April 19-20, 2025
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord

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

April 12-13, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	$	5,680.00
Loose	$	455.00
Subtotal	**$**	**6,135.00**
School Fund	$	550.00
Building Fund	$	85.00
Catholic Charities	$	25.00
Subtotal	**$**	**660.00**
Grand Total	**$**	**6,795.00**
March Pushpay online giving	**$**	**4,436.35**
ACH payments	**$**	**2,246.00**

St. Thomas Church February Tithe
February Tithe Income – $62,190.00
10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - $6,219.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 21, Monday w/in the Octave of Easter
Tuesday, April 22 Tuesday w/in the Octave of Easter
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Wednesday, April 23, Weds. w/in the Octave of Easter
8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Dottie Rump)
9:00 am Rosary Group
5:30 pm Youth Choir end of year pizza party
6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary; St. Thomas CYO
Thursday, April 24, Thurs. w/in the Octave of Easter
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
11:00 am Betty King Funeral; visitation prior from 9:30 -10:30 am
4:00 -7:00 pm Danny Miller Visitation
Friday, April 25, Friday w/in the Octave of Easter
7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration
8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Ralph/Rosalie Miller)
10:30 am Danny Miller Funeral
7:00 pm DeColores Ultreya Mass
Sat., April 26, Saturday w/in the Octave of Easter;
4:30 pm PROM Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Joseph Klingler)
Sunday, April 27, Easter Sunday
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Paul Brummer)
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the parish)
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Mt 28:8-15
Tues.:	Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18
Weds.:	Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35
Th.:	Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48
Fri.:	Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14
Sat.:	Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
Sun.:	Acts 5:12-16	Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
	Jn 20:19-321	

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.

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas - May 2, 2025
You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 26 @ 4:30 pm
Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Alice Addis, Gerald Ochs, Linda Hemrich, Lori Rauch
Servers: Carissa Barthelme & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, April 27 @ 7:00 am
Lector: Tyler Spiker
EM: Brenda Phillips, Gery Ochs, Amy Hartrich, Eliza Muska
Servers: Will Hartrich & Addison Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lindsey Spiker
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, April 27 @ 10:00 am
Lector: Mike Geier
EM: Helen/Leo/Adam Weber, Kristine Probst
Servers: Logan Vogt & Jack Weber
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

A special thank you to the St. Thomas Angels Group for their generous donation of $1,000.00 to the Catholic Heart Work Camp! Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help ease the cost of the trip for our campers and parish!

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
April 16th – 7:00 pm Attend Living Stations at St. Mary
April 23rd – Clean Church/Service Night
April 30th – Bowling/Pizza at Parklanes
As we start to wrap up another faith-filled year of CYO, Jenny and Linda want to thank this amazing group of young adults! They keep God at the center of all they do, and Jenny and Linda are grateful to be even just a little part of their faith formation. Keep spreading the Good News!

CYO helped out at Master's Hands during one of their Service Nights…

And, the other half of our group volunteered at Silk Purse.

OCIA

Congratulations and welcome
to the Catholic faith and St. Thomas Parish!

Catechumens: Colin Creadore, Lea Creadore, Matthew Creadore, Aaron Helm, Simon Helm, Sutton Helm, Bryar Marlow
Candidates: Katie Helm, Katelyn Larson, Will May

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

If you are willing to serve on the St. Thomas Pastoral Council, or would like to nominate someone, please give your name or nominee's name to Fr. Pawel and/or Linda Hemrich by April 25, 2025. Fr. Pawel will use a similar method as used in the past and all the names of the willing servants will be placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Fr. Pawel will be in touch with those who are chosen at the beginning of May. A special thank you to ***Lori TeVault, Jeff Higgs and Becky Shamhart*** who are completing their terms on the council and for their willingness to serve!

Ultreya Mass celebrating the DeColores Community
April 25, 2025 - St. Thomas Church - 7:00 pm
Confessions 6:30 pm; Reception following Mass

Congratulations, Alice Addis, for being selected as this year's Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Women of Distinction Award recipient representing St. Thomas. Thank you, Alice, for your years of service to our parish and community!

The Chrism Mass

This past Tuesday, during this Mass at the Cathedral, the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick were blessed, and priests renewed their promises to the Church. The sacred oils blessed during the Chrism Mass include Chrism (used for Confirmation and Holy Orders), the Oil of Catechumens (used in Baptism), and the Oil of the Sick (used for the Anointing of the Sick). Thanks to Katie Helm, Katelyn Larson and Alice Addis for presenting the oils to Fr. Pawel at the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.

Please pray for the Sick:
Belinda Kuvicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.
Rest in Peace: Danny Miller and Betty King

The Next Book Discussion…TBD. Thanks to all who have participated in our recent book discussions. The discussions have been very inspiring and encouraging! So much so that the next book discussion is already in the works…details coming soon! Looking forward to sharing the next book with you!

Jasper County Honey Do Ministries is making plans for the 2025 work week. The 2025 work week will be July 14-18. It is not too early to start making plans to help. If you feel like you could benefit from the services provided during this week, applications are available in the parish offices and need to be returned to Quincy Vanderhoof by June 1. Contact your parish office to learn more about how you can help including assisting with the breakfast that we will provide for volunteers that Wednesday morning on July 16.

OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon! If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

Coming Soon On FORMED

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story
Coming to Formed in May.

In 2014, Michelle was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer while serving as the Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Bismarck. Before that, Duppong had served as a FOCUS missionary for six years. She battled the disease with perseverance and a docile spirit until December 25, 2015, when she passed away at the age of 31. On November 1st, 2022, Bishop David Kagan celebrated the Opening Mass for the Cause of Canonization.

A Message from Fr. Pawel

Alleluia! Christ is risen—He is truly risen! Easter is the joyful celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. The Resurrection fills our hearts with hope and reminds us that God's love has no end. It reaches beyond death. As a parish family, let us rejoice in the light and life of the Risen Lord. May this Easter season renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to live as witnesses of the Resurrection every day. May we become true witness of risen Lord in this time of Easter season. I wish to all of you happy Easter and many blessings that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ and his Resurrection. ***Fr. Pawel***

Holy Week Schedule: April 17- April 20

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
5:00 pm at St. Mary Adoration following
6:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord
5:00 pm at St. Thomas
6:00 pm at St. Mary

Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter
7:00 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

The Youth of Our Parishes Presented the Stations of the Cross as we entered into Holy Week

th Organization (CYO)

Thank you to our Youth Groups who presented beautiful Living Stations of the Cross, a great addition to the Holy Week services. We are blessed to have such a wonderful and talented group in our midst.

St. Mary Youth Group

April 19-20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Mary of the Assumption

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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, April 21st, Monday – Octave of Easter
Blood Drive – 2pm – 6pm
Tuesday, April 22nd, Tuesday – Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Tom & Donette O'Malley+)
Wednesday, April 23rd, Wednesday–Octave of Easter
6:30 p.m. – PSR
Thursday, April 24th, Thursday – Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)
Friday, April 25th, Easter Friday
Saturday, April 26th, Saturday - Octave of Easter
Sunday, April 27th, Second Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ephrem & Lelia Rennier+)
St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of April 12, 2025

Envelopes	$ 1,178.00
Loose	352.00
Sub Total	**$ 1,530.00**
Easter Collection	100.00
Total	**$ 1,630.00**

St Mary's Church Tithe
February Tithe Income $8,030.00
10% Tithe to Springfield - $803.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 27, 2025
Ushers: Jake Semple, Ethan Matson, Jacob Kaufmann
Servers: Max Ochs/ Blake Frohning
Lectors: Claire Griffith/Lora Ochs
Gift Bearers: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff, Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

American Red Cross Blood Drive – to be held at St Mary's Parish Center will be held on Monday, April 21st -2pm – 6pm. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Nancy Zwilling – 618-783-9249, she will give you the link to do so.

Thank you – to those who contributed to the Flower Décor fund in memory of your loved ones. You will find the list enclosed in the bulletin. Keep them in your prayers throughout the Easter season.

Feast of the Divine Mercy – St Joseph – Stringtown Parish invites you to join them on April 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the church as they celebrate The Feast of the Divine Mercy. They will start with an introduction about the Divine Mercy Message & Devotion followed by reciting The Divine Chaplet. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the Mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to you. Reception in Parish Center to follow.

Events
4/21/25 - Blood Drive – St Mary's - 2pm – 6pm
4/24/25 – St Joseph- Stringtown – Feast of the Divine Mercy – 2:00 p.m.
4/27/25 – Ste Marie Area History – 2pm to be held at the Ste Marie American Legions Post 932
6/1/25 – Graduation Breakfast – St Mary's Parish Center – after 8:30 a.m. mass. More info to come.