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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 15th, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Saint Onesimus Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Saint John of Matha Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Saint Apollonia J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Saint Scholastica Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Catholic Women's League of Peoria, IL presents:
Women at the Well. *"If you want living water, where is your bucket?"*

Lenten Reflection

Thursday, February 19th from 10 am - 12 pm
at St. Philomena Parish Center in Peoria, IL
1000 W. Albany, Peoria, IL 61604
Coffee & Donuts provided

Weekly Collections

Feb 8th, 2026

Envelopes: \$380.00
Loose Cash: \$130.00
Electronic: \$200.00



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February 15th, 2026 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 15th

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass 7:30am People of the Parish

Sun, Feb 22nd

Confessions 7:00am — 7:25am

Mass 7:30am Casey Haman

Offered by Wanner's



Illinois Pro-Life Mass and March

On Thursday, March 19, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless at the Illinois Pro-Life Mass and March.

The day begins with **Mass at 10 a.m. at the Exposition Building on the grounds of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield**, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield and concelebrated by bishops and priests from across the state. **Bishop Louis Tylka of the Diocese of Peoria will be the homilist.** You must register for the Mass at dio.org. The building is not temperature-controlled, so dress accordingly.

After the Mass, there is a rally at the Capitol at 1 p.m. with guest speakers and then a march around the Capitol at p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be going on at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield from noon to 5 p.m. Confessions at the Cathedral will also be available from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

Last year, about 2,000 people attended the Illinois Pro-Life March. Students from Catholic grade schools, high schools, and Newman Centers; Priests, seminarians, religious, and the lay faithful from every corner of the diocese and the state also showed up in strong numbers.



Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and not yet 59. *A Catholic tradition of fasting is one main meal per day, along with two small meals which do not equal the main meal.

Those who are sick, pregnant (or nursing), or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these observances.

Stations and Penance Services:

Thursday, February 19: Stations at Saint Dominic (7pm)

Friday, February 20: Stations at Saint Mary (7pm)

Thursday, February 26: Stations at Saint Joseph (7pm)

Friday, February 27: Stations at Saint Mary (7pm)

Thursday, March 5: Stations at Saint Dominic (7pm)

Friday, March 6: Stations at Saint Mary (7pm)

Thursday, March 12: Stations & Penance Service at St Joseph (7pm)

Friday, March 13: Stations at Saint Mary (7pm)

Thursday, March 17: Stations & Penance Service at St Dominic (7pm)

Friday, March 18: Stations at Saint Mary (7pm)

Thursday, March 26: Penance Service at Saint Mary (7pm)

Friday, March 27: Special Stations at Saint Joseph (7pm)

A Grateful Season— Making Christmas Brighter

In 2025, Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program was blessed to serve 3,900 individuals, 1,650 families, from more than 60 communities across our Diocese. This outreach reflects the Gospel in action and the compassion of a faith-filled community responding to those in need.

We are deeply grateful to our parishes, schools, organizations, volunteers, and individual supporters whose generosity made this possible. Together, more than 10,000 gifts were collected, wrapped, and distributed, each one a sign of hope, dignity, and love for our brothers and sisters during difficult times.

To every parish that hosted a drive, every volunteer who gave their time, and every person who said “yes” to helping, thank you. Your kindness is making a lasting difference and reminds us that no one in our Diocese is forgotten. Together, we continue to live out our shared mission of charity, faith, and love.

In Christ, Catholic Charities – Diocese of Peoria