

June 22-23, 2024

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

June 15-16, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,750.00
Loose	\$	572.00
Subtotal	\$	6,322.00
School Fund	\$	960.00
Building Fund	\$	220.00
G.I.F.T	\$	780.00
Other	\$	65.00
Subtotal	\$	2,025.00
Grand Total	\$	8,347.00

St. Thomas Church April Tithe

April Tithe Income – \$56,126.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,613.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, June 24, The Nativity of John the Baptist

Tuesday, June 25, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, June 26, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Deceased of Rohr Family)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, June 28, St. Irenaeus

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (George Roth)

Saturday, June 29, Sts. Peter and Paul

Fr. Jayke White Celebrating Mass

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Marilyn Fritchley)

Sunday, June 30, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Jayke White Celebrating Masses

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Phil Kuhl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tues.: 2Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 Mt 7:6,12-14

Weds.: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20

Th.: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29

Fri.: 2 Kgs 25:1-2 Mt 8:1-4

Sat.: Acts 12:1-11 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Sun.: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15

Mk 5:21-43

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas

(Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's)

3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

OR by appointment

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

St. Peters' Cemetery reminder: Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower and causing problems. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be cleaned up and removed. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, June 29 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Nichole Mulvey
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Lori Rauch,
Linda Hemrich
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Halle Wagner
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Tammy Page & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, June 30 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Becky Shamhart
EM: Jamie Shamhart, Pam Francis, Brenda Phillips,
Amy Hartrich
Servers: Addison & Avery Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Craig Shamhart Family
Musicians: Debbie Matson & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, June 30 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman
EM: Jason, Jenny, Nick Bierman, Kelly Iffert
Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman
Gift Bearers: Karen Bierman Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Margaret Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

July 5, 2024

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Lord. What a gift it truly is to be in His presence and to be mindful of all of the many ways that He is always with us. It is a sacrificial offering of love to commit to a specific time during Adoration, so we have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. This will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

A new parish software is coming. We just wanted you to know because an online giving page is included and will provide an easy way to make your donations online. This software will help our parish office streamline parish data, so that parish roster information, contribution data and statements, and organizing volunteers/lay ministers can all be accessed in one place. We will keep you updated, so once the software goes live, you will have immediate access to all that the software will have to offer.

St. Thomas Youth Choir Spotlight



Thank you to all of the youth choir members who participated in the Youth Choir Spotlight! It was fun getting to learn about your favorite things about singing in

praise of God. **Thanks to Vicki Mullen, Debbie Matson and Patsy Leffler** for their dedication to this youth music ministry. St. Thomas is blessed to have so many musicians and cantors who share their talents with us!!

Just a Reminder...St. Thomas Angels Group will not meet in July due to busy summer schedules. See you on August 5th at 6:30 p.m.! *A special thanks to the Angels for delivering "goodie" baskets to our shut-ins for Father's Day!*

The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$4,615.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!

Pray for us, Saints Peter and Paul

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:

Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.



The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!

Please return your baby bottles **by June 23rd** filled with your spare change if you have not had a chance to do so. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton.

Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry - July 8-12, 2024

St. Thomas/St. Mary's hosting breakfast for volunteers on **Wednesday, July 10**. Please drop off breakfast items by 7:00 am at the Grace Methodist Church. Breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, etc. will be graciously *accepted*. *Thank you for your support again this year!!*

A Message From Fr. Paul

Dear parishoners,

At the heart of our faith lies the belief that in the consecration of bread and wine, they become the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This transformation known as transubstantiation is not just a symbolic act but rather a sacred mystery that demands from us reverence and respect.

The Eucharist celebration is not ritual but a profound encounter with the living Christ. When we receive the consecrated host, we receive God himself to our souls. We receive his divinity, love and sacrifice. This understanding calls us to approach the Eucharist with deep reverence recognizing the sacredness of what we received.

In a similar way our approach and recognition of the Blood of Christ should be marked with reverence. We recognize in consecrated wine the true Blood of Jesus Christ, and we should reverently acknowledge the presence of precious blood when we receive it or when we are just passing by the chalice. This realization should deepen our appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus made for us and inspire us to live lives worthy of such a gift, reflecting His love and mercy in all that we do.

In our busy lives we may happen to forget about the profound nature of the Eucharist. Yet each Eucharistic celebration is also a reminder and opportunity to dive deeper into that mystery and strengthen our bond with Christ and Church. Let us never forget to approach the altar with hearts full of gratitude and humility, fully aware of the gift we receive.

Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, August 3, 2024

Three Postulants including Taylor Smith of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George will be received into the Novitiate. Two Sisters will also be making their First Vows and three Sisters will be making their Final Vows. You are invited to join them on **Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL** as they take these next steps.

Position Available. St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, is *seeking a qualified Elementary Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.* Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and completed application to Principal Jill Bierman via email jillbierman@stthomassaints.com or via mail to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, Attention Jill Bierman, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL. The application can be found on our web site www.stthomassaints.com. Any questions can be directed to the above email.

Young Adult Evening Prayer

Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Tuesday, June 25** at 7 p.m. CT. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/.

FORMED/Amen App. St. Thomas' FREE gift to you. Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Step #1 – Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space.

Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or visit signup.formed.org then enter 62448.

Step #3 – Open your gift to experience thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas, Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so much more on the Amen App.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners in church. Please share any FORMED resources that you have used and have positively affected your prayer and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources. We look forward to hearing from you and how you are using FORMED!

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know is interested in 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)

Catholic Heart Work Camp is Almost Here! Milwaukee, WI; July 7-12, 2024

This summer, Catholic HEART Workcamp embraces a simple yet powerful theme: recognizing that young people aren't just the Church's future; they are its heartbeat, meant to live out their faith in the present moment—**HERE & NOW.**

Participants: Jackson Baltzell, Alani Bergbower, Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Allison Brummer, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Ava Earnest, Lauren Gier, Allie Hermann, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Wade Ochs, Claire Probst

Adults: Fr. Dean Probst, Jill Bierman, Paul Bierman, Sheryl Brummer

A special thanks to our participants and adult chaperones for representing our parishes and being good examples of service to those who need our help.

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

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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 Saturday

This Week in our Parish

Monday, June 24th, The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Tuesday, June 25th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Hoecherl+)

Wednesday, June 26th, Weekday

Thursday, June 27th, St Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, June 28th, St Irenaeus

Saturday, June 29th, Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday, June 30th 13th Sunday in Ord Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Judy Wagner+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 30, 2024

Ushers: Owen Ochs, Ethan Griffith,
Alex Kaufmann

Servers: Max Ochs/ Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/ Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs, Lora Semple, Janet Hartrich

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**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of June 16, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1553.00

Loose 189.00

Sub Total \$ 1742.00

Haiti 120.00

Retired Priest 20.00

Total \$1882.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

April Tithe Income - \$19,990.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,999.00

*check
it out!*

Mark your calendars!

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

September 1, 2024

Watch the bulletin for future
updates!!

Farmer's Prayer

Lord, bless the land You have given me.

And may I always know

As I tend each crop and creature

You are the one who helps them grow.

Grant me the strength and wisdom

Please protect me from harm,

And thank You for Your gracious gift

The Blessing of this Farm.

Baby Bottles – There is still time to get those bottles
in filled with spare change, all the money will be given
to the Newton Family Life Center.