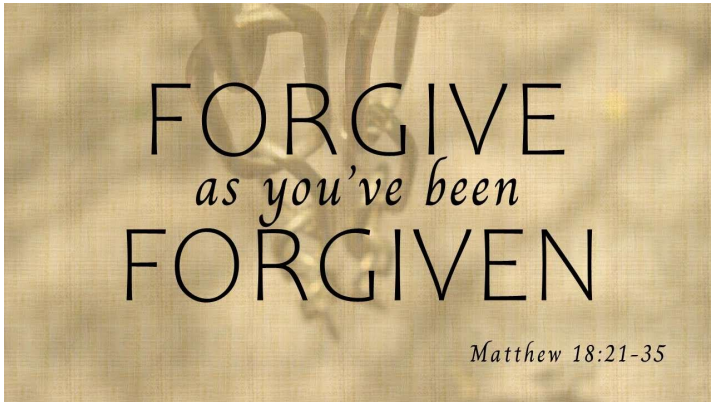


September 16-17, 2023  
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays  
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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

Sept. 9-10, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,515.00
Loose	\$	126.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,641.00</b>
Building Fund	\$	55.00
School Fund	\$	810.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>865.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,506.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church July Tithe**

July Tithe Income – \$56,105.00

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

**Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Fr. Pawel has Convocation this week**

**Monday, Sept. 18, Weekday**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19, St. Januarius**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &**

**Paul chong Ha-sang**

**No School – Teacher's Institute**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: D.L. & Norma Jean Huddleston)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**6:30 pm** PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

**Thursday, Sept. 21, St. Matthew**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, Sept. 22, Weekday;**

**Fr. Pawel returns from Convocation**

**7:40 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** All-School Mass

(Int: Charles E. & Josephine Dhom Families)

**Saturday, Sept. 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

**8:00 am-9:00 am** Confessions

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Confessions

**4:30 pm** Mass (Int: Victims of cancer and

for their families)

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

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

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

Ava Probst Baptism

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

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, September 23 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Mike Hartrich

E.M.: Ramon Kocher, Mark Bolander, Alice Addis,  
 Matt Baltzell

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Amanda Baltzell Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, September 24 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Mark Vahling

EM: Brenda Phillips, Theresa Volk, Janet Vahling,  
 Gery Ochs

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Caleb Kistner

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, September 24 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Tracey Bower

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Dennis Weber, Matt Bower

Servers: Adam Weber & Drew Iffert

Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone



**St. Thomas CYO is here!**

*Because Sundays are not enough!!*

**WOW!!! 47 and counting!!**

**So proud of this group!**

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center.

CYO, Remember to be good fruits of your faith, so that you can share the seeds of good fruits with those around you. Thank you for attending Mass this past Wednesday and for being good examples for all of those little eyes that are watching!

**St. Thomas Church Facebook.** Thanks to John and Marissa Bower for managing our Facebook page and posting information for us. Be sure to email them if you have information that you would like to have posted.

John: [bowerjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:bowerjohn@yahoo.com)

Marissa: [Marissaherman86@gmail.com](mailto:Marissaherman86@gmail.com)

**The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>,** for those who have been married 50 years or more. Fr. Pawel will give a marriage blessing at the 10:00 am Mass. Brunch will be served immediately following Mass in the St. Thomas parish center. If anyone didn't get an invitation, they can call Kay at 618-843-8249 or e-mail [kayochs@hotmail.com](mailto:kayochs@hotmail.com). Please RSVP to Kay by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

**Tues:** 4:00 pm Cross Country at Cumberland

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Open House

**Weds:** No School – Teacher's Institute

**Fri:** 8:30 am All-School Mass

**Sat:** Baseball Sectional @ St. Anthony

**Sun:** Garage Sale Set-Up begins

**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**

**Save the Dates:** September 28<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Newton Square Respect Life Sunday Life Chain**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**1:45 pm – Prayer Service;**

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square**

**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:**

Connie Griffith, 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:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1 Tm 2:1-8</b>	<b>Lk 7:1-10</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>1 Tm 3:1-13</b>	<b>Lk 67:11-17</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>1 Tm 3:14-16</b>	<b>Lk 7:31-35</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Eph 4:1-7,11-13</b>	<b>Mt 9:9-13</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>1 Tm 6:2c-12</b>	<b>Lk 8:1-3</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>1 Tm 6:13-16</b>	<b>Lk 8:4-15</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a</b>	<b>Mt 20:1-16a</b>

**St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic**

*Worker's sign-up list is available in the gathering space. Thanks for volunteering!*

**St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!** Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church's meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

**Game Prizes Wanted!** CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide 1 dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

**Desserts Wanted.** Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

**Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.**

**10% of proceeds will benefit the**

**Family Life Center – Newton**

**Christmas Lights in the Park - Newton**

**Soda and homemade pretzels will be for sale.**

**BYOB**

### A special thank you to the Newton Knights of



**Columbus** for participating in Fr. Pawel's Installation Mass. Thank you for your representation at this very important Mass for our parishes! If anyone

would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and how to get involved be sure to contact a fellow Knight or give the parish offices a call.

### 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 **44** 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 are also stopping at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption for a bite to eat on the way home.** We will take up donations to help cover the cost of the meal. Thank you! Let's make a day of it!

**Parishioners who are signed up need to be watching their e-mail...** Shortly after September 15, signed-up parishioners will receive an email containing a QR Code they will need to present at the Congress. If a parishioner did not list an email, a text will be sent via mobile phone.

### Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...

**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.



### Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Days of Prayer for the Prayer Campaign for Life

**St. Mary of the Assumption** - Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until Noon

**St. Thomas the Apostle** - Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

**Thank YOU!!** We want to thank everyone that sent cards and came to our celebration. A big thanks to our family for making it possible. Friends and family are wonderful. We love you all.

*-Franklin and Geneva Geier*

**The Family of George Roth** would like to thank Fr. Pawel and Jason and Lisa Meyer for all of their assistance with the Funeral Mass. They also want to thank the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for the delicious funeral dinner as well as all those who participated in the ministries at the Mass. All of the flowers, cards, phone calls, prayers and memorial donations were greatly appreciated. Your many acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

### Respect Life Sunday Life Chain 2023

Sunday, October 1

1:30 pm – Prayer Service;

Sacred Heart Parish Center

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

\***Help us** line Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians (we won't be lining up on Fayette St. this year due to construction, only Keller Drive)

\***Bring your family** and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.

\***Signs** will be furnished.

\***Refreshments** will be served following the event at the parish center.

\***For further information**, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

**The Life Chain is a church and family event**, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. Lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend!

### Upcoming Family Life Center Fundraisers

**Porkburger and Brat Event** - Sept. 23 starting at 10:30 am East Side of Square in Newton

**Drive-In Fundraiser** – Oct. 8 (no school the next day) – Super Mario Bros. movie at Dusk at Newton's Drive 'N Theatre– Free will donations accepted after paying entry fee.

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA)** If you or someone you know is interested in 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)

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### St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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**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

### 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, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, St Januarius**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ben & Rosa Ochs Family+)

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Sts Andrew Kim**

**Tae-gon and companions**

6:30 p.m. – PSR

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, St Matthew**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, St Pius of Peitrelcina**

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Tom & Donette O'Malley+)

### St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of September 10, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1098.00
Loose	197.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1295.00</b>
Capitol Improvement	50.00
Haiti	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1385.00</b>

### **St Mary's Church July Tithe**

**June Tithe Income – \$5804.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 580.00**

### **Congratulations to:**

**Mr & Mrs Reid & Makenzie(Helmink) Kocher**, who were united in marriage this weekend at St Mary's. The wedding mass was presided by Fr Pawel. May they live a happily married life in faith.

### **Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – September 24, 2023**

**Ushers:** John Uebinger, Paul Kaufmann, Nicholas Zwilling

**Servers:** Daniel Uebinger/Brianna Zwilling

**Lectors:** Nancy Ochs/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Beth Hartrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maynard Kaufmann, Rose Gangloff, Amy Frohning

### **186<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic**

### **Thank You, Thank You!!!**

To the picnic committee for all their hard work, making sure everything was ready for a successful picnic. To all the workers who helped with the set up and clean-up. To those who helped cook the chicken, to the stand managers and workers. To Jeff & Lisa Ochs, and Matt & Lora Ochs for donating the hogs for pork burgers. To those who baked the wonderful cakes and desserts for the dinner and cake stand.

It takes many hands to make a successful picnic and this parish pulled together and did it!!

**“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold Grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)**

### **Mass Intentions:** St Mary's is scheduling Mass

Intentions for the Sunday masses, there are still several Sundays available. If you would like to schedule a mass, please call the office.

### **PSR:** The teachers for this school year are:

Kindergarten - Beth Hartrich

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Donna Boehl

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Kayla Semple

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Marie Wagner

5<sup>th</sup> grade - Nancy Ochs

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Kelly Iffert

Thanks to Allie Kirts who taught the class the first night.

**If you have not filled out a registration form, they are available at the church entrances, please be sure to fill one out and bring to class next week.**