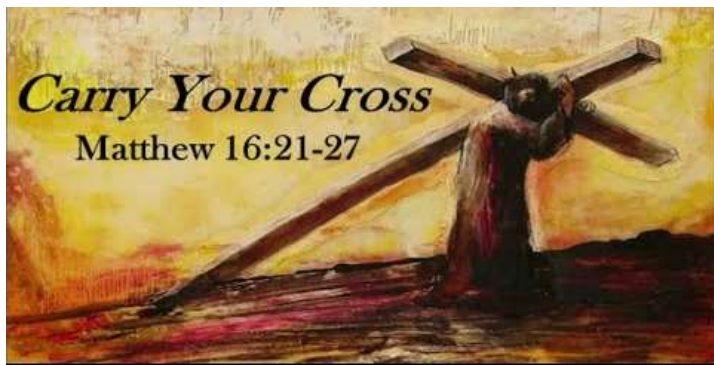


September 2-3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

August 26-27, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,829.00
Loose	\$	108.00
Subtotal	\$	6,937.00
Assumption	\$	90.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
School Fund	\$	425.00
Subtotal	\$	525.00
Grand Total	\$	7,462.00

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

Monday, Sept. 4, Weekday, Labor Day; Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 5, Weekday

School Laundry Detergent Orders Due

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Sept. 6, Weekday

8:30 am K-2 Class Mass (Int: John Frohning)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:00 pm School Board

6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, Sept. 7, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Sept. 8, Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary;

Grandparent's Day

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Rita Schafer)

Saturday, Sept. 9, St. Peter Claver

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Marching Saints at Fall Festival

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Charles E. Dhom)

Sunday, Sept. 10, 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Florence Zumbahlen)

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, September 9 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: David Sydor

E.M.: Gerald & Denisse Ochs, Kim Zuber,
 Mark Bolander

Servers: Brooke Farley & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, September 10 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman

EM: Sheryl Brummer, Paul Bierman, Lori TeVault,
 Becky Shamhart

Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, September 10 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kelly Iffert

EM: Jason/Jenny Bierman, Charlie Schackmann,
 Marge Horton

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

Get Ready St. Thomas CYO!!

Start Date: September 6 at 6:30 pm in parish center

Because Sundays are just not enough!!

Jenny & Linda are starting the year off by reflecting on the upcoming weekend's Mass readings and preparing for Mass. All youth encouraged to bring their bibles! We might even give journaling a try😊

Note: Wednesday, Sept. 13th, we will be joining PSR for their "kick-off" Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's

St. Thomas PSR will once again be joining with St. Mary's, and classes will be held in the St. Mary's parish center. **PSR will start on September 13th with Mass at 6:00 pm.** All other sessions will begin at 6:30 pm. Registration forms are available at both parishes! Thanks to St. Mary's for hosting PSR for our youth again this year!

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Violet Lea Earnest, infant daughter of Patrick and Justina (Adair) Earnest who's Godparents are Matt Earnest and Nikki Earnest. Violet was baptized last Sunday morning, August 27, 2023 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. May God continue the good work begun in her!

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

St. Thomas Youth Choir will begin on September 13th and will meet at church from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. All youth welcome, and we look forward to hearing all of the familiar voices as well as the new ones. Thanks for sharing your talents with us!!

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.

Fr. Dean Probst would like to thank Fr. Pawel and the Parishioners of St. Thomas for their many kindnesses during his service as our pastor. He also thanks the parish for the retirement party and generous check! You all remain in his prayers! For an update on what he has been up to, please stop by and check out his note that is posted on the bulletin board in the parish office! Please know that he is still available for individual assistance, offering Mass for your intention, Anointing of the Sick, or Penance. **New Address:** 602 N. Fourth Street, Effingham, IL 62401

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:

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:

Monday:	1Thes 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30
Tues.:	1Thes 5:1-6,9-11	Lk 4:31-37
Weds.:	Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44
Th.:	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11
Fri.:	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Sat.:	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5
Sun.:	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10	Mt 18:15-20

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon: Labor Day – No School

Tues: 4:30 pm Softball at Effingham
4:00 pm Cross Country at St. Anthony
4:30 pm Baseball at St. Joe's Olney
Laundry Detergent Orders Due

Weds: 8:30 am K-2 Class Mass
4:30 pm Softball, here vs Charleston
6:00 pm School Board

Thurs: 4:30 pm Baseball, here vs T-town

Fri: 8:30 am All-School Mass
Grandparents Day (Kindergarten)
5:30 pm Baseball at Altamont Lutheran

Sat: Fall Festival – Band marches at 10:00 am
9:00 am Cross Country at Shelbyville
Softball regionals can begin

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.

Year of the **EUCCHARIST**

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 **41** 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 hope that our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to taking a full bus representing our parishes to Springfield. **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.

Save the Dates: September 28th – September 30th

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

More details to follow.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA) is the process of welcoming non-Catholics into full communion of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or 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)

Newton Care Center Holy Communion and Rosary Schedule: Weekly on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. Family and friends are invited to join their family members for Holy Communion and participate in the Rosary if you are visiting. Thank you, Linda Mertens, for your ministry



**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

Franklin and Geneva Geier will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 3rd, 2023. They are also celebrating Franklin's 90th Birthday and Geneva's 85th Birthday on this date as well. An open house gathering will be hosted by their children at the Geier residence from 1-3pm. All friends and neighbors are welcome to attend. No gifts are necessary. Cards may be mailed to 6317 E. Richland Ave, Newton IL, 62448

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

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!



August 26-27, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in
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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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(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 4th, Weekday

Tuesday, September 5th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

Wednesday, September 6th, Weekday

Thursday, September 7th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Ochs+)

Friday, September 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Saturday, September 9th, St Peter Claver

Sunday, September 10th, 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Vincent, Lorna Mae &
 Mike Boehl+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of August 27, 2023

Envelopes \$ 2118.00

Loose 86.00

Sub Total \$ 2204.00

Assumption 20.00

Haiti 30.00

TOTAL \$ 2254.00

St Mary's Church July Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$5804.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 580.00

Thanks – To the 19 registered donors, also to Hartrich Meats, Kay and Nancy for helping with the drive. Next Blood drive October 23rd at St Mary's Parish Center

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 10, 2023

Ushers: John Uebinger, Paul Kaufmann, Nicholas Zwilling

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs/Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling

186th Annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Sainte Marie Style Chicken 3-6pm

Food & Games 3-7pm

Bingo, Kids games, Basket Raffle

Quilt Raffle

Big Ticket Raffle

Beer Garden 3-9pm

SOCO 'a little southern comfort'

6-9pm

Come and join the fun!!

PSR REGISTRATION Please fill out the registration form if your child will be attending classes at St Mary's, drop them in the collection basket or the drop box on the front door of the office. **Registration forms are available at the entrances to the churches. We are still in need of a 2nd grade and 6th grade teacher** for this fall- if interested call Denisse at the office or contact Marie Wagner – 618-754-3388

Registration can still be turned in, please do so as soon as possible

The first class will begin on **September 13th at 6:00 pm with Mass.** All other session will begin at 6:30 pm.

Any questions please contact the office or Marie Wagner. Looking forward to seeing you this fall!

For the parents, there will once again be a hospitality session in the parish center for those waiting on their children.

Thank you note from Fr Dean

Fr Pawel and the St Mary's Parishioners

Thank you for your kindness during my service as your pastor. Thanks, particularly for the Retirement Appreciation Party, also for the generous check.

Know you are in my prayers that you may grow in your relationship with the Love of God through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. God Bless You Fr Dean!

Additional note is on the church bulletin board.