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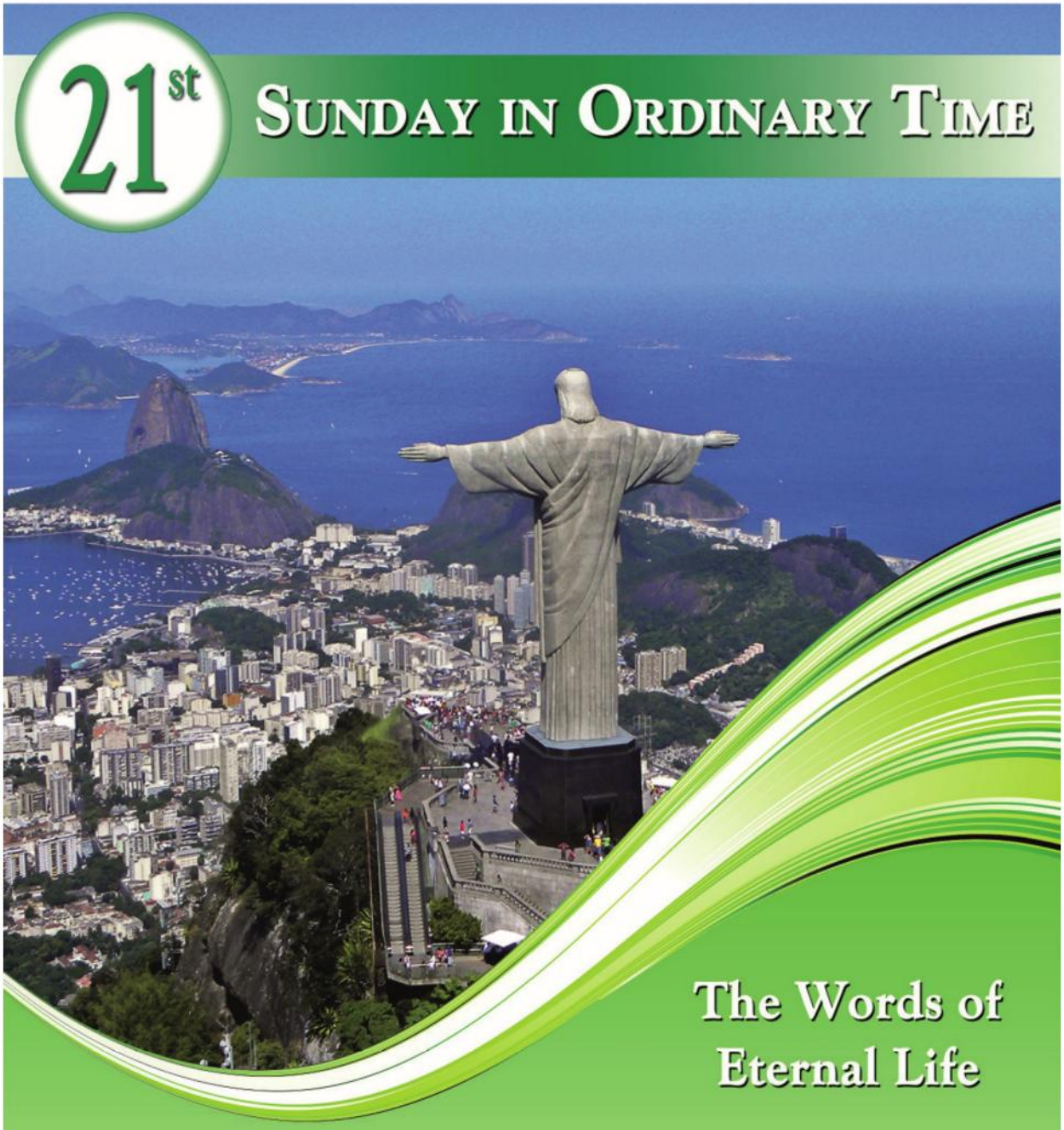

The Words of Eternal Life

"It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."
John 6:63

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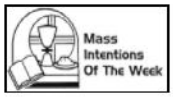
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Joshua	24: 1-2a,15-17,18b
Reading II: Ephesians	5:21-32
Gospel: John	6:60-69

The media seem to be eternally puzzled by the teaching of the Catholic Church. Whenever the Church is in the news, one inevitably hears the media litany that the Church is against this or for that. The media, looking at these issues from a secular point of view, could not possibly understand. "This is intolerable teaching. How could anyone accept it?" In the Gospel readings for the last few Sundays, Jesus has been saying, "I am the bread of life, if you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will have eternal life." Many followers did not understand and left Jesus. The same question is put to us: "Do you want to go away too?" Or are we with Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."



Monday, August 24, 2015
7:00am John & Kathryn Corey/Family
8:00am Kathy Downing/The Skoczynski Family

Tuesday, August 25, 2015
7:00am Honor Jacquin/Family
8:00am John Ambrosch/The Ken Hanley Family
9:00am Margaret Whalen/Tom & Mary Donlan

Wednesday, August 26, 2015
7:00am Joyce Rashid/Tom & Rita Williams
8:00am Alice Eaton/Mike & Barb Chance

Thursday, August 27, 2015
7:00am Sr Bernadette Kouri FSJB/Franciscan Sisters of St. John the Baptist
8:00am Jim McCabe/Erin Neff
9:00am Guy Matarelli/Becky Schotthofer

Friday, August 28, 2015
7:00am Giles Keithley, Jr/Family
8:00am Penny Scherer/Allen & Carol Vukov

Saturday, August 29, 2015
8:00am Thelma Antonacci/St Thomas Women's Guild
5:00pm Mary Connell/Jan Connell

Sunday, August 30, 2015
6:30am For the People
8:00am Joyce Welsch/Karen Horner
9:30am Jim McCabe/Gene & Ardith Ternes
11:00am Thomas Penn, Sr/Family
5:00pm Rosetta Matarelli/The Pearl Family

"*THAT MAN IS YOU*" REGISTRATION will be after Masses this weekend.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP Monday, August 24 at 7:00 pm in the original church basement.

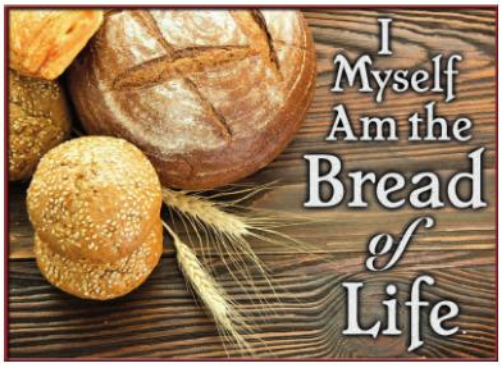
ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT for grades 1, 2 and 3, Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

NO BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, August 26 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT for grades 4, 5 and 6, Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.



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From the Pastor

With the beginning of the school year, our children have returned to school and to their studies. We recognize that it is important for them to develop and mature, not only intellectually and academically, but also spiritually. Those students at our parochial grade school receive their religious instruction during the school week, while students enrolled elsewhere should participate in a CCD program or religious education.

Nevertheless, our religious and spiritual education does not end when we become adults. With the beginning of the school year, several of our other parish activities begin again. I encourage each of you to attend the variety of programs for adult education or spiritual enrichment that will be offered in the fall.

This weekend, in particular, I draw your attention to the program that will be held on Friday mornings, beginning in September: That Man is You. There are many programs open to all adults and some programs oriented toward the women in the parish. This program for men is focused on your relationship with God, being a loving husband, and a good father. The sessions will take place early on Friday mornings. May the Lord bless you for your sacrifice of rising early to participate in this spiritual program.

—Msgr. Gray

Opportunity For Service

We bring you an opportunity to serve the Lord, perhaps in a way you haven't before. OSF St. Francis Medical Center and Methodist Medical Center are in need of prayerful and self-giving individuals to volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Many brothers and sisters in Christ are in these hospitals every day. You can make a difference by bringing the Eucharist to them. Learn more about this special ministry at an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm in the 700 Board Room at the OSF Medical Center.

Please remember St. Thomas Church in your will.

Our Sympathy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK: Ted Itschner; Vernon Gries; Emma Naumann; Brooke Crawmer Joseph

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	8/9/15	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	$ 24,000	$ 144,000
Sunday Collections	$ 18,388	$ 120,068
Electronic Collections	$ 3,471	$ 20,826
Total Collected	$ 21,859	$ 140,894
Over/(Short)	$ **(2,141)**	$ **(3,107)**

We appreciate your generosity.

Shoes For Water

Throughout August, St. Thomas will be collecting new and used shoes in support of WaterStep—an organization that goes toward helping people across the globe have clean drinking water. Regardless of their condition, the program is taking shoes that you can put in the boxes marked in the lower level of the church.

CCD NEWS

REGISTRATION for the 2015-2016 **CCD** classes will be held for grades 1-8 on Sunday, August 30 in the lower level of the church following the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, and the 5:00 pm Masses. CCD will begin classes on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm. Please meet in the lower level of the church to pick up text books and meet your child(ren)'s teacher. Mass will follow at 6:30 pm in the church for both studends and parents. For questions, please contact Mary Curry at 229-4745.

Diocesan Website

Over these past several months, work has been done to update the diocesan website (www.cdop.org).

A few noteworthy items to point out:

* Overall, the menus have been refined/made more user friendly.
* Catholic Education received a major overhaul, and provides a focus on reasons to choose Catholic schools.
* Evangelization and Faith Formation has been restructured.
* Vocations is a direct link and has combined all vocation interest in one section.
* Peoria Prays for requests from anyone,
* Online Giving has new provider and expanded. Coming soon in this section will be online registration and payment for events at the diocese.

For more information contact Debbie Benz (dbenz@cdop.org).

Events in Area

- **St. Augustine Manor** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be Thursday, August 27, 5:00—7:00 pm at the Manor. There will be Mass at 5:00 pm.

- **Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis** extend an invitation to join them for an Open House on Sunday, September 13 at their Motherhouse from 2:00-4:00 pm. You will have an opportunity to enjoy their beautiful grounds as well as pray the Divine Office with them.

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Thank you to all who helped organize and carry out the Backpack events—at St. Thomas and at the Franz Center. It is lots of work, and much appreciated by many children and their families. Special thanks to Mary Cooper, Carol Pitcher, and Sean Kerwin for their leadership in this endeavor.

Snowflake 2015

Attention Teen Leaders

Plans are underway for Snowflake 2015 to be held on Saturday, October 17.

A limited number of Teen Leader positions will be available this year. You must request and complete a teen application by September 1, 2015.

Training sessions for Teen Leaders will be:

Sunday, September 20 & 27
Sunday, October 4 & 11

Please email Lisa Groff to request a Teen Application or for questions you may have: lagmemphis@hotmail.com

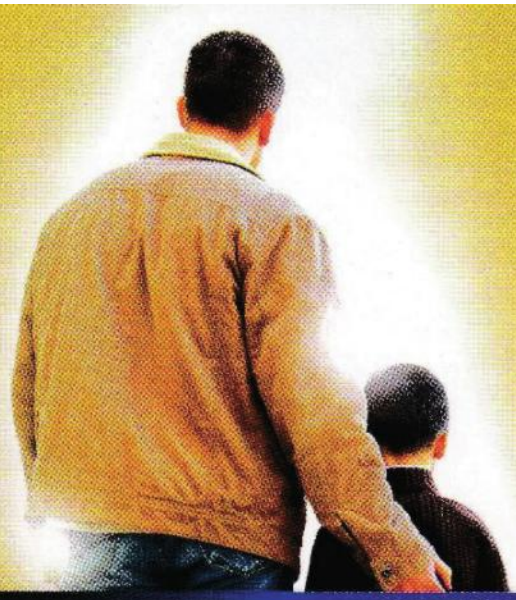
ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce	Rice
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix	Syrup
Dry Beans	Cereal	Tuna
Soup	Crackers	Jelly
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables	
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese	Instant Potatoes

Our greatest needs are:
Pancake Mix, Syrup and Jelly

We appreciate your generosity..



That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

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DISCOVER

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles
- How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER

Steve Bollman
Developer That Man is You!
Founder & President Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Friday Mornings
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
904 E Lake Ave Peoria Heights, IL
Meet in Church Basement
Beginning September 11, 2015

SCHEDULE

5:30am – Breakfast
6:00am – Presentation
6:30am – Small Group Discussions
7:00am – Conclusion

REGISTRATION

Register for this free program online at www.thatmanisyou.org or at St. Thomas Church Office or call 309-688-3446.

3050-1000

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

SeptemberFest

9.12.15 at 6:00pm on the blacktop

BEERS Sample a wide selection of craft and traditional brews. Wine, soda, and water will also be available.

BBQ Enjoy some bbq by Pit Master Todd from Blue Ribbon Catering.

BAGS Show us your stuff! There will be pickup games throughout the night.

BANDS Come hear Mindy Watkins and our talented St. Thomas students, followed by Porch Swing Therapy!

FREE Admission!
Bring your chairs and blankets!

Bring your kids!
Children welcome from 6-7:30!

In the event of rain, the fest will be moved to the new gym.
Contact Dave Wiles at 264-9252 for more information or to volunteer.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child.
Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class.
Next Baptisms: July 26 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm
or by appointment with a priest
Confessions are held in the confessionals in the daily Mass Chapel

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