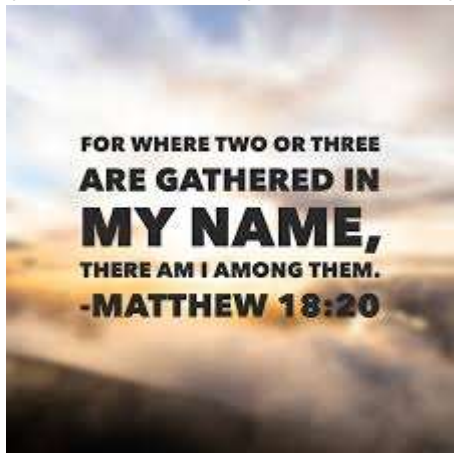


September 9-10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller**

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**Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson**

Office Hours: 7:30 -11:30 am & 1:00- 4:00 p.m. M-F

**Masses:** 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays  
and upon request at reasonable time.

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

Sept. 2-3, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,977.00
Loose	\$	85.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,062.00</b>
Assumption	\$	5.00
Building Fund	\$	655.00
School Fund	\$	950.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,610.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,672.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church July Tithe**

July Tithe Income – \$56,105.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,611.00

**Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, Sept. 11, Weekday**

**5:30 pm** (Int: Jerry Hargis)

**6:30 pm** Angels Meeting in parish center mtg. room

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, St. John Chrysostom**

**Office will open at Noon**

**8:30 am 3-5 Class Mass** (Int: Neil Ochs)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**2:00 pm** Newton Care Center Mass

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**6:00 pm** Kick-off Mass for PSR/CYO at St. Mary's

**6:30 pm** PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

**Thursday, Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration**

**8:30 am All-School Mass** (Int: Marcella Strutner)

**Saturday, Sept. 16, Sts Cornelius & Cyprian**

**8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions**

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions**

**4:30 pm** Mass (Int: Renee Ochs)

**Sunday, Sept. 17, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas(Int:Leonard/Coletta Ochs)

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

Leo Mammoser Baptism

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, September 16 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey

E.M.: Brad/Kimberly/Kaitlyn Ochs, Wanda Kocher

Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, September 17 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Sara Bergbower

EM: Jill/Eliza/Lily Bierman, Pam Francis

Servers: Alani Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, September 17 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Aleah Higgs

EM: Julie Higgs, Dee Bower, Marissa Bower,  
Sara Mette

Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Avery Geier

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone



**St. Thomas CYO is here!**  
*Because Sundays are not enough!!*  
**WOW!!! 47 and counting!!**

**So proud of this group!**

**Note:** Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be joining PSR for their “kick-off” Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Mary’s

**St. Thomas PSR** will once again be joining with St. Mary’s, and classes will be held in the St. Mary’s parish center. **PSR will start on September 13<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 6:00 pm.** All other sessions will begin at 6:30 pm. Registration forms are available at both parishes! Thanks to St. Mary’s for hosting PSR for our youth again this year!

**St. Thomas Church Facebook.** Thanks to John and Marissa Bower for managing our Facebook page and posting information for us. Be sure to email them if you have information that you would like to have posted.

John: [bowerjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:bowerjohn@yahoo.com)

Marissa: [Marissaherman86@gmail.com](mailto:Marissaherman86@gmail.com)

**St. Thomas Youth Choir** will begin on **September 13<sup>th</sup>** and will meet at church from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. All youth welcome, and we look forward to hearing all of the familiar voices as well as the new ones. Thanks for sharing your talents with us!!

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

**Mon:** 4:30 pm Baseball at Beecher City  
 Trash Bag Sales Begin

**Tues:** Stang Arts until 5:00 pm

**Weds:** 8:30 am 3-5 Class Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Mid-term

**Thurs:** 4:30 Cross Country, here vs T-town

**Fri:** 8:30 am All-School Mass

**Sat:** Baseball Regionals can begin @ Sigel  
 Softball Sectionals at Cumberland

**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**

**Save the Dates:** September 28<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>

**See this weekend’s insert for more information!**

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA)** is the process of welcoming non-Catholics into full communion of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary)

**St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes**

**WELCOME** you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



**Please pray for the Sick:**

Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

**This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Col 1:24-2:3</b>	<b>Lk 6:6-11</b>	
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Col 2:6-15</b>	<b>Lk 6:12-19</b>	
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Col 3:1-11</b>	<b>Lk 6:20-26</b>	
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Nm 21:4b-9</b>	<b>Phil 2:6-11</b>	<b>Jn 3:13-17</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>1Tm 1:1-2,12-14</b>	<b>Jn 19:25-27</b>	
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>1Tm 1:15-17</b>	<b>Lk 6:43-49</b>	
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Sir 27:30-28:7</b>	<b>Rom 14:7-9</b>	<b>Mt 18:21-35</b>

**St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic**

**See this weekend’s insert for details!**

**St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!**

Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church’s meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

**Game Prizes Wanted!** CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide **1** dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

**Desserts Wanted.** Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

**Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.**

**10% of proceeds will benefit the**

**Family Life Center – Newton**

**Christmas Lights in the Park - Newton**

**Soda and homemade pretzels will be for sale.**

**BYOB**

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I want to express my profound gratitude to each and every one of you for joining me at the Installation Mass. Your presence filled my heart with joy and warmth. Thank you for your heartfelt welcome and for being a part of this beautiful celebration. I hope that no one left hungry after the reception and delicious meal that we shared.

It is truly a blessing to be welcomed into these loving parish communities. Your support and warm reception have been overwhelmingly touching, and I am grateful to God to be among you and these faithful communities.

As we embark on this journey together, I am eager to serve both parishes to the best of my abilities, guided by the love and dedication to God and Church. Together, we will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. I look forward to getting to know each one of you better and working together to strengthen our faith and our parishes.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,  
- Fr Paul Luczak

### Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

**St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will be taking a Bales Bus** to the Eucharistic Congress for all those who have signed up at St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes. There are 56 seats on the bus and as of the publishing of this bulletin we have **44** people signed up to attend. If you would like to ride the bus please contact the St. Thomas parish office ((618) 783-8741). In order to help cover the cost of the bus there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. **We are also stopping at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption for a bite to eat on the way home.** We will take up donations to help cover the cost of the meal. Thank you! Let's make a day of it!

**Parishioners who are signed up need to be watching their e-mail...** Shortly after September 15, signed-up parishioners will receive an email containing a QR Code they will need to present at the Congress. If a parishioner did not list an email, a text will be sent via mobile phone.

### Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...

**Adoration on the First Friday** will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon.

**The remaining Fridays of the month** Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am.



### Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Days of Prayer for the Prayer Campaign for Life

#### St. Mary of the Assumption

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until Noon

#### St. Thomas the Apostle

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

### St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

### Respect Life Sunday Life Chain 2023

Sunday, October 1

1:30 pm – Prayer Service;

Sacred Heart Parish Center

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

\***Help us** line Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians (we won't be lining up on Fayette St. this year due to construction, only Keller Drive)

\***Bring your family** and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.

\***Signs** will be furnished.

\***Refreshments** will be served following the event at the parish center.

\***For further information**, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

**The Life Chain is a church and family event**, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. Lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

### Upcoming Family Life Center Fundraisers

**Porkburger and Brat Event** - Sept. 23 starting at 10:30 am East Side of Square in Newton

**Drive-In Fundraiser** – Oct. 8 (no school the next day) – Super Mario Bros. movie at Dusk at Newton's Drive 'N Theatre– Free will donations accepted after paying entry fee.



IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST  
YOU, GO AND CONFRONT HIM  
PRIVATELY. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU,  
YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER  
OVER.  
- MATTHEW 18:15

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**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Denisse Ochs

**PSR Coordinator:** Marie Wagner

**Tribunal Annulment Advocate:** Debbie Matson

**Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

**Masses: 8:30 am Sunday**

**First Saturday of the Month**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration**

**& Reconciliation**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass**

**Reconciliation:** As Scheduled by request and

Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, The Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Hunzinger Family+)

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, St John Chrysostom**

**6:00 p.m. – Mass – (Int: The youth of our Parish)**

**6:30 p.m. – First PSR session**

**Thurs., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Orville Schmidt+)

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Sts Cornelius & Cyprian**

**Wedding – Reid Kocher & McKenzie Helmink**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of September 3, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 753.00

Loose 53.00

**Sub Total \$ 806.00**

Capitol Improvement 80.00

Haiti 20.00

**TOTAL \$ 906.00**

**St Mary's Church July Tithe**  
**June Tithe Income – \$5804.00**  
**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 580.00**

**Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – September 17, 2023**

**Ushers:** John Uebinger, Paul Kaufmann,  
Nicholas Zwilling

**Servers:** Chase Kistner/Oliver Ochs

**Lectors:** Ethan Zwilling/Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Tony & Martha Strutner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tony & Janet Hartrich, Lora  
Semple

**186<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic**

**Thank You, Thank You!!!**

To the picnic committee for all their hard work, making sure everything was ready for a successful picnic. To all the workers who helped with the set up and clean-up. To those who helped cook the chicken, to the stand managers and workers. To Jeff & Lisa Ochs, and Matt & Lora Ochs for donating the hogs for pork burgers. To those who baked the wonderful cakes and desserts for the dinner and cake stand.

It takes many hands to make a successful picnic and this parish pulled together and did it!!

**“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold Grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)**

**PSR REGISTRATION** Please fill out the registration form if your child will be attending classes at St Mary's, drop them in the collection basket or the drop box on the front door of the office. **Registration forms are available at the entrances to the church's.** We are still in need of a **6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for this fall-** if interested call Denisse at the office or contact Marie Wagner – 618-754-3388

**Registration can still be turned in, please do so as soon as possible**

The first class will begin on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm with Mass.** All other session will begin at 6:30 pm.

**Any questions please contact the office or Marie Wagner.** Looking forward to seeing you this fall!

**For the parents,** there will once again be a hospitality session in the parish center for those waiting on their children.