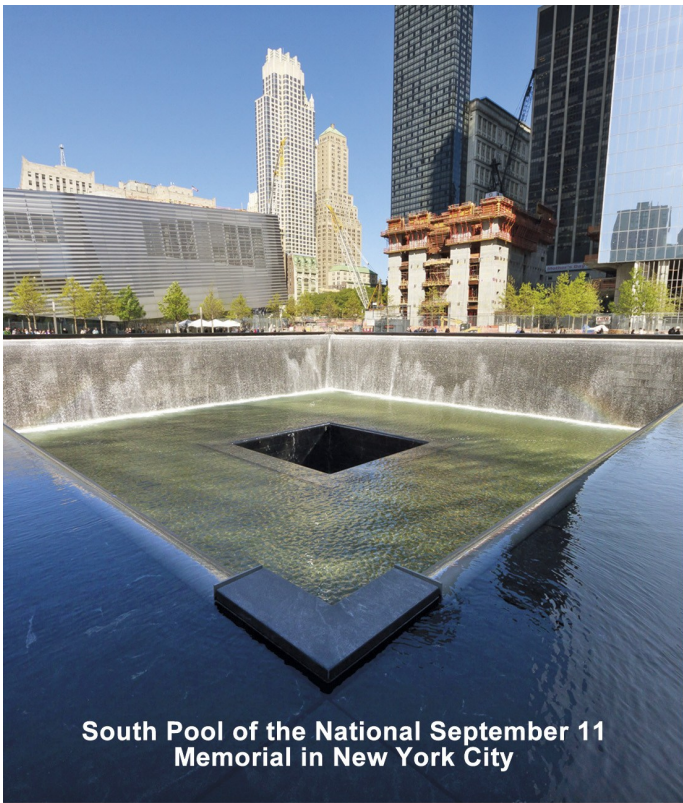




South Pool of the National September 11 Memorial in New York City



The Flight 93 National Memorial Outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania



Pentagon Memorial, Washington, DC

# Patriot Day

Here, in this place of remembrance,  
I would ask everyone together, each in  
his or her own way, to spend a moment  
in silence and prayer. Let us implore from  
on high the gift of commitment to the  
cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our  
families, our schools and our communities.  
Peace in all those places where war never  
seems to end. Peace for those faces which  
have known nothing but pain. Peace  
throughout this world which God has given  
us as the home of all and a home for all.

Simply PEACE.

Exerpt from prayer by Pope Francis,  
at an interreligious prayer service at Ground Zero.

**we will  
never forget**



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, Sept 5

8:30 a.m. (St. T)

4:00 p.m. (St. T)

4:00 p.m. (St. P)

### Sunday, Sept 6

7:30 a.m. (St. M)

9:00 a.m. (St. T)

10:30 a.m. (St. P)

11:00 a.m. (St. T)

(St. Teresa of Calcutta/First Saturday)

First Saturday Mass Memorials

John T. Godsell (B & R Godsell)

Paul & Mary Moore

(Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeff Hubbard (SBW Reinhart)

For The People

Michael Stohl

Phil Daly (Family)

### Monday, Sept 7

8:00 a.m. (St. P)

### Tuesday, Sept 8

7:30 a.m. (St. M)

### Wednesday, Sept 9

7:30 a.m. (St. T)

8:00 a.m. (St. P)

### Thursday, Sept 10

7:30 a.m. (St. M)

8:00 a.m. (St. P)

### Friday, Sept 11

7:30 a.m. (St. T)

8:00 a.m. (St. P)

8:30 a.m. (St. T)

(Labor Day)

Charlie Reinhart

(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Ray Hawkins (Family)

(St. Peter Claver)

Dan Rubenacker (T & C O'Neill)

Jim Like

Darlene Hawkins (Family)

Jeanette Ping

Clarence & Eileen Painter (M Reifsteck)

Frances Wood

Joanne Daly (Family)

### Saturday, Sept 12

4:00 p.m. (St. T)

4:00 p.m. (St. P)

### Sunday, Sept 13

7:30 a.m. (St. M)

9:00 a.m. (St. T)

10:30 a.m. (St. P)

11:00 a.m. (St. T)

(The Most Holy Name of Mary)

Ryan O'Neill (Sollers Family)

Richard Breen

(Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Larry Reinhart (SBW Reinhart)

For The People

Sharon Oakes

Delmar Sappenfield (K & S Mackinson)

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## Parish Calendar

### Saturday, September 5th (First Saturday)

7:30 a.m.—Adoration & Confessions/St. Thomas Church

8:30 a.m.—1st Saturday Mass/St. Thomas Church

3:00 p.m.—Divine Mercy Chaplet/St. Patrick's Church

3:00 p.m.—Confessions/St. Thomas Church

3:00 p.m.—Confessions/St. Patrick's Church

4:00 p.m.—Weekend Mass/St. Thomas Church

4:00 p.m.—Weekend Mass/St. Patrick's Church

### Sunday, September 6th

7:30 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Thomas Church

10:30 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Patrick's Church

11:00 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Thomas Church

### Monday, September 7th

8:00 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Patrick's Church

### Tuesday, September 8th

7:30 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Mary's Church

7:00 p.m.—St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Meeting/St. Patrick's Parish Hall

### Wednesday, September 9th

7:30 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Thomas Church

8:00 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Patrick's Church

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Quilters Group/St. Mary's Hall

10:30 a.m.—Senior Coffee Hour/St. Patrick's Parish Hall

11:30 a.m.—Senior Potluck/St. Patrick's Parish Hall

7:00 p.m.—Adult Faith Study/Room #22/St. Thomas School Library

7:00 p.m.—OCIA/St. Dominic Room/Parish Office Building

### Thursday, September 10th

7:30 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Mary's Church

8:00 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Patrick's Church

### Friday, September 11th

7:00 a.m.—Confessions/St. Thomas Church

7:30 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Thomas Church

8:00 a.m.—Daily Mass/St. Patrick's Church

8:30 a.m.—Children's Mass/St. Thomas Church

### Saturday, September 12th

3:00 p.m.—Confessions/St. Thomas Church

3:00 p.m.—Confessions/St. Patrick's Church

4:00 p.m.—Weekend Mass/St. Thomas Church

4:00 p.m.—Weekend Mass/St. Patrick's Church

### Sunday, September 13th

7:30 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Thomas Church

10:00 a.m.—First CCD Classes/St. Thomas School Door "B"

10:30 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Patrick's Church

11:00 a.m.—Sunday Mass/St. Thomas Church

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## Prayer for Canonization of Fulton J. Sheen 1895—1979

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

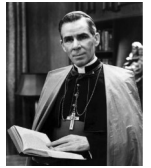
If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur: Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C. Bishop of Peoria

## Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Join us from home for the following Fulton Sheen events this month!!!! It is getting exciting...September is here and the Beatification is right around the corner! Don't miss out on these events! Go to [kickoff.celebratesheen.com](http://kickoff.celebratesheen.com)

1. Take time before September 24th to watch this historical video called "Before He Is Called Blessed". What a powerful video this is explaining so much about Archbishop Fulton Sheen and his life and ways of life. As they say in Peoria: Full Sheen Ahead!
2. Go to Discover All The Ways To Participate on this page. Click on 'Prayers' to find a few Novenas to pray prior to his Beatification.
3. Family Holy Hour & Tour will take place on **Saturday, September 19th** at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria.  
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Family Adoration; all ages are welcome; the morning will include music and prayer.  
10:45 a.m. to Noon Explore the Cathedral; After Adoration, explore the Cathedral with a self-paced scavenger hunt with friendly and dedicated guides on hand. Families are welcome to come and go as needed. All who attend will receive coloring pages and a holy hour guide!  
The Sheen Museum at the Spalding Pastoral Center will also be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



## ADA 2026

Last weekend, our parish joined Catholics throughout the Diocese in supporting the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through the Appeal, we answer Christ's call: "Be My Witness." Your gift supports ministries that bring people to Christ, care for our retired priests, form future priests, strengthen families, educate our children, serve those in need, and proclaim the Gospel throughout our Diocese.

### Parish Goals

St. Thomas Philo—\$45,229

St. Mary's Pesotum—\$23,474

St. Patrick's Tolono—\$29,400

Every gift, regardless of size, helps us reach that goal and continue the Church's mission.

Please complete a pledge card this week at home and return it to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria via the instructions on the pledge card. Cards have been mailed to each household and there are extras in the back of each church.

OR

Use this QR Code and make your prayerful donation today! Thank you for doing your part in participating in our 2026 annual appeal! Thank you for helping us answer Christ's call to "You Will Be My Witnesses."



### August 29th & 30th

St. Thomas—\$5,910.00

St. Mary's—\$1,676.00

St. Patrick's—\$1,053.00

## Parish Information

### Pastor

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### Websites

www.church.stthomasphilo.org  
www.stpatricktolono.com

### Parish Office Phones

217.621.4648 (St. Thomas/St. Mary's)  
217.485.1129 (St. Patrick's)  
217.369.8453 (Deacon Don)

### Facebooks

St. Thomas/St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Philo/Pesotum  
St. Patrick Catholic Church—Tolono

## Upcoming Events

**St. Pat's Altar & Rosary's Monthly Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Patrick's Parish. Please plan on attending this monthly meeting!

**Senior Coffee Hour & Potluck Luncheon** Catholic Charities is sponsoring a Senior Coffee Hour & Potluck Luncheon on **Wednesday, September 9th**. The coffee hour begins at **10:30 a.m.** and the luncheon will start at **11:30 a.m.** at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Tolono. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Meatloaf will be the entrée.

**Middle School Tailgate at STM** Attention all Middle Schoolers!!! Join the STM crew for their Middle School Tailgate for the STM Homecoming Football Game on **Friday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.**; Kick Off at 7:00 p.m. Come out for fun activities, Kona, kettle popcorn, STM swag, and to cheer on our Sabers!

**St. Thomas Tiger Scavenger Hunt-Sign Up Now!** This fun, family fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, September 19th** at St. Thomas School starting at 5:00 p.m. We are excited to host our 2nd Annual Family Tiger Scavenger Hunt (Group of 8 or fewer). In this fun-filled fundraising event, families will work together, walking around Philo, to solve clues leading them to various spots within a set timeframe. Before and after the hunt, guests can enjoy games and activities hosted at the school. Register now at <https://scavengerhunt26.givesmart.com> for a FUN family event!

## Faithful Departed

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Catherine Kraus**. She will be laid to rest this week at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## Adult Bible Study

The Spread of the Kingdom by: Jeff Cavins (20 Sessions)  
The Study on the Book of Acts

This adult faith study is for all current Catholics wanting to learn more about their faith. The first informational session will take place on **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Thomas School Library (Room 22). Meeting time, night/day, and format will be discussed at this first session. Registration forms are in this bulletin. Place the filled out form in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office soon.

## CCD Registration (K-8th Grade)

CCD Registration (K-8th Gr.) is now taking place. Please pick up a registration form in the back of St. Thomas, St. Mary's, and/or St. Patrick's (Tolono) Church, fill it out for your family, and return via the collection basket or mail to:

St. Thomas Church, P.O. Box 266, Philo, IL 61864 as soon as possible. Registration Fees are \$60/student or \$150/family. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Swisher at [stacy.swish04@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.swish04@gmail.com) or Deacon Don Koeberlein at [ddkoby@aol.com](mailto:ddkoby@aol.com) or 217.369.8453. **First class begins Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas School** (Gather in the John Schumacher Gym...Door "B" of the school.)



## News & Notes

**Church Cleaning** St. Thomas Parish traditionally has been cleaned weekly by volunteers, and we would like to keep this tradition ongoing. There is a new sign-up sheet in the back of St. Thomas Church. We are looking for individuals/families/service hour volunteers to help clean. Cleaning is typically done sometime after 9:30 a.m. on Friday and before Noon on Saturday. Please consider teaming up or doing it individually to help your parish out. Please call Kathy at 217.621.4648 with any questions.



## Preschool (3 & 4 yr. olds) K-8th Grade State Recognized

Located in Philo  
Religious educational program  
Weekly student-led Masses  
P.E./Music in PK-8th  
Spanish  
Band program/IESA sports

Excellent student/teacher ratios  
NCA Accredited/State Recognized  
Technology integration in all grades  
After-School Care Program available  
Jr. High Homework Club  
Students of all faiths are welcome!

### Did You Know???

Our K-8th Grade students are serviced by the Unit 7 bus system!

[www.stthomasphilo.org](http://www.stthomasphilo.org)  
217-684-2309

Jean Cothron, Principal  
Call for further information or  
to take a tour of our school!

*Live, Love, and serve*

## St. Thomas School

**Children's Daily Mass** will take place on **Friday, September 11th at 8:30 a.m.** at St. Thomas Church. Our 5th graders will be making special preparations for this special Mass. All are welcome to attend.

**Wish List for St. Thomas School** If you would like to look at our school's current Amazon wish list, you can find it at <https://a.co/jk7GRsH>. This is just another way to help STS with daily items needed to run the school. Thank you, always, for your continued support. It will be updated periodically as items are purchased and new needs arise.

## St. Thomas School Calendar Drawing Winner

August 31st (\$50)—Amy & Troy Rosenberg (Sold by the Naas Family)



### Next Drawings

September 4th (\$100) & September 7th (\$50)

## Want to Join the Catholic Church?

### OCIA is for:

- \* Non-Catholics who want to join the Catholic Church;
- \* Non-Catholics who are interested in joining, but need more information first;
- \* Catholics who have never received the sacrament of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation;
- \* Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism;
- \* Catholics who want to learn more about their faith.

Classes will start with an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Dominic Room in the Parish Office (205 S. Garfield St., Philo). Please call the Parish Office at 217.621.4648 or email the Parish Office at [kwebb@stthomasphilo.org](mailto:kwebb@stthomasphilo.org) to register or to obtain more details. There is no registration fee for this program.

"We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our kneeling and sitting and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment—should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness."

—Fr. Romano Guardini An excerpt from Meditations Before Mass: Pg. 28

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## St. Thomas & St. Mary's First Saturday Memorial

Gene & Pat Christian  
Daly & McHenry Families  
Wubben Family  
Painter & Hettinger Families  
Humma & Huber Families  
Cletus & Helen Mooney Family  
Mark M. Mooney Family  
Felix P. Mooney  
Joseph F. Mooney Family  
John Daniel Mooney Family  
Bill Godsell Family  
Rita Rund Family

Joseph & Carolyn Murphy  
Anthony & Rose Marie Perino  
Jeremiah & Anastasia Murphy  
Richard & Joyce Podell  
George & Betty Walder  
John & Mary Ann Mulcahey  
David Walder  
Anthony Brody  
Harold Kastle  
Hennessey & Vermillion Families  
John T. & Helen Godsell  
Jim & Millie Riddle

Ethel Decker  
Leo & Marie Clennon  
Poor Souls  
Jack & Martina Keeler Family  
Julia Keeler Family  
August & Rosa Sahr Family  
M/M Donald Southwood Family  
Bolger & Clennon Families  
Fred & Katherine Miller  
Hewing & Weiscope Families  
Althoff Family  
Mark & Eunice Hettinger

Charlene Behrends  
Rund & Baxley Families  
Morry & Jo Ann Lannon Family  
Billman Family  
John & Mary Rita Clennon  
Katie Lueth  
Bosch & Lawless Families  
Jordan Reinhart  
Don & Dan Happ  
Bosch & Happ Families  
Wiesbrook & Buesinger Families  
Duane & Mary Welton

Jennifer Thomas  
Ken & Ida Thomas  
Robert T & Mark Mooney, Jr.  
Floyd & Myrle Block  
Sister Mary Cletus Mooney  
John & Mary Schumacher  
Ray & Laura Deters Family  
Sylvester & Cecilia Westjohn Family  
August & Mary Louise Carie Family  
Lawrence Carie  
Ralph & Rosa Green Family  
Robert Deters

Reinhart/Sleeter Families  
Friends & Family of the Powell's  
Max Franks & Brown Family  
Bud Kappes  
Kelsie Blackford  
Patrick Bolliger