

January 20-21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

February 4, June 2, and October 6 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area at St. Thomas Church. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

January 13-14, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,845.00
Loose	\$	275.00
Subtotal	\$	5,120.00
Catholic Times	\$	724.00
School Fund	\$	180.00
Other	\$	31.00
Building Fund	\$	160.00
Subtotal	\$	1,095.00
Grand Total	\$	6,215.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$35,280.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,528.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Jan. 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Office closed at 10:30 am – Taking Advent Giving Tree items to St. Francis Convent, Alton

Tuesday, Jan. 23, St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Jan. 24, St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Kenny Koebele)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Jan. 26, St. Timothy/St. Titus

Centennial Campaign Survey link will be available

8:30 am All-School Mass (Don Long)

Saturday, Jan. 27, St. Angela Merici

Church in Latin America Collection this weekend

8:00 am – 9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - (Int: RoseAnn Kerner)

5:30 pm – St. Thomas Wine Tasting

Sunday, Jan. 28, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week Begins

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 (For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Tues., Jan. 23 – **5:30 pm** Volleyball, here, vs Albion

Weds., Jan. 24 – **Kgarten/New Student Registration**

Sat., Jan. 27- **8th Grade St. Thomas Vball Invite**

6th Grade Bball at Clay City tment

Sun., Jan. 28- **Catholic School's Week Begins!**

St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana session will be

held at the St Mary's Parish Center on March 9th, 2024.

For more information contact the St. Mary's parish office at 618-455-3155

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Readings for the Mass of Peace and Justice

Tues.: 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Mk 3:31-35

Weds.: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

Th.: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

Fri.: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:26-34

Sat.: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sun.: Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mt 1:14-20

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, January 27 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Luke Zuber

EM: Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Halle Wagner & Brooke Farley

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, January 28 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Sarah Hemrich, Jamie Shamhart, Brenda Phillips,
Gery Ochs

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Craig Hartrich Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, January 28 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower

EM: Matt Bower, Helen/Leo Weber, Dennis Weber

Servers: Curtis Weber & Jack Weber

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

Attention St. Thomas Ushers:

St. Thomas has resumed passing the collection basket in the pews during the offertory. We will again need 4 ushers as we have in the past. If you are listed as the usher for the month, please find 3 ushers to assist you.

Collection of Gifts

Once the Universal Prayers/Mass Petitions are read, this is the signal for the ushers to proceed down each aisle in unison to the front pews of the Church with reverence to the altar and bow/genuflect. When everyone has been seated, the ushers, with the collection baskets in hand will start the collection by passing the baskets through the pews moving towards the back of the Church. The Ushers will then combine the collection into the large basket provided in the Usher's room. **The Ushers and Gift Bearers will meet at the Baptismal Font and take the collection and gifts up together.** The collection will be handed to the Priest and he will place it on a step in front of the altar until after Mass. After Mass, the Ushers will take the collection back to the Usher's room, secure it in the bags and place in the safe. *Thank you for helping us make this a smooth transition!*

St. Thomas Church Cleaning Meeting. All monthly cleaning captains need to meet after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2024 for instructions on new vacuums, cleaning supplies, etc. *The Church Cleaning Crew List can be picked up in the back of church this weekend.* Thank you!

Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship

Centennial Campaign Survey Link and Pew Cards will be available next weekend at each Mass at St. Thomas. The Finance and Pastoral Councils would like your input on how to proceed with this campaign, so will be providing a one question survey next weekend that can either be submitted online or by filling out a pew card. Representatives from our councils will introduce the survey next weekend at each Mass. Thank you in advance for participating in the survey and for keeping our parish in your prayers as we proceed with this campaign. More information to follow.

St. Thomas 2023 Contribution Statements

St. Thomas Contribution Statements are available. Please stop by or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to receive a copy. School families should have received their statements in their parent packets accompanied by their Tuition Tax Credit statement. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

INFORMATIONAL/PRE-REGISTRATION

St. Thomas School in Newton will be holding a kindergarten and new student informational pre-registration night on **Wednesday, January 24th, 2024.** The evening will begin with a parent meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. There is a pre-registration form on the school website, www.stthomassaints.com that can be filled out and brought that evening, or you can contact the school for a copy. Forms will also be available that evening. No commitment is expected. This is for all families interested in the school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.



Happy Birthday,

Adeline Miller! Adeline will celebrate her 102nd birthday on January 27. Birthday wishes can be sent to the Newton Care Center, 300 S. Scott Ave., Rm 49, Newton, IL 62448. She would love to hear from you, and thank you for making her day extra special!

A Special Thank You! Harold Deimel would like to thank Fr. Paul for his visits to his home. Harold would also like to thank his family and church family for the calls, visits and cards that he received during his 2 hospital stays and since his return home to recuperate! All was greatly appreciated!

Save the Date: February 24, 2024

St. Thomas School Trivia Night

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.

In this short note, I would like to express my gratitude to Louis Ochs and Rodger Shamhart, my private chauffeurs who delivered me safely to the airport and picked me up on my way back to Newton. Your thoughtful gesture put a smile to my face and made me feel like a celebrity who needs to be driven all around places. Your driving skills and chariots of fire allowed us to go through traffic smoothly and safely. That act of kindness cannot go unnoticed, and it must end up in the headlines of our bulletin. In all seriousness, thanks for making my trip to the airport a delightful adventure. You turned what could have been a boring drive into an amazing road trip.

Best Regards, Fr. Paul



Please pray for the Sick:

Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Alex Koebele, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Ray Kautz, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.
Rest in Peace: Connie Griffith

The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their annual online auction to be launched on March 9th. If your family or business would be willing to donate an item (or cash to go towards an item), please call or text Renee Gier at 217-821-0872. Items need to be submitted by mid-February please. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important community resource!



Pro-Life Breakfast

Sunday, January 21 // 7:00am-12 Noon
Teutopolis Banquet Hall
Free-will donations for breakfast
Raffle baskets and 50/50 drawing

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 PM on **Monday, January 22**. Also, after Mass, the Mattoon Deanery pro-life meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall adjoining the church.

St. Thomas Soup Supper

How You Can Help!

February 11, 2024 // 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m

The Soup Supper committee is asking parish members to donate the following: **2 pies, adult or kid themed baskets, baked goods, and items for game prizes and the Instant Winner Stand**. If anyone wishes to give a **monetary donation** please place in an envelope marked “soup donation” & return to the church or school offices. Also, please consider bringing your own gallon and half gallon containers if purchasing carryout. The committee is also accepting **donations of gallon and half gallon containers with lids** to provide for those who do not have their own. Thanks!!

The Soup Supper committee would also like to offer better prizes for the games and Instant Winner stand, so we are asking parish members to donate **bottles** of soda, candy, chips, and gift cards. There is a basket in the gathering space which contains note cards labeled with the items needed. If you would like to donate please return items to the back of the church. We ask that all donations be made by Wednesday, February 7th. Thanks in advance for your help!

Special Notes: This year’s Soup Supper will not include the Big Raffle. This was decided because of how close this fundraiser is scheduled to the Trivia Night. The school and parish did not want to burden the community by asking for donations for two fundraisers that are scheduled so closely together. Thank you for your understanding!

A Quilt Raffle is still going to be held and raffle tickets can be found in the gathering space. Please pick up an envelope that includes 2 packets of quilt raffle tickets to sell or purchase in support of the Soup Supper.

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL WINE TASTING



Saturday, January 27th, 2024
5:30pm at the Newton KC Hall
\$15.00 donation

Featuring:

- Wine and Beer from around the world
- Delicious food and appetizers (St Thomas Angels)
- Live auction with drink themed, beautiful handcrafted charcuterie boards (Wood-Iron-Stone Design)

*Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Company
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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

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, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

Tuesday, January 23rd, St Vincent

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Eufala Bigard+)

Wednesday, January 24th, St Francis de Sales

6:30 a.m. – PSR

Thursday, January 25th, The Conversion of St Paul

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

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

Friday, January 26th, St Timothy and Titus

Saturday, January 27th, St Angela Merici

Sunday, January 28th, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Leonard Beavers+)

PreCana session will be held at St Mary’s Parish Center on March 9th, 2024. For more information contact the parish office.

Contribution Statements are available for the year 2023. Those who have requested them, they have been mailed to you. If you did not request one and still need one, please contact the office.

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of January 14,2024**

Envelopes	\$ 1620.00
Loose	80.00
Sub Total	\$ 1700.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Catholic Times	200.00
1 st Offering	10.00
Total	\$ 1930.00

St Mary’s Church November Tithe
November Tithe Income – \$11,147.00
10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1,115.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – January 28, 2024

Ushers: Owen Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen, Phil Ochs

Servers: Chase Kistner/Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Fifth Grade PSR

Gift Bearers: Fifth Grade PSR

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Matson, Lora Semple, Elaine Zwilling

Collection of Offertory – Attention Ushers - We will resume taking up the collection as in the past, beginning on **February 4, 2024**. This will be done after the Mass petitions. Then, the ushers will take the baskets and go by the pews for the collection and return to the back of the church. Please combine the collection into a large basket. It will then be carried up with the gifts. After mass, the ushers will take the collection back to the reconciliation room, put it in a bag and place in the safe.

Brunch Update: The annual St Mary’s brunch is coming up on **March 3rd, 8am – Noon** Donations are needed for brunch items. Monetary donation can be put in an envelope and dropped in the regular Sunday collection.

Donations are needed for 2 hogs, ham, milk, orange juice, coffee, fruit and baked goods.

Family Life Bingo

February 2, 2024 // 6pm – 8pm

St Mary Parish Center

All are welcome! Refreshments will be available!

Save The Date

February 2, - Family Life Bingo in the parish center

6 – 8 pm St Mary’s Parish Center

February 11 – Bend Community Club Breakfast

Serving 8am - Noon

February 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 3 – Annual St Mary’s Brunch

March 9 – PreCana Session at St Mary’s