

August 16-17, 2025
Twentieth 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 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

August 9-10, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,817.00
Loose	\$	374.00
Subtotal	\$	7,191.00
School Fund	\$	650.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	400.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	250.00
Subtotal	\$	1,300.00
Grand Total	\$	8,491.00
Online July PushPay Giving	\$	5,099.89
ACH June Contributions	\$	2,246.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$55,815.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,582.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., August 18, Weekday

Tuesday, August 19, St. John Eudes

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 20, St. Bernard

8:30 am Mass (Int. Carl Kocher)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:00 pm Booster Club

Thursday, August 21, St. Pius X

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., Aug. 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Walter/ Leatha Urfer)

6:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's, Ste. Marie

Saturday, Aug. 23, St. Rose of Lima

We welcome Fr. Boniface who will be Celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Doug Frichtl)

Sunday, August 24, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Art Rauch)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 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.: Jgs 11:29-39a	Mt 22:1-14
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 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7,11-13	Lk 13:22-30

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's); 3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas **OR** by appointment

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2025 Schedule.

October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

*St. John Eudes,
pray for us.*

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 23 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson

EM: Linda Hemrich, Lori TeVault, Kim Zuber,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 24 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Amy Hartrich

EM: Gery Ochs, Sheryl/Allison Brummer,
Sarah Hemrich

Servers: Blake Bierman & Kyle Bierman

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, August 24 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Pat Mammoser

EM: Dee Bower, Sara Mette, Charlie/Jan Schackmann

Servers: Levi Gier & Will Mette

Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier



St. Thomas Saints and JCJH Eagles Back in Action

Aug. 18 @ 4:30 pm Softball, here vs Dieterich

@ 4:30 pm Baseball at Ttown

Aug. 19 @ 4:30 pm Baseball, here vs Palestine

Aug. 21 @ 4:30 pm Softball at Marshall

@ 4:30 pm Cross Country, here

Aug. 22 @ 4:30 pm Softball at Oblong

Aug. 23 @ 10:00 am Softball, here vs Wind/SS



Congratulations Tucker Rieman and Lesley Woods who were recently united in marriage at St. Thomas on August 9, 2025! May God continue to work in your lives as you take these next steps along your journey!

IMPORTANT!! St. Thomas Church has changed its e-mail address. Please note that the new email address is parishoffice@stthomasnewton.net. Thanks for your cooperation and patience as we transition to the new email. This change is a result of a required update that will provide additional security for all those sending and receiving email to and from our parish office.

Centennial Campaign Update:

Campaign Goal: \$88,473.00 over 3 years

Collected to date: \$7,012.42

Thank you to those who are already contributing! If you would like to contribute, please visit the church website, click on the online giving link, select the Centennial Campaign Fund and make a donation. For your convenience you can also contribute using the Building Fund envelope. Together we can achieve great things for the benefit of both our parish and the Diocese!



St. Thomas School Presents

Our 13th Annual DUCK RACE 2025

Sunday, August 17th

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

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

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:

St. Thomas School or Church & Peoples State Bank

Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

***ONLY 500 DUCKS SOLD!**

BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

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

****Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

Need not be present to win!



St. Thomas

15th Annual Harvest Picnic October 12th, 2025

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available! Please stop by the gathering space to pick up your envelope of tickets labeled with your name and address. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job organizing this event each year! Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

Basket Raffle: Time to get your creative minds flowing! We are asking you to once again donate theme baskets for the Harvest Picnic. Suggested value is \$50 and up. Families could combine to make one even bigger 😊. Need ideas? Call or text Dee Bower 618-553-4326. Thanks everyone!!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Charles Sroka, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

The Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process in which someone can become a full member of the Catholic Church.

There's been a trend over the last few years of an increasing number of new converts to the Church. Some dioceses have even reported a 30%-70% increase! (National Catholic Register, April 2024)

In a world filled with confusion and chaos, many are finding in Catholicism something real, grounded, and deeply fulfilling, leading them home to the Catholic Church.

They are drawn by the beauty of the Mass, the depth of the Church's traditions, and the truth of Jesus Christ being truly present in the Eucharist.

Our parishes will begin the OCIA process **Sunday, September 7, at 11:15 am following 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.** If you know anyone interested in joining the Church, offer to bring them to Mass! Or if you're not Catholic but interested in the faith, Please call the parish offices (618/783-8741 or 618/455-3155) or Debbie Matson (618/553-1472). We'd be happy to speak with you.

Mass can seem intimidating if you're not Catholic, so it's totally fine to just sit in the back and participate as a curious observer. You are always welcome in God's house!

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Welcome Back St. Thomas School Teachers/Staff!

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

Kindergarten: Alicia Tarr & Michelle Stone

First: Kelsey Millsap **Second:** Kim Zuber

Third: Tami Hetzer **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

FORMED/Amen App. St. Thomas' FREE gift to you. Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Step #1 – Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space.

Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or visit signup.formed.org then enter 62448.

Step #3 – Open your gift to experience thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas, Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so much more on the Amen App.

Please share any FORMED resources that have positively affected your spiritual life. Contact the parish offices, and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As The Family Life Center prepares for their upcoming fundraising banquet held September 11th at the Keller Convention Center; they 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. NOTE: If you are interested in hosting a table for St. Thomas please Contact 217-342-5433 to reserve your table/seat. All monies raised go to the Newton Family Life Center.

Mark Your Calendars

July 3, 2026

250th Anniversary of the United States of America
A Semiquincentennial to be held in Ste. Marie
More details to follow!!

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

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Monday, August 18th, Weekday

Tuesday, August 19th, St John Eudes

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Bob Helregel+)

9:30 a.m. – Noon – Fr Tomy Office Hours

Wednesday, August 20th, St Bernard

Thursday, August 21st, St Pius X

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Bill O'Malley)

Friday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 23rd, St Rose Of Lima

Sunday, August 24th, Twentieth Sunday Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: LaVaun Nix+)

Altar Crew – Calling all those who serve at Mass, Fr Tomy wants all the “Altar Crew” to join him at the Parish Center on September 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. He will feed you pizza for supper and lead you to the church to share how he wants you to serve at the altar. If anyone new want to join in please feel welcome to attend. Parents are welcome too!!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of August 10, 2025

Envelopes \$ 1,123.00

Loose \$154.00

Total \$ 1,277.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 24, 2025

Ushers: Phil Ochs, Owen Ochs, Bob Barthelme

Servers: Gavin Semple/Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Brianna Zwilling/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Tony & Martha Strutner

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Zwilling, Lora Semple

Maynard Kaufmann

Picnic Update

Cake Stand & Desserts – Each family should provide **2 desserts** for the dinner.

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc to be used at the cake stand.

Boxes for angel food cakes and 9x13 pans with lids are available in the back of church. Please mark what is in the box or pan. Please no refrigerated desserts.

Baskets for the basket stand (minimum \$50 value) If you would like to donate a themed basket, gift certificate, or other items for the basket stand, please contact Becca at 618-554-4999 or reach out to the parish office.

Glassware – clean glassware for the dime pitch. Glasses can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Elaine at 618-843-0800 for pickup. Please no mugs or plastic cups.

POP TOSS– 12 packs of name brand soda for the pop toss. Pop can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Jeannie at 618-562-5047 for pick up.

Workers List are available in the back of church, and if you have not picked up your raffle tickets, they are also there, and if you haven't picked up your raffle tickets, they are also there.

Family Life Raffle – The September raffle will be held on August 31st. We will be giving away 2 dinner tickets for the picnic.