

January 18-19, 2025
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

January 11-12, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,017.00
Loose	\$	269.00
Subtotal	\$	6,286.00
School Fund	\$	365.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	85.00
First Offering	\$	94.00
Catholic Times	\$	924.00
Subtotal	\$	1,468.00
Grand Total	\$	7,754.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$60,411.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,041.00

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

Mon., January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian;

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

No School

Tues., January 21, St. Agnes

8:00 am Rosary at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. For All Human Life)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

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

Thursday, January 23, St. Vincent

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, January 24, St. Frances de Sales

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Sarah Semple)

Sat., January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Muska/Bierman Wedding

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Marian Consecration Introduction at

St. Mary

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Betty Marshall)

Sunday, January 26, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. George Roth)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

Tues.: Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

Weds.: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6

Th.: Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12

Fri.: Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

Sat.: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

Sun.: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 2025 Schedule.

February 2, June 1, and October 5 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, January 25 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Wade Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Halle Wagner & Carter Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Luke & Kim Zuber
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, January 26 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Nikki Bierman
EM: Paul/Katie Bierman, Brenda Phillips, Gery Ochs
Servers: Avery Shamhart & Addison Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, January 26 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kristine Probst
EM: Ryan Probst, Renee/Dylan Gier, Jenny Bierman
Servers: Josie & Logan Vogt
Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

A special thanks to our CYO youth for making yummy treats and goodies to share at the Right to Life breakfast that will be held in T-town this Sunday morning. This group is busy but still find time to be active in their faith community!

Jan. 22nd – Prayer for Life Intentional Rosary –
(Meet in Church)

Jan. 29th – Night of Service – Meeting at Silk Purse &
Master's Hands

Feb. 5th – Hey, Father! with special guest Fr. Jayke

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
February 7, 2025**

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

The St. Thomas School Trivia Night. If parishioners are interested in helping, please continue saving bottles of wine and thinking about what you can do to contribute to the live or silent auction. Don't forget to get your team registration forms turned in!!

**ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL WINE & COCKTAIL TASTING**



Saturday, January 25th, 2025
5:30pm at the Newton KC Hall
\$15.00 donation

Featuring:

- Wine and Cocktails
- Delicious food and appetizers (St Thomas Angels)
- Live auction with sports drink themed, handcrafted wooden crates with sports accessories (Wood-Iron-Stone Design), 2 St. Louis Cardinals vs Phillies baseball tickets, 2 St. Louis Blues vs Blackhawks hockey tickets

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St. Thomas School will be holding a kindergarten and new student informational pre-registration night on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

The evening will begin with a parent meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. Information will be provided about our kindergarten program and the school and general information as well. Prospective kindergarten students are welcomed. The teachers will take them to the classroom to explore and play. The teachers and Mrs. Bierman will answer any questions you may have. A tour of the building will conclude the night. There is a pre-registration form on the school website, www.stthomassaints.com that can be filled out and brought that evening, or you can contact the school for a copy. Forms will also be available that evening. Whether your intention is to send your child(ren) to St. Thomas or you just have questions, please feel free to attend. No commitment is expected. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or by email at jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

St. Thomas Contribution Statements. The 2024 contribution statements for St. Thomas parishioners are available upon request. Thanks to all of our parishioners for your generosity in 2024!

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Saturday, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10 am at St. Aloysius Church. Potluck meal will follow in the parish hall with meat and drinks provided. Signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

**Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2025
Faith and Community
January 26 – February 1**

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Larry Hardiek, Annie Beverlin, Brenda Zuber, Charles Sroka, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Delorse Johnson, Ted and Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Discernment Retreat for Single Women

ages 18-45 are invited to a weekend of personal and communal reflection with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, **February 21-23, 2025**, in St. Louis, MO. This retreat is an opportunity to learn – through conversation, contemplation, prayer and spiritual guidance – how to recognize God’s invitation for your life. Learn more and register by February 7 at ssnd.org/events/retreat225/ or contact S. Lois Martens, SSND at 618-783-7171. The retreat is provided free of charge.

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with the SSND North American Vocation Team every month through June 2025. The next online evening prayer will be **Tuesday, January 28** at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT. Learn more and register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/x3t6b2n>

Trending on FORMED:

33 Days to Morning Glory. This program offers individuals an easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself. Order here: <https://catholic.market/programs/hearts-afire/33-days-to-morning-glory/>

The Fourth Wise Man. Artaban (Martin Sheen) is a good-hearted magi, and Orantes (Alan Arkin) is his faithful servant. Following a heavenly sign, they journey to find the Messiah. For 33 years they pursue Jesus. Artaban finally encounters Christ on Easter Sunday.

God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal. On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. The film includes footage of the unforgettable events of his road to sainthood.

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Join St. Thomas and St. Mary parishioners as we prepare for Marian Consecration. Introductory meeting on **Saturday, January 25th at 9:00am at St. Mary.** An informational flyer including how to get started and a timeline is available in the St. Thomas gathering space. Call 618-783-8741 to learn more.

Area Right to Life Important Dates:

Annual Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be **January 19, 2024** at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. Quilt and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to **volunteer to help** please text 217-663-2084.

Join us for the annual Illinois March for Life in Springfield on **March 25, 2025.** A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Events Center (KC hall) at 7:30am and return at 4:30pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capitol at 12noon and the March at 1pm. Bring a sack lunch. Open to Jr Hi thru Adults. Pray, kneel, sit, and **STAND UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE.** Cost \$20. Deadline for registration is March 1. For information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Deanery Pro-life Meeting – St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 7:00 PM on Weds., January 22. A pro-life Rosary at 6:30 PM prior to Mass. Following Mass, the Deanery Pro-life Meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall, adjoining the church.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Thomas Annual Wine Tasting
Saturday, January 25, 2025 @ Newton KC Hall
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Majestic Germany Pilgrimage with Fr. R. Dean Probst, August 18-28-2025. Visiting Frankfurt, Cologne, Hanover, Potsdam, Berlin, Nuremberg, Rothenberg, Munich, Oberammergau, Lindau, Lake Titisee, The Black Forest, Heidelberg and Mainz. Cost \$4599 per person from St. Louis, Mo. Call/text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or email rdprobst@gmail.com.

Interested...Communion Service and Rosary at Villas of Holly Brook. Please contact the offices of St. Thomas (618)783-8741 or St. Mary (618)455-3155 if you would be interested in distributing Holy Communion and praying the Rosary with the residents of the Villas in Newton on Fridays at 10:30 am. Please help us continue this ministry to give back to parishioners who have given so much to our parishes.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

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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, January 20th, St Fabien & St Sabastian

Tuesday, January 21st, St Agnes

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sarah Semple+)

Wednesday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

6:00 P.M. – Finance Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thurs., Jan. 23rd, St Vincent & St Marianne Cope

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sam & Linda Zuber+)

Friday, January 24th, St Francis de Sales

BINGO – 6PM – 8PM

Saturday, January 25th, Conversion of St Paul

Sunday, January 26th, Third Sunday of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: LaVaun Nix+)

PSR – During this winter weather, if there is no school, or there is an early dismissal due to weather, PSR will also be cancelled.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
 Collection for the week of January 12, 2025**

Envelopes \$3,921.36

Loose 140.00

Sub Total \$ 4,061.36

Solemnity of Mary 20.00

Catholic Times 296.00

Total \$ 4,377.36

St Mary's Church Tithe

November Tithe Income \$9,923.0

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$992.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – January 26, 2025

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Marvin Zwilling,
 Roger Hemrich

Servers: Max Ochs/ Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearer: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

E M's: Amy Frohning, Ben Ochs, Tony Hartrich

Thank you Family Life Committee for the gift bags that were given to the shut-ins of the parish. Your generosity and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated!

St Mary's blood drive on Monday, Dec. 16th. There were 30 registered donors, also thank you to first time donor, Rodger Shamhart. Thank you to Hartrich Meats, the Hill Bar and Prairie Farms. Next blood drive at St Mary's Parish Center will be Monday, Feb 17th.

Events

1/19/2025 – Ste Marie Legion Walking Tacos 5-7pm

1/22/2025 - Finance Council Meeting – 6p.m.

1/24/2025 – Family Life Bingo – 6pm – 8pm

**2/2/2025 – Newman Breakfast /T-Town KC -
 7am -Noon**

2/22/2025- Anniversary Celebration/St Mary Parish

3/8/2025 – PreCana Session- 8:30am – 3pm

Reservations due by February 20, 2025

Pre-Cana

St Mary's church will host a Pre-Cana session on **March 8, 2025** beginning with registration at 8am. This is for all couples that will be getting married this year. Registration is due by February 20, 2024

Family Life Bingo

Friday, January 24, 2025

6p.m. – 8p.m.

Refreshments will be available

Come out and enjoy the evening with family and friends!

Hope to see you there!