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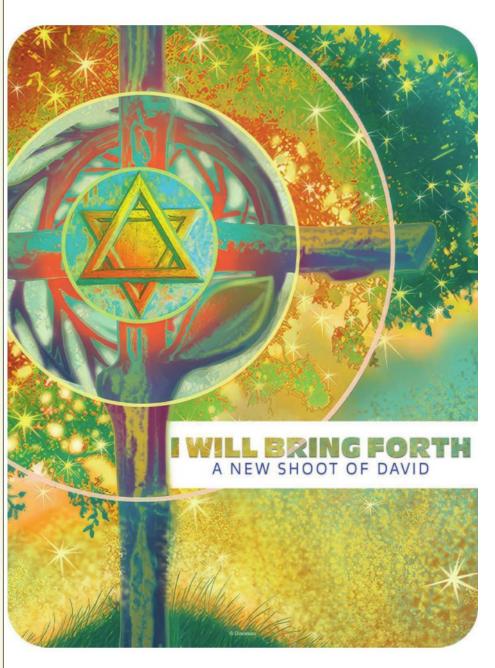
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



July 21, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

We continue to make progress in the church and narthex. We are still another week away from kneelers. Until the kneelers are installed, the customary posture during the Eucharistic Prayer is to stand. In another week, we will return to normal.

I anticipate blessing the work that has been done on the first weekend of August. Although we don't normally have donuts until we return to school, we can plan for an extraordinary and festive *Donut Sunday* on the morning of August 4th.

At the same time, I would also look forward to returning to some of our former traditional practices. We may ask for some additional volunteers, either men or women, to assist with the collection. We will also look for parishioners to assist in bringing up the gifts at the offertory. Please be generous in volunteering. I also ask the ushers to help seat everyone in the church. If you have difficulty walking, the ushers will also direct the clergy and extraordinary ministers to bring Communion to those who cannot come forward.

I am grateful for the hard work that went into the All American Comets event last weekend. Because of the generosity of those who donated or attended, we have raised the funds to provide for our school counselor for the coming year.

We have also recently completed the pledge payments from the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and I am pleased to announce that we exceeded our goal by \$10,000. This rebate comes back to our parish.

- -Msgr. Gray





Readings for the Week of July 21, 2024

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34

Monday St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3: 1-4b OR 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17;

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Tuesday St. Bridget, Religious

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday St. Sharbel Makhluf

Jeremiah 1: 1, 4-10; Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday St. James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28

Friday Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jeremiah 3: 14-17; Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday Jeremiah 7: 1-11; Mathew 13: 24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 22, 2024

7:00 a.m. Donna Abdnour/Mark & Theresa Debonis

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Zarley Family/Mary Ann Noe

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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

8:00 a.m. Tho Dang/Linh Luong

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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

8:00 a.m. Fred Darche/John & Kathy Louis

Thursday, July 25, 2024

7:00 a.m. Hop Nauyen/Linh Luona

8:00 a.m. Jim Zogby/Diocesan Seminarian Support Group

Friday, July 26, 2024

7:00 a.m. Martha Lang Tran/Cindy Pham

8:00 a.m. Helene Konecki/Michele & Sarah Konecki

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. Judy Campbell/Lise Sanders-Hallberg

5:00 p.m. Jim Zogby/Trudy Morton

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Tony Gay/John & Sonia Nelson 10:00 a.m. Cathy Duke/Teresa Heinz

5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of July 21

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, July 21, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

MILLIONS OF MONICAS Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 p.m., Daily Mass Chapel

IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, July 25, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration August 2
Assumption August 15
St. Thomas Holy Hour August 15

Food Pantry Critical Needs

The food pantry has reached a critical shortage of food and funds, but the community need remains at an all-time high. Please consider donating one or more of the following foods (or funds) soon to help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Rice Peanut Butter & Jelly

Boxed pasta, stuffing & potato Canned Fruit and Vegetables

side dishes

Mac and Cheese Pancake Mix

Cereal Syrup

Crackers Canned Soup

Pasta Sauce & Dry Pasta Canned or Dry Beans (Legumes)
Canned Meat Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper

Weekly Collection

July 14, 2024

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$40,000
Sunday Collections	\$10,345	\$33,932
Electronic Collections	\$8,515	\$8,515
Total Collected	\$18,860	\$42,447
Over/(Short)	\$(1,140)	\$2,447

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

Shirlee Stark, mother of Fr. Paul Stark, S.J.

Pray with the Pope

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.

Band & Music Teacher

Band & Music teacher needed at St. Thomas **beginning Fall 2024**. Applicant must hold a music background, teacher certification is preferred, but not mandatory. For more information, or to apply, contact: Mrs. Maureen Bentley at **maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net**.

Care for Creation

A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

As much as 95 percent of clothes, shoes and linens thrown in the garbage could be reused or recycled. Give usable items to your church rummage sale, Goodwill, or similar outlet. Old towels and sheets are often appreciated at animal shelters.

~ DCCW of the Peoria Diocese

Sponsor of the Week



St. Thomas Project Backpack

Please help get area K - 8th grade students ready to go back to school by filling a new backpack(s) with the following items:

- 4 1-Subject Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebook
- 36 #2 Lead Pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 10-Pack of Wide Tip Crayola Markers
- 24-Pack Crayola Crayons Pencils
- 4-oz. Bottles Elmer's School Glue
- Plastic 2-Pocket Folder
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Pair Pointed School Scissors
- 12-Pack Crayola Colored Pencils
- 6 Elmer's School Glue Sticks



helping area students get off to a great start for the 2024-2025 school year!

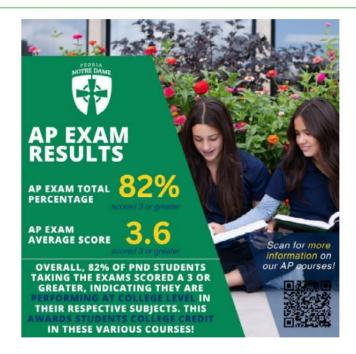




Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding **Anniversary Celebration**

On **September 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm** Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024.

Please call, email, or stop in the Parish Office by July 30th to let us know if you are celebrating this year! We will add your names to the list and forward to the Diocese. You will then receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.



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@stthomasschool.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



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St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

In support of the St. Thomas Sponson 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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- 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

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

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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 schoolaged 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 9 am 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.



How to Submit Bulletin Information 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

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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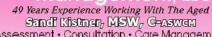




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