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# Newsletter—October 1, 2021

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**Blessing of the Animals:** We will have our blessing of the pets for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, October 4 at 8:45 a.m. on the back parking lot. Bring your pets to have them blessed by Monsignor!



4th Graders tour the Food Pantry as part of their Service Project.

## **Junior High Advisory Program** is off to a great start!

*Advisory* is a mentoring program developed over the past few years to offer additional support to our students. Each student is assigned to a group. At least once a month the advisor and student meet to discuss academic and social issues. Every quarter each advisor meets with their group for an activity or group discussion.



Our groups went to Sommer Park for a very fun, but challenging day of outdoor team building activities. These activities are designed to encourage the group to cooperate, build leadership qualities, listening skills, problem solving, respect, patience and trust.

**St. Thomas**  
**Trunk r' Treat 2021**  
Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**St. Thomas Back Parking Lot**  
Evening Schedule  
6:30 PM-7:00 PM: Back lot opens to set up/tailgate  
7:00 PM: Gates close to new vehicles entering  
7:00 PM: TRICK OR TREAT!!! Until the candy runs out  
8:00 PM: Gates will open to vehicles leaving the lot  
**Kids meet at the friendship bench/  
back church door  
to kick off Trunk r' Treating**

Things to bring:  
- Halloween costumes for your Trunks - Something to pass out for your Treaters (approx. 250)  
To ensure a fun evening and for the safety of all the children:  
- Park in a large rectangle with the back of your car facing outward.  
- If you arrive after 7:00 pm or if you must leave before 8:00 pm. please park on the street and walk in.  
- PLEASE DO NOT START TRUNK R' TREATING BEFORE THE START SIGNAL.  
- Only after all children are safely in their cars will exits be reopened so cars may leave.  
- Please help our volunteers by checking for garbage and clean up the area around your car.  
- Be **VERY cautious of children** when you leave and **exit the parking lot slowly.**



*St. Thomas Progressive Dinner*

A Progressive Dinner and Raffle/ Auction to benefit the the new windows initiative for the school in 2022.



Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- 5:00 – 6:30 everyone gathers for hors d’oeuvres at the home of Tracy & Lou Schendl 5416 N. Prospect Rd.
- 6:45 – 8:30 small group dinner in different parish homes
- 9:00 – 10:30 everyone gathers for drinks, dessert, raffle and an auction at the Country Club of Peoria 4700 Grandview Drive - cash bar

\$50 per person reservations due no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Please contact Tracy Schendl @ 309-229 -1901 or Terry Best at 309-229-9904

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Event: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50

Please make checks out to St. Thomas Attn: Progressive Dinner Mail or drop off at Parish office 904 E. Lake Ave. 61616





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**EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES: lowest inventory they've seen in the past 6 years with only a 1/2 day supply of type O blood.**

Friday, October 29, 2021

2:00pm-7:00pm

St. Thomas Parish - Church Basement

Sign up here! <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PeoriaNDHS>



## HOPE begins with you.

### Peoria Notre Dame Blood Drive

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

904 E Lake

Peoria Heights, IL 61616

**Friday, October 29th**

**2:00pm – 7:00pm**

For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (Enter Sponsor Code: PeoriaNDHS)

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

By donating at this drive you are helping one or more PND Seniors Earn a Scholarship.

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