

August 17-18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

August 10-11, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,242.00
Loose	\$	292.00
Subtotal	\$	6,534.00
School Fund	\$	1,025.00
Building Fund	\$	220.00
Subtotal	\$	1,245.00
Grand Total	\$	7,779.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$50,181.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,018.00

St. Thomas Online Giving: Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church’s website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Aug. 19, St. John Eudes

10:00 am Arthur Rauch Funeral with visitation preceding from 9:00 am – 9:30 am (Visitation also on Sunday, Aug. 18, 4:00-6:00 pm in the church)

Tuesday, Aug. 20, St. Bernard

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

Wednesday, Aug. 21, St. Pius X

8:30 am Mass (Int.: Paul Hardiek)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thurs., Aug. 22, Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

5:30 pm Lay Ministers review at St. Thomas

Friday, Aug. 23, St. Rose of Lima

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (George Roth)

Saturday, Aug. 24, St. Bartholomew

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Connie Griffith)

Sunday, August 25, 21st 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 (Doug Frichtl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week’s Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

Tues.: Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Weds.: Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Th.: Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Fri.: Ez 37:1-4

Mt 22:34-40

Sat.: Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Sun.: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

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

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.



**Welcome back Students,
Teachers and Staff!!**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, August 24 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Luke Zuber
EM: Wanda Kocher, Mark Bolander, Kim Zuber,
Linda Hemrich
Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 25 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Tony Weber
EM: Jill Bierman, Jamie Shamhart, Janet Vahling,
Pam Francis
Servers: Caleb Kistner & Brady Francis
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, August 25 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman
EM: Renee/Dylan Gier, Kristine Probst, Dennis Weber
Servers: Carlee Finn & Lauren Gier
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Raffle Tickets
Available in the Gathering Space!**

Be sure to stop in the gathering space to pick up Harvest Picnic raffle tickets if you need extra tickets or simply haven't had a chance to get them yet. See you on October 13th! ***Check out the church's Facebook page or website under the "Upcoming" tab for more information!***

A new parish software is coming. The Diocese will be sunsetting its use of Acceptiva as the online payment processor for parishes, **effective September 1.** St. Thomas Parish currently receives online offertory gifts via the Diocesan Acceptiva account and is taking the first steps in transitioning to the new diocesan wide online processor, PushPay, to ensure our parishioners can maintain their online offertory. The new giving link is on our website, www.stthomasnewton.net.

Coming Soon! Parish digital forms that can be accessed on our church website including New Parishioner Registration, Baptism Registration and St. Thomas PSR Registration forms.

A Special Thank You. I want to thank each and every one who sent me a card for my 93rd birthday or brought one to me. Thank you for thinking of me! I'm still getting cards in the mail, but they don't seem belated as I enjoy them just as much! Thank you all!

- Mary Evelyn Dhom

Notes from Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul is seeking bids from local contractors on a bathroom update/remodel in the rectory. If you are interested please contact the St. Thomas parish office at 618-783-8741 or email Fr. Paul at revpl.stthomas@gmail.com by Friday, August 23rd at Noon. Thanks!

Fr. Paul would also like to be rid of the hostas that are located on the west side of the rectory (back porch area). He is inviting anyone that is interested to dig them up and take them first come, first serve. Just please give him a knock on the door to let him know that you are there. Saturdays and Sundays would work best for him. Hostas are very healthy and have purple flowers!

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

Only 4 seats left at the St. Thomas table!!

As The Family Life Center prepares for their upcoming fundraising banquet held September 12th at the Keller Convention Center; **they would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption!** This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations.

NOTE: St. Thomas would like to host a table if we have parishioners interested. Please call 618-783-8741 to reserve your seat.

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
September 6, 2024**

**(will begin immediately following
Grandparent's Day program)**

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.

**40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life
Wednesday, Oct. 16** at St. Thomas immediately following Mass until 2:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. Sign-up available in the gathering space!

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:

Brenda Zuber, Mary Probst, Grant Wagy, Wyatt Young, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, 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.

Rest in Peace: Arthur Rauch

What's Trending on FORMED:

Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God. "Big blocks to describe a Big God." That's the credo of the Chalk and Block Children, a troupe of young believers who want to tell their peers "what every child needs to know about God!" With chalk in hand and blocks at the ready, these fresh-faced youngsters illuminate minds with beloved Scriptures and winsome melodies. From the award winning creators behind the "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", "Chalk and Block Children" will fill your home with Biblical truth that extols the love of Creator.

The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey... a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of Blessed Solanus Casey, a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Dive into the miraculous and healing stories attributed to Father Solanus and explore his challenges, including his journey to find his vocation. Through his gift for listening and his deep spiritual insights, Father Solanus became a beacon of hope for many. Be inspired to find holiness in your everyday life in this powerful documentary.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

SCAM ALERT. From time to time, someone will impersonate Fr. Paul and ask for "a favor." If you get a text message or an email asking for any financial help, please report it through your email or text provider or ignore and delete it. If you are unsure as to its validity, please verify the request through Father or the Parish Office – No one from this parish will ever ask you for help that cannot be verified by a phone call.

Congratulations

Taylor Smith – Sister Mary Grace
on your recent Initiation into the Novitiate.



Congratulations to all of the Sisters!

Initiation into the Novitiate:

Bridget May – Sister Mary Solanus
Kristen Leaderstorf – Sister Mary Emmanuel
Taylor Smith – Sister Mary Grace

First Profession of Vows:

Sister M. Magdalena Robinson, FSGM
Sister Mary Kolbe McMullin, FSGM

Final Profession of Vows:

Sister M. Veritas Wilks, FSGM
Sister M. Philomena Cagandahan, FSGM
Sister Mary Joseph Kneemiller, FSGM

Please keep all the Sisters in your prayers.



St. Thomas School Presents
Our 12th Annual DUCK RACE 2024
Sunday, August 18th
11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic
Center

Free swimming following until noon

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:

St. Thomas School or Church, Peoples State Bank,
Medicine Shoppe

Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!
DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517

****Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK to win a special BLUE Duck and a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

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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

7:30am–8:15am 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, August 19th, St John Eudes

Blood Drive 2pm – 6pm

Tuesday, August 20th, St Bernard

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John Frohning+)

Wednesday, August 21st, St Pius X

Thursday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marie Spitzer+)

Friday, August 23rd, St Rose of Lima

Saturday, August 24th, St Bartholomew

Sunday, August 25th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Blood Drive – St Mary’s is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 19th, 2pm – 6pm. Hope to see you there!

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 25, 2024

Ushers: Nicholas Zwilling/John Uebinger/Roger Hemrich

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/ Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

EMs: Jeanne Johnson, Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

PSR classes will begin soon for our joint PSR program including both St. Mary and St. Thomas parishes. We are planning our book orders, so registration forms are at the entries of each church. We ask that you return completed forms to the St. Mary’s parish office, or place in the collection basket as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to beginning classes!!

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of August 11, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,520.39

Loose 244.00

Total \$ 1,764.39

St Mary’s Church Tithe

June Tithe Income - \$9,980.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$955.00

Mark your calendars! September 1, 2024

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary’s Church Picnic

Still thinking about donating a basket for the picnic? There’s still time. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! Please let Becca or the parish office know this week. Please have basket donations turned in by Wednesday, August 28th to either Becca or the parish office. Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or Becca.ochs@gmail.com.

Dime Toss – It is time to go thru those glasses for the dime toss. Clean items may be brought to the Parish Office or left on the front porch of the rectory.

Raffle Tickets – Keep selling those tickets, several have been turned in, but there is still time!! Tickets sell - **\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.** Sold tickets can be put in an envelope marked raffle tickets and dropped in the collection. Extra tickets are available in the back of church or at the parish office.

Cake Stand & Desserts – We are asking that each family provide **2 desserts** for the dinner. We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be used at the cake stand. Boxes for angel food cakes and 9x13 pans w/lids to be used for the cake stand are available in the back of church. Mark what is in the container. **Please no refrigerated desserts.**

Thank you for your donations!! More updates soon!!