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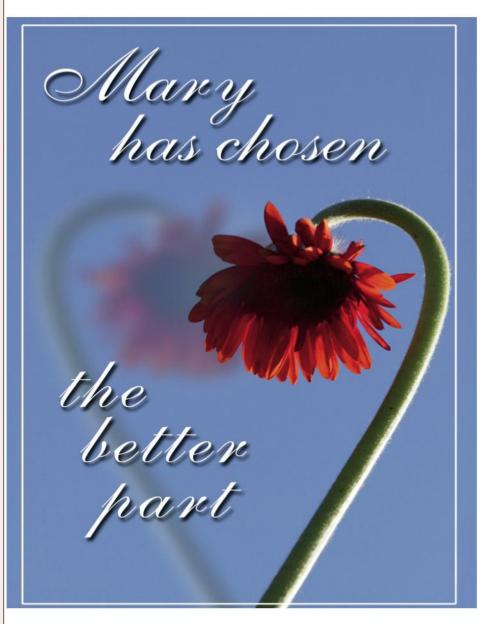
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July 20, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





From Our Pastor

For many years, we have collected backpacks and school supplies over the summer to help families in need as they return to school. Since it is already mid-July, and school is approaching, the time has come to collect these supplies again. This effort helps those students in our area, including needy families at St. Thomas as well as students in public schools. Please see the information in the bulletin and the bins in the narthex for your donations.

Last weekend, I celebrated twenty-eight years of priesthood after being ordained in July, 1997. While this anniversary is not one of the round numbers that are celebrated with great fanfare, I am still grateful for the gift of the priesthood and thankful for the years I have been able to give in service to the Church.

I recently invited some additional extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to be trained. I take this opportunity to thank those who volunteer, especially with our Communion ministers to the homebound. Those who visit the sick perform a special act of charity, maintaining a connection with those who are no longer able to attend Mass. They fulfill the words of Christ who spoke about the corporal works of mercy: I was sick and you visited me.

I am also grateful to our ushers, readers, servers, and cantors who help with our Masses at St. Thomas. Please know that you all have an important and appreciated role in helping us to pray at Mass. Your attention to your responsibilities is an asset to our parish.

- - Msgr. Gray



Attention, AOL/SI Alumni!

Please register for The Academy of our Lady/ Spalding Institute All-Class

Reunion. You is DO NOT want to miss this epic celebration on **October 11, 2025**. Spread the word so that no one misses the excitement. Visit: www.aolsi-

peoriaalumni.com or call **Marty Couri (309) 265-8881** today for all the important details.





Readings for the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Luke 10: 38-42

Monday St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Exodus 14: 5-18; Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3: 1-4b; John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Wednesday St. Bridget, Religious

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday St. James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28

Saturday Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 24: 3-8; Matthew 13: 24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 12-14; Luke 11: 1-13

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 21, 2025

7:00 a.m. Klem Osika/Linda Osika 8:00 a.m. Mary Truitt/John Truitt

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory/Angela Kenny 8:00 a.m. Alberto Gorgoy/Maria De la Cruz

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

7:00 a.m. Bishop Louis Tylka/FSJB

8:00 a.m. Intention of Mike & Donna Palkovic

Thursday, July 24, 2025

7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Grawey Family/Terry & Eileen Grawey

8:00 a.m. Fr. Tom Taylor/Jerry & Deborah Heinz

Friday, July 25, 2025

7:00 a.m. Elita Kayyaly/Rhonda Bachman 8:00 a.m. Michael Doyle/Mike & Kim Phelan

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Stark, S.J./Tony & Honey Jacob 5:00 p.m. Thomas Penn/David & Laurie Williams

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. David Bullock/Maggie & Steve Jackson

10:00 a.m. Charles "Chuck" Grawey/Mark & Mary (Rians)

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5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of July 20

LIGHT OF THE WORLD Monday, July 21, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

ROSARY Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

MILLIONS OF MONICAS Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

ST. IGNATIUS BIBLE STUDY Thursday, July 24, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration August 1
LifeTeen August 3
The Assumption August 1.5
St. Thomas Holy Hour August 2.1
Millions of Monicas August 26

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.



Fiscal VID

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

Weekly Collection

July 13, 2025

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Collections needed	\$20,400	\$40,800
Sunday Collections	\$9,180	\$23,807
Electronic Collections	\$10,465	\$16,610
Total Collected	\$19,645	\$40,417
Over/(Short)	\$(755)	\$(383)

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

Wedding Congratulations

Madison Charlotte Edwards & William James Linko



Millions of Monicas

Each month we invite all women to join Millions of Monicas in prayer July 22nd in the Daily Mass Chapel to pray for our loved ones, especially our children, who have fallen away from our faith. We pray together before the Blessed Sacrament that those we love will again find comfort in the faith and return to the Church.

Join with other mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

> July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas Daily Mass Chapel

For more information visit **www.millionsofmonicas.com**



Sponsor of the Week



AUGUST LIFE NIGHTS

AUGUST LOCATION: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S PARISH HALL

AUGUST 3RD AT 6 PM: KICKOFF EVENT

AUGUST 17TH AT 6 PM: LIFE NIGHT ON MAGIC & MIRACLES

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

PEORIA AREA LIFE TEEN

CONGRATULATIONS



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Gabriel Jockisch Grace Kilian Dominic Langholf Dylan Langholf

Andrew Plaskon Julia Watts

CONGRATULATIONS



St. Thomas Parish Inductees

Natalie Buckardt Benjamin Geers

Genevieve Koszuta Drake Reese Sophia Wolbeck **Edith Woolsey**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL ST. THOMAS PARISH & SCHOOL

AUGUST 10th

Meet N Greet your new teacher in your classroom! 10:45-11:45 am STAY AND ENJOYour Parish/School Picnic 11:00-1:00 pm

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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 Disappearing Purple Glue Sticks

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE SPONSORSHIP \$2,500 / Sponsorship

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- Reception Sponsor \$250 / Logo on Reception Tables
- 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

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Player 3:	Phone:	Amount \$
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Sponsorship		
Sponsorship Category :		Amount \$
Mail regist	yable to: St. Thomas Men's Club ration along with payment to: 904 E. Lake Ave. ● Peoria Heights, IL 616.	Total Enclosed \$

NOTICE: CHANGE of DATE!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has changed: ANNUAL GOLF OUTING to Benefit **Building Hope In Kids - Uganda SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025**

QUAIL MEADOWS GOLF COURSE



(Donations to

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\$100/PLAYER

Includes Greens fee, cart, & awards dinner afterwards at Dining Room & Bar at Quail Meadows, catered by Barracks Catering. **

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**Dinner Menu: Fire-roasted pulled chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans w/ bacon & onions, salad, and dinner roll.

12 Noon Shotgun Start

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPT. 14th

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 ___

Email

Address

City_____ ZIP____

New Parishioner Change of address/phone

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

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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 Kate-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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