

November 18-19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Talents



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

November 11-12, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,990.00
Loose	\$	463.00
Subtotal	\$	6,453.00
School Fund	\$	600.00
Building Fund	\$	50.00
Special Collections	\$	195.00
Subtotal	\$	845.00
Grand Total	\$	7,298.00

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$40,180.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,018.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Nov. 20, Weekday

Tues., Nov. 21, Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., Nov. 22, St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Vigil

Office Closed

8:30 am – No Mass

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas w/CYO

(Int: Mearl & Laura Kinsel)

Thurs., Nov. 23, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro; Thanksgiving

Office Closed

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 24, St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Office Closed

8:30 am – No Mass

Sat., Nov. 25, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Catholic Outreach Weekend

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Brad Ghasht)

Sunday, Nov. 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

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

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas – Hobson Baptism

(Int: RoseAnn Kerner)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, November 25 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Beth Ochs

EM: Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Lexie Ochs & Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, November 26 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman

EM: Brenda Phillips, Theresa Volk, Gery Ochs,
Paul Bierman

Servers: Aaron Volk & Kinsley Kerner

Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, November 26 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Annie Ochs, Matt Bower

Servers: Carlee Finn & Curtis Weber

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule

- **Weds, November 22**, Thanksgiving Eve, CYO participating in ministries at 7:00 pm Mass (please arrive by 6:30 pm)
- **Sat, December 2**, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Mt. Gilead Church, Bethlehem Walk
- **Fri, December 8**, 5:00 pm – **Please notice the change in location.** Meet at Scott Avenue Church Multi-purpose room for Ministerial Alliance’s Food Box Project
- **Weds., Dec. 13th** – NO CYO/Christmas Concert
- **Weds, Dec. 20th** – Cleaning/Decorating Church w/Christmas Celebration
- **Weds., Dec. 27th** NO CYO-Merry Christmas!
Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

CYO and Mission Trip Fundraiser

CYO is raffling off one of the Ag. Mechanics class’s Nativity Scenes to raise money for the mission trip and group activities. You can purchase a \$5 ticket from any CYO member or at the church or school. These metal nativities, once light is applied, make a beautiful shadow presentation. **The drawing will be held at our St. Thomas Christmas Program on Dec. 13th.** Tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend and then available up until the time of the drawing!

St. Thomas Harvest Picnic Donation. Renee Gier, representing St. Thomas, presented a check to the Newton Family Life Center representatives in the amount of \$2,000.00. Thanks again to everyone that participated in this year’s picnic making this donation possible!



This Week at St. Thomas School

No school this week...NCHS band trip
Mon: 6:00 pm Boys basketball, here, vs. Martinsville

Thank you, Charlie! Charlie Schackmann recently resigned from the St. Thomas Finance Council after serving for many years. Thank you for the countless hours that you have dedicated not only to the finance council but to our parish and school. Enjoy those grandkids!!

Diocesan Centennial Campaign. Members of the St. Thomas Councils and School continue to discuss the upcoming Diocesan Centennial Campaign. A parish vitality study is underway that will help each of our parishes determine how to proceed with this campaign. Much is yet to be learned and discussed, and we hope to have more information to share with our parishes soon.

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:

Jeff Kirts, Vinnie Zuber, Ray Kautz, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in peace: Leonard Kessler, Helen Weber’s dad

This Week’s Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62,63 Lk 18:35-43
Tues.: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10
Weds.: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28
Th.: Thanksgiving Day Readings
Fri.: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 Lk 19:45-48
Sat.: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40
Sun.: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28
 Mt 25:31-46

Upcoming November Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

- **5:30 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Mary’s
 - **7:00 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Thomas
 - CYO covering the ministries
 - **8:30 am** Thurs., November 23, at St. Mary’s
- Knights of Columbus Remembrance Mass**
- **5:30 pm** Tuesday, November 28 at St. Thomas

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In honor of this past National Vocation Week let us keep Taylor Smith in our prayers as she has begun her spiritual journey at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George Convent in Alton, IL. May God be with her. Please keep all vocations in your prayers that those who are called hear His still, small voice. Letters of support and encouragement can be sent to:

Taylor Smith, 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002

Have you checked out FORMED? Don't miss this **free resource** of valuable Catholic Christian materials for **movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.** To gain access to the content:
 Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>
 Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)
 Enter your name and your email address.

Updated. Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA) Christmas Food Basket Project. As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...**no** food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 8th and 9th. Call 618-783-3744 to learn more about how you can get involved.

Please welcome the priest visiting our parishes the weekend of November 25-26. He comes to us from **Cross Catholic Outreach** and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.
 To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to: CrossCatholic.org/outreach OR text BLESSINGS to 474747

Prayer Campaign for Life - Sept. 27 – Nov. 5
 As we look back on the 40 days of this campaign, we reflect on our many blessings: 40 churches and organizations in our region participated to fill the days with pro-life prayer...generous volunteers helped at the Silk Purse Thrift Store which supports the Family Life Center. Hundreds of people in our community prayed to protect all human life from conception to natural death. **THANK YOU!!**
 Our local effort was conducted in solidarity with the international "40 Days for Life" campaign. They documented 277 babies saved from abortion (that they know of) during this 40-day period, and over 23,664 since campaigns started in 2007! Be inspired by the true stories of abortion-minded women that had a change of heart. Go to www.40daysforlife.com to read their blog posts.



The Silk Purse relies on donations and volunteers to help support the Family Life Center. Many opportunities are available for volunteers to help out in the various departments. Help is needed to package hangers, sort, clean, organize, hang clothes, organize shelves, price and process items, etc. Accommodations can be made for volunteers that have special needs.

If you are interested in helping, but cannot volunteer at this time, please consider donating. The following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Snack size Ziploc bags
- Quart Ziploc bags
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- 2 gallon Ziploc bags
- Tape dispenser rolls
- Bathroom cleaners
- Box tape

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St. Thomas School 5th Annual



& Live Auction

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

Saturday, February 24, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton ~

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 be present)

Pulled Pork/Chips available for a free-will donation. Beverages available for purchase.

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

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Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

–From "[The Catholic Prayer Book](#)," compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

**Tribunal Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson
Linda Mertens**

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 Saturdays**

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 20th, Weekday

**Tuesday, November 21st. The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Harris+)

Wednesday, November 22nd, St Cecilia

5:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Vocations)

NO PSR Class – should attend Mass

Thursday, November 23rd, St Clement I

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

Friday, November 24th, St Andrew Dung-Lac

**Saturday, November 25th, St Catherine of
Alexandria**

Sunday, November 26th, 34th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Ephrem & Lelia Rennier+)

**PSR – There will be no PSR on Wednesday,
November 22nd. All students should attend Mass.**

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of November 12, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 1837.25

Loose 140.00

Sub Total \$ 1977.25

All Saints 20.00

Total \$ 1997.25

St Mary's Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$28228.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 2823.00

Ministers for 5:30 p.m. – November 22, 2023

Ushers – George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann, Roger Hemrich

Servers – Ellie Ochs/ Charlee Hartrich

Lectors – Nancy Ochs/ Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers – Paul & Kate Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Elfrieda Kaufmann, Lisa Ochs, Rose Gangloff

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 23, 2023

Ushers: Need volunteers

Servers: Need 2

Lectors: Need One

Gift Bearers: Need Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers – Need Volunteers

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – November 26, 2023

Ushers: George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann, Roger Hemrich

Servers: Chase Kistner/Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Becca Ochs/Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl, Jeanne Johnson, Lora Semple

Volunteers Needed: Silk Purse Thrift Store is looking for more volunteers. We are needing help in the sorting and organizing items that are donated. If you have an hour, half day or full day and would like to join the team to help, please contact the Silk Purse. They are also needing items that they use to help with the donations. – Kitchen size garbage – Snack size Ziploc bags, Snack Size Ziploc bags, Quart Ziplock, Gallon Ziploc, 2 gallon Ziplock, Tape dispenser roll, Box Tape, Bathroom,

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St Anthony of Padua in Effingham on Monday November 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.