

September 23-24, 2023
 Twenty-Fifth 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

Sept. 9-10, 2023 Collection

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

St. Thomas Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$37,737.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,774.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Sept. 25, Weekday

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Sts Cosmas & Damian

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Sept. 27, St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Cathy Leahy)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm Booster Club

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

Thursday, Sept. 28, St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Garage Sale Begins

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

Friday, Sept. 29, Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Keith French)

Saturday, Sept. 30, St. Jerome

8:00 am – 11:00 am Last Day Garage Sale

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Ralph & Rosalie Miller)

Sunday, October 1, 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

Respect Life Sunday; World Communion Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Denise Hahn)

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

1:45 pm Prayer Service – Newton Square

2:00 – 3:00 pm Life Chain around the Newton Square

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, September 30 @ 4:30 pm

Lector:

E.M.: Lori TeVault, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher,

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians:

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, October 1 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Jamie Shamhart

EM: Theresa Volk, Mark/Janet Vahling, Pam Francis

Servers: Bailey Meinhart & Madilyn Brummer

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, October 1 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Renee Gier

EM: Jason/Jenny Bierman, Marge Horton, Sara Mette

Servers: Lincoln Probst & Audrey Beals

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier



St. Thomas CYO Mark Your Calendars...

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

- **Sunday, October 1**, meeting on Newton courthouse lawn for Life Chain at 1:45 pm
- **Sunday, October 8**, working games at Harvest Picnic – Meet at 3:30 pm; games start 4:00 pm
Because Sundays are not enough!!

So proud of this group!



BAPTISM:

Congratulations, Leo Paul Mammoser, infant son of Scott and Maura (Cummins) Mammoser whose Godparents are Eric Mammoser and Jena Foreman.

Leo was baptized last Sunday morning, Sept. 17, 2023 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. May God continue the good work begun in him!

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

Marissa: Marissaherman86@gmail.com

The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50th (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15th, 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. Please RSVP to Kay by October 8th. Congratulations!!

St. Thomas Cleaning Crews are reporting for duty on **Tuesday, October 24th at 8:30 am.** August, September and October volunteers are asked to help. These volunteers will be notified but all volunteers are welcome!

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:

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, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Lucia Molloy, Fr. Joe Molloy's Mother

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tues.:	Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Weds.:	Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Th.:	Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri.:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Sat.:	Zec 2:5-9,14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Sun.:	Ez 18:25-28	Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

St. Thomas 13th 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

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 **52** 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.

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

Sacred Heart Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:30 pm – Prayer Service;

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

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 5th

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until Noon

St. Thomas the Apostle - Friday, October 13th

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be available on Sunday, October 01, 2023. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

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.

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon: Garage Sale Set-up

4:00 pm Cross Country at Robinson

Tues: Garage Sale Set-up Cont'd

6th Grade Conservation Day

Weds: 8:30 am Class Mass

Garage Sale Set-up Cont'd

6:00 pm Booster Club

Thurs: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Garage Sale Begins

3:30 pm Cross Country Robinson Invite

6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Robinson

Fri: 8:30 am All-School Mass

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Garage Sale Continues

Booster Club Porkburger Sale

Sat: 8:00 am – 11:00 am Last Day Garage Sale

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL

will be hosting their next retreat on October 6-8. The theme is "Three Levels of Healing in the Holy Spirit." Fr. Mark Bozada, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO will lead the retreat. He has been involved in healing ministry for many years. Come join us to find healing through the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited – September 29.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings. For one hour a week Men from multiple parishes gather to pray, listen to a presentation, and then engage in small group discussions supporting and encouraging each other.

The Light of Men, produced by Paradisus Dei's **That Man Is You**, a series of insightful speakers. www.paradisusdei.org. Each week dives into the **Seven Deadly Sins**, last week was Envy, this week is overcoming WRATH.

Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30am, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30am. Become a better son, brother, husband, father, and friend beginning with your relationship with God. There is no charge, Contact the parish office or Dan Woods, danwoodsface@gmail.com.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

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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**

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Monday, September 25th, Weekday

Tuesday, September 26th, St Cosmas & Damian

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John & Theresa Ochs+)

Wednesday, September 27th, St Vincent De Paul

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, September 28th, St Wenceslaus &

Lawrence Ruiz

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Clarence Keller+)

Fri., Sept. 29th, Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Saturday, September 30th, St Jerome

Sunday, October 1st, 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Patricia & Don Love+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of September 17, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 873.00

Loose 125.00

Sub Total \$ 998.00

Capitol Improvement 20.00

Haiti 95.00

TOTAL \$ 1113.00

St Mary's Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$10840.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1084.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 1, 2023

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Avery Ochs/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Bruce & Jenna Boehl Family

**Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne Johnson, Bridget
Matson, Elfrieda Kaufmann**

**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

1st grade, Donna Boehl

2nd grade, Kayla Semple

3rd & 4th grade, Marie Wagner

5th grade, Nancy Ochs

6th & 7th grade, Kelly Iffert

High School, Becca Ochs

**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.**

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 Joseph Church – Olney Smorgasbord & Bazaar

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Lunch will be served 11am – 1:30 pm

Adults - \$12 and Children – (8 and under) \$8

Meal: Pork loin, chicken & noodles, baked beans

Corn, mashed potatoes, roll & dessert

All are welcome for food, fun and friendship.