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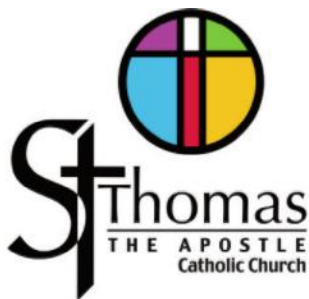
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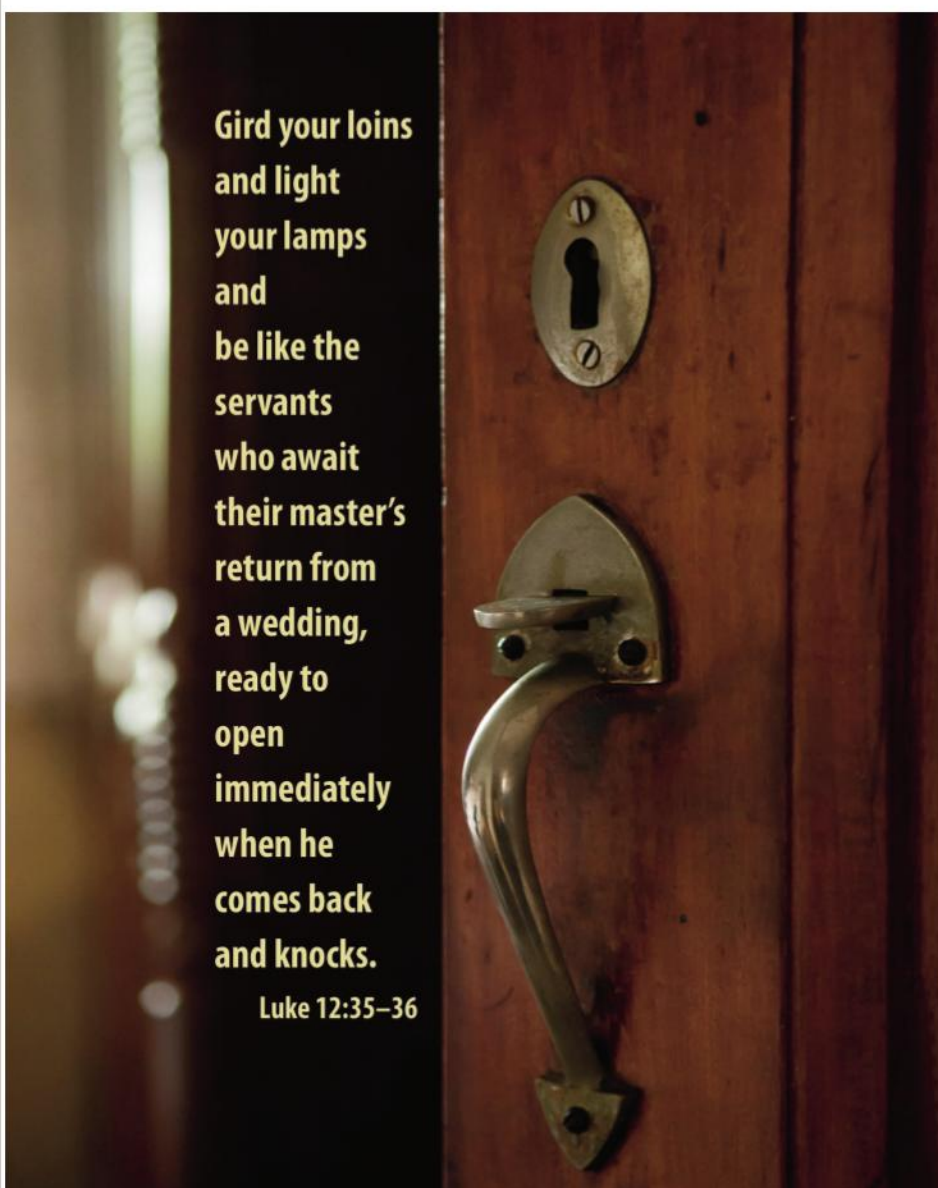
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4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



*August 10, 2025*

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*





### From Our Pastor

School at St. Thomas begins this week. That means it's time for a picnic! Join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday on the parking lot as our parish families and school families gather for lunch. Everyone is welcome. This is a good time to gather as one St. Thomas family.

Students will be dropping off their classroom supplies. You are welcome to see the improvements to the library after it was re-carpeted this summer.

This weekend will also be the sign up for adults as well. The men of the parish are invited to take part in the fall semester of *That Man Is You* and the women of the parish are invited to sign up for *Women of the Word*. Both programs make time to learn more about the faith and support one another in group discussions. There will also be a new program available for all adults who want to grow in the knowledge of your faith with talks by Michael Gormley. Michael was with us 18 months ago for a parish mission. More information will be available after all Masses in the narthex. Please check out these programs.

Since we're encouraging parishioners to get more involved in the faith and in the life of our parish, would you like to sing in the choir or sing as a cantor at Mass? Please contact Steve or the parish office for more information. Do you know someone who can sing or play? Do you recognize someone with a good singing voice around you at Mass? Encourage them to sign up and share their talents.

Our ushers encourage more people at Mass to take an active role by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine. It is a small service in the Mass, but I encourage you to say yes when you are asked. Families or even several individuals can be asked to help out. Please be generous when our ushers approach you.

Thank you for your donations of backpacks and school supplies. The backpack giveaway was very successful and appreciated by many families who came to St. Thomas last weekend.

- Msgr. Gray

## Readings for the Week of August 10, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wisdom 18: 6-9; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Clare, Virgin</b> Deuteronomy 10: 12-22; Matthew 17: 22-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Jane Frances Chantal, Religious</b> Deuteronomy 31: 1-8; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sts. Pontian, Pope &amp; Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</b> Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Matthew 18: 15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr</b> Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18: 21—19: 1 <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chronicles 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2; 1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57; Luke 11: 27-28
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Stephen of Hungary</b> Joshua 24: 14-29; Matthew 19: 13-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 11, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Sr. Bernadette Kouri, FSJB
8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory/Angela Kenny

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Cheyne Lucas/Tam & Phan Vu
8:00 a.m.	Adrian & Helen Truitt/John Truitt

### Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Tony & Sheila Noe/Mary Ann Noe
8:00 a.m.	Nancy Wilson/Julie Enzenberger

### Thursday, August 14, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Constance McCauley
8:00 a.m.	David Lang/Jo Ann Kinsella
5:30 p.m.	Anthony Gray/The Nelson Family

### Friday, August 15, 2025

7:00 a.m.	For the People
12:15 p.m.	Dolores Oppe/Warren Oppe
2:30 p.m.	Intentions of Donna Palkovic/Terry & Eileen Grawey

### Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:00 a.m.	Harry & Katheryn Whalen/Joe & Sandy Whalen
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the McCauley Family

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 a.m.	Fr. Tom Taylor/Deacon Ed & Cathy Mallow
10:00 a.m.	Thomas Penn/David & Laurie Williams
5:00 p.m.	For the People

## Week of August 10

**PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC** Sunday, August 10, 10:45 a.m., School

**BACK TO SCHOOL Night GRADES 1-8** Monday, August 11, 6:00 p.m., School

**ROSARY** Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**MEN'S CLUB** Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., Sullivan's in the Heights

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASSES** Thursday, August 14, 5:30 p.m., Friday, August 15, 7:00 a.m., 12:15 & 2:30 p.m., Church

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

LifeTeen	August 17
St. Thomas Holy Hour	August 21
Extra Confession Sunday	August 24
Millions of Monicas	August 26
Adoration	September 5
Msgr. Watson Memorial Golf Outing	September 26

## Women of the Word



Our women's ministry, Women of the Word, is back again this fall **beginning on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. New participant **registration is following all masses** on the weekend of **August 16-17<sup>th</sup>**. Women who were previously registered do not need to re-register.

We'd love to have you join us as we meet twice monthly to learn and grow in our faith. We will be using study material from Paradisus Dei's *She Shall be Called Woman*, with our fall semester focused on the theme *Love Unveiled*. There is no cost for the program and childcare is provided free of charge.

## Weekly Collection

August 3, 2025

		Fiscal YTD
Collections needed.....	\$20,400	\$102,000
Sunday Collections.....	\$15,695	\$56,962
Electronic Collections.....	\$8,970	\$32,437
Total Collected.....	\$24,665	\$89,399
Over/(Short).....	\$4,265	\$(12,601)

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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Thank you for your support.

## Our Sympathy

Mike Palkovic

Patrick Gallagher



All 1st-8th grade students not attending a catholic school are invited to CCD. This is also the sacrament preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for students not attending a catholic school.

Scan for more information and registration.

Contact information:

**Liz Plaskon**, CCD Coordinator  
[CCD@StThomas-Church.net](mailto:CCD@StThomas-Church.net)



## Pray with the Pope

August 2025

**For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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## Inclusion

St. Thomas Parish is excited to offer **INCLUSION: Explaining the Biblical Foundations of the Catholic Church** by Michael Gormley. Some of you may remember Michael from our parish mission a few years ago, and he also is a presenter for That Man Is You. For those who participated in *Why It's Great To Be Catholic*, this program is a logical follow on, which will go a bit deeper into some of the key principles of the Catholic faith, and tie it back to Scripture.

The *Inclusion Program* features a video presentation on a different topic each week, by Michael Gormley. The presentations are approximately 30 minutes, and are followed up by group discussion for about 30 minutes afterwards. We will meet on Mondays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall starting September 8th. There are eleven sessions in the program. Some of the topics include:

- The Catholic Church is Biblical
- Scripture and Church Authority
- The Communion of Saints
- Sacraments of New Life
- Faith Working in Love

This program will help you better understand your Catholic faith, and how it is based in Scripture and Truth.

Registration will be after all Masses the weekend of August 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. You can also register by sending an email to **George Burek** at [georgeburek@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeburek@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us!



**That Man Is You** returns on **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**! Registration will take place after all Masses the weekend of **August 16-17<sup>th</sup>**. You can also register or get additional information by sending an email to **George Burek** at [georgeburek@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeburek@yahoo.com). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The theme for this year is *Apostles of a New Springtime*. Besides some outstanding presenters, this year will also include another Mysteries of the Rosary series. We meet on Friday mornings. Doors open at 6:00 am for Continental Breakfast, the Video presentation starts at 6:30 followed by Table Discussion around 7:00 am, and we adjourn by 7:30.

This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> year of *That Man Is You* at St. Thomas, and we hope you can join us!



## Prevent Produce Waste!



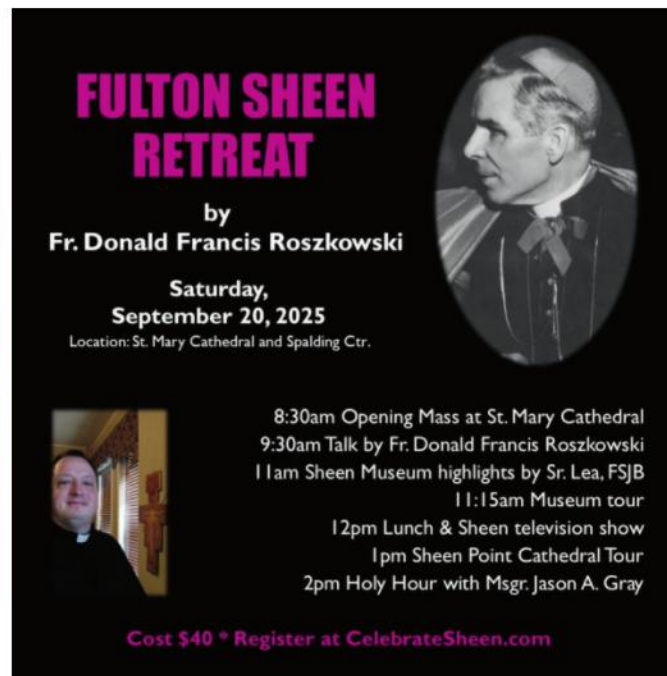
Do you have a garden? Is it producing more than you can use this summer? Our Pantry clients do love fresh produce. If you have some to give away please bring on Sunday or Wednesday and drop in the box in the narthex, or drop it off to the Pantry Monday or Thursday before it opens at 9:00 a.m. If you have questions please contact Diana at [sdjanda1@comcast.net](mailto:sdjanda1@comcast.net).



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# 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**

**For more information please contact:**

Tracey Deponai (309) 688-3446

Email: [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomas-church.net)

**Please Submit Payment with Registration**

## REGISTRATION FORM

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## NOTICE: CHANGE of DATE!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has changed:

**8th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING to Benefit Building Hope In Kids - Uganda**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025**

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(Adolph is the BHIKU Board's Fundraising Chair)

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(Donations to BHIKU gladly accepted even if you're not interested in golfing.)

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

**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](http://stthomaspeoria.org). Under About open the New Parishioner Registration, complete and submit the form.

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for your generous support!

### Get Jammed!

Help Sophia's Kitchen collect 5000 jars of peanut butter and jelly!

Sophia's Kitchen is holding a rally to collect enough peanut butter and jelly to supply our Friday pantry for an entire year! You can help! Here's what you can do:

- ✓ Collect jars of peanut butter and jelly. Any flavor of jelly will do. Plastic jars are best!
- ✓ Tell your friends and family and ask them to collect too.
- ✓ Bring your jars to your collection point:
- ✓ Online donations can be made at [www.CatholicPeoria.org](http://www.CatholicPeoria.org)

Donations may be dropped off at 105 N Richard Pryor Place, Peoria, IL 61605, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Help us reach a goal of 5000 jars by September 15!

**SOPHIA'S KITCHEN**

### Come with Me Into the fields

The next Cursillo Weekend is Men's #1245 on Aug 21- 24  
Rector Jeff Matheson

Scan the QR code to register or visit <https://peoriacursillo.org/join-us>  
For more information call (309) 676-5587



### Attention, AOL/SI Alumni!

Please register for The Academy of our Lady/Spalding Institute All-Class Reunion. You are 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](http://www.aolsi-peoriaalumni.com) or call **Marty Couri (309) 265-8881** today for all the important details.





**How to Submit Bulletin Information**  
Send information for the bulletin to [parishoffice@stthomas-church.net](mailto: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
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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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