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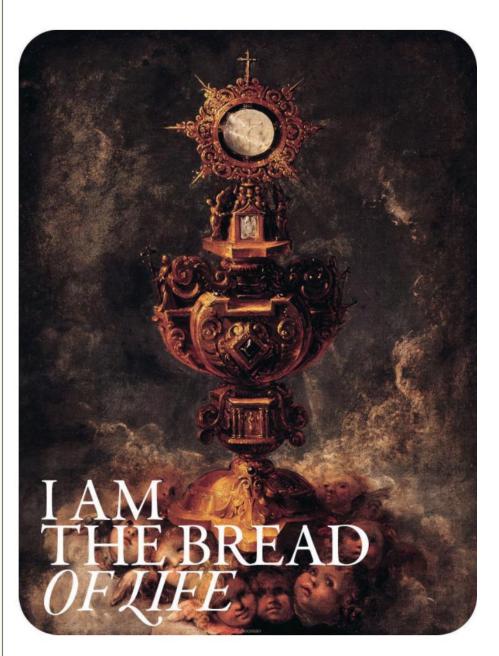
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### July 28, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





#### From Our Pastor

Thank you to those who have submitted Mass stipend requests. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the parish office. The customary offering is \$10.

We have made progress this past week as kneelers have been installed in the church, much of the tile in the narthex has been laid, and the parish hall floor has been waxed.

Next weekend, August 3-4, we will celebrate the completion of this project. We will bless the pews and have a Donut Sunday after the Sunday morning Masses. The parish should be proud of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, since your generosity made these improvements possible!

Beginning this same weekend, we will ask our ushers to select parishioners to bring up the gifts at the offertory. We will also ask the ushers to begin passing the baskets for the collection once again. If you are asked by our ushers to help out, please be generous in volunteering.

In order to keep the church looking beautiful, I would like to invite all parishioners to pitch in. On Saturday morning, I propose that volunteers gather after the morning Mass. From 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays, volunteers can help by vacuuming, sweeping, and dusting. Because of the size of the church and school, the amount of work is often more than our janitorial staff can handle. The contribution that a group of volunteers can make in just a half-hour will go a long way to keeping St. Thomas Church spick and span.

If you want to help, please contact the parish office, or simply show up on Saturday morning. I will recognize service hours for any students who want to help.

Finally, we will begin our OCIA classes for converts and those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. We will start after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

- -Msgr. Gray



#### Readings for the Week of July 28, 2024

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

Jeremiah 13: 1-11; John 11: 19-27 OR Luke 10: 38-42

Tuesday St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 14: 17-22; Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21; Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 18: 1-6; Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Jeremiah 26: 1-9; Matthew 13: 54-58

**Saturday** Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24; Mathew 14: 1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, July 29, 2024

7:00 a.m. Mickey Kelly/John & Amy Kelly 8:00 a.m. Shirlie Stark/Pam & Dennis Goett

#### Tuesday, July 30, 2024

7:00 a.m. Joe Connally/Cari Connally

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Schaer

#### Wednesday, July 31, 2024

7:00 a.m. Sue McWhirter/Herb Bingham 8:00 a.m. Msgr. William Watson/Linh

#### Thursday, August 1, 2024

7:00 a.m. Sr. Diane Marie, OSF

8:00 a.m. John Pusey/Eric & Kathy Ward

#### Friday, August 2, 2024

7:00 a.m. Betty Pegg/The Grawey Family 8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Mai Dang

#### Saturday, August 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. Jo Ann Shieds/Jeff & Jennifer Shields Family

5:00 p.m. Pat McCauley/All the Family

#### Sunday, August 4, 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 28

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

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS** Following all Sunday Masses this weekend

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, July 30, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**ADORATION** Friday, August 2, after 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Parish Picnic	August 11
STS First Day of School	August 14
The Assumption	August 15
St. Thomas Holy Hour	August 15
Millions of Monicas	August 27

#### Thank You!

All American Comets at Haven on the Farm was a great success. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a fun event. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. Monies raised will go to the counseling program at St. Thomas School to support our students.

Thank you for your generosity!



#### 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 30**th 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.

#### **Weekly Collection**

July 21, 2024

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Collections needed	\$20,000	\$60,000
Sunday Collections	\$7,891	\$41,823
Electronic Collections	\$1,456	\$9,971
Total Collected	\$9,347	\$51,794
Over/(Short)	\$(10,653)	\$(8,206)

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**

Thomas Zosky, brother of Ed Zosky

#### 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.

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#### Pray with the Pope

#### August 2024 For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

#### **Care for Creation**

#### A Weekly Tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Try to choose grocery items (drinks, jams, vitamins, etc.) packaged in glass jars and bottles instead of plastic containers. This keeps more plastic out of the waste stream.

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#### St. Thomas Project Backpack

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



Backpacks may be left in the collection tubs in the narthex or dropped off at the Parish Office by Sunday, August 4th. Donations of any of the above school supplies are also appreciated. If you would rather provide a monetary donation, we will do the shopping for you! Please put your donation in an envelope marked Backpacks and place it in the Sunday collection plate or drop it off at the parish office. Please contact Diana Janda at dianajanda1964@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for helping area students get off to a great start for the 2024-2025 school year!

# When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus

My husband, John Pusey, died last August. He had asked me to name the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Thomas Parish as the charity to which people could donate in his memory. I was a bit surprised that he didn't also mention a group he had supported that provides legal services to needy people. But he believed strongly in the mission of SVdP: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to help neighbors in need. People responded very generously and donated thousands of dollars to our SVdP treasury. But that money, well spent, didn't last long because there is so much need in our community of Peoria and Peoria Heights.

Most of the people who call the Catholic Charities HELP line are working but just can't cover all their bills, especially when an unexpected problem arises. For example, earlier this summer we helped a young woman with one little girl, who has a job with a major local company, but fell behind on her rent when her employer began rolling layoffs that cut her income in half. Wouldn't most of us be in a panic if we suddenly lost half our income? And wouldn't most of us be grateful to find a helping hand extended by Christians humbly following the teaching of Jesus to love thy neighbor?

We all have a role to play. Those of us who are members of the SVdP Society visit callers and determine how best to help them, while donors provide the financial resources needed. We can give items to the food pantry. And all of us can pray for the work we do as we love our neighbors. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Pat Pusey

#### 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.

#### Thank You!

We want to thank all of our proud sponsors for donating to our All American Comet event! What an unbelievable day. Money raised will be used for the counseling fund and will help so many of our St. Thomas students. We could not have done this without the support of our amazing community!

# Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Monday, August 5, 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 Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

I 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

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### TITLE SPONSORSHIP \$2,500 / Sponsorship

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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

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#### **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 form.

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#### Life Teen

Meeting Schedule Meetings rotate between St. Thomas, St. Vincent, and St. Ann

Life Teen **Kickoff Sunday Sept. 8** 6-8pm (St. Thomas)

#### **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

Boxed pasta, stuffing & potato side dishes

Mac and Cheese

Cereal

Crackers

Pasta Sauce & Dry Pasta

Canned Meat

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Canned Soup

Canned or Dry Beans (Legumes)

Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper

#### **Cursillo Weekends**

Next Men's weekend: Aug. 22-25, 2024 Next Women's Weekend: Oct. 24-27, 2024

Weekends held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bartonville

For more information, call (309) 676-5587 or visit peoriacursillo.org.

#### TEC Weekends

Boys TEC 376—August 3-5, 2024 Girls TEC 377—October 12-14, 2024 More info and registration: **peoriatec.org** 

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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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