

**June 14-15, 2025**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**



**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 7-8, 2025 Collection-

Envelopes	\$	6,685.00
Loose	\$	823.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,508.00</b>
School Fund	\$	800.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	515.00
Ret. Religious	\$	675.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	2,735.00
Other	\$	55.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,780.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,288.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church April Tithe**

April Tithe Income – \$59,928.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,993.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Thank you, Fr. Dean for celebrating Masses with us this week!**

***Mon., June 16, Weekday***

***Tuesday, June 17, Weekday***

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

***Wednesday, June 18, Weekday***

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Joseph Bierman)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

***Thursday, June 19, Weekday***

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

***Friday, June 20, Weekday***

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Ralph & Rosalie Miller)

***Saturday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga***

***Fr. Dean Celebrating Mass***

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

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

***Sunday, June 22, Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ***

***Fr. Flach Celebrating Mass***

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Delbert Schmidt)

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

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Frank Rubsam & Jack Shedelbower)

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

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Mon.:</b> 2 Cor 6:1-10	Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tues.:</b> 2 Cor 8:1-9	Mt 5:43-48
<b>Weds.:</b> 2 Cor 9:6-11	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
<b>Th.:</b> 2 Cor 11:1-11	Mt 6:7-15
<b>Fri.:</b> 2 Cor 11:18,21-30	Mt 6:19-23
<b>Sat.:</b> 2 Cor 12:1-10	Mt 6:24-34
<b>Sun.:</b> Gn 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26	Lk 9:11b-17

**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.**

June 1 and 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.

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

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

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule  
Saturday, June 21 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Nichole Mulvey

EM: Alice Addis, Wade Ochs, Emma Rauch,  
Denisse Ochs

Servers: Carissa Barthelme & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, June 22 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Gery Ochs, Sherly/Allison Brummer,  
Eliza Muska

Servers: Jace Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, June 22 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Tony Sparks, Brad/Annie/Mallory Ochs

Servers: Jennelle Hinterscher & Will Mette

Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffer & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

**BAPTISM: Remi Kay Birch**, infant daughter of Garrett & Meredith (Johnson) Birch was baptized at the 10 am Mass Sunday, June 8 in St. Thomas Church. Godparents are: Jordan Andruch & Kimberlin Michels

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection  
Thank You!!**

Thank you for your generous response to last weekend's Second Collection to support the mission trip this summer. *The total collected was \$1,942.00.* Your generous donations will help cover the cost of the trip easing the financial burden on the participants. Thank you for your support of all those attending the work camp in Bowling Green, KY; June 29-July 5!

**Participants:** Jackson Baltzell, Audrey Beals, Alani Bergbower, Lucy Bierman, Nathan Bierman, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Ava Earnest, Brenly Francis, Caroline Frohning, Lauren Gier, Allie Hermann, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Lexi Ochs, Oliver Ochs, Hannah Phillips, Claire Probst

**Chaperones:** Jill Bierman, Paul Bierman, Annie Ochs, Jeff Phillips

**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.

**The St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed** for cleaning and waxing floors **June 16 - July 19.** Thank you for your cooperation as the parish center undergoes its annual preparations and improvements for the upcoming school year.

**The St. Thomas Angels Group is requesting volunteers to help lead our group.** We started this group in November of 2014 to fill a much-needed ministry in our parish. Ruth Kerner, Sue Sparks and Kay Ochs have been leading the group since its inception and have said they are resigning as of June 30th. The Angel members are an awesome group to work with! The Angels provide many outreach services as well as organize special events for our parish and community.

Anyone willing to help lead the group to continue these worthwhile projects, please contact Kay at 618-843-8249 or Sue at 618-783-3533. Thank you.

**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 \$2,785.00!* Thanks for your support!

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!**

All parishioners are invited to attend Sunday brunch in the parish center on **July 20th 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 will be accepted that morning to offset the cost and can also be dropped off any time in the collection basket or at the parish office. Eighth graders wanting service hours can sign up to work the brunch in the back of church.

**The family of Joe Bierman** wishes to send special thanks to Fr. Joe Molloy, Fr. Dean Probst, and Fr. David Beagle for helping us celebrate Joe's life, this past Thursday, June 5. They indeed made it a special celebration. Thanks also to the guitar group who added much to the joyful celebration. The last song, When the Saints Go Marching In, which Joe himself requested, was memorable.

Thanks also to Hartrich Meats for the delicious meal, and the Angel group for their services.

We will be forever grateful!

**The Kids' Bulletin** now available in the St. Thomas Gathering Space. Be sure to pick one up for each of your kiddos!!

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



### Please pray for the Sick:

Mark Miller, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma

Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

**Betty King Remembers St. Thomas.** St. Thomas Parish is grateful to the Betty King Estate for the generous gift that was recently made to St. Thomas Church. St. Thomas Parish is also grateful for Betty's insight and including our Church in her will. May we all prayerfully consider how we can contribute to our parish and school now and in the future.

**Funeral Dinner Dishes.** Please stop by the St. Thomas Parish Center to pick up your funeral dishes. The parish center will be unlocked throughout the week for your convenience. Thanks so much to all of you who assist with the funeral dinners in any way. This is a wonderful ministry that our parish offers for our families!

### **Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!**

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO**

**10/10/2025 - 10/12/2025, Springfield, IL**

**12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO**

**Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life.** Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray for the Protection of All Life at St. Aloysius Church in Bishop Creek on **Friday, May 30**. Praying the Rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm Mass. A meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

### **BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**



Please return your baby bottles **by June 22<sup>nd</sup>** filled with your spare change if you have not had a chance to do so. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton.

Dear Parishioners,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that I will



be leaving the parish for an unknown amount of time, as my visa has come to its expiration. While this time away is necessary, please know that it is only temporary. I fully trust that with God's will, I will return to continue serving this wonderful community that I have come to know and love so deeply.

Serving here has been one of the greatest joys of my priesthood. First parish is like a first love - you cannot forget it. Your faith, generosity, and kindness have been a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to me. I am truly grateful for the warm welcome you extended to me and for the many ways you have shared your lives, prayers, and trust. Though I will be away for a little while, I carry each of you in my heart and in my prayers every day.

During this time, a small improvement is being made at the rectory that is the installation of privacy screens. This change is intended to provide a more peaceful and comfortable environment for the priests who live and serve here. We are grateful for your understanding and support as we make these adjustments to help ensure the rectory remains a space where priests can find rest and quiet.

Thank you once again for your continued prayers and support. I look forward to my return so please remember...I'll be back.

*Best Regards, Fr. Pawel*





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**St. Mary of the Assumption**

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**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

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**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**2:00 pm – 6pm – Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**8:00 a.m. – Rosary**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Viola Keller+)**

**Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, St Romuald**

**8:00 a.m. – Rosary**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Kocher+)**

**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**11:00 a.m. – Funeral Mass**

**Nicholas Mathious**

**And Jenna Mathioudakis**

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Judy Wagner+)**

**Blood Drive –**

St Mary's will be hosting an  
American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 6pm.  
Please come and give the gift of Life!!

**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. They are an interactive  
bulletin, be sure and pick one up for the kid's!!

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of June 8, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 2,777.00
Loose	200.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,977.00</b>
Ascension	10.00
Priest Retirement	155.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,142.00</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**April Tithe Income \$14,440.00**

**10% Tithe to Springfield - \$1,440.00**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 22, 2025**

**Ushers:** Ethan Griffith, Roger Hemrich,  
Marvin Zwilling

**Servers:** Wade Schackmann/Blake Frohning

**Lectors:** Claire Griffith/Rose Gangloff

**Gift Bearers:** Ron & Nancy Zwilling

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Elfrieda Kaufmann,  
Maynard Kaufmann, Tony Hartrich

***Father's Day Blessing***

Blessed is the Father,  
Who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings his family courage,  
Whose wisdom comes from God,  
And whose children still stand to honor him.

***Happy Father's Day***

**Thank You FR Pawel!**

The work you have done for this parish has truly been  
a blessing. May God look upon you with favor for your  
faithful care of his people. We pray for safe travels and  
a wonderful visit with your family. Our prayers are for  
a quick return to our parishes!

**Events**

**6/16/25 – American Red Cross Blood Drive –  
2pm – 6pm – St Mary's Parish Center**

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