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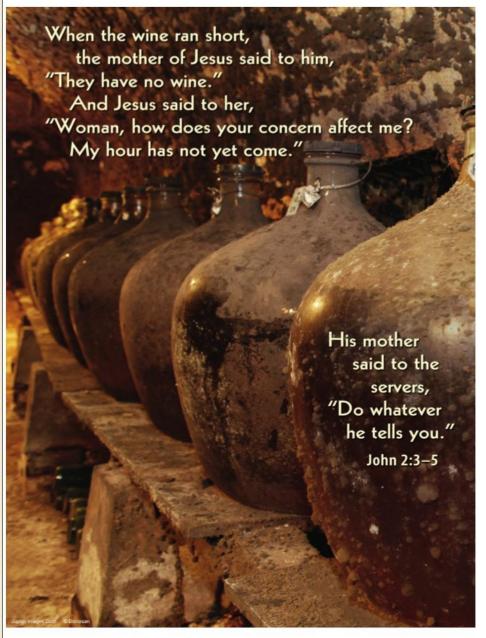
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



# January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time





## From Our Pastor

This weekend we thank Ann Horst for her decades of service as St. Thomas Parish Music Director. As she steps back to spend more time with her family, we will honor her with refreshments after the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. More information will follow about her replacement.

We will also welcome Tracy Deponai to the parish office as she transitions into the administrative assistant position. She will be working with Terri Moon during this period.

Several months ago, we welcomed Sheris Catton who assumed the accounting and tuition responsibilities for Julie Streid and Pat Wombacher as they retired from their work at St. Thomas. We also welcomed Mary Cushing into the parish office in the role of Director of Faith Formation. During these transitions, please warmly welcome these members of the parish staff.

Please also see information in this bulletin about Catholic Schools' Week and the Open House that we will have at St. Thomas School. I encourage our parishioners with small children to look at what we offer at St. Thomas. Please also encourage other families you know to visit St. Thomas to see the value of a Catholic education for their children.

- -Msgr. Gray



## Pray with the Pope January 2025

Janioary 2020

For the right to an education Let us pray for migrants, refugees,

and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



## Readings for the Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62: 1-5: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11: John 2: 1-11

Monday St. Sebastian, Martyr

Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Hebrews 6: 10-20; Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Hebrews 7: 25—8: 6; Mark 3: 7-12

Friday St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Hebrews 8: 6-13; Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22: 3-16 OR Acts 9: 1-22; Mark 16: 15-18

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 OR 1

Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27: Luke 1: 1-4: 4: 14-21

## **Mass Intentions**

### Monday, January 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Peoria Seminarians & Priestly Vocations

8:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Nancy Becker

## Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Nancy Becker 8:00 a.m. Betty Ginoli & Meinardo/Ravago

## Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:00 a.m. Tim Penn/Mike & Mary Lou Bartley 8:00 a.m. Helen Vicave/Kathleen Spengler

## Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mary Truitt/John Truitt

2:30 p.m. Tim Penn/Maximilian & Carolyn Prusak

## Friday, January 24, 2025

7:00 a.m. Marita Merkle/Mike & Theresa Haughney

8:00 a.m. Norman Stahl/Nancy Becker

## Saturday, January 25, 2025

8:00 a.m. Terry Tully/Hal & Stanzia Weatherford

5:00 p.m. Roger Tramel/Lynn Tramel

## Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:00 a.m. Philip Braet/Chris Braet & Family

5:00 p.m. Barbara Sposato

## Week of January 19

**RETIREMENT PARTY** Sunday, January 19, 11:00 a.m., Parish Hall, for Ann Horst

MEN'S BASKETBALL Sunday, January 19, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

PARISH OFFICE & STS CLOSED Monday, January 20 for MLK Day

ROSARY Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office

CCD Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**WOMEN OF THE WORD** Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

CHURCH CLEANING Saturday following 8:00 a.m. Mass, Church

PRE-K/K OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m., School

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK OPEN HOUSE** Sunday, January 26, following 10:00 a.m. Mass, School

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Millions of Monicas
Confirmation Family Meeting
That Man is You
LifeTeen
Adoration
St. Thomas Holy Hour
Progressive Dinner

January 28
January 29
January 31
February 2
February 2
February 7
February 20
March 1



**That Man Is You** will return for the spring semester on **Friday, January 31, 2025**. The second semester includes sessions with Michael Gormley, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and many others. All men are welcome to attend and invite others.

## **Weekly Collection**

January 12, 2025

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l	Collections needed	\$20,000	\$560,000
l	Sunday Collections	\$9,309	\$412,281
l	Electronic Collections	\$1,126	\$91,624
l	Total Collected	\$10,435	\$503,905
l	Over/(Short)	\$(9,565)	\$(56,095)

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**

Judy Gallagher

## **Baptism Congratulations**

Archer Boyd Andres, son of Ian & Morgan Andres

Sie and Nina Brewer, children of Collin and Patricia Brewer

Luna and Emmette Mileur, children of Devin and Keegan Mileur

## **OCIA Schedule**

Jan 22: Individual aspects of the Moral Life Jan 29: Community and Moral Law, grace

**Feb 5:** Great Commandments; Divine/Natural Law: Commandment 1

Feb 12: Commandments 2-3-4

Feb 19: Prayer, Universal Call to Holiness

**Feb 26:** Our Father, Hail Mary, other prayers, prepare for Lent

Mar 5: Ash Wednesday: NO CLASS

Mar 12: Commandments 5, 7, 8 Mar 19: Commandments 6, 9, 10

Mar 26: History of the Church, Preparation for confession

Apr 2: Make up session

Apr 9: Penance Service

**Apr 19:** Easter Vigil (Saturday)

**Apr 30:** Mystagogia

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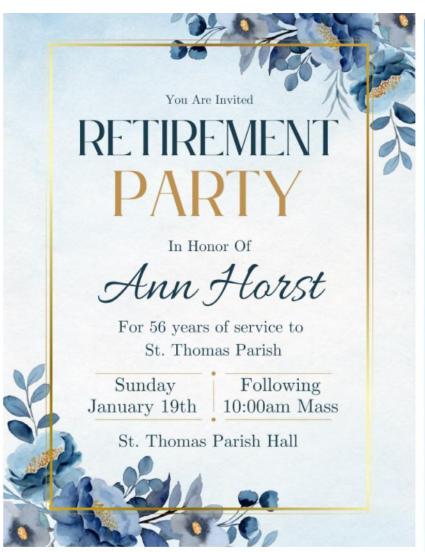
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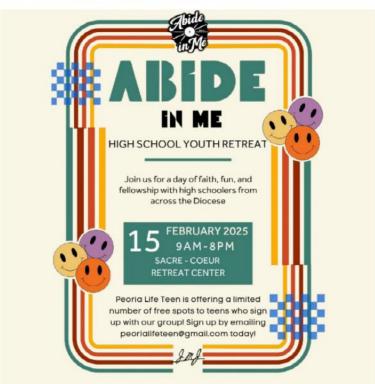
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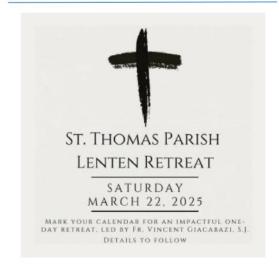
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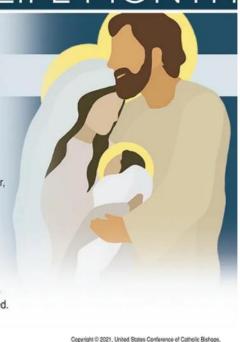


A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human lifeespecially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



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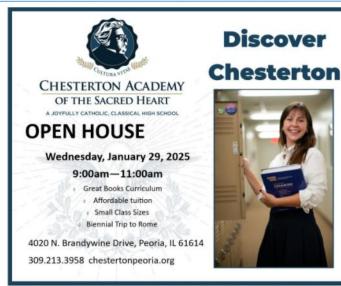
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The Secular Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church was started by St. Francis over 800 years ago to allow single and married men and women to follow the Franciscan way of life. The Sacred Heart Fraternity is the Peoria chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order and meets at 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of every month at the Cursillo Center adjacent to Holy Family Parish (2312 W. Wagner Ln, Peoria, IL). We will be hosting a Come and See event on Saturday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the Cursillo Center. If you feel you may have a calling to a Franciscan vocation, please come and join us on February 1st to meet us and learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. For any questions or more information, please contact Bob Polizzi, OFS at 309-634-9958 or email us at SacredHeartOFS@gmail.com.



ST. MARY'S KICKAPOO MEN'S HAMBURGER FRY ROBERT C. SCHMITT GYM SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 2025 - 12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM POPCORN, EXCELLENT BURGERS, SODA, BEER, RAFFLES and DOOR PRIZES Men of the Parish are invited





# **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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## **Super Bowl Squares**

Now that the NFL playoffs have begun, it's time for the annual PND Super Bowl Squares Board! We have two boards with 100 squares each. Each square cost \$100. For each



board, \$3,850 (40%) will be paid out. The remaining 60% will benefit PND Athletics. There are more than 15 ways to win throughout the game. For more information and details on how to play, visit <a href="https://www.pndhs.org/super-bowl/">https://www.pndhs.org/super-bowl/</a>

Kick off St. Patrick's Day weekend at the Maggie Bertram Foundation' Irish Fest and Fish Fry - Friday, March 14th at the Holy Family School Gym. Included: live music, Irish Dancers and the best fish fry in town. The festivities kick off at 4pm and end at 9pm. Meals will be served between 4pm and 7:30pm. Admission to the event is free. All proceeds go towards the Maggie Bertram Foundation's fine arts education grants. To be a financial sponsor or make a donation to the silent auction, contact Tim Campbell at 309-303-1155.

## St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Items needed at this time are: Rice, Boxed pasta, stuffing & potato side dishes, Mac and Cheese, 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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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

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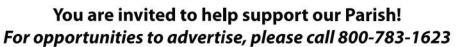
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If you have items to deliver for the Parish Office, you are welcome to put them through the mail slot of the Office downstairs in the Church, or under the door of the main Sacristy upstairs. The Church is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day.



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