

August 19-20, 2023

Twentieth 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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

August 12-13, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 6,039.00
Loose	\$ 145.00
Subtotal	\$ 6,184.00
Assumption	\$ 518.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
School Fund	\$ 1,093.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,696.00
Grand Total	\$ 7,880.00

St. Thomas Church July Tithe

July Tithe Income – \$56,105.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,611.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, August 21, St. Pius X

Tuesday, Aug. 22, Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am Mass (Int: D.E. & Marianna Scott)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, August 25, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int: Kenny Koebele)

Sat., August 26, Weekday

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, Aug. 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Betty Frohning)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Carole Schafer)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 26 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey

E.M.: Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Halle Wagner & Brooke Farley

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 27 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Brenda Phillips, Erica Worman, Gery Ochs,
Janet Vahling

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Tyler Spiker

Gift Bearers: Mark Vahling Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Randy/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, August 27 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower

EM: Dennis Weber, Matt Bower, Dee Bower,
Sara Mette

Servers: Josie Vogt & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

Save the Date: October 8, 2023

13th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic.

Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Erica (Johnson) Worman who were joined in marriage Saturday, August 12, 2023 at St. Thomas Church. The wedding Mass was presided by Fr. Dean Probst. May they live a happily married life in faith.

The Family of Keith Long would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, memorial donations, food and phone calls. A special thank you to Fr. Dean for the inspirational Mass, to Tammy Page and Julie Warfel for the beautiful music, to Meyer Funeral Home and Bruce Stout for all the support. Thank you to the ladies of St. Thomas for organizing and preparing the funeral dinner as well as to those who brought food. Your kindness to our family was greatly appreciated! Thank you!

A special thank you! Mary Evelyn Dhom would like to thank those who sent cards, notes and letters as well as those who kept her in their thoughts and prayers for her birthday. She really enjoyed hearing from all of you because she especially loves cards. She also really appreciates the cards that she continues to receive!

St. Thomas Calling Tree for Funeral Dinners.

Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to be added to the calling tree. All are welcome to participate and your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Funeral Dinner Dishes can be picked up in the parish center at any time! We greatly appreciate your help getting the parish center kitchen better organized before the school year begins. Thank you!!

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...Fr. Paul will resume Adoration on Friday's starting August 4th from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Beginning in September, Adoration on the First Friday will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon. The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Please join us for this very prayerful way to begin your day.

A Note to St. Thomas Lectors: Starting in August we are going back to having **one Lector** at each Mass. We believe that going back to one lector will help with scheduling. **Please contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.** Participation in the ministries is an honor and vital to our parishes, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to take an active role in Mass.

**St. Thomas CYO –
Start Date: September 6 at 6:30 pm in parish center**

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:

Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tues.:	Jgs 6:11-24a	Mt 19:23-30
Weds.:	Jgs 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Th.:	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Fri.:	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22	Mt 22:34-40
Sat.:	Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12
Sun.:	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36	Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes are scheduling Mass Intentions on the weekend. One Mass each weekend at St. Thomas will be designated for the parish family and one Mass once per month will be designated for the parish family at St. Mary's. Easter and Christmas Masses as well as other special holidays will be designated for the parish family in an effort to remember all of our deceased loved ones on those special days. Thanks!

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Visiting the Homebound and Communion Calls. Please contact the St. Thomas and/or St. Mary parish offices if you would like to be added to the list for home visits and receive Holy Communion. Please also contact us if you know of someone that would like to receive Holy Communion who cannot make it to Mass. Fr. Paul wants to reach out to all who want to receive.
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St. Thomas Soup Supper Quilt. Thanks to Dee Bower for donating this year's quilt. If anyone is interested in donating a quilt for future Soup Suppers please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741.

The new wireless headset mics are here!! We hope these new additions to our sound systems will improve the quality of sound for our parishioners sitting in the pews!! Thanks to everyone for your patience and support as we continually work together to help everyone hear the Mass as best as possible.

St. Thomas School Presents
Our 11th Annual DUCK RACE 2022
Sunday, August 20th

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who had a duck in the race.

1st place duck: \$600.00; 2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

Only 500 ducks will be sold!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

NOTE: LUCKY BLUE DUCK--\$25 gift certificate

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 618-783-3517

Ducks can be purchased at St. Thomas School and Church, Peoples State Bank and the Medicine Shoppe.



Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will be taking a Bales Bus to the Eucharistic Congress for all those who have signed up at St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes. There are 56 seats on the bus and as of the publishing of this bulletin we have 26 people signed up to attend. If you would like to ride the bus please contact the St. Thomas parish office ((618) 783-8741). In order to help cover the cost of the bus there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. We hope that our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to taking a full bus representing our parishes to Springfield. **We are also stopping at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption for a bite to eat on the way home.** More details to follow.

Let's make a day of it!

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way.

- St. Thomas has 92 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested in attending.
- St. Mary's has 33 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel Luczak

On September 2, 2023 at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas, our parishes will officially welcome Fr. Paul as Bishop John Paprocki will install him as the pastor of both St. Thomas and St. Mary Parishes. A meal will follow the Installation in the St. Thomas Parish Center as St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes join together to celebrate Fr. Paul as our new pastor. A sign-up through Sign-Up Genius was emailed last week or give the parish office a call. We would appreciate it if you could **sign-up by Sunday, August 27th**, to help us determine how to plan. In the meantime, please keep Fr. Paul and all priests in your prayers as they adjust to their new assignments and responsibilities.

Welcome Back St. Thomas School Teachers/Staff!

Principal: Jill Bierman Secretary: Lori Smith
Mntc: Matt Parker Cooks: Lisa Lewis & Elaine Braun

Teachers

Kindergarten: Alicia Tarr & Michelle Stone
First: Kathy Pitcher Second: Kim Zuber
Third: Brianna Waldhoff Fourth: Jamie Shamhart
Fifth: Kristie Finley Sixth: Brittany Schreifels
Seventh: Janet Vahling Eighth: David Stork
Aides: Lisa Geier, Tina Bower, Joyce Hartrich,
Jessica Beals

Art/Music: Ariel Boehl

Have a blessed school year!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA) is the process of welcoming non-Catholics into full communion of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) or 618-455-3155(St. Mary)

Newton Care Center Holy Communion and Rosary

Schedule: Weekly on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. Family and friends are invited to join their family members for Holy Communion and participate in the Rosary if you are visiting. Thank you, Linda Mertens, for your ministry!

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As we prepare for our upcoming fundraising banquet held September 14th at the Keller Convention Center; we would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption! This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations.



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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, August 21st, St Pius X

**Tuesday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dolores Brockett+)

Wednesday, August 23rd, St Rose of Lima

Thursday, August 24th, St Bartholomew

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Paul & Rosemary Mullinax+)

Friday, August 25th, St Louis

Saturday, August 26th, Weekday

Sunday, August 27th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the deceased of the
parish+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of August 13, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1648.00

Loose _____ 663.00

Sub Total \$ 2311.00

Assumption 10.00

TOTAL \$ 2321.00

St Mary's Church July Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$5804.00.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 580.00

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on
**Monday, August 21st in the St Mary's Parish Center
from 2-6pm.** Sign-up sheets are available in the back
of Church.

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – August 27., 2023

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, Owen Ochs, Phil Ochs

Servers: Daniel Uebinger/Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs/Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Paul & Kate Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Elfrieda Kaufmann, Elaine
Zwilling, Rose Gangloff,

PICNIC UPDATES

Sunday, September 3 starting at 3pm. Ste Marie Style
Chicken dinner, the local band SOCO – a little
southern comfort. Games, raffle and more
Workers List are available in the back of church.

**Raffle Tickets - Keep selling those tickets - \$5.00
each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets**

Dime Toss – Glasses and glass mugs ae needed.

Items can be dropped off on the porch of the parish
office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800.

CAKE STAND AND DESSERTS – This year we are
going to have desserts available with the chicken
dinner. We are asking each family to provide **2
desserts for the dinner. No REFRIGERATED
DESSERTS. PLEASE use Covered Aluminum pars
or disposable
Dishes.**

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes,
pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be
used in the **cake stand.** We encourage you to use
disposable containers with lids. **Please be sure to
mark what is in the container. Please bring to
parish center on Saturday or after mass on Sunday.**

PSR REGISTRATION

**All PSR classes will be held at St. Mary's for both
St. Mary and St. Thomas Parishes!**

It is that time of year when we need to begin thinking
about religion classes for this fall. Please fill out the
registration form if your child will be attending classes
at St Mary's, **registration forms are available at the
entrances to the churches.** Please fill them out and
drop off at the offices or put in the collection basket with
the fee. Also, please give some thought to being a
religion teacher this fall- if interested call Denisse at the
office or contact Marie Wagner – 618-754-3388

Registration needs to be in by September 1st.

The first class will begin on September 13th at 6:00 pm
with Mass. All other session will begin at 6:30 pm.

**Any questions please contact the office or Marie
Wagner. Looking forward to seeing you this fall!**