

June 29-30, 2024

Thirteenth 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:**

**St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman**

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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**

June 22-23, 2024 Collection

|                    |           |                 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Envelopes          | \$        | 5,790.00        |
| Loose              | \$        | 1,110.00        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>6,900.00</b> |
| School Fund        | \$        | 320.00          |
| Peter's Pence      | \$        | 100.00          |
| G.I.F.T            | \$        | 970.00          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,390.00</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>8,290.00</b> |

**St. Thomas Church April Tithe**

April Tithe Income – \$56,126.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,613.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, July 1, St. Junipero Serra**

**Tuesday, July 2, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, July 3, St. Thomas the Apostle**

**8:30 am** Mass (Liv. & Dec. Parishioners of our

Parish)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**Thursday, July 4, Weekday; Independence Day**

**Office Closed**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**First Fri., July 5, St. Anthony Zaccaria; Home Visits**

**8:30 am** Mass (Mary Probst)

**Adoration immediately following Mass until Noon**

**Saturday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti**

**Deacon Scott Sparks assisting with Masses this**

**weekend; First Saturday at St. Mary's**

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation**

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (Mary Lou Menke)

**Sunday, July 7, 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

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

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

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Cornelius & Florence

Dhom and Families)

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

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Am 2:6-10,13-16

**Mt 8:18-22**

**Tues.:** Am 3:1-8,4:11-12

**Mt 8:23-27**

**Weds.:**Eph 2:19-22

**Jn 20:24-29**

**Th.:** Am 7:10-17

**Mt 9:1-8**

**Fri.:** Am 8:4-6,9-12

**Mt 9:9-13**

**Sat.:** Am 9:11-15

**Mt 9:14-17**

**Sun.:** Ez 2:2-5

**2 Cor 12:7-10**

**Mk 6:1-6a**

**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.

**St. Peters' Cemetery reminder:** Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower and causing problems. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation!

## St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

### Saturday, July 6 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson  
EM: Glenda Spiker, Kim Zuber, Wanda Kochoer,  
Kimberly Ochs  
Servers: Lexi Ochs & Brooke Farley  
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family  
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs  
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

### Sunday, July 7 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jill Bierman  
EM: Sarah Hemrich, Theresa Volk, Becky Shamhart,  
Katie Bierman  
Servers: Aaron Volk & Jace Bergbower  
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family  
Musicians: Five for the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

### Sunday, July 7 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kevin Parker  
EM: Charlie Schackmann, Julie, Aleah, Kylie Higgs  
Servers: Alaina Urfer & Kassie Pitcher  
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl  
Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

**Congratulations, Blakely Jane Easterday**, the daughter of Joeb and Abigayle (Ochs) Easterday, who was baptized last Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass. Godparents are Will Ochs and Jarret Easterday.



**Congratulations, Miley Rosella Ochs**, the daughter of Jason and Megan (Probst) Ochs, who was also baptized this past Sunday. Godparents are Alex Ochs and Lauren Hoene.



**Congratulations, Ayla Rae Rauch**, the daughter of Landon and Lacey (Williams) Rauch, who was baptized this past week. Godparents are Shane & Tanya Howard.

# Breakfast



# time

## Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry - July 8-12, 2024

St. Thomas/St. Mary's hosting breakfast for volunteers on **Wednesday, July 10**. Please drop off breakfast items by 7:00 am at the Grace Methodist Church. *Thank you for your support again this year!!*

**The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here** and so far the total collected is **\$5,585.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!

## First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas July 5, 2024

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Lord. What a gift it truly is to be in His presence and to be mindful of all of the many ways that He is always with us. It is a sacrificial offering of love to commit to a specific time during Adoration, so we have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. This will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration.

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

**A new parish software is coming.** We just wanted you to know because an online giving page is included and will provide an easy way to make your donations online. This software will help our parish office streamline parish data, so that parish roster information, contribution data and statements, and organizing volunteers/lay ministers can all be accessed in one place. We will keep you updated, so once the software goes live, you will have immediate access to all that the software will have to offer.

## 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:

Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, 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.

**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).



### Welcome, Fr. Jayke White

Our parishes would like to welcome Fr. Jayke White as he celebrates Masses with us this weekend! He officially starts his new assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony on July 1st. We are

excited and blessed to have Fr. Jayke assigned in our area!

Congratulations, Fr. Jayke! We are honored to have been a part of your journey to the priesthood. We are also very grateful that you responded to God's Call. Although you would have served us well in your temporary career as a cemetery telemarketer, we look forward to witnessing all of the many ways that you will serve and shepherd your flock as a priest. Let us all continue to pray for Fr. Jayke and all the men and women considering a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE THANK YOU!** The 50<sup>th</sup> Day of Prayer for Life on June 19th, hosted by St. Francis Church, was a beautiful event! Special thanks to our opening Mass presider, Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM, and to our closing Mass presider, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, along with concelebrants Fr. John Titus, Fr. Dominic Rankin, Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, Fr. James Flach, Fr. Dean Probst, Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Braden Maher, Fr. Michael Berndt, Fr. David Beagles, Fr. Adam Prichard, Fr. Seth Brown, Fr. Hyland Smith, Fr. Troy Niemerg and Fr. Alex McCullough, and to Deacon Ryan Kehoe, who assisted Bishop Paprocki. We also thank all prayer leaders of holy hours, musicians, sacristans, seminarian, servers, Fourth Degree KC Honor Guards, lectors, CCW, volunteers and all who came to pray. Please remember to continue to pray that the dignity and sacredness of ALL human life be upheld in our nation and world!

**Rest in Peace Donald Bergbower**, who passed away on Monday, June 24. Services are on July 1, 2024 at 11:00am at the Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. Johnson Funeral Home is doing the Service.

**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. We look forward to hearing about how you are using FORMED!

### Catholic Heart Work Camp is Almost Here! Milwaukee, WI; July 7-12, 2024

This summer, Catholic HEART Workcamp embraces a simple yet powerful theme: recognizing that young people aren't just the Church's future; they are its heartbeat, meant to live out their faith in the present moment—**HERE & NOW**.

**Participants:** Jackson Baltzell, Alani Bergbower, Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Allison Brummer, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Ava Earnest, 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 adult chaperones for representing our parishes and being good examples of service to those who need our help.

### Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, August 3, 2024

Three Postulants including Taylor Smith of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George will be received into the Novitiate. Two Sisters will also be making their First Vows and three Sisters will be making their Final Vows. You are invited to join them on **Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL** as they take these next steps.

**Position Available.** St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, is *seeking a qualified Elementary Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year*. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and completed application to Principal Jill Bierman via email [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com)

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**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 1<sup>st</sup>, St Junipero Serra**

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Harvey & Mary Nash+)

**Home Visits**

**Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Thomas the Apostle**

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**USA Independence Day**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, St Anthony Zaccaria**

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, St Maria Goretti**

**7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoration &**

**Reconciliation**

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

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Gary Griffith+)

**Leda Matson Baptism**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 7, 2024**

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

**Servers: Chase Kistner/Avery Ochs**

**Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/Nicholas Zwilling**

**Gift Bearers: Roger & Sherrie Hemrich**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl,  
Tony Hartrich, Janet Hartrich**

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

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**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of June 23, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 905.00

Loose 206.00

**Sub Total \$ 1111.00**

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Retired Priest 25.00

**Total \$1161.00**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

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

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

**Thank you-** To those who donated the 16 units of blood that were collected at the last blood drive, also to Hartrich Meats for donating snacks, and to those who helped to work. Next blood drive will be August 19, 2024.

**Mark your calendars!**

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

**St Mary's Church Picnic**

**September 1, 2024**

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).

Thank you for your donation!!

More updates coming soon!!

**Jasper County Honey Do Ministry – St Mary's/ St Thomas** will be providing breakfast for the volunteers on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please deliver breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, etc. to the Grace United Methodist Church in Newton, by 7:00 a.m. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile project!!