

November 8-9, 2025
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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

November 1-2, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	11,790.00
Loose	\$	478.00
Subtotal	\$	12,268.00
School Fund	\$	610.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	1,230.00
All Saints	\$	306.00
Other	\$	95.00
Subtotal	\$	2,241.00
Grand Total	\$	14,509.00

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$48,980.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,898.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 10, St. Leo the Great

Tuesday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours;

No School; Veteran's Day

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 12, St. Josaphat

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. All Veterans)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary and CYO at St. Thomas

Thursday, November 13, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, November 14, Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass

(Int. Walter & Leatha Urfer)

Saturday, November 15, St. Albert the Great

8:00 -9:00 am Reconciliation

Confirmation/First Communion Retreat w/Mass at

8:30 am with Fr. Dominic Rankin

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the Parish)

Sun., Nov. 16, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Betty Frohning)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Barry & Erin(Sparks) Bergbower)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:15 am OCIA

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6

Tues.: Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10

Weds.: Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19

Th.: Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25

Fri.: Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37

Sat.: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8

Sun.: Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

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

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

February 1, June 7, and October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 15 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lori TeVault
 EM: Ramon Kocher, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher
 Servers: Lillian Green, Hank & Gauge Weber
 Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
 Musicians: Five for the One
 Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, November 16 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Amy Hartrich
 EM: Pam Francis, Mark/Janet Vahling, Allison Weber
 Servers: Brady Francis, Will/Emma Hartrich
 Gift Bearers:
 Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
 Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, November 16 @ 10:00 am

Lector: John Bower
 EM: Marissa Bower, Brad/Mallory Ochs, Sara Mette
 Servers: Micah Finley, Dominic Ochs, Will Mette
 Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family
 Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
 Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

Rite of Welcome

Father Tomy welcomed the following people to the Church at 10 am mass on Sunday, October 26, 2025.



Catechumens (not baptized)

- o Karli Burley
- o Elizabeth Houser
- o Hank Matherly
- o Wendy Meinhart

Candidates (baptized)

- o Jess Burley
- o Chad Miller
- o Julie Pitcher
- o Hope Snyder
- o Mary Suzanne Thorton

Let us all pray for them and their sponsors as they continue to grow in their faith and prepare for the Easter Sacraments.



St. Thomas CYO



Thanks for helping out at Master's Hands, Silk Purse and Villas of Holly Brook last week!

Meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

November: Month of All Souls'

Throughout the Month of November St. Thomas remembers and prays for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially those who passed away this past year. Please remember the following in your prayers:

<i>Paul Goebel</i>	<i>Cathy Dasenbrock</i>
<i>Myrt McReynolds</i>	<i>Rosemary Bergbower</i>
<i>Danny Miller</i>	<i>Betty King</i>
<i>Inis Probst</i>	<i>Clara Kocher</i>
<i>Edward Yager</i>	<i>Joe Bierman</i>
<i>Evalia Van Arnum</i>	<i>Walter Urfer</i>
<i>Brandon Frichtl</i>	<i>Kurt TeVault</i>
<i>Barbara Paddock</i>	<i>Mary Evelyn Dhom</i>
<i>Fred Kessler</i>	

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Congratulations to all our St. Thomas students who are preparing for their Confirmation/First Holy Communion. Please keep the following in your prayers as they attend their retreat on November 15 and participate in the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral on December 6:

<i>Joe Bower</i>	<i>Colin Creadore</i>
<i>Anna Esker</i>	<i>Maura Finley</i>
<i>Warren Hartigan</i>	<i>Mitchell Kistner</i>
<i>Caroline Kocher</i>	<i>Hank Matherly</i>
<i>Drew Mette</i>	<i>Ben Miller</i>
<i>Kennadi Ochs</i>	<i>Noah Probst</i>
<i>Elanor Roberts</i>	<i>Allison Weber</i>
<i>Frankie Weber</i>	<i>Lucy Weber</i>
<i>Nolan Woods</i>	

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St. Thomas will start praying the Rosary before the 10:00 am Mass. This Sunday morning, the Rosary will begin at 9:30 am and parishioners are welcome to join as they come in for Mass. If you would like to help lead the Rosary, please contact the St. Thomas Parish office.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Steven Bierman, Chase Zumbahlen, Emma Rose Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, Carol Schafer, Jim/Norma Kochoer, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Kindergarten Position

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Newton, IL is looking for a dedicated and energetic Kindergarten teacher to work with an amazing staff to help shape the futures of our youngest learners. We are a Catholic institution committed to providing a high-quality, faith-focused education that fosters intellectual, social, and emotional growth.

The Role:

- ☐ Foster a safe and cooperative classroom environment where students can develop social and emotional skills.
- ☐ Assess student performance and progress to ensure they are mastering key skills.
- ☐ Maintain open and consistent communication with parents regarding their child's development.

Qualifications:

- ☐ Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field.
- ☐ Valid state teaching credential.
- ☐ Passion for early childhood education and a love for working with young children.

Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married?

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Sign up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO

2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women

All ladies are invited to the Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Forty Martyrs Church Hall, 111 E. Van Allen Street, Tuscola, IL 61953. Registration at 8:30 am. Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m. Lunch and silent auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund. Contact: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or drmathompson76@gmail.com

What's Trending on FORMED

Formed Daily Mass Readings & Reflections. Sign up at [Formed Daily](https://www.formed.org) to receive the daily readings and reflections directly to your inbox. This collection contains the daily and Sunday Mass readings alongside insightful reflections from Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute. Dr. Gray's expertise and spiritual wisdom provide a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, enriching your faith journey and connecting you to the heart of Catholic tradition. Immerse yourself in the transformative power of God's Word as you explore the liturgical calendar and discover the timeless truths that shape our faith.

God's Knights. The "God's Knights" series tells the true stories of brave men and boys who followed God with courage and faith and are now honored as mighty knights in God's Kingdom.

Pope John Paul II. This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind. Jon Voight's powerful, Emmy-nominated performance as John Paul II was widely praised, as was Cary Elwes as the young Karol. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican, this is the definitive epic film on the life of Pope John Paul II. Stars Jon Voight, Cary Elwes, Ben Gazzara, James Cromwell, and Christopher Lee. This movie is not rated but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

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Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess, we ask you
to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle
love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector,

leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise,

now and forever. Amen.

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

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6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, November 13th, St Frances Xavier

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Angela Geltz+)

Friday, November 14th, Weekday

Saturday, November 15th, St Albert the Great

Sunday, November 16th, 33rd Sunday in Ord Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Tom & Donette O'Malley+)

Breakfast is being served – Join the Family Life Committee for breakfast this morning after mass. They will be serving Biscuits & Gravy. All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship!!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of November 2, 2025

Envelopes/Online giving	\$	1,345.00
Loose		204.00
Sub Total	\$	1,549.00
All Saints		225.00
Total	\$	1,774.00

All Soul's List for St Mary's

Betty Ochs

Bob Helregel

Madonna Boehl

Christine Litzelman

Vicki Kocher

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 16, 2025

Ushers: Ethan Griffith, Lance Zumbahlen,
 Roger Hemrich

Servers: Gavin Semple, Charlee Hartrich, Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Lora Ochs/ Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs,
 Lora Semple

Confirmation Retreat – Our third grade PSR students will be attending their retreat on November 15th, at St Thomas. Keep them in your prayers as they approach the day of their confirmation and First Holy Communion on December 6th in Springfield – Leah Davis, Gannon Goebel, Halle Schackmann, Logan Uebinger, Jackson Zumbahlen, McKenly Coffey.



Happy Birthday – Norma Beavers turned 95 on November 6th, I am sure she would appreciate cards sent to her. Wish her well – Norma Beavers

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Happy 95th Birthday Norma!!