

August 31-September 1, 2024
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

August 17-18, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,331.00
Loose	\$	333.00
Subtotal	\$	6,664.00
School Fund	\$	245.00
Holy Day – Assumption	\$	215.00
Subtotal	\$	460.00
Grand Total	\$	7,124.00

St. Thomas Church July Tithe

July Tithe Income – \$60,198.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,020.00

St. Thomas Online Giving: Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church's website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

This Week in Our Parish

Fr. Pawel gone Sept. 2 - Sept. 8

Fr. Dean covering weekday Masses and Adoration

Fr. Jayke covering weekend Masses

Mon., Sept. 2, Weekday; Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 3, St. Gregory the Great

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Sept. 4, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int.:Rita Rasmussen)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:00 pm School Board

Thurs., Sept. 5, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Sept. 6, Weekday; First Friday

8:30 am Mass (Patricia Probst)

Grandparent's Day Program following Mass

Adoration immediately after the program until Noon

Saturday, Sept. 7, Weekday; First Saturday

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: George Brummer)

Sunday, September 8, 23rd Ordinary Sunday;

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Dave Worman)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30

Tues.: 1Cor 2:10b-16 Lk 4:31-37

Weds.:1Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44

Th.: 1Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11

Fri.: 1Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39

Sat.: 1Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5

Sun.: Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:7:31-37

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

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 Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, September 7 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lori TeVault
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Linda Hemrich
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, September 8 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Tony Weber
EM: Sheryl/Allison Brummer, Pam Francis, Amy Hartrich
Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Brady Francis
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, September 8 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman
EM: Julie/Kylie Higgs, Charlie Schackmann
Servers: Jack & Curtis Weber
Gift Bearers: Karen Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations, Bryce Schnabel, the son of Calvin and Jenna (Zuber) Schnabel, who was baptized last Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass. Godparents are Mark Schnabel and Hanna Zuber.

The family of Arthur Rauch would like to thank St. Thomas and Father Pawel along with Father Steven of Holy Cross for the beautiful Mass and service celebrating Arthur's life. Thanks to all who assisted at Mass, the Servers, Readers and Musicians. Special thanks to the "Angels" who assisted with the funeral dinner. The family would also like to thank all of their family and friends for the prayers, cards, acts of kindness and kind words during this difficult time. Everyone truly made this difficult time a little easier.
-Arthur Rauch Family

St. Thomas Faithful Voices & Youth Choir:

We are starting up a Faithful Voice Choir for Sunday Morning Mass. This is to encourage adults and kids to come up and help to lead the music. We will practice the music for each Sunday.

Faithful Voices will start Sept. 11 at 5:10-5:30 PM

Youth Choir will start Sept. 11 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Contact Debbie Matson 618-553-1472 or Vicki Mullen 618-562-8215 for details. Hope to see you there!!

St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic

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
BYOB**

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
September 6, 2024**

**(will begin immediately following
Grandparent's Day program)**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. We have 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.

**40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life
Wednesday, Oct. 16** at St. Thomas immediately following Mass until 2:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. Sign-up available in the gathering space!

We would like to thank each and every one who sent cards, called and visited to help us celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary. We sincerely appreciate hearing from all.
-Carl and Pauline Frohning

PSR Registration Time: Parents please pick up a registration form (in entranceway of each parish church) and fill it out to register your child/ren for our parish school of religion classes. A link to the form was also emailed to St. Thomas families. **Classes will begin on September 25th at St Mary's Parish Center starting with Mass at 6:00 pm.**

St. Thomas CYO... Let's Get Started! Jenny and Linda welcome all High School Freshman – Seniors to join us for CYO. **We will meet on September 25th at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie for Mass at 6:00 pm** to kick off our season! Regular sessions will start on **October 2nd at 6:30 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Bring your ideas for games/activities at the St. Thomas Harvest Picnic!!

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:

Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Mary Probst, Grant Wagy, Wyatt Young, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, 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.

What's Trending on FORMED:

Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God. "Big blocks to describe a Big God." That's the credo of the Chalk and Block Children, a troupe of young believers who want to tell their peers "what every child needs to know about God!" With chalk in hand and blocks at the ready, these fresh-faced youngsters illuminate minds with beloved Scriptures and winsome melodies. From the award winning creators behind the "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", "Chalk and Block Children" will fill your home with Biblical truth that extols the love of Creator.

The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey... a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of Blessed Solanus Casey, a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Dive into the miraculous and healing stories attributed to Father Solanus and explore his challenges, including his journey to find his vocation. Through his gift for listening and his deep spiritual insights, Father Solanus became a beacon of hope for many. Be inspired to find holiness in your everyday life in this powerful documentary.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.*

St. Thomas School's Corner

St. Thomas School was blessed to receive a monetary award from the Maxine Spitler Foundation. This generous award allowed the school to purchase 22 Chromebooks which allowed all of our 5th-8th graders to be one-to-one for the school day. We are thankful that Maxine Spitler had community and schools in mind when planning for the future. Thank you!!

Do you save cans and want a place to "recycle" them? St. Thomas School has a cage on the southeast corner of the building where you can put bags of cans. The school uses the money from the cans for lawn mower gas, postage and other small expenditures that come up. Thanks in advance for your support!

St. Thomas School is made up of wonderful families who are prioritizing their children's faith formation by sending them to a Catholic school. It takes much sacrifice and sometimes they need a little help. If you find yourself in a place where you'd like to help anonymously, please feel free to put a donation in an envelope marked School Families. The money will be dispersed when needed after consideration by the assistance committee. Thank you for considering this act of charity.

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Will begin on September 25th with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie at 6:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) or 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

Save the Dates: September 26th – September 28th
St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale
More details to follow.



Let's celebrate!
Celebrate good times, come on! One hundred fifty years and counting!
The celebration weekend is September 6th thru the 8th. Everyone is invited to join

in the celebration **on Friday, September 6th from 6 until 11 PM and on Saturday, September 7th from 1 until 11 PM at St. Joseph's Church grounds at Island Grove.** Come to enjoy fellowship with food, live music, soft drinks, beer, bounce house all on Friday. Then, add yard games, quilts, church & rectory tours, bingo, antique tractors, Corn hole tourney, Commode races, beard/dress contest and Spark Show to that on Saturday. Representative Adam Niemerg will present a Resolution from the State of Illinois at 1 PM on Saturday.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

7:30am–8:15am 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, September 2nd, Weekday – Labor Day

Picnic Cleanup – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 3rd, St Gregory the Great

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George & Hilda Dallmier
Margie Townsend+)

Wednesday, September 4th, Weekday

Thursday, September 5th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, September 6th, Weekday

Saturday, September 7th, Weekday

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Deceased of our parish+)

**Sunday, September 8th, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Ochs+)

Rest in Peace – Stephen Ochs and LaVaun Nix, may
they be resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior.
Please keep their families in your prayers.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of August 25, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,200.00

Loose 172.00

Sub Total \$ 1,372.00

Haiti 60.00

Assumption 20.00

Total \$ 1,447.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

July Tithe Income 0 \$11,977.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,198.00

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

Sunday, September 1, 2024

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

It's Picnic Time!!

Be sure and get those desserts ready, raffle tickets
turned in and come and enjoy the delicious "Sainte
Marie Style Chicken"

Lots of fun, food and games for the whole family!!

Let's Enjoy Some Food, Fun & Fellowship:

Dinner will be served 3-6pm

Raffle drawings will be 7pm

Food & Games 3pm – 7pm

Beer Garden will be open 3-9 pm

SOCO 'a little southern comfort'

Will be playing from 6pm – 9pm

**Come one and all to Sainte Marie
St Mary's Church!!**

**Joint PSR classes will begin on September 25th at St.
Mary's Parish Center starting with Mass at 6:00 pm.**

We are planning our book orders, so please be sure to
pick up and complete your registration forms that are at
the entries of both St. Mary and St Thomas churches. St
Thomas has also emailed a link to the form digitally.
There is a \$15.00 registration fee. Please complete the
form and return to the parish offices, or place in the
collection baskets as soon as possible. We look forward
to beginning classes!!

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

Ushers: George Semple, Marvin Zwilling,
Bob Barthelme

Servers: Chase Kistner/Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Brianna Zwilling/ Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

EMs: Amy Frohning, Lisa Ochs, Rose Gangloff