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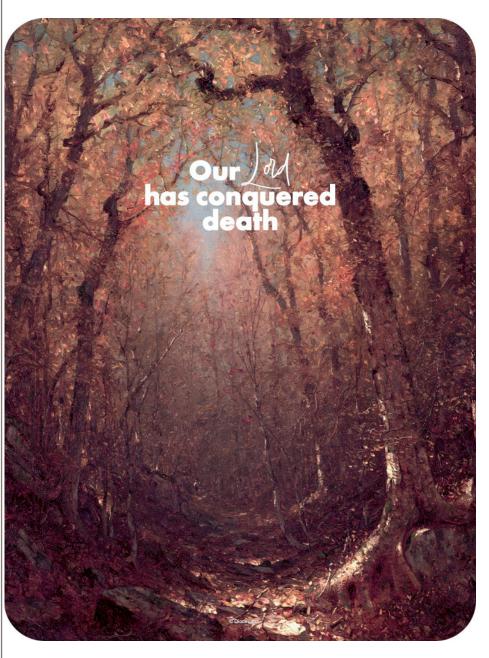
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- Download My Parish App to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 3. Receive the Bulletin and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 4. Bookmark the parish webpage (stthomaspeoria.org).



November 2, 2025
The Commemoration of All The Faithful
Departed (All Souls Day)



### From Our Pastor

We began the month of November with All Saints Day on Saturday and this weekend is All Souls Day, a time to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory. For those who are destined for Heaven, but who still need to be purified from the stain left by our sins – and that may be most of us! – Purgatory is a gift from God by which we can be purified before passing into the pure light of Heaven. Every soul in Purgatory will go to Heaven.

The good news is that we can help the souls in Purgatory by our prayers. During November, we put out the Book of the Dead in which we record the names of those who have passed. We should all pray for the faithful departed during this month and ask for the repose of their souls. Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy and a great act of charity.

We have made good progress on our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or a contribution to this drive. As of the last report, we are very close, but still a little short of our goal of approximately \$110,000. By supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you are helping the Diocese to fund the important programs that support Catholics throughout central Illinois. You are supporting the training of seminarians, and assistance given to couples preparing for marriage, and the support offered by the Catholic Schools' Office which directly helps us at St. Thomas School. You are also supporting our parish by helping us to reach our goal for the Diocese.

If you haven't contributed, please make a pleage by visiting the ADA page of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

Finally, we look forward to the Progressive Dinner on November 8th. We have surpassed our capacity and I look forward to the evening. With the support of our parishioners and school families, we will raise funds for school security and for the chairs in our parish hall.

Thank you for your generosity.

- -Msgr. Gray





# Readings for the Week of November 2, 2025

Sunday Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

(All Souls Day)

Wisdom 3: 1-9; Romans 5: 5-11 OR Romans 6: 3-9;

John 6: 37-40

Monday St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Romans 11: 29-36; Luke 14: 12-14

Tuesday St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Romans 12: 5-16ab; Luke 14: 15-24

**Wednesday** Romans 13: 8-10; Luke 14: 25-33

**Thursday** Romans 14: 7-12; Luke 15: 1-10

**Friday** Romans 15: 14-21; Luke 16: 1-8

**Saturday** Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16: 9-15

Sunday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17;

John 2: 13-22

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, November 3, 2025

7:00 a.m. For the People

8:00 a.m. For Special Intentions of Deb Wenzel/Mary Ann Noe

### Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00 a.m. Joe Broussard/Mary Lou & Michael Bartley 8:00 a.m. Melvin & Lucille Noe/Mary Ann Noe

### Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00 a.m. Christine Pilat/Jane Golowski 8:00 a.m. Patty Resutko/Larry Resutko

#### Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:00 a.m. Fr. Tom Taylor/Gertrude Morton
Sch. Mass Renee Kathleen Juska/Beth Reed

#### Friday, November 7, 2025

7:00 a.m. Adrian & Helen Truitt/John Truitt 8:00 a.m. Dave Lang/Marylee Bales

### Saturday, November 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mary & Dale Clary/Clary Family
5:00 p.m. Thomas Penn/David & Laurie Williams

### Sunday, November 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. Peoria Seminarians & Priestly Vocations 10:00 a.m. Janet Alesandrini/Tom & Mary Kay Pilat

5:00 p.m. For the People

## **Week of November 2**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & PANTRY COLLECTIONS** After all Masses this weekend

**SIGN-UP FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** This Weekend after all Masses, narthex

**COFFEE & DONUTS** Sunday, November 2, after morning Masses

LIFETEEN Sunday, November 2, 6:00 p.m., St. Thomas Parish Hall

**INCLUSION** Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

ROSARY Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 a.m., Chapel

CCD Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

WOMEN OF THE WORD Thursday, November 6, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

**THAT MAN IS YOU** Friday, November 7, doors open 6:00, program 6:30 a.m., ends by 7:30 a.m., Parish Hall

**ADORATION** Friday, November 7, after 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, November 8, 5:00 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Thomas Holy Hour November 20

# Pray with the Pope

November 2025 For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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# Weekly Collection

October 26, 2025

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| \$20,400 | \$346,800                       |
| \$15,394 | \$217,841                       |
| \$5,624  | \$87,546                        |
| \$21,018 | \$305,387                       |
| \$618    | \$(41,413)                      |
|          | \$15,394<br>\$5,624<br>\$21,018 |

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**

Ray Picl - father of Rick Picl and father-in-law of Melanie Picl, grandfather of Mallory Picl, & Hannah, Gabriella, and Isabella Hernandez

# **Wedding Congratulations**

Kylie Ruth McCormack & Andrew James Chiaravalle

### **OCIA Schedule**

Nov 5: Baptism, Confirmation

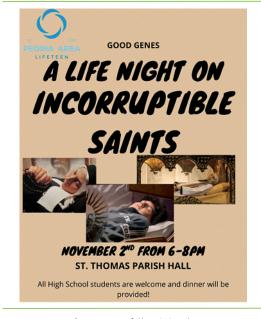
Nov 12: Eucharist

Nov 19: Penance, Anointing, Funerals Nov 26: No Class ~ Thanksgiving Dec 3: Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary

Dec 10: Orders, Religious Life

Dec 17: Marriage Dec 24: No Class Dec 31: No Class

Jan 7: Liturgical year, Church tour, Mass practice



Sponsor of the Week









# 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!

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after morning Mass this weekend



# Thanksgiving at Sophia's Kitchen

Sophia's Kitchen celebrates Thanksgiving with our guests a week early, on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We expect to feed 600 sit down meals that day.

We will need approximately 80 pumpkin pies. If you'd like to donate one, they may be dropped off at 105 N Richard Pryor Place Monday through Friday from 8 to 3 PM. Monitory donations can be mailed to the kitchen, or visit **CatholicPeoria.org** to make an online donation. Sorry, no homemade pies - Health Department regulations ask for only commercially prepared foods.



# **Parish Council Openings**

The Parish Council is a group of nine individuals who were selected to represent the Parish by advising and assisting the pastor.

Members of the Council commit to a three-year term and meet once per month for one hour, generally on the third Tuesday of each month, with breaks for holidays.

Prospective candidates should be practicing Catholics who support St. Thomas and are engaged in the life of the Parish. It is helpful if the candidate brings some familiarity or involvement in the activities of the Parish or the School.

If you would like to be considered for an open position on the Parish Council, or if you would like to nominate someone to be considered, please contact the parish office.

# When you go to the poor, you encounter Jesus



How does the St. Vincent de Paul Society differ from a social service agency?

### Client Visit from Agency:

Meet, assess need, dispense financial assistance if eligible according to stated rules.

#### **Neighbor Visit from Vincentian:**

Meet, listen, "accompany" neighbor with compassion, encouragement, prayer, in kind assistance (such as food, household items, clothing), follow up later if needed.

When you support SVdP, you are not just offering immediate, concrete assistance to others, though that alone is a wonderful gift. You are allowing us privileged Vincentians the opportunity to walk with the poor – even if briefly – and to ease their burden, person to person.

As Pope Leo stated in his Exhortation 'Dilexi Te' (I Have Loved You), issued last week:

No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem...we are asked to devote time to the poor, to give them loving attention, to listen to them with interest, to stand by them in difficult moments...

Next month we will offer you our year end report. Please know that those numbers will reflect quantity, but we strive to make our home visits so much more. In so doing, we continue to be transformed.

THANK YOU!

~ Mary Kay Pilat



# Holy Hour for the Unborn and their Mothers!

Inspired by the example of our Blessed Mother at the Presentation Feast, may we, like Mary, have the courage to engage in prayer and action for the vulnerable unborn and their mothers. Join Pro-life Prayer Warriors and Knights of Columbus at a Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn on Monday, Nov. 3, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Mark's Church, 1113 W. Bradley Ave., Peoria. For more information, contact John Wikoff, Knights Life Director, at jpw61552@gmail.com.

# Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory for the month of November

(include after blessing before meals)

V. Eternal rest grant unto (name)/them, O Lord. R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Each day in November, remember a departed loved one. Also, pray for all those who do not have anyone to pray for them.

**PRAY** IT FORWARD.

# St. Patrick School Vendor & Craft Sale

Saturday, November 15 from 9:00am-2:00pm. 100 N. Harvey, Washington. Over 30 vendors, bake sale, coffee/cocoa bar, food truck, and raffle. Please help us raise money for a new boiler. Contact Chris Kapraun at kapraun77@aol.com.

# **Emmaus Knights**

For young men grades 7-12

Nov 9 From 4:30 pm-6:30 pm



Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House 2327 W. Heading Ave., W. Peoria

Scan the QR code to let us know you are coming and to have your parent fill out the digital permission form.



All women and girls - all ages welcome! Come share in friendship, faith, and community. Bring your friends, family or a guets everyone's welcome!

# FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:00 NOON

ST. MARY'S LOURDES HALL 424 LOURDES CHURCH RD. GERMANTOWN HILLS, IL

The turkey will be provided, so we invite guests to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

If possible, please RSVP to Mary Jo Grebner (309-360-4876) or April Adams (309-369-5110) with how many will be attending and what you plan to bring—this will help us be sure there's plenty of food and a nice variety for everyone. Seating is limited-RSVP soon to save your spot!

Some ideas include stuffing, potato dishes, casseroles, rolls, green beans, corn, cranberry relish, tossed salad, pies, crisps, or cookies.

Thank you for helping make our meal a true feast!



Hosted by: Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Women Connect Ministry

# **Parish Registration**

| New Parishioner                    | Change of address/phone   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Phone                              |   |
| City                               |   |
| Address                            |   |
|                                    |   |
| Email                              |   |
| First Name(s)                      | Mr Mrs Ms   |
| Last Name                          |   |
| Parish Office <b>or</b> Register o | Irop it in the collection basket, <b>or</b> mail to the n our website at stthomaspeoria.org. Under ishioner Registration, complete and submit the |



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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
- 1301 Peggy-Bulletin

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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