

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27-28, 2026



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

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

June 20-21, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,277.00
Loose	\$	471.00
Subtotal	\$	5,748.00
Annual School Fund	\$	90.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	130.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	350.00
Subtotal	\$	570.00
Grand Total	\$	6,318.00

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed.

Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

This Week in Our Parish

St. Thomas Parish Center closed

June 29-July 27

Monday, June 29, Sts. Peter and Paul

Tues., June 30, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, July 1, St. Junipero Serra

8:30 am Mass (Int. Special Intention)

9:00 am Rosary

Thursday, July 2, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

First Friday, July 3, St. Thomas the Apostle
Office Closed

8:30 am Mass (Int. Danny Bierman)

Adoration Following Mass until Noon

3:00 – 9:00 pm 250 years celebration @ St. Marie

First Saturday, July 4; Weekday; Independence Day

7:30 am Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

Sun., July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Heart Work Campers head to Kansas City

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:35 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Jeff Kerner)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 12:1-11 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Tues.: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Mt 8:23-27

Weds.: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Mt 8:28-34

Th.: Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8

Fri.: Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29

Sat.: Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17

Sun.: Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

July 3, 2026

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Friday of every month. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 4 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Kimbery/Alayna Ochs, Alice Addis, Kim Zuber

Servers: Carissa Barthelme, Jack Schumacher,
Megan Farley

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, July 5 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Sarah Hemrich

EM: Nathan Bierman, Tyler Spiker, Eliza Muska,
Katie Bierman

Servers: Kinsley Kerner, Blake/Kyle Bierman

Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, July 5 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Pat Mammoser

EM: Jenny/Nick Bierman, Renee/Dylan Gier

Servers: Claire Schackmann, Maura Weber,
Patrick Bower

Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Geier

Sound System Update:

Bluetooth now available for hearing aids

Be sure to pick up an instructional flyer in the gathering space to learn how you can Bluetooth your hearing aids to the sound system. The bar code for connecting to the listening app is also included here and then you will need to connect to the church's Wi-Fi, STS Audio Aid.

Do not hesitate to stop by the parish office if you need assistance setting this up. The original listening devices are still available in the usher's room if you prefer to use them instead.

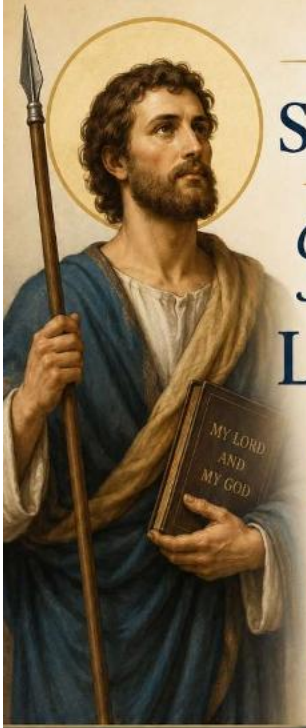


A Friendly Reminder...

Please stop by the parish center to pick up your funeral dinner dishes. We absolutely want everyone to get their dishes back, so please put your name on the dishes that you bring and would like to have back. Thank you for helping us keep the parish center neat and organized for all who need to use it!

Welcome, Mr. Cade Allison. Cade is our new St. Thomas School Math Teacher! His enthusiasm and heart for his Christian faith make him someone who we are excited to add to our St. Thomas School family! Be sure to introduce yourself to him if you see him out and about this summer.

You are invited!



ST. THOMAS
— THE APOSTLE —
Feast Day
LUNCHEON

 **JUNE 28TH**

 **11:30 AM**

 **PARISH CENTER**



Also a
Welcome back Fr. Pawel
— CELEBRATION! —

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Jon Webb, Leah Semple Finley, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Sheila Dhom Thomas, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Jim Kocher

Fr. Pawel is looking for someone who would be willing to help a foreign visitor (Pallottine Priest) improve his English. Experience teaching English as a second language is preferred, but anyone interested in helping through conversation and language practice is encouraged to respond. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Victim Assistance Contact Information

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

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

More details are coming soon!



On FORMED

About this Saints series: In this collection, you can find interviews on dozens of the lives of the saints. Learn about Sts. Monica, Augustine, Stephen, Philip Neri, Catherine of Siena, and more!

The Saints and Heroes Collection: The stories of real-life Saints & Christian Heroes all come to life in this award-winning animated film series. Featuring authentic role models today's child can truly believe in.

Looking for a Driver...Fr. Evans Kulei will be visiting our parishes for the weekend Mission Co-op Appeal on **August 22-23**. His mission is requesting that he be transported to and from the airport. He is flying in and out of Indy; arriving on Friday, August 21st at 9:52 am and departing on Sunday, August 23 at 7:41 pm. Please let Fr. Pawel know if you are interested. Thanks!

St. Thomas Rosary

All are welcome to join the Rosary group that meets on Wednesday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. No registration needed...just show up and BYOR(Bring Your Own Rosary) 😊 What a great way to start off your day!



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

The 52nd annual Day of Prayer for Life...



was held on June 17th at St. Francis Church, Teutopolis. Area churches and organizations prayed throughout the day during Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 8:00 AM, with a pause in Adoration for a 9:15 AM Mass celebrated by Father Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM.

The Reverend Seth Brown, pastor of Mother of Dolors Church in Vandalia, was the honored celebrant at the closing 7:30 PM Mass, with concelebrants Father John Titus, Father Joe Carlos, OFM, Father James Flach, Father Carmen Scuderi, OFM, Father Michal Rosa and Father Jayke White. Seminarians Steven Kehoe and Sean Sullivan were servers, along with Eric Habing.

A sincere thank you is extended to all the prayer leaders and musicians during the continuous hours of prayer, and all prayer volunteers. Thanks to all who assisted in honoring life at the 9:15 AM and 7:30 PM Masses, including our priests, servers, musicians, sacristans, Fourth Degree KC Honor Guards, lectors, and gift bearers. Thanks be to God for our safety, and to the St. Francis CCW for hosting a reception for those who stayed after the tornado warning that evening.

Safe Environment

check
it out!

Just a reminder that all parish volunteers that are directly involved with our youth are required to have a current background check form on file. An email was sent out a few weeks ago as a reminder to those whose background check had expired. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information.

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, June 29th, Saints Peter & Paul

Tuesday, June 30th Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Jim Kocher+)

6:30 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 1st, St Junipero Serra

Thurs., July 2nd, Weekday; Home Visits w/Fr. Pawel

8:00 p.m. – Rosary

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

First Friday, July 3rd, St Thomas, the Apostle

3:00 – 9:00 pm 250 years Celebration at St. Marie

First Saturday, July 4th, Weekday;

Independence Day

7:30am – 8:15am – Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 am – Mass (Int: Renee Ochs+)

Sunday, July 5th, Fourteenth Sunday in Ord Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ken Helregel+)

Rest in Peace – Jim Kocher, may God grant him eternal life. Prayers for his family, giving them comfort and peace.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of June 21, 2026

Envelopes/online collection	\$	785.00
Loose		161.00
Sub Total	\$	896.00
Haiti		100.00
Total	\$	996.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 5, 2026

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson,
Nicholas Zwilling

Servers: Kinsey Barber/Charlee Hartrich/Alivia
Hartrich

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

E Ms: Amy Frohning, Bridget Matson, Lora Semple

What is going on with upkeep – The past couple of weeks Illini Restoration have repaired the mortar in the brick and waterproofed the buildings on the church grounds. Also, we are currently working on a new system to update the bells. More updates soon.

Area Events

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - 3pm – 5pm- St Valentine Hall

Jasper County Honey Do Ministry: Work Week is July 6th-10th, and we will need your help. We have projects all around Jasper County that we cannot do without you! We need in all areas and expertise. You don't have to commit to the whole week. If you only have a few hours that's great too.

Our days begin between 7 and 7:15 am each morning at Scott Avenue's multipurpose room. We will provide breakfast and have devotions, followed by job assignments. As in the past, **St. Mary's and St. Thomas' parishes will provide breakfast for the volunteers on Weds, July 8th.** At noon lunch is also provided. We wrap up by 5pm. We recommend that you wear old clothes and shoes, work gloves, and a reusable water bottle or cup. If you have yard work tools those are great to have too.

This is a GREAT service opportunity for your small group, family, church, or youth groups!

If you would like more info please contact Debbie (618) 554-4987 or Quincy (618) 553-4690.

If you can't help during the work week there are always other ways to help.... donate money or supplies (paper towels, cleaning supplies, paint brushes, work gloves, tools of all sizes, small bottles of Gatorade, paper cups, plasticware, paper plates, bug spray, and sunblock just to name a few). And we absolutely always welcome your prayers! For more info feel free to contact us!