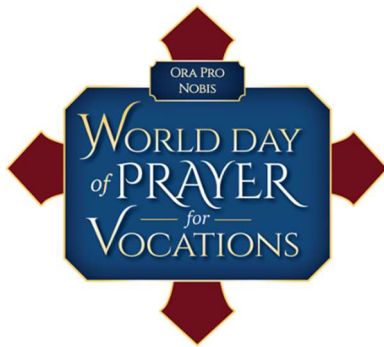


April 20-21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

June 2, and Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

April 13-14, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,431.00
Loose	\$	238.00
Subtotal	\$	7,669.00
Easter	\$	345.00
School Fund	\$	982.00
Building Fund	\$	200.00
Other	\$	46.00
Subtotal	\$	1,573.00
Grand Total	\$	9,242.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$38,370.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,837.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 22, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 23, St. George; St. Adalbert

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am Mass (Larry Kremer)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice w/pizza party

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's

St. Thomas CYO meeting at Parklanes

Thursday, April 25, St. Mark

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale Starts

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, April 26, Easter Weekday

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale Continues

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Clarence/Matilda Schmidt)

Saturday, April 27, Easter Weekday; Prom Mass

Holy Land Olive Wood Sales This Weekend

St. Thomas Gigantic Sale Ends

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Prom Mass at St. Thomas

(Joseph/Zola Klingler)

Sunday, April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter;

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Delbert/Al Schmidt)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, April 22 – Garage Sale Set-up;

Trash Bag orders due

Tues, April 23 – Garage Sale Set-up;

4:00 pm track at Teutopolis

Weds, April 24- Garage Sale Set-up;

4th Grade Field Trip

Thurs, April 25– Garage Sale Opens

Fri, April 26 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

Garage Sale continues

4th Grade Safety Day

Sat, April 27 - Garage Sale Ends

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tues.: Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Weds.: Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Th.: 1 Pt 5:5b-14

Mk 16:15-20

Fri.: Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Sat.: Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sun.: Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, Prom Mass, April 27 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Luke Zuber

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

Servers: Lexi Ochs & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 28 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Mark/Janet Vahling, Brenda Phillips, Gery Ochs

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Craig Hartrich Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Brenly Francis

Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich; Nick Hemrich

Sunday, April 28 @ 10:00 am

Lector: John Bower

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Dennis Weber, Marge Horton

Servers: Curtis Weber & Jack Weber

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

The Family of Evelyn McCreery would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, memorial donations food and phone calls. A special thank you to Fr. Paul for the beautiful Mass and to Debbie and Tammy for the beautiful music. Also, thanks to Meyer Funeral Home for assisting our family. Thank you to the ladies of St. Thomas for organizing and preparing the meal and to all those who brought the food for the funeral dinner. Your acts of kindness were greatly appreciated and will be kindly remembered!

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Congratulations to *Brian Bierman, Mike Geier, Craig Hartrich and Stephenie Kuhl* for accepting their nominations and then being selected as new members of the St. Thomas Pastoral Council. They were selected at the 4:30 pm Mass this past Saturday. Thank you to everyone who accepted the nomination and for your willingness to serve! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our pastoral council and its members during their time of service.

STILL NEED Volunteers to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

CARD SHOWER

Matilda Hemrich will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on April 28th. Please help her celebrate by sending Birthday wishes to: 104 N Church St, Newton, IL 62448

OPEN HOUSE

Inis (Kistner) Probst turns 90 on May 1st! Birthday wishes can be sent to: 101 S. Walnut St., Newton, IL 62448

An open house will be held on May 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Newton from 6:00 -8:00pm.

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:

Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

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

St. Thomas and St. Mary's are once again participating in a Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer. If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of the trip, please put it in the offering or give it to Linda in the office. Thank you!

Holy Land Olive Wood Handcrafted Items Available the weekend of April 27-28. Due to declining tourism in the Holy Land, many Catholic artisans face economic hardship. Our mission is to support these skilled craftspeople by providing a marketplace for their beautiful, hand-carved works in the United States. When you purchase one of these unique art pieces, you directly support Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding region. This helps preserve a vital Christian presence in the birthplace of Jesus Christ, ensuring the future of holy sites like the Nativity Church. To learn more and view our products, please visit www.theholylands.org

FORMED/AMEN App. It is time to renew our subscription. If you are currently using this resource, please consider making a donation to help St. Thomas cover the cost of the subscription. Just drop your donation in an envelope marked “FORMED” in the collection basket. You can also just drop it off at the church office or in the drop box located outside by the main entrance doors of church. Thanks so much for helping us with the cost of this resource, so that we can continue to offer it to the parishioners of our parishes.

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.**
Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 19th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

Congratulations, Deacon Charlie Delano on your recent Transitional Diaconate Ordination. We are proud of you and are excited to be a part of your continued journey to the priesthood!



One thing I have learned in my discernment.

“Once you start asking God how to serve Him, you never know where

He will take you. My time in seminary has been beyond anything I could have imagined or desired.” – Deacon Charlie

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center

Specials announced during the sale!!

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (seasonal), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and **furniture with prior approval.**

Cannot accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

**Drop donations off April 22nd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
& April 23rd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund

Don't forget about the St. Thomas School SCRIP program. They have some local gift cards as well as gift cards that can be used in Effingham. Amazon cards are available, too! They make great gifts and can be used for regular personal shopping.

Eucharistic Revival Award – The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has created a new patch award for Scouts of all ages to help us on our journey through the Eucharistic Revival. By learning about the Eucharist and participating in various spiritual experiences, Scouts can earn the main Eucharistic Revival patch and up to eight additional rockers to circle the main patch. For more information about how to earn these awards, please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email scouting@dio.org.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

- **8/2/2024 – 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**
- **9/27/2024 – 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO**
- **10/11/2024 – 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL**

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church



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(email/text: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

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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, April 22nd, Easter Weekday

Blood Drive 2pm – 6pm

Tuesday, April 23rd, St George

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John & Dick Helregel+)

Wednesday, April 24th, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

6:30 p.m. – PSR – Last Class

Thursday, April 25th, St Mark

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Elmer & Josephine
Ginder+)

Friday, April 26th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 27th, Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 28st, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 28, 2024

Ushers: Maynard Kaufmann, George Semple,
Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Ellie Ochs/Wade Schackmann

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Hartrich,
Amy Frohning, Elfrieda Kaufmann

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of April 14, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 723.00
Loose	<u>222.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 945.00
Capital Improvement	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$ 1245.00

St Mary's church Tithe

February Tithe Income - \$8,148.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$815.00

St Mary's PSR

The last class for this year's PSR will be held on
April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Graduates: If there are any parishioners who will be
college graduates this year, please send their names in
to parish office.

St. Mary's Family Life Graduation Breakfast will be
held on **June 2, 2024 after 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

Thank you: To those who responded to our plea for
quilts for the picnic. We have a few quilts or tops to be
finished turned in. We thank you for your generosity to
keep the quilt raffle going. It is greatly appreciated!!

Blood Drive - St Mary's parish will be hosting a
American Red Cross blood drive on:

Monday, April 22, 2024
2-6pm in the parish center.