

April 22nd – 23rd, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter



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

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.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

April 15-16, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,482.00
Loose	\$	205.00
Subtotal	\$	6,687.00
Good Friday	\$	65.00
Seminarians	\$	140.00
Easter	\$	735.00
Building Fund	\$	360.00
School Fund	\$	910.00
Subtotal	\$	2,210.00
Grand Total	\$	8,897.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$52,900.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,290.00

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Baptism for Lila Ruholl

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

Monday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

5:30 pm Mass (Gary Rubsam+)

Tuesday, April 25, St. Mark

7:30 am Adoration w MP until **8:00 am** Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Int: Roscoe Miller +)

6:30 pm Parent/Child Confirmation Session

Wednesday, Apr. 26, Easter Weekday

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Joseph Klingler+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR & Last CYO session

Thursday, April 27, Easter Weekday

8:00 am Gigantic Garage Sale begins

8:30 am Mass (Betty Marshall+)

Friday, April 28, Easter Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at **8:00 am**

8:30 am All-School Mass (Bernie Miller+)

8:00 am Gigantic Garage Sale Continues

Saturday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

10 am Confirmation Prep at St. Mary's Parish Center

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

Last Day Garage Sale – ends at 11:00 am

4:30 pm Prom Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

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

Baptism for Kendra Audrey Ochs

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas



BAPTISM: *Mary Katherine Chacon*, infant daughter of Jeremy and Lisa (Frichtl) Chacon was baptized last Saturday afternoon at St. Thomas Church. Godparents are

Thomas Frichtl and Rachel (Frichtl) Weber.

Pastoral Council Information:

Teresa Ochs was selected as the Chairperson and **Tracey Bower** as the Recording Secretary at the recent Pastoral Council meeting. Other members include Mark Bolander, Kayla Finley, Jeff Higgs, Lori TeVault Kevin Vogt, and Dennis Weber. The next meeting is scheduled for **6:30 pm Thursday, June 1.**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Prom Saturday, April 29 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Kim Zuber; Karen Buerster
E.M.: Alice Addis, Amanda Baltzell, Kaitlyn Ochs,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Dean Simpson & Halle Wagner
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 30 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Mike Hartrich
EM: Theresa Volk, Sheryl Brummer, Gery Ochs,
Brenda Phillips

Servers: Aaron Volk
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, April 30 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Elley Bennet; Kristine Probst
EM: Jason Bierman, Dennis Ochs, Dee Bower,
Ryan Probst

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anna Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas School Important Dates

- **Garage Sale April 24-29 Sale Thursday-Saturday**
- 4th grade Safety Day April 28
- 8th grade class trip to St. Louis May 2
- 5th grade Health Jam May 4
- St. Thomas hosting Track Sectional May 6
- Pre-K graduations May 8
- Spring Concert May 10
- State Track Meet May 12-13
- 8th grade graduation May 14
- Sports Awards Night May 15
- Last day of school May 16



Mount Cavalry Cemetery

As you can see in the picture, a slice of the tree and huge limb broke off during the recent storm. A couple of tombstones were broken and will be repaired.

The huge tree will likely need to be taken down.

St. Thomas CYO:

April 26th last CYO session of this school year!

Thank you, Seniors; William Fritchley, Laney Hemrich, Emma Rauch, Nicholas Shamhart!

Our St. Thomas parish family is honored to provide funeral dinners for the families and friends of parishioners in their time of need. Would you join us in providing a salad, vegetable or dessert when called? There are 8 calling trees that rotate bringing food so you would not be called often. We need you! Please call 618-553-7068 or the parish office at 618-783-8741 to volunteer. Thank you!

The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, May 7th 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.

Silk Purse Volunteers needed to support Newton's Family Life Center. Any help including sorting clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work any day, any hours.

Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

Jasper County CUSD #1 Screenings

❖ Preschool is for children ages three to five, whose birthdate falls on 9-2-18 through 9-1-20 for those interested in your child attending any of the county wide preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Any child currently enrolled in preschool SY' 2022-2023 who will not be Kindergarten age SY' 2023-2024 will need to be screened again for next year.

❖ Kindergarten is for all children who will be five years old on or before September 1st, 2023.

Preschool screening dates & times are as follows:

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten screening dates & times are as follows:

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All screenings will be held at Ste. Marie Elementary School. All appointments must be scheduled by May 1st and no walk-in appointments permitted.

Preschool screenings need to be scheduled

by calling 618-783-3651.

Kindergarten screenings need to be scheduled

by calling 618-455-3219.

Pray for Vocations

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, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl,

Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues.:	1Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
Weds.:	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thurs.:	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri.:	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat.:	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Sun.:	Acts 2:14a,36-41	1Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: PARENT MEETING

The second session with the students is scheduled for **6:30 pm April 25 at St. Thomas**; and **10 am April 29 at St. Mary's Parish Center Classroom**. Catholic Parent of each prospective candidate and the candidate must attend one of two sessions to have their son or daughter enrolled in the preparation for the June Confirmation/First Communion dates at the Cathedral in Springfield.

El Shaddai, Effingham's residential home for pregnant women, will be having a breakfast and silent auction at the Cornerstone Church in Effingham on **June 3rd from 7am-noon**. Please contact El Shaddai on Facebook to see how you can help!

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Family Life Center Dance
Saturday August 12th at the West End Reception Hall

Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Effingham is hosting an evening to benefit **Effingham Catholic Charities**. They will open on **Monday, April 24, 2023 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM**. All tips and 20% of their revenue made on this evening will be donated to Effingham Catholic Charities. All the community needs to do is eat at Joe's in Effingham!

A Letter from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Home mission dioceses are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Often their small Catholic populations are distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Owensboro, in western Kentucky, fits that mold. With Catholics making up about 6% of the population in a mostly rural territory of 12,500 square miles, pastors often serve multiple parishes that are more than 25 miles apart. Like many regions, it has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with a need for liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral support in Spanish.

With your support, **Catholic Home Missions** assists the Diocese of Owensboro's Hispanic Ministry program to meet the needs of its growing Hispanic community. Its 31 bilingual priests celebrate more than 900 Masses in Spanish each year, along with Baptisms, weddings, and Confirmations in Spanish. **Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal** provides home mission dioceses with the resources to welcome and minister to their growing multicultural populations. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, **visit w.usccb.org/home-missions**. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



Diaconate Ordinations: Seminarians Jayke White and Alex McCullough, both who served in our

parish during the summers are scheduled to be ordained to the transitional Diaconate **6:30 pm Friday, May 26, at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL**. Please keep them along with **Ryan Keough** as these three proceed to the Ordained Ministry of Deacons. Anyone who might like to carpool to the Ordination should call the parish offices and leave name and phone number for contact.

NOTE: The PSR 2nd Grade Class will continue meeting 6:30 pm Wednesdays during May at St. Mary's parish center in preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. Please mark your calendars.

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month and as scheduled by request and available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays.

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Sunday, April 23rd, Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish+)

Monday, April 24th, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tuesday, April 25th, St Martk

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

6:30 pm Parent/Child Confirmation Session StThomas

Wednesday, April 26th, Easter Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR – Last Class

Thursday, April 27th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: George & Hilda Dallmier+)

Friday, April 28th, St Peter Chane/St Louis Griginion

Saturday, April 29th, St Catherine of Siena

10:00 am Confirmation Session at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 30th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure **Collection for the week of April 16, 2023**

Envelopes	\$2070.00
Loose	115.00
Subtotal	\$ 2185.00
Rice Bowl	400.00
Catholic Relief	40.00
Haiti	105.00
Seminarians	40.00
Total	\$ 2770.00

St Mary's Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$12,984.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,298.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – April 30, 2023

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann, Maynard Kaufmann

Servers: Chase Kistner/ Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/ Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Frohning, Lora Semple, Maynard Kaufmann

PSR – April 26th will be the last class for this year.

Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent to teach the classes, it is greatly appreciated!

NOTE: 2nd Grade will continue on Wednesdays.

BIG RAFFLE TICKET: Plans are being made for the picnic. If you would like to be included in this year's Big Ticket Raffle, please contact the parish office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800. If you donated last year you will be contacted soon.



Thank you, Fr Dean for the Rural Life blessing last weekend.

Thank you also to everyone that brought farm equipment, animals and seed to be blessed.

Farmers, please be safe during this planting season!!

Special Appreciation to Father Dean for the visits to Ron during Holy Week. Thank You to Jason Meyer, family/friends for all the prayers, kind words and support after the death of our husband and father. Thanks to the ladies of the parish and Hartrich Meats for a wonderful meal. All was greatly appreciated.

Ron Kirts Family