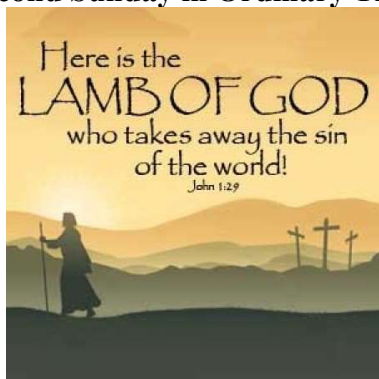


January 14th-15th, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: dprobst@dio.org)
Parochial Vicar Fr. Pawel Luczak
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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller
Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich
PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Jan. 7-8, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,074.00
Loose	\$	94.00
Subtotal	\$	8,168.00
Catholic Times	\$	845.00
Christmas	\$	105.00
Building Fund	\$	265.00
Other	\$	395.00
School Fund	\$	765.00
Subtotal	\$	2,375.00
Grand Total	\$	10,543.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$37,924.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,792.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 16, Weekday;

No School **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

5:30 pm Mass (Ralph & Rosalie Miller+)

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony, abbot

2:00 pm Cemeteries Board Meeting at St. Thomas

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Mass (Leroy & Betty Frohning+)

Wednesday, January 18, Weekday;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Class Grades 3-5 Mass (Carole Schafer+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

10:00 am Diocesan Tribunal Court

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas PSR/ **NO** CYO

Thursday, January 19, Weekday

4:00 pm OCIA for Youth (Church Conference Room)

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Mass (Grace Kerner+)

Friday, January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30am All School Mass (Tom Donsbach+)

Followed by Mini-March for Life

5:30 pm OCIA for Adults at St. Thomas Rectory

7:00 pm Bingo – Lightning \$900.00

Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

5:00 pm St. Thomas Annual Wine/Beer Tasting

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ord. Time

Word of God Sunday/Ecumenical Sunday

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas



BAPTISM: Wayne Patrick Bierman, infant son of Marcus and Courtney (Will) Bierman, was baptized at St. Thomas on Saturday, January 7, 2023. Godparents: Nikki Bierman & Tyler Will.

The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, March 12th at 8:45 am at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish office. **Baptisms are scheduled during Mass** so that the child/person can be welcomed into the church, the family of God.

St. Thomas Contribution Statements. The 2022 contribution statements for St. Thomas parishioners are now available upon request. School families will receive their statements along with their tuition tax credit statements in their parent packets. Thanks to all of our parishioners for your generosity in 2022!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, January 21 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Karen Buerster; Mike Hartrich
E.M.: Gerald/Denisse Ochs, Alice Addis,
Amanda Baltzell

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Steve Rubsam

Sunday, January 22 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Mark Vahling; Karen Winn
EM: Janet Vahling, Pam Francis, Brenda Phillips,
Dena Rauch

Servers: Nathan Bierman & Blake Bierman
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich & Nick Hemrich

Sunday, January 22 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Brian Bierman & Kristine Probst
EM: Brad/Annie Ochs, Nikki Earnest
Servers: Oliver Ochs & Lane Zumbahlen
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory. Last chance to update your address and/or phone number. Just as we are finishing up with submitted photos, we are also finishing up our updates to the parish roster that will be listed in the directory. Thanks to everyone that has participated so far! We have over 300 families participating and many addresses and phone numbers have already been updated!! *Thank you!!*

A Special Thank You to Chris Rauch, John Bower and Jeff Higgs for their help with tree removal and clean up around Mt. Calvary cemetery. Your help is greatly appreciated and has not gone unnoticed!!

Church Equipment: The Soundboards were installed this week to deaden the sound of conversation, etc. in the foyer of the Church. You may not notice them but hopefully you will notice the ability to converse in the foyer of the Church. Musicmaker.com is readying the conversion to new sound/speaker system this month. You might think it has been installed with the use of a hand-held/standing microphone this weekend. New lavalier mics are being purchased and hopefully all will be done by January 31, 2023.

Annual Pro-Life Breakfast – January 15
THIS SUNDAY: 7AM – 12PM
Teutopolis Banquet Hall

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Bonnie Finn,



Amanda Tomm, Steve Ochs, Steve Stiles, Mike Yager, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel, Rodney Hatten,

Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in peace:** Larry Woods

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10	Mt 2:18-22	
Tues.:	Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:23-28	
Weds.:	Heb 7:1-3,15-17	Mk 3:1-6	
Thursday:	Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12	
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13	Mk 3:13-19	
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3,1-14	Mk 3:20-21	
Sunday:	Is 8:23-9:3	1 Cor 1:10-13,17	Mt 4:12-23

St. Thomas Annual Wine & Beer Tasting is



Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2023 at Newton Knights of Columbus Hall; 5:30pm.

Featuring wines from around the world, German Beer and an elegant charcuterie table filled with delicious German appetizers and foods. \$10 donation. A Quilt Raffle also available. Tickets can be purchased for the quilt after the weekend Masses leading up to the event.

Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Company Newton Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Angels

St. Thomas School 4th Annual Trivia Night & Live Auction

Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Heads/Tails ~ Food ~ Wine Pull

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

~ **Doors open at 5:00 pm** ~ Space is Limited!

Cost to play: \$160/ team of 8 adults over 21 (Must be on a team to play)

Questions: Contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at St. Thomas School 618-783-3517

PreCana to be held at St Mary's Parish Center on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Registration needs to be turned in by March 3, 2023. This is limited to 20 couples, so please register early. You can find the registration form on our website -stemariechurch.org, or by calling the parish office. – 618-455-3155.

March for Life, Washington, D.C.–Jan. 18-22, 2023

Please keep those attending from St. Thomas and our surrounding area in your prayers as they travel to Washington, D.C. Wednesday eve. & return Sunday.

Adults: Paul Bierman, Jenny Fritchley, Beth Ochs, and Linda Hemrich. **Youth:** Katie Bierman, Allison Brummer, Cameron Davis, Caroline Frohning, Will Fritchley, Alex Gier, Laney Hemrich, Lexi Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Emma Rauch, and Adam Weber

Congratulations! On January 20, 2023, Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary! In honor, an anniversary celebration consisting of an Open House will be on Sunday, January 22nd from 1-3 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Center, Ste. Marie. If unable to attend & would like to congratulate them on 55 blessed years, cards may be sent to them at 5724 N. 1700th St., Newton, IL 62448.

The Regular Weekend Mass Schedule has returned.

Fr. Dean will be filling in two weekends for Fr. Sunder Ery at Neoga, Sigel and Lillyville January 14/15 and 22/23; and he and Fr. Pawel will trade on Friday mornings during January at Sacred Heart, Effingham; and Fr. Pawel will substitute for Fr. Beagles in Robinson and Oblong the first weekend of February.

October 17-26, 2023 Trip to Holy Land with Fr. Dean is being prepared by NAWAS Catholic Agency. Dorothy of Oz stated: "There is no place like home!" The Holy Land is our home as Christians. Visit the sites of Jesus birth, preaching and healing, suffering, death and resurrection. Brochures are available in the foyers of each parish Church. Cost: \$4,179.

Fr. Michael Rosa, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham is leading a pilgrimage tour of Poland, his homeland before being ordained a priest for our Diocese. Brochures are available in the foyer. The trip May 21-June 2 is at a cost of \$4,100.

The Jasper County Senior Center would like to share some information with all of you: We are open for meals every day at the center located at 904 W. Jourdan St. We ask you call one day in advance to order a meal. You are welcome to eat here at the center or simply pick it up. We are also delivering rural routes again in Jasper County for home delivered meals. Please call Michelle at 618-783-3660 to inquire. We have a monthly newsletter that contains our events and menus! If you have any questions, please call.

"The time is always right to do what is right."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Letter from our Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the *Collection for the Church in Latin America*. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of **January 21/22, 2023**. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform.

The [#GiveCatholicTogether](https://www.usccb.org/give-catholic-together) ([usccb.givecatholicttogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america](https://www.usccb.org/give-catholic-together)) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday March 18th, 2023

Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217)

to volunteer or to provide a baked good.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

and **8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday**

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: requested with a priest.

Also available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 16th, Weekday

Tuesday, January 17th, St Anthony

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Henry & Julia Look+)

Wednesday, January 18th, Weekday

6:3 pm - PSR

Thursday, January 19th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sylvan & Catherine Kocher+)

Friday, January 20th, St Fabian, St Sebastian

Saturday, January 21st, St Agnes

Sunday, January 22nd, 3rd Sunday in Ord.Time

8:30 am – Mass:(Int: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann
55th Wedding Anniversary)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – January 22, 2023

Ushers: Phil Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Avery Ochs, Chase Kistner

Lectors: Rose Gangloff, Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling Family

Euch. Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich, Lisa Ochs

SAVE THE DATE; The annual St Mary's brunch will be held on **March 5th, 8am -Noon.** Donations needed for brunch items – Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and put in the regular Sunday collection, or the drop box on the door of the parish office. We are also asking for donation of 2 hogs, Ham, milk, orange juice, coffee, fruit and baked sweets.

St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update:

Sign up for the next photo session. These are the only dates that will be available for pictures. Please sign up online or call the office, we want to give everyone the opportunity to be in the directory.

Photo session dates are:

The second session for pictures is:

Sunday, February 5th - 10 am – 6pm

Monday, February 6th - 1pm – 6pm.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes.

If you would be interested in helping with the development of the directory, please call the parish office.

NOTE: Directories cost \$35 for those who are not pictured in the directory. So get your picture taken or at least submit a photo of living members of the family in the parish.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of January 8,2023

Envelopes	\$ 625.00
Loose	83.00
Sub Total	\$ 708.00
Christmas Offering	50.00
Catholic Times	180.00
Total	\$ 938.00

St Mary's Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – 10957.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1096.00

Upcoming Events:

January 27: Family Life Bingo beginning at 6pm. Refreshments will be available.

February 4th, Youth Group Lasagna Dinner serving time 5pm. Tickets will be available after church, from youth group members or by calling Sarah 618-562-8745. Tickets must be purchased by February 1st.

February 12th, Valentine Breakfast, St Valentine Hall in the Bend. Serving 8am – 12pm. Adults \$10 – 3-10 years old -\$5.

February 18th, Sainte Marie Mardi Gras – Parade 4:30 pm – Concert 6pm – 9pm. \$10 per person
Cajun cuisine available at the Town Talk Restaurant.