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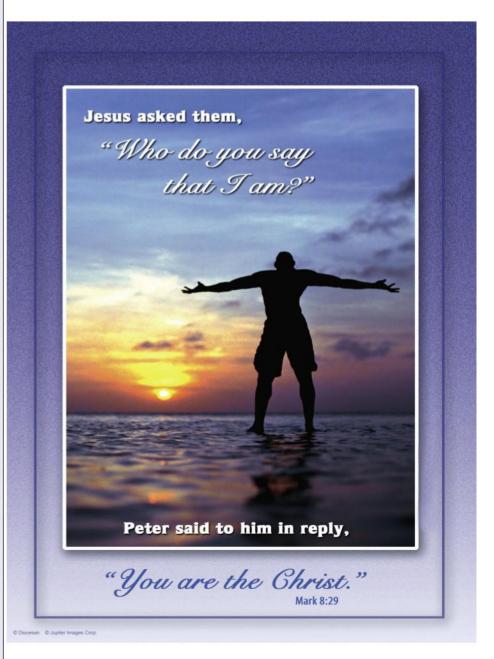
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



# September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time





#### From Our Pastor

Last weekend we began *Lifeteen* for high school students. This program is a cooperative effort between St. Thomas, St. Vincent, and St. Anne parishes. I am happy to announce the good news that we had over 40 teens present for the first meeting. I am grateful to all those who have taken part as team leaders and coordinators to make this so successful. Meetings will continue monthly, rotating between the sponsoring parishes.

Unfortunately, there was a small response to the upcoming *Light of the World* retreat proposed in September. We will reschedule this for another time.

We will have our Parish Holy Hour this
Thursday. In addition, we will begin the novena
to St. Therese for vocations on Saturday,
September 21st. This novena will run up to the
feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux on October
1st. We entrust our seminarians and
prospective vocations to the patronage of the
Little Flower and ask her prayers to provide us
with future priests. You can join the novena
and find the prayers at our Peoria Vocations
website: https://comeandfollowme.org/
howtohelp/prayer/

A deposit slot has been added to our sacristy. You will find it in the sacristy wall across from the women's restroom. Since we don't leave baskets out in the narthex any longer, you are welcome to drop off candle envelopes or other contributions any time the church is open. These envelopes will be secured in the sacristy and will be counted with the regular collection. I hope you find this to be an added convenience.

- -Msgr. Gray



# Readings for the Week of September 15, 2024

Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50: 5-9a; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

Monday Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33; Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7: 11-17

**Wednesday** 1 Corinthians 12: 31—13: 13; Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 7: 36-50

Friday Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gôn, Priest & Paul Chông Ha-Sang,

and companions, Martyrs

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9: 9-13

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16—4: 3; Mark 9: 30-37

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, September 16, 2024

7:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory/Angela Kenny 8:00 a.m. Shawn Connolly/Cari Connolly

#### Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:00 a.m. Patricia "Pat" Powers/Angie & Dan Aeschliman

8:00 a.m. Jim Becker/James & Evelyn Stahl

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:00 a.m. Thomas C. Burek/George & Connie Burek 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Klouda/Eileen McDonough

#### Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:00 a.m. James Gumm/The Sarmiento Famiy 2:30 p.m. Intentions of Ed & Cathy Mallow

#### Friday, September 20, 2024

7:00 a.m. Rita Williams/Mike Phelan & Ken Jaegle

8:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Linh Luong

#### Saturday, September 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. Steve Sprenger/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley

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

#### Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist

5:00 p.m. John Michael Jackson/Ed & Cathy Mallow

# Week of September 15

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, September 15, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

ROSARY Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office

CCD Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**TMIY** Thursday, September 19, doors open 6:00, program 6:30 a.m., ends by 7:30 a.m., Parish Hall

IGNATOUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, September 19, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, September 19, 7:00 p.m., Church

**MSGR. WATSON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING** Friday, September 20, 11:00 a.m., Mt. Hawley Country Club

**CHURCH CLEANING** Saturday, September 21, 8:30 a.m. following Mass, Church

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oktoberfest October 5 Lifeteen October 6

Pray with the Pope
September 2024
For The Cry Of The Earth
Let us pray that each of us
listens with our hearts to the
cry of the Earth and of the victims of
environmental disasters and the
climate crisis, making a personal
commitment to care for the world we
inhabit.



# PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, September 19 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

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# **Weekly Collection**

September 8, 2024

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	Collections needed	\$20,000	\$200,000
	Sunday Collections	\$25,408	\$148,223
	Electronic Collections	\$4,351	\$32,091
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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**

Please pray for those who have died this week

# **Baptism Congratulations**

Owen Charles Ice & Caiden Michael Fitzgerald, sons of Rachel & Justin Fitzgerald

Johan Antonio LaHood, son of Vanessa & Benjamin LaHood

Theodore David Siwak, son of Jennah & Robert Siwak



## **OCIA Schedule**

**Sept 11**: Apostolic Tradition, Sacred Scripture, Revelation, Faith

Sept 18: Biblical History, Bible Timeline

Sept 25: Trinity, God is Three, God is One

Oct 2: God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth

Oct 9: God the Son

Oct 16: God the Son; God the Holy Spirit; Saints

Oct 23: Holy Catholic Church

Anyone wishing to become Catholic, or anyone wishing to learn more are welcome.

#### Novena to St. Therese

Please mark your calendars and join us as we prepare to pray a novena to St. Therese of Lisieux on **September 22**<sup>nd</sup>. You can find the novena prayers on our website here: <a href="https://comeandfollowme.org/howtohelp/prayer">https://comeandfollowme.org/howtohelp/prayer</a>

St. Therese has always been a faithful intercessor for our vocations program, and through her prayers to God, we have been blessed with many faithful, holy priests to the diocese. Join us in asking her to send us an abundance of priestly vocations after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please print off copies of the novena for each family in your parishes. Please also consider sending the novena to those who are homebound or in the nursing home or hospital. This is a great way they can participate in helping to grow the culture of vocations.



If you are short on time or the Parish Office is not open we have a new mail slot for your convenience. It is on the side of the sacristy. You may drop your candle envelope or contribution there at any time. We of course welcome you to come down to the Office during regular hours.





# **Schedule Change**

Please note the schedule change for That Man Is You. This week only, we will meet on Thursday September 19th instead of Friday, due to the Men's Retreat at White House in St. Louis. All sessions of

TMIY will resume on Fridays on September 27th.



## **Tootsie Rolls!**

Spalding Council #427 Knights of Columbus

Annual Tootsie Rolls sale to benefit Intellectual Disabilities

After all Masses October 5th & 6th



The Annual Respect Life Dinner to benefit the Women's Care Center of Peoria is scheduled for Barrack's Cater inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, **Sunday**, **October 6th at 6:00 p.m.** 

Ann Kube, the president of the Peoria Women's Care Center is the evening's speaker. The Class Act will provide dinner music. Tom Dermody, editor emeritus of the Catholic Post, is master of ceremonies. The president of the Notre Dame Teens for Life will introduce the speaker.

Dinner tickets may be purchased by sending \$75 each to: Respect Life Dinner, Women's Care Center, 2609 Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61604. Call 309-689-0200 for information.

Deadline for ticket purchase is **September 30**. unfortunately, tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Sponsor of the Week





## 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

September 7-8, 2024

## Do everything for the Glory of God

The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Your gift supports ministries that help form our young people into disciples eager to share their faith with others. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, please consider filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket. Addition pledge cards are in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us.

# 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 appreciated!

#### GOLF REGISTRATION \$130/Person

Golf Registration includes: Green fees, Cart, Range Balls, and Food + Drinks in the Club House ofter 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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# YOU ARE INVITED TO A "GREEN MASS" for the Care for Creation with BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA

Bishop Lou is offering this Mass in Thanksgiving to God for the goodness of creation, our 'common home', and to pray for its present and future integrity. He invites parishes to celebrate together as a diocesan family.

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church, 2525 S Skyway Road Bartonville, IL 61607

Lunch and short program to follow. No cost for lunch; Please RSVP by Saturday, Sept 21 to ensure there is enough food.

\*To register for lunch and info session complete the following form and return it to Mary Ann Hughes, 202 North Ranch St., Westville, IL 61883 by Saturday, September 21. <a href="https://hug13@aol.com">hug13@aol.com</a> 217-597-1021

**Rachel's Vineyard**: The program name for post-abortion healing in the Peoria diocese has been restored. The Living Scripture Retreat will now be known again as **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**. An upcoming retreat weekend **will be held in the Peoria diocese October 25-27, 2024**. Information about the retreat can be found online at **cdop.org/rachels-vineyard** or by **calling Colleen at 309-264-1489**, or by email at **rvrpeoria@gmail.com**.

# Catholic Women's League invites you to a Baby Shower

For Christ Child Society

Date: Sunday, September 29, 2024

Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Church ~ Parish Hall

904 E. Lake Ave, Peoria, Heights, IL 61616

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Come and enjoy fellowship, games, and light refreshments while helping the special work of the Christ Child Society.

You can help by bringing one or more of the following baby items: Gown/Sack, Onesie, Sleeper, Socks (newborn – 3 months size or preemie size)

If you prefer not to shop and would like to make a monetary donation, please bring your check to the baby shower (Please make it payable to the Catholic Women's League).

Please RSVP Ann Gerardo at 630-464-8474 by September 23, 2024

# **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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## St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Items needed at this time are: 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

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Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/peoria

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

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.

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1310 - Mary-Faith Formation

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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