

**July 20-21, 2024**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller**

**Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich**

**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.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

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**

July 13-14, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,868.00
Loose	\$	878.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,746.00</b>
School Fund	\$	460.00
G.I.F.T	\$	500.00
Building Fund	\$	185.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,145.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,891.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church May Tithe**

May Tithe Income – \$54,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,421.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene**

*Linda out of the office this week*

**Tuesday, July 23, St. Bridget**

**8:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration**

**8:00 am –** Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am –** Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf**

**8:30 am** Mass (Gloria Ochs)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**2:00 pm – 6:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration**

**Thursday, July 25, St. James**

**8:00 am –** Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am –** Mass at St. Mary's

**5:45 pm – 6:30 pm** Eucharistic Min./Lector Review

**Friday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Chris Frichtl)

**Saturday, July 27, Weekday**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

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

**Sunday, July 28, 17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Jessica Spiker)

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Patty McCreery)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: Sg 3:1-4b**

**Jn 20:1-2,11-18**

**Tues.: Mi 7:14-15,18-20**

**Mt 12:46-50**

**Weds.: Jer 1:1,4-10**

**Mt 13:1-9**

**Th.: 2 Cor 4:7-15**

**Mt 20:20-28**

**Fri.: Jer 3:14-17**

**Mt 13:18-23**

**Sat.: Jer 7:1-11**

**Mt 13:24-30**

**Sun.: 2 Kgs 4:42-44**

**Eph 4:1-6**

**Jn 6:1-15**

**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

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

**OCIA(**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**)** If you or someone you know is interested in 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).

### St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

**Saturday, July 27 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lori TeVault

EM: Brad/Kimberly Ochs, Lori Rauch, Ramon Kocher

Servers: Alayna Ochs & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ron & Patti Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

**Sunday, July 28 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Tony Weber

EM: Brenda Phillips, Theresa Volk, Gery Ochs,  
Paul Bierman

Servers: Aaron Volk & Tyler Spiker

Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, July 28 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Kelly Iffert

EM: Sara Mette, Dennis Weber, Annie Ochs

Servers: Carlee Finn

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins



### **Congratulations, Addison Ruth**

**Bergbower**, the daughter of Justin & Rachel (Frohning) Bergbower, who was recently baptized on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas.

Godparents are Noah Frohning and Katlin Lidy. May God continue the good work begun in her!

### **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 12th 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:** St. Thomas would like to host a table if we have parishioners interested in reserving a seat at the table. Please call the parish office, 618-783-8741, if you are interested. All monies raised from our efforts will go to the Newton Family Life Center.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.** Be sure to check out the Diocese's website <https://dio.org/catholic-times/they-prayed-they-worshipped-they-witnessed/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield/> for pictures, videos and posts about this historic event that many of our parishioners were able to witness locally!

### **St. Thomas School Registration.**

- July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am-1:00 pm

-July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Registration will take place in the St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room. Please contact the school office if you need to make other arrangements. Looking forward to seeing all of you as the new school year approaches!

### **Welcome to our new 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Tami**

**Hetzer.** Tami is from the Island Grove area and has been working at Dieterich for many years. She is a mother of two and married to Mark. We are excited to welcome her into our St. Thomas family and look forward to parents and students getting to meet her!

### **Non-Discriminatory Policy.**

St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

### **A new parish software is coming.**

The Diocese will be sunsetting its use of Acceptiva as the online payment processor for parishes, **effective September 1.** St. Thomas Parish currently receives online offertory gifts via the Diocesan Acceptiva account and is taking the first steps in transitioning to the new diocesan wide online processor, PushPay, to ensure our parishioners can maintain their online offertory. The new giving link is available on our website, [www.stthomasnewton.net](http://www.stthomasnewton.net). Give it a try!

### **Congratulations on 70 years!!**



A card shower is being planned for **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frohning**, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 7. Cards may be sent to them at 101 S. Gregory, Apt. 5, Newton, IL 62448. They will appreciate hearing from their friends and family. Let us help them celebrate!

### **Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review.**

Fr. Pawel would like to meet with **ALL** Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan on attending one of the following Thursday evenings at 5:45pm:

July 25<sup>th</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>

## 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:

Wyatt Young, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

### St. Thomas School Presents Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual DUCK RACE 2024 Sunday, August 18th

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

Free swimming following until noon

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:

St. Thomas School or Church, Peoples State Bank,  
Medicine Shoppe

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

**1<sup>st</sup> place duck: \$600.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place duck: \$250.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place duck: \$100.00**

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 special BLUE Duck and a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.\*\***

**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](http://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.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners in church. Please share any FORMED resources that you have used and have positively affected your prayer and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

## Catholic Heart Work Camp is HERE & NOW



### Campers visit Lake Michigan on the way home

**Participants:** Jackson Baltzell, Alani Bergbower,

Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman,

Nick Bierman, Allison

Brummer, Maddie Brummer,

Cameron Davis, Brenly

Francis, Lauren Gier, Allie

Hermann, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Wade Ochs,

Claire Probst; **Adults:** Fr. Dean Probst, Jill Bierman,

Paul Bierman, Sheryl Brummer

A special thanks to our participants and chaperones!



### A Message from Fr. Paul

#### Respecting the Sanctity of the Eucharist Celebration

The Eucharistic celebration holds a central place in Catholic life. It is a celebration that reminds us about Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the altar of the cross and embodies the true presence of Jesus Christ among believers feeding them with his divinity. Within this context the principles of courtesy and respect are expected from participants of the Eucharistic celebration.

*Unfortunately one of the often overlooked aspects of respect during the Eucharistic celebration is the prohibition against chewing gum.*

Code of Canon law (Canon 919.1) tells Catholics that they are to abstain from all food and drink (with the exception of water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion. The reason, of course, is to remind us how special the Eucharist is, nourishing us for eternal life. It is something different from regular food or drink that we consume.

*Chewing gum - simply saying is breaking that fast and it is a reason to NOT receive Holy Communion.* The act of receiving the Eucharist is a moment of profound significance, symbolizing our communion with Christ and the Church. Engaging in behaviors like chewing gum during this time expresses a lack of reverence for the sacredness of the moment and it also expresses lack of respect for the received body of Christ.

It is important to be mindful of our actions within the church that they always express and foster a sense of reverence and respect for the divine nature of place and moment. Let us remember to observe guidelines of courtesy and respect, by doing so we not only honor the sanctity of the Eucharistic celebration but also deepen our personal faith and relationship with Christ.

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)

Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

**Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak**

(email/text: [revpl.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto: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, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, St Mary Magdalene**

**Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, St Bridget**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Oscar & Marcella Strutner+)

**Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, St Sharbel MakhluF**

**Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, St James**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

**Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Saints Joachim and Anne**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs+)

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

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Jacob Kaufmann,  
Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Ellie Ochs/Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Becca Ochs/ Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Tony & Janet Hartrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ochs, Maynard &  
Elfrieda Kaufmann



**Congratulations, Leda Matson**, the daughter of Ethan and Bridget Matson, who was recently baptized on July 7 at St. Mary's. Godparents are Henry and Rachel Volk. May God continue the good work begun in her!

**July Schedule**

July 21<sup>st</sup> – St Joseph Stringtown Picnic – 11:00 a.m. –  
7:00 p.m. – Smorgasbord lunch 11-2p.m.

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Finance Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Blue Grass/Ice Cream in the Bend

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

To be in the July 28<sup>th</sup> bulletin

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**May Tithe Income - \$33,606.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,361.00**

**Mark your calendars! September 1, 2024**

**187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day**

**St Mary's Church Picnic**

Our parish picnic is coming up and this year we are seeking donations of **themed baskets** valued at \$50 or more. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! If you would like to donate a basket, please contact -

Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or

[Becca.ochs@gmail.com](mailto:Becca.ochs@gmail.com).

**Dime Toss** – It is time to go thru those glasses for the dime toss. Clean items may be brought to the Parish Office or left on the front porch of the rectory.

**Raffle Tickets** – Are now available in the church, please pick up your packet and sell those tickets, lots of cash prizes and who doesn't like cash!! Tickets sell - \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.

Thank you for your donations!!

More updates coming soon!!