

**July 5-6, 2025**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING**

June 28-29, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,776.00
Loose	\$	1,511.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,287.00</b>
School Fund	\$	280.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	205.00
Peter's Pence	\$	283.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	420.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,188.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,475.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church May Tithe**

May Tithe Income – \$59,530.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,953.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., July 7, Weekday**

**Tuesday, July 8, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**Wednesday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Bibi Van Arnam)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**Thursday, July 10, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**Friday, July 11, St. Benedict**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Mike Mulvey)

**Saturday, July 12, Weekday**

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Dave Worman)

**Sunday, July 13, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Betty Frohning)

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

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

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

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Mon.:</b> Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tues.:</b> Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
<b>Weds.:</b> Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24a	Mt 10:1-7
<b>Th.:</b> Gn 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
<b>Fri.:</b> Gn 46:1-7,28-30	Mt 10:16-23
<b>Sat.:</b> Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a	Mt 10:24-33
<b>Sun.:</b> Dt 30:10-14	Col 1:15-20
	Lk 10:25-37

**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

**St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2025 Schedule.**

October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**The St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed** for cleaning and waxing floors **June 16 - July 19**. Thank you for your cooperation!

**St. Benedict, pray for us!**

### St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 12 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Beth Ochs

EM: Alice Addis, Emma Rauch, Wade Ochs

Servers: Brooks Hermann & Isaiah Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, July 13 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Mark Vahling

EM: Brooke Woods, Sheryl Brummer, Pam Francis,  
Janet Vahling

Servers: Caleb Kistner

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley, Lucy Bierman, Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, July 13 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Kristine Probst

EM: Helen, Leo, Adam Weber, Tony Sparks

Servers: Logan Vogt & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Jason Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

**It's Official! St. Thomas School has finalized the purchase of the Pizza Man property.** There are no plans for the property at this time. Thank you to all those involved throughout the process. The Finance Council would especially like to thank the John Frohning Estate for remembering St. Thomas School. A portion of the funds from the John Frohning Estate made purchasing this property possible without it being a financial strain on the parish. We are grateful for his insight. May we all follow his example and consider how we can be good stewards of our faith and resources now and in the future.

### Centennial Campaign Update:

**Campaign Goal: \$88,473.00 over 3 years**

**Collected to date: \$3,266.10**

**Thank you** to those who are already contributing! If you would like to contribute, please visit the church website, click on the online giving link, select the Centennial Campaign Fund and make a donation. For your convenience you can also contribute using the Building Fund envelope. Funds collected in the Building Fund envelope will go towards the Centennial Campaign goal, too. Together we can achieve great things for the benefit of both our parish and the Diocese!

### St. Thomas School Registration:

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

### Catholic Heart Work Camp

Bowling Green, KY; June 29-July 5



**The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here!** This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of Altar and Ministry supplies that include hosts, wine and candles that we use at every Mass. *The total collected so far is \$4,940.00!* Thanks for your support!

### ST. THOMAS CHURCH CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!

All parishioners are invited to attend Sunday brunch in the parish center on **July 20<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass** celebrating our church building's 15th anniversary! Sausage, scrambled eggs and hash brown casserole will be served along with sweets provided by our Angels group. Free will donations are being accepted. *A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for parishioners and eighth graders who would like to help out that morning. Please sign up by July 16<sup>th</sup>.* Thanks for helping us celebrate!

**The Kids' Bulletin** is now available in the St. Thomas Gathering Space. Be sure to pick one up for each of your kiddos!! Lots of great activities, stories and opportunities to share!

**Baby Bottle Project.** Thanks to Janeth Hartrich and her helpers for collecting the bottles, taking them to the bank to be counted and delivering our donation to the Newton Family Life Center. This year St. Thomas collected \$1,827.14. Thank you for your donation of spare change! It does truly make a difference!



## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.

### Please pray for the Sick:



Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

### What the Catechism says about Freedom:



#### Day 234: Freedom and Responsibility –

#### The Catechism in a Year

Day 234 of Catechism in a Year provides an overview of what it means for us to have freedom, and our responsibility to exercise

that freedom by choosing to do good and to be more like God. What a gift!

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” Luke 10:2*

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.



**Jasper County Honey Do Ministries.** The 2025 work week will be July 14-18. Contact your parish office to learn more about how you can help including

**assisting with the breakfast that we will host that Wednesday morning on July 16.** Please drop off breakfast items by 7:00 am that morning in the basement of the Grace United Methodist Church. Thanks for supporting these volunteers!



**OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!** Contact your Parish Office at 618-783-8741 (St. Thomas) or 618-455-3155 (St. Mary). We are waiting for YOU.

## A Message from Fr. Pawel

Greetings from Poland! I am enjoying a blessed time with my family, and I am grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with them after 2 and a half years. Everything is going well, and I am keeping all parishioners in my prayers. Soon I'll be traveling to Rome so please pray for my safe trip.



↑ Fr. Pawel with his family and nephew →



Please welcome Fr. Tomy this weekend to our parishes. He will be keeping an eye on you while I am away. As he begins his ministry at St. Thomas and St. Mary, let us open our hearts and offer him support, prayers and friendship. That said I must admit - I am starting to miss our parishes and all of you more and more each day.

I look forward to being back as soon as possible. Until that time may God bless you all.

*Fr. Pawel*



Corpus Christi Procession

## Trending on FORMED



### Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet

This extraordinary film explores the heroic life of a remarkable, modern-day mystic, Father Solanus Casey, who was relegated to doing little more than being a simple doorman in his monastery.

### St. Thomas the Apostle | Catholic Saints

Mary McGeehan joins Dr. Ben Akers for a discussion on the life of St. Thomas the Apostle. They dive into Scripture to explore the life, leadership, and personality of this heroic and saintly man.

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**St. Mary of the Assumption**

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**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, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Bill Schwartz+)

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, St Augustine Zhao Rong**

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Barnes+)

**Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, St Benedict**

**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George & Margaret Schalasky+)

**Kid' Bulletin** – Something new has come to St. Mary's!  
Every weekend we will have a bulletin available at the church entrances for the kids. It is an interactive bulletin, so be sure and pick one up for the kid's!!

**PSR-** This year we will be sending an e-mail with the PSR registration attached. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible. We would like to have registration done before August 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow more time to plan and prepare for the upcoming PSR session.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures**

**Collection for the week of June 29, 2025**

Envelopes	\$	725.00
Loose		123.00

<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>848.00</b>
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Priest Retirement		130.00
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Peter's Pence		65.00
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**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**May Tithe Income \$7,946.00**

**10% Tithe to Springfield - \$795.00**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 13, 2025**

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Nicholas Zwilling,  
George Semple

**Servers:** Blake Frohning/Clay Frohning

**Lectors:** Ethan Zwilling/Rose Gangloff

**Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ochs, Tony Hartrich,  
Bridget Matson

**2025 Pre Labor Day Picnic**

2025 Picnic prep is underway! As we gear up for our annual picnic, several stands are seeking donation to ensure everything runs smoothly.

**Donations requested:**

**Baskets** for the basket stand (minimum \$50 value) If you would like to donate a themed basket, gift certificate, or other items for the basket stand, please contact Becca at 618-554-4999 or reach out to the parish office.

**Glassware** – clean glassware for the dime pitch. Glasses can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Elaine at 618-843-0800 for pickup. Please no mugs or plastic cups.

Please let us know by August 10<sup>th</sup> if you would be able to contribute.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



**7/12/2025- Cork & Pork – 4:00 p.m.**

**7/20/2025 – Stringtown Picnic – 11am – 6pm**

**7/27/25 – Bluegrass in the Bend 3pm – 5pm**