs assessment?

This survey is done every three years asking for public input to learn and plan services to address pressing healthcare needs in the community.

How do I complete the assessment?

Use the QR code to link to the survey to answer the questions. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Be heard. Your voice is our focus.

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- Your input helps us meet the health needs of Peoria, Woodford and Tazewell Counties

FOR MORE INFO:

309-624-5468

amanda.b.sutphen@osfhealthcare.org



OSF HEALTHCARE



FREE School Physicals

Do you know a child needing a back to school physical? OSF Faith Community Nursing is providing FREE school physicals for all school-aged children at two different locations in the month of July:

- **Wednesday, July 24** from 2 pm to 5pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church Peoria
- **Saturday, July 27** from 9aam to 12 pm at Dream Center Peoria

Children are seen on a first come, first serve basis. A parent or guardian must be present for a child to be seen. No health insurance required.

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Questions? Email Beth Fleming at b.fleming@pndhs.org

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First Name(s) _____ Mr ___ Mrs ___ Ms ___

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PND Employment Opportunities

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Questions? Email Jacqueline Kelly at j.kelly@pndhs.org



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Send information for the bulletin to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net with subject *Bulletin*.

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 & 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-Accounting
- 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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