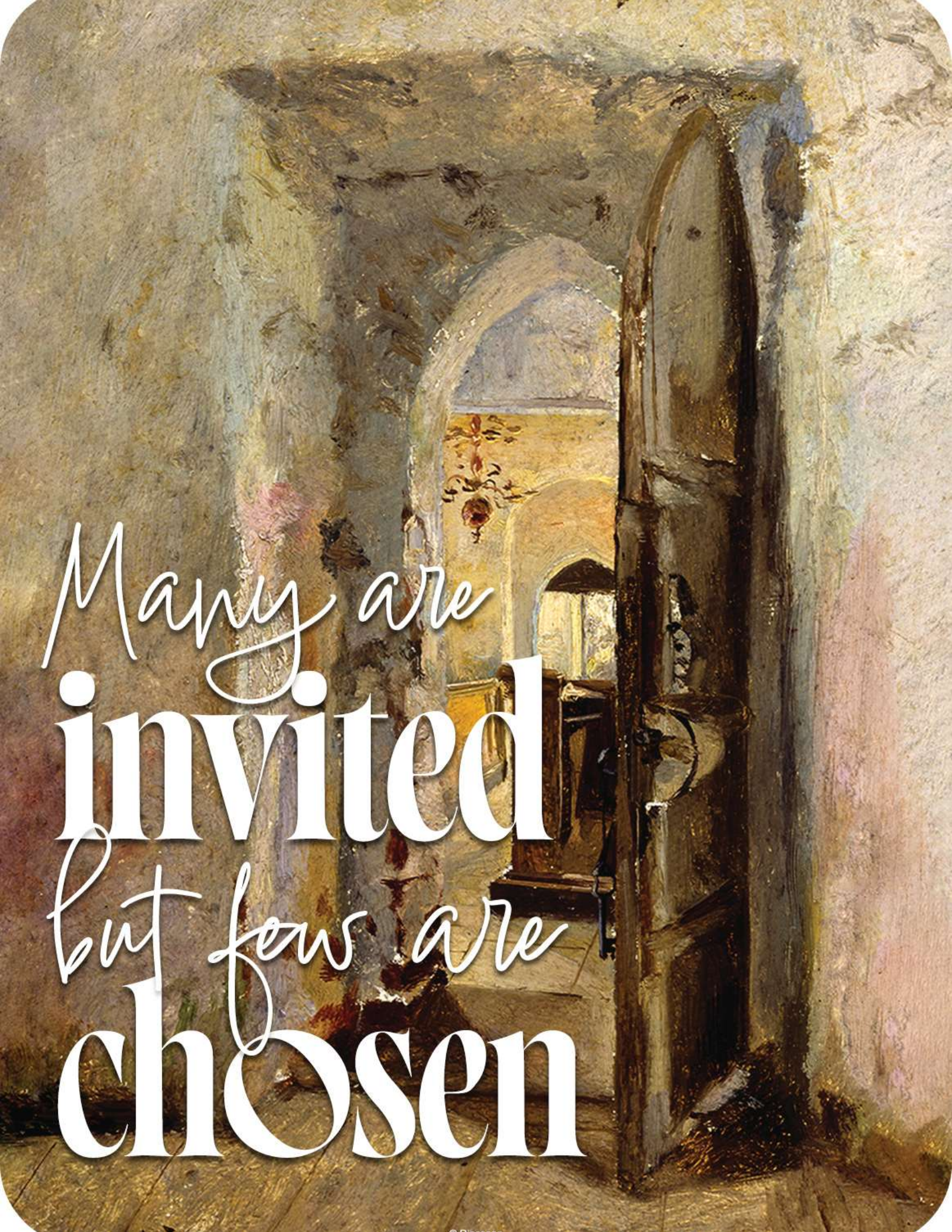


An oil painting of an open door leading to a church interior. The door is dark wood with a large handle and is slightly ajar, revealing a bright, arched doorway in the distance. The walls are textured and aged, with some floral decorations visible in the background. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

Many are
invited
but few are
chosen



Saturday, Oct 10

4:00 pm (St. T) Marie Clennon (Family)

4:00 pm (St. P) Edward Pfeffer, Sr.

Sunday, Oct 11

(Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30 am (St. M) For The People

9:00 am (St. T) Bill Bolger (Family)

10:30 am (St. P) Joseph Bernicky

11:00 am (St. T) Georges LeFaivre (R & J McMahon)

Monday, Oct 12

(Columbus Day)
No Mass at St. Patrick's

Tuesday, Oct 13

7:30 am (St. M) Edith Reinhart (M Gregoire)

Wednesday, Oct 14

(St. Callistus I)

7:30 am (St. T) Mary Jane & Gus Johnson (Living) (Friends)

No Mass at St. Patrick's

Thursday, Oct 15

(St. Teresa of Jesus)

7:30 am (St. M) Dennis & Justin Bates (P & B Moore)

No Mass at St. Patrick's

Friday, Oct 16

(St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

7:30 am (St. T) Gene King (J Shapland)

8:00 am (St. P) Frances Wood

8:30 am (St. T) Lyle & Barbara Lannon (D & C Cain)

Saturday, Oct 17

(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

4:00 pm (St. T) Gene & Pat Christian (Family)

4:00 pm (St. P) Doug Emkes

Sunday, Oct 18

(Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:30 am (St. M) Margaret Hawkins

9:00 am (St. T) Morry & JoAnn Lannon (B Sappenfield)

10:30 am (St. P) Robert Bernicky

11:00 am (St. T) For The People

Parish Calendar

No St. Patrick's Daily Masses on Monday; Wednesday; Thursday

Saturday, October 10th

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

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

Sunday, October 11th

No CCD Classes

No Youth Group Meeting

5:30 p.m./6:00 p.m.—Family Rosary Night & Movie Night/St. Thomas Church & School

Monday, October 12th

No Daily Mass at St. Patrick's

Tuesday, October 13th

Daily Mass at St. Mary's Church

7:00 p.m.—St. Patrick's A & R Meeting/St. Patrick's Hall

Wednesday, October 14th

Daily Mass at St. Thomas Church

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.—STM Preview Night/The High School of Saint Thomas More

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

7:00 p.m.—OCIA/St. Dominic Room

Thursday, October 15th

Daily Mass at St. Mary's Church

Friday, October 16th

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

Saturday, October 17th-World Mission Sunday 2nd Collection

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

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

Sunday, October 18th-World Mission Sunday 2nd Collection

10:00 a.m.—CCD Classes/St. Thomas School

6:00 p.m.—The Chosen Showing/St. Thomas School/Trost Gym

6:30 p.m.—Youth Group Meeting

The Chosen Season 6 Episode 1

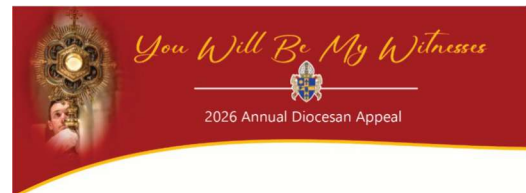
Early Showing - Don't Miss It!

Here at St. Thomas

We hope and trust you are as excited as we are about this special showing! We are hosting an early-access screening of the first episode of Season 6 of *The Chosen*. This is the first time we've ever been able to do this with the show, and it's happening right away! Because the world is about to head to the foot of the Cross in an unprecedented way as *The Chosen* tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion across six streaming episodes of this globally released movie. To say we are thankful to the folks at Prime Video for helping make this happen for churches and parishes around the world is an understatement!

Sunday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas will host *The Chosen*, Season 6, Episode 1 in the Trost Gym at St. Thomas School. All are invited to join us for this exciting showing!



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 Church's mission.

Please complete a pledge card this week at home and return it to the 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."



World Mission Sunday

(Second Collection on October 17th & 18th)

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. Established by Pope Pius XI, the annual observance was instituted to remind the entire Church of the missionary call of the Gospel to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ.

At the same time, we celebrate the Church's newest "Blessed," our own Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. A significant part of Archbishop Sheen's life and ministry was spent in support of the missions, serving as the Director of the Pontifical Mission Society here in the United States. Blessed Sheen through his experience of working with and for the missions, saw the world as his parish. He saw firsthand how the support gained by the faithful of the United States had a transformative impact for the work of missionaries who literally spanned the globe to share our faith in Jesus.

It is even more fitting that as we observe World Mission Sunday this year that we renew our support for the missions. This year's theme is "One in Christ, United in Mission." Indeed, we are united in the Lord's great commission to go into the world to proclaim our faith in Him. I encourage each of us to pray for and contribute to the collection for the Pontifical Mission Society as they continue the great task of bringing Christ to the world.

May Blessed Fulton Sheen, who loved the missions, inspire us for our efforts to be missionary disciples here at home and through the efforts of the mission society around the globe!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Bishop of Peoria

St. Thomas - \$5,750.00

St. Mary's - \$1,144.00

St. Patrick's - \$2,352.00

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Upcoming Events

Family Rosary & Movie Night on Sunday, October 11

The Knights Family Rosary and Movie Night is returning! Join us this **Sunday, October 11th** for a family-friendly movie *Monsters, Inc.*, popcorn, and lemonade. The evening will kick off with praying the rosary at St. Thomas Church at 5:30 p.m. The movie will immediately follow in the John Schumacher Gym. All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary's Monthly Meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Please plan on attending this monthly meeting!

Senior Coffee Hour & Potluck Luncheon The Good Samaritan Senior Services Program of Catholic Charities is sponsoring a Senior Coffee Hour & Potluck Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 14th**. 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. John Dwyer from FEMA will speak on Emergency Preparedness for Seniors. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Invite your friends!

Preview Night The High School of Saint Thomas More

Interested in finding out more about The High School of Saint Thomas More? Please join them for their Fall Preview Night on **Wednesday, October 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** All are invited to hear about what great things STM has to offer. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow visit or have questions, please visit our website at hs-stm.org or email us at admissions@hs-stm.org.

Arts & Crafts Fair to Benefit Children of Hope & Faith

The Arts & Crafts Fair will take place at St. Matthew Feeney Hall in Champaign on **Friday, October 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and **again on Saturday, October 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** It will be featuring handcrafted items including holiday decor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from wood, religious items, sweet treats to go, and more! 1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign

Baptism

Congratulations to **Emma Louise Decker** who was baptized at St. Thomas Church on October 4, 2026. She is the daughter of Robert & Savannah (Meneley) Decker of Pesotum.

News & Notes

Meals for Youth Group Would you be interested in providing a meal for our Youth Group on a Sunday evening around 6:15 p.m.? If so, please sign up by using this QR Code or contacting Scott Wiesbrook at philoyouthgroup@gmail.com. Our Youth Group is a very thriving group and would appreciate your hospitality!



Cleaning St. Thomas Church is cleaned weekly by volunteers. There is a new sign-up sheet in the back of St. Thomas Church. 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/text Kathy at 217.621.4648 with any questions.

150th Anniversary CDOP History Book Please find a sample of this beautiful book in the back of each church. If you would like to order one for your family or as a gift for someone special in your life, please place \$40 in the collection basket with your name on the envelope or email Kathy at kwebb@stthomasphilo.org with your order information. Don't miss out on your chance to obtain this special book.



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

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217.684.2309

Jean Cothron, Principal

Call for further information or
to take a tour of our school!

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St. Thomas School

Children's Daily Mass will take place on **Friday, October 16th at 8:30 a.m.** at St. Thomas Church. Our 6th graders will be making special preparations for Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Help Our School Kids With 'Box of Joy' Gifts Our school is planning on sending 20 'Boxes of Joy' to places like Haiti, Malawi, and the Dominican Republic again this year filled with children's gifts and supplies. If you would like to help our students send a box (\$9/each), please place a check in the collection basket next weekend made payable to St. Thomas School and mark 'Box of Joy'. Sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach.

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St. Thomas School Calendar Drawing Winners

October 2nd (\$100)-Brian Franks (Sold by the Ellars Family)
October 5th (\$50)-Susan Schmidt (Sold by the Guth Family)

Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC)

Dates: July 10-16, 2027

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.

First Saturday Memorials

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 & Cedlia 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