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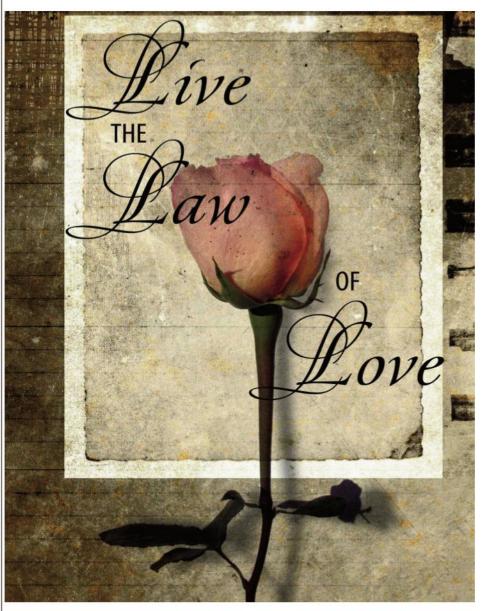
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- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



July 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

The month of July is fairly quiet, though this is time around St. Thomas to attend to summer projects and planning for next year. Thanks to your generosity, we raised the funds from our Progressive Dinner to re-carpet the school library. The library is being put back together and the halls and rooms are being cleaned and prepared for a new year.

Last week, I mentioned that St. Thomas families received over \$44,000 from the diocesan Spalding Scholarship Fund, in addition to the grants of more than \$130,000 from our Sponsora-Student fund. Due to an oversight, the Diocese did not contact those who will receive the Spalding grants. Our school families may have already received notification from St. Thomas. We have applied the reduction in tuition to families that have received either a diocesan or a parish grant. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Although most students who are returning to school already know their plans for the fall, we continue to receive inquiries from parents of 3, 4, and 5-year-olds, who are exploring Pre-3, Pre-K, or Kindergarten classes. The school office is open during the mornings over the summer. If you or someone you know would like to see the school and hear about our classes, please encourage them to inquire.

We have also set the class schedule for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) for the fall. Those who want to become Catholic typically begin their classes in September and prepare to enter the Church at Easter next year. The classes this fall will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd in the Parish Hall. You are to contact the office and we will put you on our list, or you can simply come on September 3rd for the first class. The full schedule is available on the parish website welcome to call and register your interest, under Spirituality and Education.

- -Msgr. Gray





Readings for the Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14; Colossians 1: 15-20;

Luke 10: 25-37

Monday St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Exodus 1: 8-14, 22; Matthew 10: 34—11: 1

Tuesday St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Exodus 2: 1-15a; Matthew 11: 20-24

Wednesday Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11: 25-27

Thursday Exodus 3: 13-20; Matthew 11: 28-30

Friday St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Exodus 11: 10—12: 14; Matthew 12: 1-8

Saturday Exodus 12: 37-42; Matthew 12: 14-21

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 24-28;

Luke 10: 38-42

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 14, 2025

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory/Tam & Phan Vu

8:00 a.m. Mary "Betty" Rochford/Jim & Deb Rochford

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:00 a.m. Betty Pegg/Eileen Grawey 8:00 a.m. Larry Zarley/Marie Zarley

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

7:00 a.m. Doug Cobb/Eileen Grawey 8:00 a.m. Necesio & Mary Militante

Thursday, July 17, 2025

7:00 a.m. Melvin & Lucille Noe/Mary Ann Noe 8:00 a.m. Mary Kay Kemp/Marlynn Kelsch

Friday, July 18, 2025

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Dan Bachman 8:00 a.m. Adrian & Helen Truitt/John Truitt

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. Nancy Wilson/Mike & Cindy Scime 5:00 p.m. Thomas Penn/David & Laurie Williams

Sunday, July 20, 2025

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

5:00 p.m. Beverly Chambers, Cathleen Schisler,

Mother Chrystal Swearingen

Week of July 13

UNIFORM EXCHANGE Sunday, July 13, 10:45 a.m., School

ROSARY Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

ST. THOMAS HOLY HOUR Thursday, July 17, 7:00 p.m., Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration August 1
The Assumption August 15
Msgr. Watson Memorial Golf Outing September 26

Pray with the Pope

July 2025

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



The Catholic Diocese of Peoria

39th Annual Charismatic Renewal Conference

Date: July 19th, 2025

Location:

Epiphany Catholic Church 1000 East College Avenue Normal, IL 61761

More information & registration: CDOP - CCR - Conference

Thank You! to all who helped make our inaugural *Taste of St. Thomas a success.*

We appreciate all the chefs, wonderful food, and tasters celebrating the solemnity of our Parish.

Weekly Collection

July 6, 2025

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Collections needed	\$20,400	\$20,400
Sunday Collections	\$14,627	\$14,627
Electronic Collections	\$6,145	\$6,145
Total Collected	\$20,772	\$20,772
Over/(Short)	\$372	\$372
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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

Fr. John Roller, uncle of Jean Smith

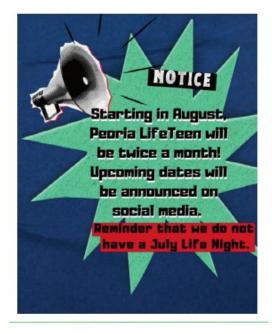
Baptism Congratulations

Andrew Peter Reisinger, son of Erica & David Reisinger



PARISH HOLY HOUR

Thursday, July 17 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.



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Thanks to a grant from the Fulton Sheen Endowment, teens from area parishes attended the Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. St. Thomas parishioner Audrey Edwards is pictured with keynote speaker Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Cursillo is Celebrating 60 Years in the Peoria Diocese Join us for a Diocesan Wide

Ultreya

Saturday, July 19 at 5:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception
Peoria, IL
Mass to be Celebrated by Bishop Tylka

Following the Mass join us for food and fellowship Spalding Pastoral Center 419 NE Madison Ave., Peoria

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!



St. Thomas Project Back Pack

Please help get some of our Peoria Heights K - 8th grade students ready to go back to school!

Please fill each new backpack with the following items by Friday, August 1st

1 8X5 Plastic Pencil Box
 1 Wide-Ruled Composition Book
 3 1-Subject Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebooks
 3 Plastic 2-Pocket Folders
 24 #2 Yellow Pencils (not mechanical)
 2 Large Pink Pearl Erasers
 1 10-Pack of Wide Tip Crayola Classic Markers

1 Pair 5" Pointed School Scissors 2 24-Pack Crayola Crayons 1 12-Pack Crayola Colored Pencils 1 Large Elmer's Liquid School Glue (7.6 oz.)

> 1 Pack of 100 Lined 3X5 Index Cards 3 Jumbo Elmer's Glue Sticks OR 6 Small Elmer's

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Please provide school supplies that could be used for both boys and girls. Backpacks may be geared towards either boys or girls. Backpacks may be left in the collection tubs in the narthex or dropped off at the parish office. Donations of empty backpacks or 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 2025-2026 school year!

St. Thomas Monsignor Watson Memorial Golf Outing

In support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Assistance Fund

Friday, September 26, 2025 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 \$135/Person

Golf Registration includes: Green fees, Cart, Range Balls, and Food + Drinks in the Club House after the event.

Registration Deadline Friday, September 19th

Late registration after September 19th, \$145 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 19th
- Late Registration \$145 Per Person

TEE SPONSOR \$150 / 36 Sponsors

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

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For more information please contact:

Tracey Deponai (309) 688-3446 Email: parishoffice@stthomas-church.net

Please Submit Payment with Registration

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Person:	Phone:	
Address:		
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Golfers		
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Player 3:	Phone:	Amount \$
Player 4:	Phone:	Amount \$
Sponsorship		
Sponsorship Category :		Amount \$
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ATTENTION: GOLFERS!



DEADLINE TO REGISTER: AUG. 16th

Parish Registration

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Registration is open! Cost: Flag-\$100; Cheer-\$100; Tackle-\$200

There will be an additional \$25 charge for anyone who registers after 7/18

Contact pndjfl@gmail.com if financial assistance is needed



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Contact Coach Mullens at 309-253-5452/ jmsta66@yahoo.com



Peanut Butter and Jelly Rally for Sophia's Kitchen!

As we mark 15 years of serving those in need, let's celebrate by holding a Peanut Butter & Jelly Rally! Our goal is \$10,000 and 5,000 jars each of peanut butter and jars of jelly. That's enough to supply the Friday pantry for a year. Spread the Love!

Art - Design your own label! What do you think a iar of ielly should look like? Calling artists of all gaes to make peanut themed art to be included in our lunch sacks! Add an inspiring message.

You've been Jammed! Invite your friends and neighbors into the game by making them a "Jammed" bag. Put a jar of peanut butter in it to start the game, and a few sweet treats like M & M's or Skittles to thank them for playing. Visit Sophia's Kitchen | Serving Peoria's community | Heart of Peoria Catholic Community or email soupkitchen2010@gmail.com to print your copies of our Jammed flyer, which explains how to play the game and make donations to Sophia's Kitchen PB & J Rally. Encourage your whole neighborhood to join the fun and help those in need.

All donations can be dropped off at 105 N Richard Pryor Place, Peoria, IL 61605 from 8 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday. Thank you for your kindness as you help your neighbors in need!



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

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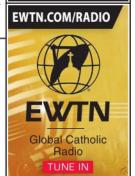
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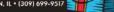


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