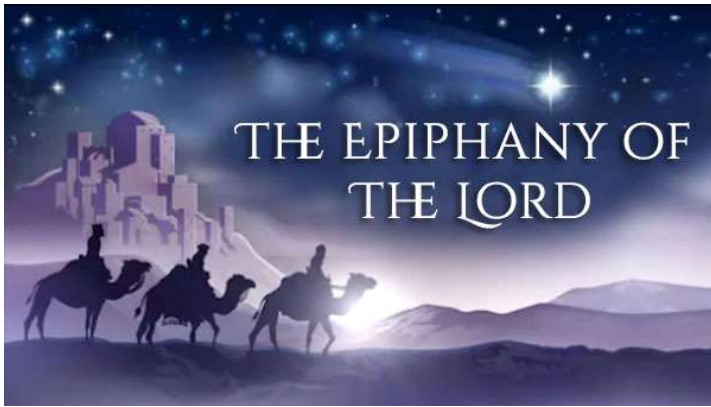


January 7th-8th, 2023



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: dprobst@dio.org)
Parochial Vicar Fr. Pawel Luczak
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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller
Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich
PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am
w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am
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
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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	13,906.00
Loose	\$	45.00
Subtotal	\$	13,951.00
Christmas	\$	1,770.00
Building Fund	\$	305.00
Other	\$	956.00
School Fund	\$	875.00
Subtotal	\$	3,906.00
Grand Total	\$	17,857.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$37,924.00
10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,792.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

5:30 pm Mass (Myrtle Radke+)

Tuesday, January 10, Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

10:30 am Mass of Christian Burial for Leroy Frohning

11:00 am - 2 pm Mattoon Deanery Clergy Gathering

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting at Rectory

Wednesday, January 11, Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Class Mass (Doc & Clara Donsbach+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Newton Care Center Mass

4:00 pm OCIA for Youth (Church Conference Room)

5:30 pm Youth Choir

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

6:30 pm OCIA for Adults at St. Thomas Rectory

Thursday, January 12, Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Mass (Florence Zumbahlen+)

6:00 pm St. Thomas Finance Council

Friday, January 13, St. Hilary

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30am All School Mass (LeRoy Donsbach+)

Saturday, January 14, Weekday

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ord. Time

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, January 14 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Lori TeVault; Nichole Mulvey
E.M.: Emma Rauch, Kaitlyn Ochs, Mark Bolander,
Wanda Kocher

Servers: Allie Hermann & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Kim & Luke Zuber

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Steve Rubsam

Sunday, January 15 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Sara Bergbower

EM: Linda Hemrich, Jill & Eliza Bierman, A. Hartrich

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Alani Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians: John Johnson & Laney Hemrich

Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich & Nick Hemrich

Sunday, January 15 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ginger Robins & Kevin Parker

EM: Becky Parker, John & Marissa Bower, D. Weber

Servers: Audrey Beals & Lauren Gier

Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert



St. Thomas Annual Wine & Beer Tasting is Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2023 at Newton Knights of Columbus Hall; 5:30pm. Featuring wines from around

the world, German Beer and an elegant charcuterie table filled with delicious German appetizers and foods. \$10 donation. A Quilt Raffle also available. Tickets can be purchased for the quilt after the weekend Masses leading up to the event.

Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Company Newton Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Angels

The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, March 12th at 8:45 am at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish office. **Baptisms are scheduled during Mass** so that the child/person can be welcomed into the church, the family of God.

St. Thomas School 4th Annual Trivia Night & Live Auction

Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Heads/Tails ~ Food ~ Wine Pull

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
~ **Doors open at 5:00 pm** ~ Space is Limited!
Cost to play: \$160/ team of 8 adults over 21
(Must be on a team to play)

Pulled Pork & Chips available for a free-will donation. Beverages available for purchase.

Questions: Contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at St. Thomas School 618-783-3517

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory. We are in the final stages of wrapping up our parish directory, so that we can get it sent off to the printers. We would like to include as many families as possible, so if you were not able to schedule a photo session *please submit a photo by email (stthomaschurch@psbnewton.com) or drop one off at the parish office by January 8.* This is a great resource for our parish, and we want everyone to be included!! Call 618-783-8741 if you have any questions! NOTE: Cost of Directory is \$35 for anyone not pictured in the book!

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2023 is set for July 9-14, in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Those signed up include:

Adults: Jason Bierman, Ted Weber, Jill Bierman & Rose Gangloff

Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Alex Gier, Aleah Higgs, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Adam Weber, Elias Weber.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME...

to the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie. If you would like to become a member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Bonnie Finn,



Amanda Tomm, Steve Ochs, Steve Stiles, Mike Yager, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel, Rodney Hatten,

Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in peace:** Clarence Vahling and Leroy Frohning.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17
Tues.: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Weds.: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5:11 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 15

7AM - 12PM

TEUTOPOLIS BANQUET HALL

Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast

**Sunday, January 15
7:00am-12:00pm**

**Teutopolis Banquet Hall
210 S. Pearl Street**

- Free-Will Donation
- Dine In or Carry Out
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Baskets



**Effingham Area
Right to Life**



March for Life, Washington, D.C.–Jan. 18-22, 2023

Those attending from St. Thomas include:

Adults: Paul Bierman, Jenny Fritchley, Linda Hemrich, Beth Ochs

Youth: Katie Bierman, Allison Brummer, Cameron Davis, Caroline Frohning, Will Fritchley, Alex Gier, Laney Hemrich, Lexi Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Emma Rauch, Adam Weber

PreCana to be held at St Mary's Parish Center on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Registration needs to be turned in by March 3, 2023. This is limited to 20 couples, so please register early. You can find the registration form on our website -stemariechurch.org, or by calling the parish office. – 618-455-3155.

Letter from our Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the *Collection for the Church in Latin America*. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

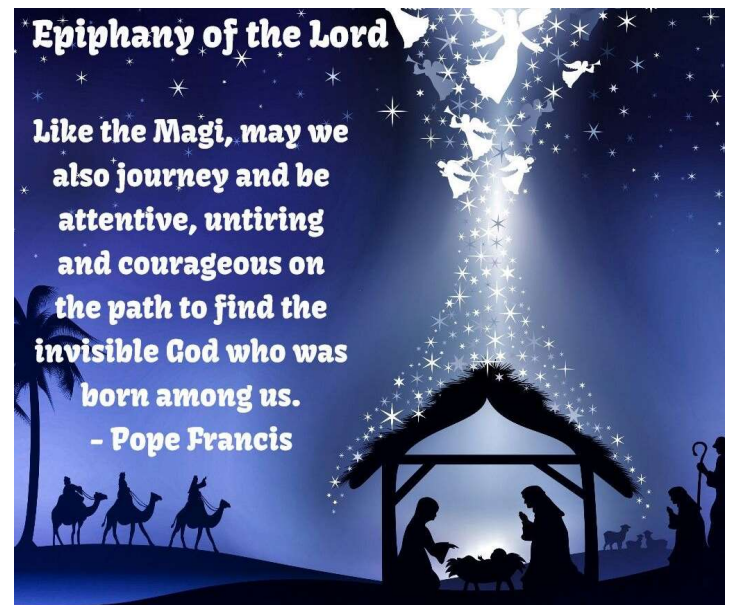
Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of **January 21/22, 2023**. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.usccb.org/giving-together) ([usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america](https://www.usccb.org/giving-together)) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki



The Feast of Epiphany ends the Christmas Season

as Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It isn't ordinary as the Lord, our God and Savior, has come to His people. Ordinary is taken from the Latin word "Ordinal" which means Counted. We begin counting the weeks of the year outside of the specific Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Thus we begin the first counted week of the Liturgical year this week. May your year 2023 not be ordinary but a time of counting God's Blessings in your life.

The Regular Weekend Mass Schedule returns this weekend, January 7/8.

Fr. Dean will be filling in two weekends for Fr. Sunder Ery at Neoga, Sigel and Lillyville January 14/15 and 22/23; and he and Fr. Pawel will trade on Friday mornings during January at Sacred Heart, Effingham; and Fr. Pawel will substitute for Fr. Beagles in Robinson and Oblong the first weekend of February.

October 17-26, 2023 Trip to Holy Land with Fr. Dean

is being prepared by NAWAS Catholic Agency. Dorothy of Oz stated: "There is no place like home!" The Holy Land is our home as Christians. Visit the sites of Jesus birth, preaching and healing, suffering, death and resurrection. Brochures are available in the foyers of each parish Church. Cost: \$4,179.

Fr. Michael Rosa, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Effingham is leading a pilgrimage tour of Poland, his homeland before being ordained a priest for our Diocese. Brochures are available in the foyer. The trip May 21-June 2 is at a cost of \$4,100.

January 7th-8th, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord



St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and **8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday**

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: requested with a priest.

Also available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 9th, The Baptism of the Lord
PICTURES 1 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, January 10th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, January 11th, Weekday

6:3 pm - PSR

Thursday, January 12th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Darlene Mammoser+)

Friday, January 13th, Weekday

Saturday, January 14th, Weekday

Sunday, January 15th, 2nd Sunday in Ord.Time

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

Thank You to the parish of St Mary's. Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year. Thanks so much for your generosity at Christmas,

Fr. Dean & Fr. Pawel

Reminder: If school is canceled due to weather, there will be no PSR.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – January 15, 2023

Ushers: Phil Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff, Norman Boehl, Amy Frohning

Masses: Intentions for masses for this year are being scheduled now. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update:

Don't forget to make those appointments, pictures start Sunday!!! If you did not receive and invite, or can't find it. Please call and we will get you signed up. These are the only dates that will be available.

Photo session dates are:

Sunday, January 8th - 10am – 6pm

Monday, January 9th - 1pm – 9pm.

The second session for pictures is:

Sunday, February 5th - 10 am – 6pm

Monday, February 6th - 1pm – 6pm.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes.

If you would be interested in helping with the directory, please call the parish office.

NOTE: Directories cost \$35 for those who are not pictured in the directory. So get your picture taken or at least submit a photo of living members of the family in the parish.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of January 1, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 3470.00
Loose	73.00
Sub Total	\$ 3543.00
Christmas Offering	30.00
Children's Home	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	163.00
Total	\$ 3786.00

St Mary's Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – 10957.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1096.00

Prayers for the family of Leroy Frohning, father of Linda Clinton, Teresa Ochs, Cheryl Matson, Sandy Dhom & Leanne Keller, who passed away this week. His funeral Mass will be Tuesday, January 10 at 10:30 am in St. Thomas Church. Visitation will be held Monday 5 -7 pm and Tuesday 9:30 -10:00 am at Meyer Funeral Home in Newton, IL.