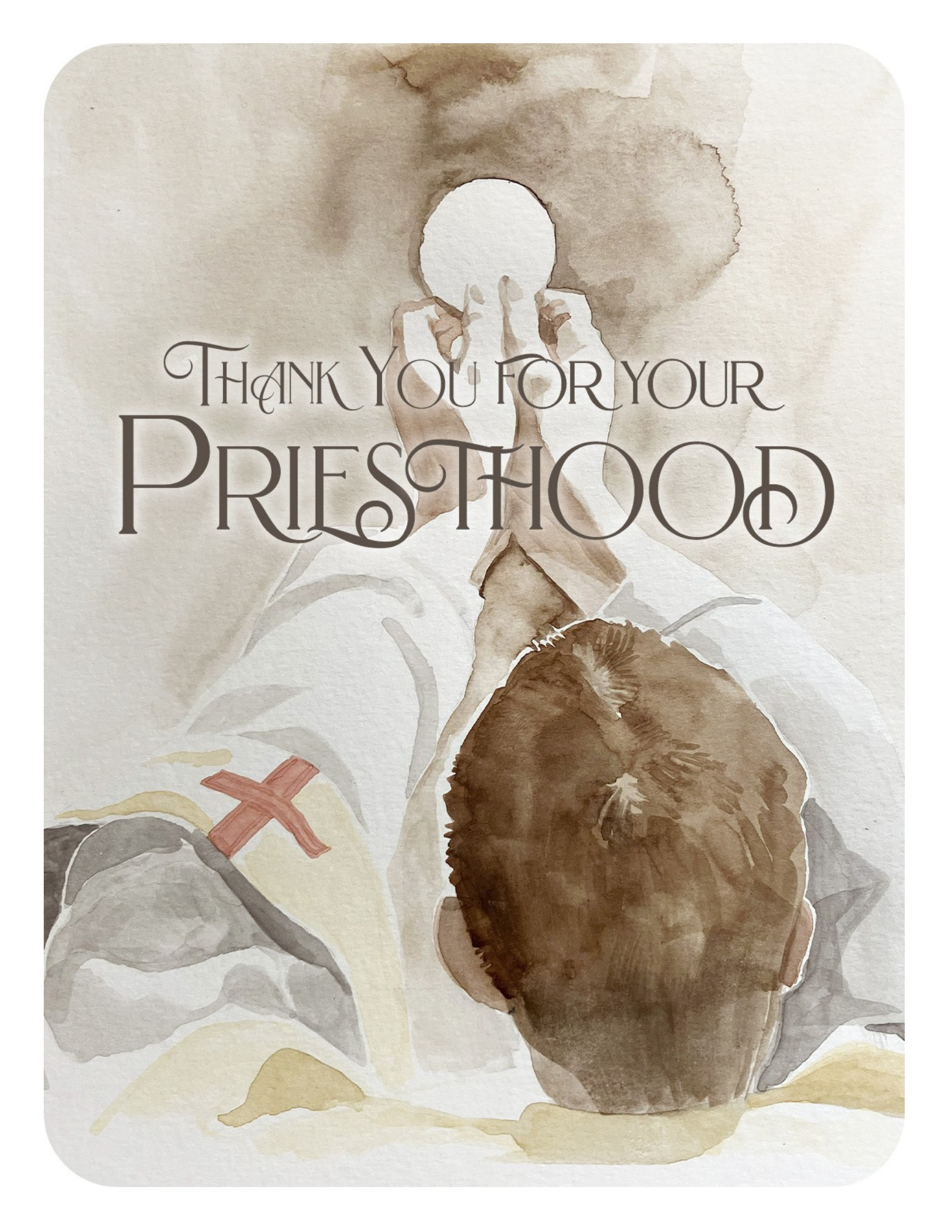


A watercolor illustration of a priest in prayer. The priest is shown from the chest up, with his hands clasped in a prayer position. He is wearing a white cassock with a red cross on the left sleeve and a brown zucchetto. The background is a soft, brownish-gold wash. The text "THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRIESTHOOD" is written in a black, elegant serif font across the center of the image.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PRIESTHOOD



Saturday, Sept 26

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

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

Sunday, Sept 27

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

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

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

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

(Sts. Cosmas & Damian)
Nancy King (J Shapland)
Ron Adams

(Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Robert & Joyce Butler (Family)

Fr. Keith (Living)

Dean Schwenk, Sr.

For The People

Monday, Sept 28

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

Tuesday, Sept 29

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

Wednesday, Sept 30

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

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

Thursday, Oct 1

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

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

Friday, Oct 2

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

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

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

(St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions)

Deceased Members of the Harden Family

(St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels)

Dakota Welch (Friend)

(St. Jerome)

Mary Pellizzari (Living) (Friends)

Jeff Ping

(St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

Finnegan Podell (Living)

Christine Ferran

(The Holy Guardian Angels/First Friday)

Morry & JoAnn Lannon (D & T Bosch Family)

Sharon Oakes

Ernesto Caspe (STS)

Saturday, Oct 3

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

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

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

Sunday, Oct 4

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

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

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

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

(First Saturday)

First Saturday Mass

Barbara & Lyle Lannon (R & P Kirby)

Everett Hoppes

(Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Paul & Esther Heneghan (S B W Reinhart)

Joyce Runyon (A & P Woolverton)

Past & Present A & R Members

For The People

Parish Calendar

Saturday, September 26th

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Fulton Sheen's Hometown Festival Peoria 2026

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 27th

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

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

10:00 a.m.—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

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.—Youth Group Meeting/St. Dominic Room

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

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

Wednesday, September 30th—Monical's Pizza Community Day/Catholic Charities

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

7:00 p.m.—Adult Faith Study/STS Library Rm 22

7:00 p.m.—OCIA/St. Dominic Room

Thursday, October 1st

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

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

6:30 p.m.—St. Anne's Meeting/Villa Grove Monical's Pizza

6:30 p.m.—Holy Hour for Vocations/www.cdop.org/vocations

Friday, October 2nd—First Friday

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.—Adoration & Confessions/St. Patrick's Church

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

9:15 a.m.—1st Friday Coffee & Donuts (\$1)/St. Thomas School

2:00 p.m.—Pet Blessing/STS Park

5:30 p.m.—1st Friday Regional Mass/Holy Cross Church Champaign

Saturday, October 3rd—First Saturday—Tootsie Roll Drive

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

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Fulton Sheen's Hometown Festival Peoria 2026

8:30 a.m.—First 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, October 4th—Tootsie Roll Drive

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

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

10:00 a.m.—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

2:00 p.m.—Pro Life Chain/Hessel Park Champaign

6:30 p.m. to 8:00—Youth Group Meeting/St. Dominic Room

Prayer for Canonization of Blessed 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



ADA 2026

Our parish has 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."



Share Your Harvest This Fall

Have you ever considered donating grain to St. Thomas Church, St. Mary's Church, St. Patrick's Church, or your parish's ADA? This is a great way to make your usual tithe to your parish, and/or give a charitable gift to St. Thomas School. All of the local grain companies in our area have the following non-profit institutions set up in their accounting systems to make this an easy process for you and your family:

St. Thomas Church, Philo
St. Patrick's Church, Tolono
Diocese of Peoria—ADA

St. Mary's Church, Pesotum
St. Thomas School, Philo

Please consider sharing your grain this fall to one of the above places that holds a special place in your heart. By donating grain you may be able to make a larger donation to the institution. Plus, as explained on one website, "there are significant tax benefits for a farmer to donate grain directly to the church rather than selling the grain himself and then donating the cash. The donation of grain reduces the income that is reported on Schedule F, which gives relief from self-employment tax and state income tax. Whereas, a donation of cash can only be considered a deduction if the individual itemizes deductions on the tax return, and there is no relief from self-employment tax or state income tax."



September 19th & 20th

St. Thomas—\$5,646.76

St. Mary's—\$2,847.00

St. Patrick's—\$1,618.00

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www.stpatricktolono.com

Facebooks

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

Upcoming Events

Diocese 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On November 7th at 4:00 p.m., Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026. If you are celebrating one of these two special anniversaries in 2026, please contact the parish office at 217.621.4648 or kwebb@stthomasphilo.org. The office needs to know before October 1st in order for the couple to receive a personal invitation from Bishop Tylka to the Mass on November 7th.

Monical's Pizza Community Day for Catholic Charities

Support Catholic Charities of Champaign & Piatt Counties on **Wednesday, September 30th** by dining in or picking up your Monical's Order at either 205 N. Mattis Champaign or 2720 S. Philo Road Urbana. Please be sure to mention Catholic Charities when placing your order at either of the above two Monical's Restaurants in order for Catholic Charities to benefit.

St. Anne's Meeting All ladies of St. Mary's Parish are invited to attend our next meeting on **Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m.** at Monical's Pizza in Villa Grove. Come to give us your ideas. Anyone who would like to consider being an officer for the new year, please contact Celene Baxley at 217.778.7016.

Office of Priestly Vocations Join them via livestream for a Holy Hour for Vocations on St. Therese of Lisieux's Feast Day on **October 1st at 6:30 p.m.** The Holy Hour can be found online at www.cdop.org/vocations.

Pet Blessing Bring your pet to be blessed to the STS Park, corner of Jefferson & Garfield (east side of school) on **Friday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m.** for the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4th). Animals of all shapes and sizes are all welcome in their cages or on leashes for the safety of all present.

Tootsie Roll Drive The Knights of Columbus's Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive will take place after Masses next weekend, **October 3rd & 4th**. This drive helps benefit those with intellectual disabilities. Any support is greatly appreciated once again this year.

Pro Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Hessel Park, Champaign (on the public sidewalk along the south side of the park). Join us, along with others across North America, in peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the Right to Life for All. We will be standing with pro-life signs along the south side of Hessel Park, on the public sidewalk along West Kirby Avenue. This is a silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by abortion and who need us to stand up for them. Pro-life signs will be provided and can be picked up at the southwest corner of Hessel Park at the intersection of West Kirby Avenue and Grandview Drive. You are welcome to make and bring your own signs (peaceful and encouraging messages please, no graphic images). Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. www.40daysforlife.com/champaign.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Noah Davison & Kyleigh Block** who were married on September 19, 2026 at St. Mary's Church. May God bless them with forever happiness.



Baptism

Congratulations to **Blakelynn Grace Woodworth** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church on September 20, 2026. She is the daughter of Carson & Macie (Wilson) Woodworth of Mahomet.

News & Notes

Rocket Locker St. Patrick's A & R Society will have a box in the east vestibule of St. Patrick's Church and you can use the Food Pantry basket in the vestibule of St. Thomas Church for donations to the "Rocket Locker" at Unity High School. Requested items are: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, detergent pods, dryer sheets, individual snacks, and non-perishable food. Thank you for your support of those in need.



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
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, October 2nd at 8:30 a.m.** at St. Thomas Church. Our 8th graders will be making special preparations for this special Mass. All are welcome to attend.

First Friday Coffee & Donuts (\$1) will be served in the John Schumacher Gym following the Children's Mass. All are welcome. Enter through Door B.

St. Thomas School 2027 Calendar Fundraiser

St. Thomas School has the Cash Raffle Calendar as their fall fundraiser. School families will again this fall sell "Cash Calendars". Each calendar will feature photos of our school/students and also offer many cash prizes each week throughout the year. It is hoped that the cost of production will be offset by donations and advertising. If you (or a business you know) would like to donate or advertise in support of this fundraiser, please contact Tracy Cain at the school at tcain@stthomasphilo.org. We also are looking for people to purchase a Tiger Paw Date for only \$25 each. Don't miss out on being a sponsor for our 2027 St. Thomas School Calendar. We appreciate your support to help keep our tuition affordable! The sponsorships range in price from \$50 to \$250.

St. Thomas School Calendar Drawing

Winner

September 21st (\$50)—Molly Berge (Sold by the Berge Family)



Next Drawing

September 28th (\$50) & October 2nd (\$100)

Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC)

Tentative Dates: July 10-16, 2027

Tentative Location: Montague, MI

Let's go to Montague, Michigan which is nestled on the shores of White Lake which connects to Lake Michigan! Let 2027 be your special year to attend the Catholic Heart Work Camp for those currently in 7th Grade and up. This camp isn't just for teens, but chaperones/drivers are always needed to help with our Mission Trip each year. **Call Deacon Don or Debby Koerberlein if you are interested in participating as a teen or as a chaperone.** Spend a few days of your life next summer getting a little closer to Jesus! Don't wait to sign up! Some years there are caps to the number of participants able to attend. The registration fee is \$150 and can be paid in installment payments. Registration forms are in the back of the churches. Place the filled out form in the collection basket or drop it off at one of the two parish offices as soon as possible.



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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