

March 16-17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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.

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

June 2, and 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

March 9-10, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,278.00
Loose	\$	996.00
Subtotal	\$	7,274.00
School Fund	\$	670.00
Building Fund	\$	205.00
Holy Days	\$	129.00
Other	\$	938.00
Subtotal	\$	1,942.00
Grand Total	\$	9,216.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$70,274.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$7,027.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., March 18, Lenten Weekday

Office Closed

Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Leonard & Coletta Ochs)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:00 pm Booster Club Meeting

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

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

7:30 – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Rita Schafer)

10:30 am 8th Grade Living Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm Newton Family Life Center Fish Fry

Saturday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - (Int: Charles E. Dhom)

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of Passion of Lord

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 (For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, Mar. 18 – Wear Green!

Tues, Mar. 19 – **4:30 pm** Track Meet, here

Weds, Mar. 20– **8:30 am** Class Mass

6:00 pm Booster Club

Thurs, Mar. 21– **4:30 pm** Track Meet, here

Fri, Mar. 22 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

10:30 am 8th Grade Living Stations

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:1-11

Tues.: 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22

Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Weds.:Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42

Th.: Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

Fri.: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

Sat.: Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Sun.: Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 23 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Kim Zuber; Beth Ochs
EM: Brad Ochs, Mark Bolander, Gerald/Denisse Ochs
Servers: Alayna Ochs & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 24 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Jill Bierman; Becky Shamhart
EM: Eliza Bierman, Sheryl Brummer, Theresa Volk,
Amy Hartrich
Servers: Madelyn Brummer & Caleb Kistner
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, March 24 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Brian Bierman; Ryan Probst
EM: Dee Bower, John/Marissa Bower, Ginger Robins
Servers: Drew Iffert & Lane Zumbahlen
Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

***Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship
Centennial Campaign***

Representatives from the St. Thomas Finance and Pastoral Councils recently had the opportunity to meet with Monsignor Hoefler from the Diocese. Our discussion with Msgr. Hoefler was very insightful and reassuring. He had great input on how our parish can move forward with this campaign knowing that we are not ready to tackle a big project that would require a big campaign. Our councils will continue to work on a plan that will ensure a healthy future for our school and parish. The Diocese is encouraging us to consider what our needs are as a parish and school and focus on a campaign that meets the needs of both our parish and the Diocese. Please keep our parish, school and Diocese in your prayers as we continue to work on finalizing the best plan for a future campaign and its goal.

St. Thomas Lent/Easter Décor. If you would like to contribute to our annual decor fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope marked “décor.” *Please have all names submitted to the Parish Office by noon on March 25th.*

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

March 20, 6:30 pm dress rehearsal for Living Stations (plan on staying later than our normal 7:30 pm)

Sun, Mar. 24, Palm Sunday, 6:30 pm Living Stations (meeting at church at 5:30 pm)

March 27, Living Stations 7:00 pm at St. Mary's

April 3rd & 10th, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm

April 17th, Cleaning Church, meet in church 6:30 pm

April 24th, LAST CYO! Pizza and Bowling: Meet at Parklanes 6:30 pm

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

If you are willing to serve on the Pastoral Council of St. Thomas Church, or would like to nominate someone, please give your name or nominee's name to Fr. Pawel and/or Linda Hemrich by March 22, 2024. Thanks!

Diocese's Lenten webpage – Check out webpage dio.org/lent where you can find inspiration, resources, and support for your Lenten journey, especially in seeking out the sacrament of confession.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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:

Cathy Dasenbrock, Connie Brooks, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Terry Rickman, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

St. Thomas and St. Mary's are once again sending a group of young people and chaperones to Catholic Heart Work Camp. This summer they will be headed to Milwaukee, WI in July to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our own country. *If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of the trip, please feel free to put it in the offering or give it to Linda in the office.* The campers have to pay for part of their trip, but there are other costs to consider. Thank you for supporting these amazing young people on their mission to serve.

Holy Week Schedule:

Mar. 24th Palm Sunday: Regular Weekend Schedule

Mar. 28th Holy Thursday:

5:30 pm at St. Mary's Adoration following

7:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

**Need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed*

Mar. 29th Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

3:00 pm at St. Mary's

6:00 pm at St. Thomas

Mar. 30th Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

7:30 pm at St. Thomas

Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Apr. 1st Easter Monday:

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas

Be sure to sign up for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Ministries. Sign-up by calling the parish offices or by using Ministry Scheduler Pro for St. Thomas. Thanks for participating during this special time for our Church!

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Have you checked out FORMED for Lent? Don't miss this **free resource** of valuable Catholic Christian materials for **movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.** To gain access:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics who will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.**

Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

The Grace of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE

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

Come share God's joy and mercy.

Volunteers needed to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook.

Both St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners are invited to help with this very important ministry. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life:

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow.

St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7th grade students – adults that are interested in attending.

Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056

to reserve your seat by March 16.

5th Sunday of Lent

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” – Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Webinar about Assisted Suicide – Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for Illinois. Join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday, 12:30 p.m. starting March 14. Email dmoore@dio.org to get a link to join the webinar.

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

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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

**7:30 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, March 18th, St Cyril

Tuesday, March 19th, St Joseph

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Melvarose Ochs +)

Wednesday, March 20th, Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross/PSR

Thursday, March 21st, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

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

Friday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday

Saturday, March 23rd, St Turibius

**Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday of the Passion of
The Lord**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Maynard Kocher+)

Holy Week Ministers Needed

Palm Sunday – 1 extra lector

Holy Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Ushers – 3, Servers – 3

Lectors – 2, Gift Bearers, Eucharistic Ministers – 3

12 people for the foot washing

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. – Ushers – 3, Servers – 2

Lectors – 2, Eucharistic Minister – 1

If you are attending these services and can help in
anyway, please call the office or e-mail the church.

The family of John Barthelme would like to thank the
musicians who provided beautiful music. To the ladies
of the parish for the delicious food and helping to serve
it. Your generosity was appreciated! Sarah & Jessica

Easter Décor fund should be in by March 20th to be
listed in bulletin.

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – March 24, 2024

Ushers: Kelby Ochs, John Uebinger, Roger Hemrich

Servers: Ellie Ochs/ Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Nancy Ochs, Ron Zwilling, need 1 volunteer

Gift Bearers: Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Hartrich, Amy Frohning,
Ben Ochs**

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of March 10, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1618.00

Loose 278.00

Total \$ 1896.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$11,355.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1,136.00

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 24th – Palm Sunday – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27th – Living Stations - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday – Holy Thursday Services - 5:30 p.m.

Friday – Good Friday services – 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass – March 31st – 8:30 a.m.

We will need ministers for the Holy Days, if you can
help, please call the office, or send an e-mail.

**Needed: Someone to mow beginning this season, at St
Valentine. It would include the church grounds,
cemetery and around the hall. If you are interested in
this, please call the office. If you have further questions,
you can contact Norman Boehl.**

THANK YOU

Norman Boehl & Family want to thank everyone for
the many acts of kindness during his illness and
recovery. We were deeply touched by all the care and
concern and greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.
May God richly bless each of you!

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to
the Youth Group Bake Sale. We were able to collect
over \$700 for the Gary Griffith family! We are blessed
to be part of the wonderful Church Community!

Big Celebrations in a small community

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:30 am – 2 pm

Sainte Marie Foundation House

This display pertains to centennials throughout the
Bicentennial in 1976, also the much loved 4th of July
celebrations in Sainte Marie.