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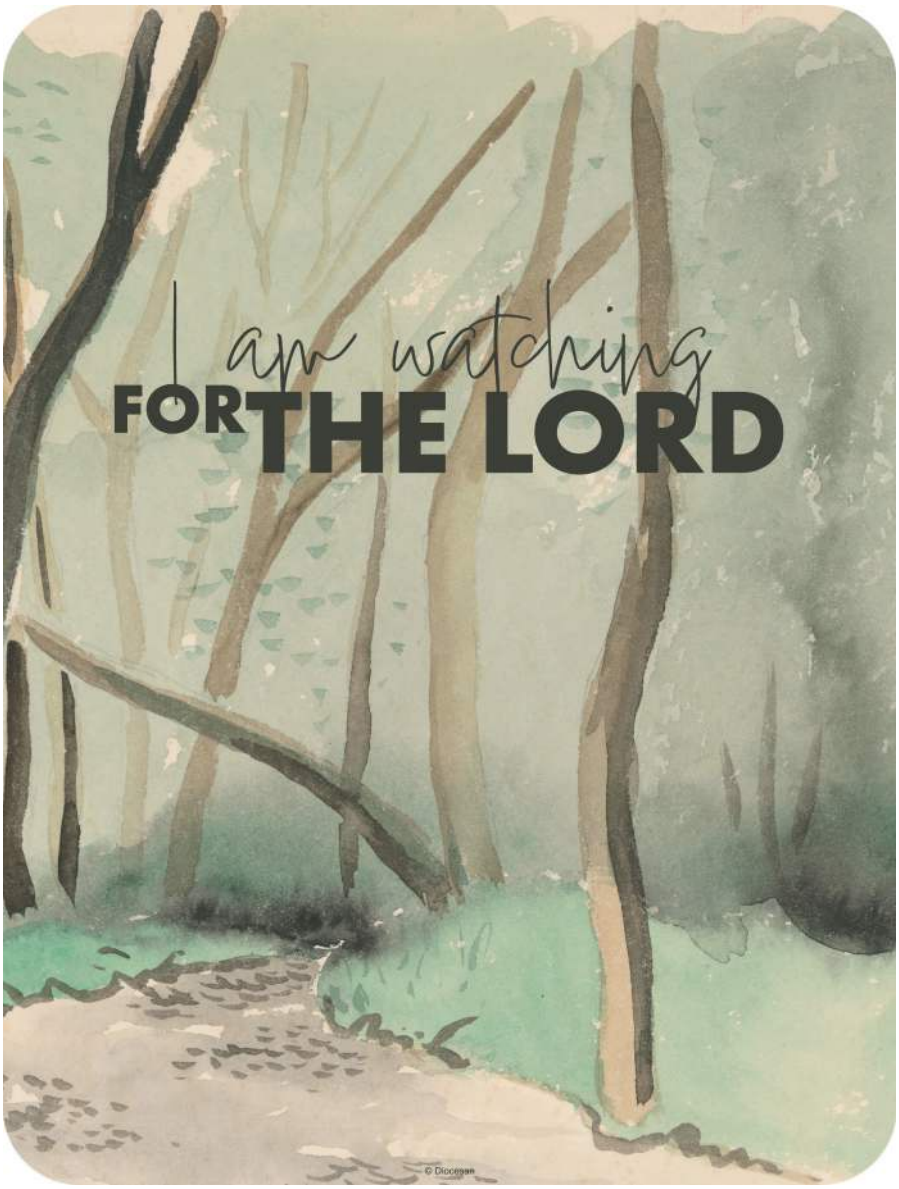
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St Thomas THE APOSTLE Catholic Church

November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time





Pastor's Corner

November is a month of great feasts that remind us of our bonds to God and to each other. Last Sunday on November 1st, 2026, we celebrated All Saints Day in honor of all our brothers and sisters who are now filled with the grace of Christ. What happened to them can happen to us.

Last Monday on November 2nd, 2026, we celebrated "All Souls Day," a day we all need. It is a day we remember those who have gone before us. We are not isolated entities but part of a web of relationships. Genetically, we carry bits and pieces of those who have gone before us. Intellectually, we were taught much of what we know by others. Spiritually, most of us have not had instruction in the Faith directly from heaven but from others.

The soul is unique and unrepeatable, directly created by God. Still, it has been shaped and affected by others. All Souls Day is a day to remember all those who helped us through care, advice, prayer and correction. They are forever a part of us. The whole month of November we remember them and pray for them. Since few of us die in perfect holiness, we are given a time of merciful healing and cleansing by God. We can assist that healing of our beloved dead by prayer. Prayer can express love or achieve reconciliation.

As we pray for our sisters and brothers who have gone before us, we are also encouraged to pray for each other. In a special way I am asking for your prayers as I travel to Tanzania, East Africa to visit my family and friends. I will be leaving on Monday November 9th, 2026. I will be gone for a little more than three weeks. I will be back for the weekend masses of December 5th & 6th, 2026.

May Almighty God grant you peace and joy.

Fr. John

Does your rosary need repair?

Place it inside the envelope with your name and phone number. Leave it in the red repair/ donation bin on the table at the right side of the narthex, or contact Mets Ginoli at 773- 517-7851. You can your collect repaired rosary in a week.

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Still accepting broken, old, or new rosaries and rosary parts (beads, centers, and crucifixes) to be rescued and donated.



Readings for the Week of November 8

Sunday	**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Monday	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17; John 2: 13-22
Tuesday	**St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church** Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14; Luke 17: 7-10
Wednesday	**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop** Titus 3: 1-7; Luke 17: 11-19
Thursday	**St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr** Philemon 7-20; Luke 17: 20-25
Friday	**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** 2 John 4-9; Luke 17: 26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8; Luke 18: 1-8
Sunday	**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9, 2026
7:00 a.m. Betty Little/John & Amy Kelly

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
7:00 a.m. Tessa Casten/John & Amy Kelly

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
7:00 a.m. Sr. Bernadette/FSJB
8:00 a.m. Jim Becker/Nancy Becker

Thursday, November 12, 2026
7:00 a.m. Hop Nguyen/Phan & Tam Vu
Schl Mass Intersession of Fulton Sheen for St. Thomas School/ The Barkley Family

Friday, November 13, 2026
7:00 a.m. Annie Holland-Morrissey/Kevin Morrissey
8:00 a.m. Sam & Eleanor Becker/Nancy Becker

Saturday, November 14, 2026
8:00 a.m. Jodi Odum/Mary Minster
5:00 p.m. Patricia McCauley/David McCauley

Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:00 a.m. Deb Majewski/Gary & Teresa Doll
10:00 a.m. Janet Alesandrini/The Pilat Family
5:00 p.m. For the People

Week of November 8

LIFETEEN Sunday, November 8, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall

GRANDPARENTING & THE FAITH Monday, November 9, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

VETERANS' DAY PRAYER SERVICE Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m., Church

CCD Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m., School

OCIA Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m., Church

WOMEN OF THE WORD Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

MEN'S CLUB Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

TMIY Friday, November 13, doors open 6:00, program 6:30 a.m., ends by 7:30 a.m., Parish Hall

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

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Saturday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Holy Hour	*November 19*
Millions of Monicas	*November 24*
Adoration	*December 4*
LifeTeen	*December 6*
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	*December 8*
Parish Open House	*December 12-13*

Our Sympathy

Josephine Ulrich, mother of Diane Dixon

Dorothy Lingle, sister of Paul Horst





Pray with the Pope

November 2026

For The Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



WeeklyCollection

November 1, 2026

		Fiscal YTD
Collections Needed	$20,500	$
SundayCollections	$21,500	$
Electronic Collections	$435	$
Total Collected	$21,935	$
Over/(Short)	$1,435	$

Your Suport of St. Thomas Parish is important to sustain our missio n 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 website: *stthomaspeoria.org*. Thank you for your suppport.

Sponsor of the Week





Rosary for Peace



Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Small Chapel—St. Thomas Church
Where two or three gather in My name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20

Prayersoffered: Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, and a Few Spontaneous Intercessory Prayers

Duration: 30 minutesor free to leave early
All parishioners and friends welcome

St. Thomas Food Pantry

While all donations are greatly appreciated, of particular need at this time are: peanut butter, saltines, and pasta sauce.

Thank you!



As we celebrate 150 years of the Diocese of Peoria, Bishop Lou Tylka invites you to Rescue Live, a powerful, one-day experience of the Gospel with internationally known Catholic evangelist, Fr. John Riccardo, his team from ACTS XXIX, and musicians from The Vigil Project.

Be renewed in the great adventure that is following Jesus and continuing His mission of rescuing this world.

- ***Saturday, March 6, 2027***
  8:30am-5:30pm (doors open at 7:30am)
  Peoria Civic Center Ballroom
  Cost $40.00 per person
  Coffee, light breakfast, and lunch provided

Questions? Contact 309-671-1550 or missionsupport@cdop.org

Registration is on the Diocesan website: ***https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/78d96377-8c6c-4585-9719-0eae2201ad74***



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has refined an approach that combats poverty by empowering organizations in local communities to identify solutions to the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Restorative justice is a strategy for preventing crime and fostering community reconciliation by reducing repeat offenses and enhancing the well-being of individuals and communities affected by crime. Measures include victim-offender dialogue, educational programs, accompaniment of vulnerable youth, and reentry preparation for those currently incarcerated.

As an example, for more than 30 years, the Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP) in San Diego County, California, has partnered with law enforcement and other county government agencies to foster dialogue between offenders and victims of crime and to prepare inmates for release by offering reentry and vocational programming. With funds received from CCHD, RJMP received approval from the California Department of Corrections to introduce its Peacemakers Institute, which allows inmates to reduce time served by participating in reentry and vocational programs. With this approval, RJMP offerings can now be found in carceral institutions throughout California, both state and federal facilities.

Your support for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps organizations like RJMP to build on their success by implementing innovative approaches to community justice and transformation.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year.

Peace and Prayers,

+ Louis Tylka

+Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

FOR YOU MY BODY YEARNS;
for you my soul thirsts
Psalm 63:2





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"Give me a drink"

The physical needs of humans have long been attended to by God. In the desert, he provided water for the Israelites' thirst and manna to feed them (Ex 16-17). Even the Gospel reading for today carries the thread of physical thirst and hunger.

But when Jesus sits at the rock of Jacob's well and asks the Samaritan woman for water, he is leading her into a dialogue about a thirst that runs much deeper than the cistern will ever be able to satisfy. In fact, it is a thirst only he, the Living Water, can quench: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). Oh, how the Incarnation changes everything.

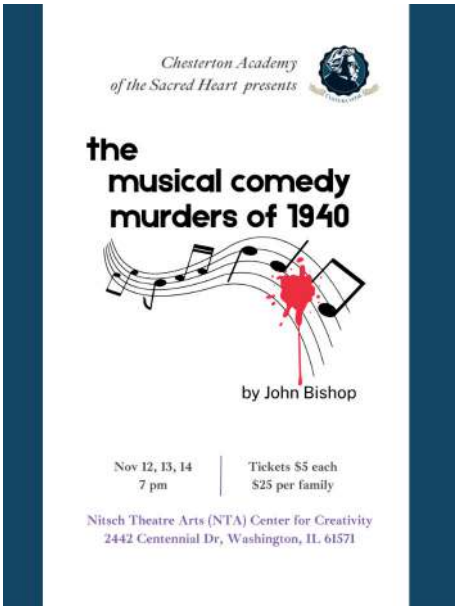
Friends, our bodies are good and their physical needs are real, but thirst and hunger, and their myriad forms, can also distract and dominate our senses in such a way that we become unable to see the work of God in our life. The Israelites at Massah and Meribah, in their thirst and contention, grumbled and questioned, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Ex 17:7). The Samaritan woman, alienated and tired, remained unaware of the nearness of God until that moment Jesus revealed himself to her. It is worth considering the times we, too, may have blocked our awareness of the Lord's presence.

So today, let us encourage one another. That even when we're hungry, even when we thirst, even when the day is hot and hard, when we hear his voice, we won't harden our hearts (Psalm 95). Instead, we will remain receptive to the refreshment on offer to us.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, is the bread of life. He is the living water. He is the only sustenance that fully nourishes us on the road to eternal life. In Jesus, we find the answer to the question, "What are you truly thirsting for?"

By Raine Pyne





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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Would you like to be contacted by the New Parishioner Welcoming Committee? Yes _____ No _____

New Parishioner _____ Change of address/ phone _____

Bingo Event

Catholic Women's League of Peoria, Illinois Hosts - Bingo Event w/ brief Annual Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, November 19

Where: St Philomena's Parish Center. 1000 W Albany, Peoria

Time: 1:00 -3:30 pm

Light Refreshments Served

Please park on the right side and back of the church near Parish Hall. School will be in session that day.

Lourdes Men's Club Sausage SALE:

Sunday December 13th

7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Please call or text Bill Kessling @ 309-645-7795 if you wish to pre-order sausage

$4.00 per pound (Bulk or Link)

Last day to pre-order sausage is Sunday, December 6th

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Sacrament of Baptism

Parents participate in a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Email Kate Crim at kate-crim@stthomas-church.net to schedule the class.

Confessions

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 4:00-4:45pm.

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:

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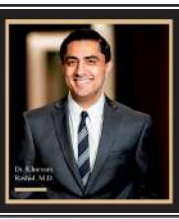
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