

March 18th-19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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

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.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

March 11-12, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,818.00
Loose	\$	995.00
Subtotal	\$	8,813.00
Catholic Charities	\$	1,145.00
Catholic Times	\$	16.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	125.00
Building Fund	\$	170.00
School Fund	\$	1,020.00
Subtotal	\$	2,476.00
Grand Total	\$	11,289.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$48,437.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,844.00

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday: 3pm Penance, St. Anthony, Effingham

Monday, March 20, St. Joseph, Spouse of B.V. Mary

5:30 pm Mass (Kenny Koebele+)

6:00 pm OCIA--Adults

Tuesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass w/MP (Marcella Strutner+)

7:35 am Adoration until **8:00 am** Benediction

10:00 am Pro-life Mass at UIS Auditorium, Spgfld.

7:00 pm Penance Service at Sacred Heart, Effingham

Wednesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am 6-8 Class Mass (Deceased of Rohr Family+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Tribunal

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR/CYO

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm Mass (Lorraine Ochs+)

1:45 pm School Penance Service

3:00pm-5:00 pm Penance Service for General Public

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

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Penance Service at St. Mary's

Friday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

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

8:30 am All-School Mass (Sam Zuber+)

4:30 pm KC's Fish Fry

Saturday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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



Our "ELECT" with the Bishop.

Brianna (Clayton) Ochs,

Jessica (Trevor) Ochs, and Emma,

Alexis, Hayden Evans, daughters of

Guardians Josh & Debra Ochs, at

the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception in Springfield, IL. On the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays (4:30pm Saturdays) of Lent, they will participate in the Scrutinies of the Elect.

St. Thomas Parish Fish Fry – March 31st

Serving from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm (or until sold out)

Parishioners are asked to provide a dessert. If you

would like to volunteer to help at the fish fry please

contact the parish office 618-783-8741. Desserts can

be dropped off at the parish office in morning or the

KC Hall that afternoon. Thanks for your support!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 25 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Karen Buerster
E.M.: Matt & Amanda Baltzell, Kim Zuber,
Glenda Spiker

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patty Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Elise Wright
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 26 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Mark Vahling; Aubrey Bergbower
EM: Becky Shamhart, Jill Bierman, Janet Vahling,
Brenda Phillips

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Addison Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, March 26 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Renee Gier; Tracey Bower
EM: Marge Horton, Nikki Earnest, Ginger Robins,
Matt Bower

Servers: Haley Ochs & Audrey Beals
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**The Lenten Liturgy Weekday Schedule
At St. Thomas, Newton**

Monday: Mass at 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass with Morning Prayer
7:40-8:00 Adoration w Benediction
Weds.: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary
7:00 pm Stations of Cross/Rosary
Thursday: 12:10 pm Mass
Friday: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am
8:30 am Mass
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Come share in the Prayer Opportunities this Lent!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Schedule

March 22nd, 7:00 pm Stations: St Francis of Assisi
March 29th, 6:30 pm – Living Stations rehearsal
April 2, Palm Sunday, 6:30 pm – The Living Stations
All are welcome to join CYO throughout Lent for the various
spiritual Ways of the Cross.

St. Thomas Lent/Easter Décor. If you would like to contribute to our annual decor fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope marked “décor.” A list of names will be published to use as a prayer sheet during this Easter Season. *Please have all names submitted to the Parish Office by noon on April 3rd.*

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Peggy Mulvey, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, 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.

This Week’s Scripture Readings:

**Monday: 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a**
Tues.: Ez 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16
Weds.: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
Thurs.: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat.: Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Sun.: Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation for 2nd Graders and their parents is scheduled for the following dates:

Saturday, March 18, 8 – 10 am at St. Thomas
Thursday, March 23, 3 – 5 pm at St. Thomas
6:30 – 7:30 pm at St. Mary’s
Saturday, March 24, 8 – 9 am at St. Thomas
Parents are to receive the Sacrament prior to their son or daughter receiving First opportunity for Penance.

Eucharistic Miracle Panels. This was such an amazing display to have available for our parishioners to visit! So much to read and learn, but worth every second. It seems that everyone had a special miracle story, and it was interesting to hear everyone’s comments about what they discovered.

Thanks to Fr. Dean, Fr. Pawel and Linda for organizing the exhibit, Paul Bierman for helping pick up the panels from the Diocese, and to Dottie Benefiel, Dee Bower, Jill Bierman and Linda Hemrich for sitting with the exhibit. A special thanks to all of our parishioners and school families for visiting the display.

I think we all now know that Trani is a city in Italy☺

The NCHS musical “Mamma Mia” is **March 30-April 2**. It will be performed by the NCHS Chorus including several of our St. Thomas alumni. If you need tickets, contact the St. Thomas School or NCHS offices. It's going to be a great show as always!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION
The Grace of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

March 18: 8:00-10:00 am at St. Thomas

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean available

March 19: 3 pm at St. Anthony Church, Effingham

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean assisting.

March 21: 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean assisting.

March 23: at St. Thomas Church

1:45 pm St. Thomas School

3:00 pm – 5 pm: General Public

Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, & Fr. Sunder Ery
will be assisting Fr. Dean and Fr. Pawel (Paul).

March 23 at St. Mary's Church, Sainte Marie, IL.

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm General Public

Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Michael Berndt
and Fr. Dean and Fr. Pawel (Paul) will be available.

March 30: 5:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Church, Robinson

Fr. Dean will be there. Fr. Pawel is at Shelbyville.

Jesus said: "There is more joy in heaven over one
repentant sinner than 99 others who have no need of
repentance." Come share God's joy and mercy.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

5:30 pm at St. Mary's Adoration following

7:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

3:00 pm at St. Mary's

7:00 pm at St. Thomas

Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

8:00 pm at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 18th, 2023
Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217)

To volunteer your service or to provide a baked good.

Silk Purse Volunteers needed to support Newton's

Family Life Center. Any help including sorting
clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc.
would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work
any day, any hours.

Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F

10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

LENTEN REGULATIONS :

Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14
years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash
Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59
inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on
Good Friday.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence
is seriously sinful. However, health and/or medical
needs dispense a person.

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for
the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a
chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School
graduate for all they have given back to the school
community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award
must:

Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 + years
Have made contributions to society that reflect
the values instilled in them while attending
St. Thomas School

Past honorees include: Martha Hildebrand, Terry
Lidy, Anna McCullough, Father Dan Bergbower, Patsy
Leffler, Laurel Kerans, Millie Jansen, Frank Rubsam,
Wanda Kocher, Larry Miller, Mark Bolander, Mike
Yager, Robert Worcester, Paul Brummer, John Miller,
Mary McDonald, Debbie Matson, Phil Benefiel, Peggy
Mammoser, Joanie Weber, Shelah Bergbower, Dottie
Benefiel, Vicki Mullen, RoseAnn Kerner, Gene
Schackmann, Tony Zuber, and Tammy Page.

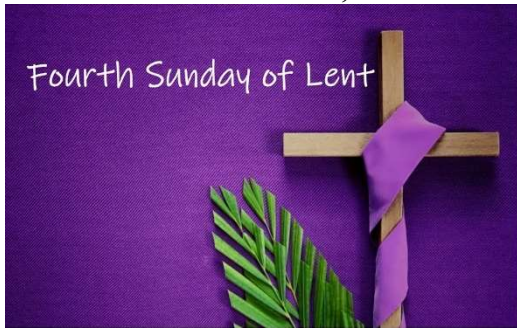
St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the
Exceptional Service Award. Nominees for this award
are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their
time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School
and/or St. Thomas Parish. The nominee does not have
to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of
St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our
school and/or parish.

Previous honorees include: Jewell Bauman, Judy
McClure, Mark Hartrich, Sara Frichtl, Charlie
Schackmann, Alice Addis, Jack Shedelbower, Dee
Bower, Harold Bolander, Verna Bergbower, Lee and
Sue Volk, Norma Beavers, Marilyn Rubsam, Wayne
Savageau, Rita Kocher, Gary and Joyce Johnson,
Denisse Ochs, Sue Dickerson, Pete Pasero, Sarah
Hemrich, RoseAnn Kerner, Ruth Kerner, and Tom
Brown.

For more info: call the school office at 783-3517.
Nominations will be accepted for both awards till
April 8, in the school or church office.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month

At St. Thomas Church 8-9 am & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 20th, St Joseph

Tuesday, March 21st, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Ephrem & Lelia Rennie+)

Wednesday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, March 23rd, St Turibius

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

6:30 – 7:30 pm Penance Service

Parents of 2nd Graders and children invited to share in this Sacrament, some for first Reconciliation.

Fr. Pete Harman, Fr. Michael Berndt, Fr. Michal Rosa will be assisting Fr. Pawel and Fr. Dean.

Friday, March 24th, Lenten Weekday

Sat., March 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. – Mass for the Solemnity

Sunday, March 26th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Volunteers Needed to work at funeral dinners. Food donations are also welcome. If anyone is willing to help but not already on our call list, please call: Marcia Ochs 618-783-1914 or Carolyn Keller 618-562-2590
Thank you!

Picnic Meeting – There will be a picnic planning meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in the parish center. All are welcome to come and share ideas!!

Holy Week: We will need ministers for Holy Thursday at 5:30pm, Good Friday at 3:00 pm, and Easter morning at 8:30 am. If you would like to volunteer for any of these days, please respond by e-mail or call the church office in the next week. I will be making out the minister schedules for April next week, and will be including those services. There will be no sign-up sheets in church. Thank you!

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 26, 2023

Ushers: Ben Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen,
Marvin Zwilling

Servers: Avery Ochs/Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Ethan Zwilling/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff and
Elfrieda and Maynard Kaufmann

A Special Thank you to all those who helped make this past weekend's Pre-Cana a success. Thanks to Mike and Renee Gier, Kelly & Jennifer Hinterscher, Tony & Allison Weber, Derek & Kasey Iffert, Jacob & Kate Pruemmer, and Fr. Pawel Luczak for leading the sessions and to the 17 couples that participated. Please keep these couples in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Easter Flower Donations due April 3 to be listed in the parish bulletin.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of March 12, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 945.00
Loose	80.00
Subtotal	\$1,025.00
Capital Improvement	20.00
Total	\$1,045.00

St Mary's Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – 45510.00

(Includes farm income)

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4551.00