

June 15-16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich**

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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.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

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**

June 1-2, 2024 Collection

Envelopes \$ 5,711.00  
Loose \$ 629.00

**Subtotal \$ 6,340.00**

School Fund \$ 400.00

Building Fund \$ 275.00

G.I.F.T \$ 2,985.00

**Subtotal \$ 3,660.00**

**Grand Total \$ 10,000.00**

**St. Thomas Church April Tithe**

April Tithe Income – \$56,126.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,613.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, June 17, Weekday**

**Tuesday, June 18, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**6:00 pm** St. Thomas Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, June 19, St. Romuald; Juneteenth Day**

**8:30 am** Mass (Joseph Klingler)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**Thursday, June 20, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Betty Frohning)

**10:30 am** Mass at Villas of Holly Brook

**Saturday, June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola;**

**Sts. John Fisher & Thomas Moore**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

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

**Sunday, June 23, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Leonard/Coletta Ochs)

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Patty McCreery)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42**

**Tues.: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48**

**Weds.: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18**

**Th.: Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15**

**Fri.: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Mt 6:19-23**

**Sat.: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34**

**Sun.: Jb 38:1,8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41**

**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

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

**St. Peters' Cemetery reminder:** Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower and causing problems. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be cleaned up and removed. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:  
Saturday, June 22 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Kim Zuber

EM: Wade Ochs, Denisse Ochs, Mark Bolander,  
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Lexi Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

**Sunday, June 23 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Mark Vahling

EM: Janet Vahling, Theresa Volk, Gery Ochs,  
Sarah Hemrich

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Caleb Kistner

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

**Sunday, June 23 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Marissa Bower

EM: Matt Bower, Jan Schackmann, Dee Bower,  
Kristine Probst

Servers: Haley Ochs & Ava Earnest

Gift Bearers: Jim & Ginger Robins

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffiert

**St. Thomas Youth Choir Spotlight**



**Getting to Know Our  
Youth Choir Members**

**Name:** Margaret  
Bierman

**Parents:** Brian &  
Karen

**How long have you been in choir?** 2 years

**Why do you like being in choir?** Because we get to  
sing to God and for other church members. I love to  
see when people can be happy because of our voices.

**What is your favorite season?** Christmas

**What is your favorite song to sing?** The Christmas  
Alleluia

**Have you done anything special with your music?**  
I sing solos and I cantor at church.



**We welcome our newest member!  
Congratulations, Blake Muska!** Blake  
will be received fully into the Catholic  
Church this Sunday morning at St.  
Thomas at the 7:00 am Mass after having

participated in St. Thomas's OCIA program. Please  
keep him in your prayers and all others who are  
considering entering fully into the Catholic Church.

**Just a Reminder...St. Thomas Angels Group** will  
not meet in July due to busy summer schedules. See  
you on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.! *A special thanks to the  
Angels for delivering "goodie" baskets to our shut-ins  
for Father's Day!*

**A St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting has been  
scheduled for June 18 at 6:00 pm.** Items for  
discussion will include Mass in the Park and the Harvest  
Picnic. *Fr. Pawel will join in after his Pastoral Council  
meeting at St. Mary's.*

**The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together)  
collection is here** and so far the total collected is  
**\$3,835.00.** This important annual collection for our  
parish will help cover the cost of repairing and  
maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We  
recently had to replace two coils and replace a  
compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!

**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:**

Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy  
Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma,  
Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson,  
Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary  
Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike  
Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted  
Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities  
& in our Book of Requests.



**The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!**

Please return your baby bottles **by June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
filled with your spare change if you have not  
had a chance to do so. All proceeds benefit  
the Family Life Center in Newton.

**Newton Knights of Columbus KC Style Chicken  
THIS Friday night, June 14,** serving 4:30 pm until  
7:00 pm or sold out. Proceeds to benefit the Jasper  
Columbian Home "KC Hall." Dine-in or Carry Out!  
\$12/Meal or \$15/Whole Chicken Only

**Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry - July 8-12, 2024**  
St. Thomas/St. Mary's hosting breakfast for volunteers  
on **Wednesday, July 10.** Please drop off breakfast items  
by 7:00 am at the Grace Methodist Church. Breakfast  
casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, etc. will be graciously  
accepted. Thank you for your support again this year!!

### Family Life Center Newton needs you!

We are looking for a volunteer to commit to working 9-5 every Monday and another volunteer for every Tuesday 9-5. You will greet clients and donors, be trained to answer the phone and schedule appointments, and also perform other light office jobs at times.

We also are looking for an advocate 9-5 on Monday and Tuesdays to work directly with our clients. This is a paid position. You will be trained to work with our parents and parents to be, offering options, education, and advocacy.

please send your resume to [director@familylifepcc.org](mailto:director@familylifepcc.org)

### Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, August 3, 2024

Three Postulants including Taylor Smith of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George will be received into the Novitiate. Two Sisters will also be making their First Vows and three Sisters will be making their Final Vows. You are invited to join them on **Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL** as they take these next steps on their journey. Please pray for them as they continue to hear God's voice calling them to this vocation.



**Attention CYO youth:** Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office if you are interested in visiting the Sisters in Alton on **July 2**. Visit will include a tour at 10:00am followed by midday prayer at 11:30am and a picnic lunch on the grounds.

**Position Available.** St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, a K-8 elementary school in Newton, IL, is *seeking a qualified Elementary Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.* Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and completed application to Principal Jill Bierman via email [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com) or via mail to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, Attention Jill Bierman, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL. The application can be found on our web site [www.stthomassaints.com](http://www.stthomassaints.com). Any questions can be directed to the above email.

**Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL** will be hosting a retreat on July 12-13. Join us for a retreat weekend. You may contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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**WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE** – You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. **BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Go to [dio.org](http://dio.org) to learn more and register!

### 100 Not Impossible Catholic Trivia Questions



How well do you know our faith, the history of the Church, the sacraments, the bible, Catholic tradition, and more? Take the test! Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](http://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



**Called and Sent** – Join other high school students in our diocese for a 4 day/3 night retreat from **July 14-17** at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. Encounter Jesus in a new, deep, and meaningful way. Have loads of fun and enjoy the beautiful views at this lakeside retreat house. To register, go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). For questions, contact Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org).

**St. Joseph, Pray For Us.**



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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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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, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday  
2pm – 6pm – Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. – Rosary  
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Judy Wagner+)  
6:30 p.m. - Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, St Romuald**

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. – Rosary  
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Kocher+)  
7:00 p.m. - Picnic Meeting**

**Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, St Paulinus**

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12th Sunday in Ord Time  
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dory & Koly Koelker+)**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 23, 2024**

**Ushers: Owen Ochs, Ethan Griffith,  
Alex Kaufmann**

**Servers: Daniel Uebinger/Henry Zumbahlen**

**Lectors: Mike Hartrich/Ron Zwilling**

**Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Frohning,  
Elfrieda Kaufmann, Maynard Kaufmann**

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

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Call 217-321-1155

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of June 9, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 3015.00
Loose	<u>181.00</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 3196.00</b>
Retired Priest	<u>152.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3348.00</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**April Tithe Income - \$19,990.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,999.00**

**Pastoral Council** – Meeting to be held on Tuesday,  
June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be in the parish  
center.

St Mary's will be hosting an American Red  
Cross blood drive in the parish center on  
**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-pm – 6pm.**  
All are welcome to come and give the gift of  
life!!

**Baby Bottles** It's time to return those bottles filled  
with spare change. Please place in baskets.  
All money will be given to Newton Family Life  
Center.

**Happy Father's Day!!**

Blessed is the Father who shares his Heart,  
Lives his Faith,  
Gives his Time, and  
Loves his Family.

**Mark your calendars**

June 17 – Blood Drive @ St Mary's 2 – 6pm  
June 18 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6p.m.  
June 20 – Picnic Committee Meeting – 7pm