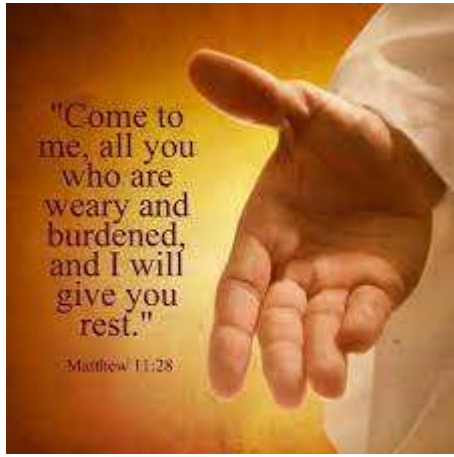


July 8-9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

(Email/Text: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

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Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

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

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

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Lori Smith

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 1-2, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 9,974.00
Loose	\$ 11,123.00
Subtotal	\$ 3,980.00
Building Fund	\$ 410.00
G.I.F.T.	\$ 1,150.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 105.00
School Fund	\$ 1,085.00
Subtotal	\$ 2,750.00
Grand Total	\$ 13,873.00

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$63,116.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,312.00

This Week in Our Parish

Catholic Heart Work Camp Week!

Monday, July 10th, Weekday - Fr. Pawel's day off

Tuesday, July 11th, St. Benedict

8:30 a.m. – Mass

Wednesday, July 12th, Weekday

7:00 am Honey-Do Ministry Volunteer Breakfast

8:30 am Mass (Int: Martha Pickens)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Newton Care Center Mass

Thursday, July 13th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass

Fri., July 14th, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 am Mass – (Int: Glen & Alberta Smithenry)

Sat., July 15th, St. Bonaventure

Mission Priest

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, July 16th, 15th Sunday in Ord. Time

Mission Priest

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

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, July 15 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Lori TeVault

E.M.: R. Kocher, Wanda Kocher, Matt/Amanda Baltzell

Servers: Brooke Farley & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, July 16 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nicholas Shamhart; Katie Shamhart

EM: Denisse Ochs, Janet Vahling, Eliza Bierman,

Paul Bierman

Servers: Michael Shamhart & Caleb Kistner

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Brenly Francis

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, July 16 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs; Tracey Bower

EM: Dennis Ochs, Marge Horton, Julie Higgs,

Marissa Bower

Servers: Ava & Dylan Earnest

Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$7,670.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help with the repair of the Church lighting system of \$10,000 insurance deductible. Thanks for your support.

St. Thomas School Family Agreements.

Please call the parish office this week to set up an appointment with Father Paul. The priest is to meet with each school family to discuss and sign the **Family School Parish Agreement**. Please call the church (618-783-8741) for day or evening meeting.

St. Thomas Angels Group will not meet in July due to busy summer schedules. See you on August 7th at 6:30 p.m.!

St. Thomas School Registration.

- July 25th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm
- July 26th from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Registration will take place in the St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room. Please contact the school office if you need to make other arrangements. Looking forward to seeing all of you as the new school year approaches!

Non-Discriminatory Policy. St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.



St. Thomas Church now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site. This is to be used for emergency use only to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. It is located in the Usher's room in the cabinet marked AED.

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!

Happy Birthday, Dolores Ritz! Dolores will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 10th. A card shower is being held to help her celebrate. Please send cards to Dolores Ritz, P. O. Box 181, Newton, IL 62448.

The Pictorial Directory is HERE! Directories can be picked up at the parish offices in the upcoming weeks. Your directory is free if you had your picture taken. If you did not have your picture taken and would still like a directory or would like an extra copy the cost is \$35. A special thanks to Jennifer Hecht and JA-FA Photo.

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:

Keith Long, 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, George Roth, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
Tues.:	Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
Weds.:	Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7a,17-24a	Mt 10:1-7
Th.:	Gn 44:18-21,23b-29,5:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
Fri.:	Gn 46:1-7,28-30	Mt 10:16-23
Sat.:	Gn 49:29-32,50:15-26a	Mt 10:24-33
Sun.:	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23	Mt 13:1-23

FORMED is a free Catholic resource of movies, books, & programs sponsored by St. Thomas Parish. Please sign on and begin enjoying good Christian movies, books, 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.

Advocate Training for those interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023, 9:30 am-3:00 pm. There will be no cost for the training. please pre-register by July 10th by contacting cbranyan@dio.org or 217-321-1117. Lunch provided.

**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 for \$5.00 after each Mass starting July 1st – August 6th. Ducks can also 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)

This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

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.

A Message from the Pastor's Desk

At the beginning of my assignment, once again, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Fr. Pawel Robert Luczak. Please feel free to call me Fr. Paul or you can use my second name Robert. I am from Poland, and I came to the US in 2017. I was ordained on May 2, 2020 by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. I am looking forward to living in Newton and working at St Thomas parish and school and at St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Ste. Marie. I hope that with the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit through personal prayer and dedication to sacramental life, we will increase in our spiritual life which will be beneficial for all of the community of Catholics here in Newton and Ste. Marie. I would also like to announce that there will be no major changes in our parish that will affect parish life. There are only a few changes that I would like to make in order to organize my work with the work of the parish offices.

For the last year since I have arrived here, I am grateful and thankful for the warm welcome that I've experienced. I truly appreciate the kindness and goodness that flows from parishioners especially invitations for meals and home cooked food. I truly enjoy beef, pork and chicken dishes and your company. However, please note that I avoid eating sweets like candies, cookies, cakes or muffins. That also includes sweet drinks like Coke or Pepsi products. What I do enjoy is sparkling water and beer.

I hope that with time I will have the opportunity to meet all of my parishioners and get to know all of you well. Please remember that I am always available for you, and I will do my best to bring you Catholic teachings and an increase in your faith.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Pawel

Welcome, Fr. Pawel Jurkowski! The weekend of July 15th-16th our parishes will host a missionary priest from Ukraine. Fr Pawel Jurkowski, SAC is a Pallottine priest who will be here to celebrate Mass and preach next weekend. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2014 and for the last 9 years was assigned to work in Ukraine. I hope that he will feel a warm welcome in our parishes, and he will share with us his experience of work in a country tormented by war. Thank you for supporting his mission!
- Fr. Pawel

Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry - July 10-14, 2023
St. Thomas/St. Mary's hosting breakfast for volunteers on **Wednesday, July 12**. 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!!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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 Website: www.stmariechurch.org
 Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak
 (email/text: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

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

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

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, July 10th. Weekday

Tuesday, July 11th, St Benedict

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Richard Hunzinger+)

Wednesday, July 12th, Weekday

Honey Do Breakfast – 7:00 am

Finance Council meeting – 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 13th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m.– Mass (Int: George & Margaret Schlasky+)

Friday, July 14th, St Kateri

Saturday, July 15th, St Bonaventure

Sunday, July 16th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of July 2, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1223.00
Loose	80.00
Sub Total	\$ 1303.00
Peter's Pence	70.00

TOTAL \$ 1373.00

St Mary's Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$10793.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1079.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – July 16, 2023

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson, Tony Strutner

Servers: Ellie Ochs/ Avery Ochs

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/ Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich,
 Ben Ochs



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful

communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023 - St. Peters, MO

9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO

12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023 - St. Peters, MO



186th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic

Sunday, September 3, 2023
St Mary's in Sainte Marie

Dinner 3-6pm

Food & Games 3-7pm

Big Ticket Raffle

Quilt Raffle

Beer Garden 3-9pm

Local Band SOCO' a little southern comfort 6-9pm

Fun for the whole family!!