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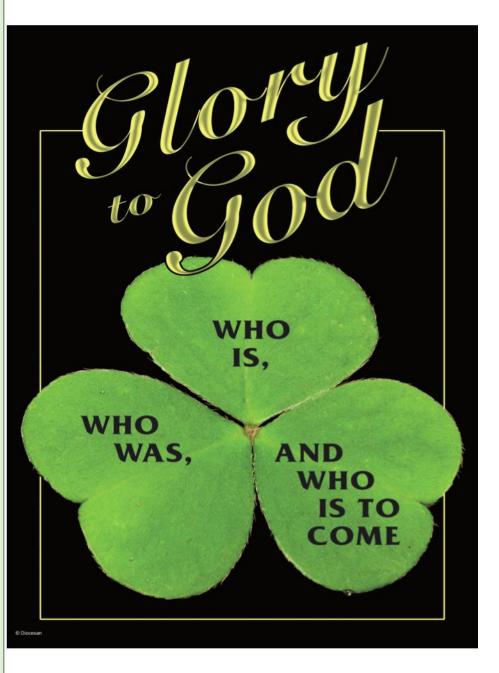
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- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



# June 15, 2025 Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity





#### From Our Pastor

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers today. When a man becomes a father, he takes on a new responsibility of love and care for his children. This duty is a small reflection of God the Father who loves and cares for us all. May the example of good St. Joseph who cared for the Holy Family be an inspiration to all fathers of a life of virtue and courage.

Today we also honor the Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three persons in one Godhead. This divine mystery has been revealed to us by the Son and we ask Our Lord to help us appreciate the love of God more and more. In the persons of the Trinity, may you be greatly blessed today.

Next weekend is Corpus Christi, a day for traditional Eucharistic processions. As in years past, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The procession will take us around the campus as we honor the Eucharist and give witness to our belief in the real presence of Jesus. We have some young men assisting with the canopy for the procession and all parishioners are invited to take part. In particular, I invite the First Communion students to attend and wear your First Communion outfits. You will be especially invited to lead the procession next weekend.

Finally, I have been informed that Steve Harms has taken a job that will not allow him to run our music program. I come back to the parish and ask if you or anyone you know is a musician who would like to assist with accompanying our music at St. Thomas. Please pass the word and let me know of any interest you may discover.

- -Msgr. Gray

# Pray with the Pope

June 2025 That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.





# Readings for the Week of June 15, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

Monday 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10; Matthew 5: 38-42

**Tuesday** 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9; Matthew 5: 43-48

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday St. Romuald, Abbot

2 Corinthians 11: 1-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

**Friday** 2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30; Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10; Matthew 6: 24-34

Sunday The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11b-17

### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, June 16, 2025

7:00 a.m. Adrian & Helen Truitt/John Truitt

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Terry Grawey/Eileen Grawey

#### Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 a.m. Klem Osika/Linda Osika

8:00 a.m. Kate Oser/Susan & Richard Coad

#### Wednesday, June 18, 2025

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Msgr. Gray/Tam & Phan Vu 8:00 a.m. John & Mary Ann Lankton/Cynthia Kiel

#### Thursday, June 19, 2025

7:00 a.m. Dave Lang/Mark Tribbey

8:00 a.m. Stanley & Edith Gifford/John Truitt

#### Friday, June 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Alejandro Macias/Maria De La Cruz 8:00 a.m. Mary Ambrosch/Catholic Women's League

# Saturday, June 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Leo/Cheryl Fauth

5:00 p.m. Jim & Eileen Brereton/The Brereton Family

#### Sunday, June 22, 2025

8:00 a.m. For the People 10:00 a.m. Benefactors of FSJB

5:00 p.m. Thomas Penn/Gene & Gretta Couri

## Week of June 15

CHOIR PRACTICE Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Music Room

ROSARY Tuesday, June 17, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

ST. IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, June 19, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Millions of Monicas June 24
Parish Solemnity & Celebration July 2
St. Thomas Parish Solemnity July 3
LifeTeen @ St. Vincent July 6
Adoration August 1
The Assumption August 15



# **PARISH HOLY HOUR**

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

# FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



#### **WEEK OF JUNE 29**

DAILY ROSARY at 7:35 am, Church

Please join us once a month in prayer to honor our Blessed Mother and to make reparation for the sins against her Immaculate Heart. Rosary begins at 7:35 am. Mass at 8:00 am. Confession schedule as posted in the bulletin.

Save the date.

Bring your spouse, children, grandkids, and friends.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION, Saturday July 5

# **Weekly Collection**

June 8, 2025

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Electronic Collections		
Total Collected		
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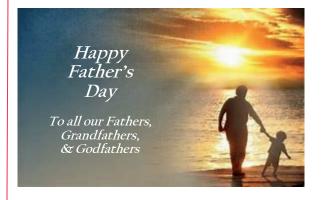
# **Our Sympathy**

Sue Lambert

# **Baptism Congratulations**

Gemma Anne Bannan, daughter of Megan & Kenneth Bannan

Jose Yael Camacho, son of Darla & Jose Camacho



**Employment Opportunity** 

## **Parish Music Director**

This salaried position includes planning music for Sunday Masses and special occasions, rehearsing and directing the Parish Choir, arranging piano or organ accompaniment at Masses in coordination with other Parish musicians.

If interested send resume to parishoffice@stthomas-church.net or contact Tracey at 309-688-3446

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#### Hello STS Families.

As the school-year comes to a close, and you are preparing for your summer plans, please remember **STS Soccer.** Registration is open now through July 2nd.

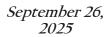


The Season begins the week of July 28th with practices. Games begin on August 14th. Teams meet 2 to 3 times per week with the season running through the months of August and September. This is a great way to begin the school year and reconnect with your St. Thomas family. Registration is open to all families of St. Thomas Parish and School for children entering 1st through 8th grade. This league is focused on building teamwork, soccer skills, and the values of Christian sportsmanship, and there are rules in place to ensure equal playing time. All registrations are completed online. Cost is \$60/player. Each player will receive a new t-shirt/uniform. Be sure to indicate your shirt size. Volunteer coaches are also needed and much appreciated. Please indicate your desire to coach on your child's registration...No experience necessary – we will train you, and you are welcome to team-up with another parent. However, coaches must complete the school volunteer certification requirements to ensure child safety. (cmgconnect.org)

Register soon to secure your spot on the team.

Register here: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/4LodUoHb

Start practicing now!
And get your foursome together for
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Golf Outing!

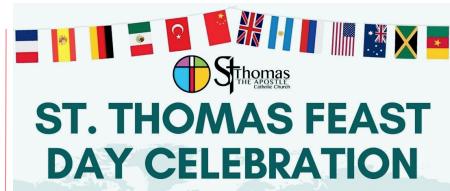


All are welcome!

# St. Thomas - Food Pantry

Items needed at this time are: Rice, Mac and Cheese, Crackers, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Canned Meat, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned or Dry Beans (Legumes), Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper

Thank you for your generous support!



The apostle Thomas is credited with bringing Christianity to India and the far east. In honor of our missionary patron, let's celebrate the various cultures and backgrounds of our parish and school community!

#### **WEDNESDAY JULY 2, 2025**

<u>5:30pm</u> Vigil Mass for the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (Main Church)



<u>6:30pm</u> Sample international cuisine from our St. Thomas family! (Parish Hall)

Want to share a favorite dish from your heritage?

Scan QR code or contact parishoffice@stthomas-church.net 309.688.3446

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# **Respect Life Prayer & Action**

When a woman finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, the news can come as a shock and bring overwhelming feelings of fear, shame, anxiety, and doubt. Without a strong support system, what should be joyful news, can instead be experienced as a crisis. Often, a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy may not know where she can turn for help and assistance. *Pregnancy Help Centers* respond to this urgent need every day, embracing expectant mothers with empathy and love.

#### Act (choose one):

Offer this <u>Prayer for Radical Solidarity | Respect Life</u> in thanksgiving for all pregnancy center staff and volunteers.

Skip your morning coffee from your favorite café or a lunch outing this week. Donate what you would usually spend on these small treats to your local pregnancy center instead.

Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

#### Notes from our Parish Nurse

## Symptoms of Alzheimer's

The most common early symptom of Alzheimer's is difficulty remembering newly learned information.

Just like the rest of our bodies, our brains change as we age. Most of us eventually notice some slowed thinking and occasional problems with remembering certain things. However, serious memory loss, confusion and other major changes in the way our minds work may be a sign that brain cells are failing.

Alzheimer's changes typically begin in the part of the brain that affects learning. As Alzheimer's advances through the brain it leads to increasingly severe symptoms, including disorientation, mood and behavior changes; deepening confusion about events, time and place; unfounded suspicions about family, friends and professional caregivers; more serious memory loss and behavior changes; and difficulty speaking, swallowing and walking.

People with memory loss or other possible signs of Alzheimer's may find it hard to recognize they have a problem. Signs of dementia may be more obvious to family members or friends. Anyone experiencing dementia-like symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible. Earlier diagnosis and intervention methods are improving dramatically, and treatment options and sources of support can improve quality of life.

If you need assistance finding a doctor with experience evaluating memory problems, Peoria Office of Illinois Chapter of Alzheimer's Association can help at (309) 681-1100.

Source: https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers

# How Important is the Rosary?

Learn together from the Perspective of History & Recent Marian Apparitions
Summer Study The Glories of Mary
By Saint Alphonsus Ligouri

Tuesdays
June 3—Aug 19
9:15-11:00 a.m.
St. Jude Catholic Church—St.
Clements Room





# Basketball Camp for St. Jude Hospital

Jim Carlson is again conducting a basketball camp for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

It will be held at the St. Vincent de Paul gym from June 30th—July 3rd.
Boys and girls grades 1-8.

Applications have been passed out at school. Any questions call Jim at 309-621-7585



# 5K Run/Walk for Life

Annual 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc.

July 12<sup>th</sup> at Metamora Fields Golf Course in Metamora start: 7:30 a.m. Medals are awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions.

Contributions are needed to help purchase the medals for the run. Call Greg at 208-1121 for info.

**Registration** at <a href="https://raceroster.com/events/2025/92350/run-for-life-5k">https://raceroster.com/events/2025/92350/run-for-life-5k</a> and flyer at <a href="https://illinoislife.blogspot.com/2025/06/2025-run-for-life-registration-and.html">https://illinoislife.blogspot.com/2025/06/2025-run-for-life-registration-and.html</a>



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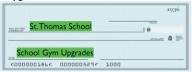
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If you, or someone you know, needs assistance please call this number.

# **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.

Last Name			
First Name(s)	_Mr	Mrs	Ms
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**New Parishioner** Change of address/phone

#### Volunteer Dish Washer

Sophia's Kitchen is in need of a volunteer dish washer on Wednesday mornings!



Join a great crew and use power tools to get everything clean. The shift is 8 AM to noon every Wednesday.

Visit www.CatholicPeoria.org to fill out a volunteer application. Your volunteering begins with 2 hours of online Safe Environment training and 2 background checks. If you have already completed this for another church program, let us know – it does transfer! Once completed, you'll be splashing in the water in no time. Come play with us! Call (309) 655-1578 with auestions.



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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
- 0 Tracey Administrative Assist.
- 1341 Sheris—Finance & Tuition
- 1310 Mary-Faith Formation

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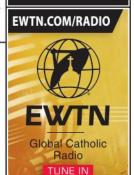
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