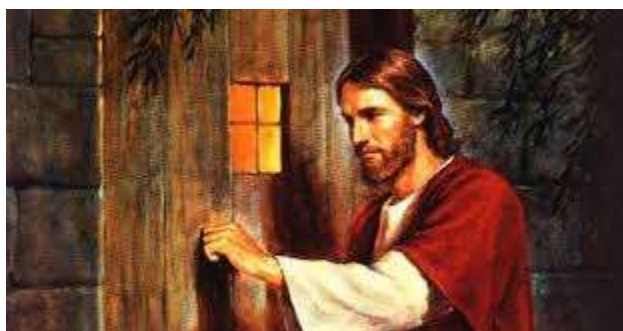


August 9-10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

August 2-3, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,287.00
Loose	\$	316.00
Subtotal	\$	9,603.00
School Fund	\$	810.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	865.00
Mission Co-op Appeal	\$	100.00
Subtotal	\$	1,775.00
Grand Total	\$	11,378.00
Online June PushPay Giving	\$	4,709.10
ACH June Contributions	\$	2,246.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$55,815.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,582.00

This Week in Our Parish

Linda out of the office this week

Mon., August 11, St. Clare

St. Thomas School Buddy Night

Tuesday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Welcome back students and teachers!

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 13, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30 am Mass (Int. Vera Hall)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., Aug. 15, Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. For the Parish)

6:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's, Ste. Marie

Saturday, Aug. 16, St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 am -9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

Sunday, August 17, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Brandon Frichtl)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Marilyn Rubsam)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am St. Thomas School Duck Race

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27
Tues.: Dt 31:1-8	Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Weds.: Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20
Th.: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17	Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri.: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab	1Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56	
Sat.: Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15
Sun.: Jer 38:4-6,8-10	Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

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.

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.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe,
 pray for us.**

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 16 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs

EM: Linda Hemrich, Lori Rauch, Wade Ochs,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Carissa Barthelme & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 17 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jamie Shamhart

EM: Mark/Janet Vahling, Becky Shamhart,
Allison Weber

Servers: Hannah Phillips & Bailey Meinhardt

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, August 17 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Ryan Probst

EM: Kristine Probst, Tony Sparks, Brad/Annie Ochs

Servers: Jack Weber & Pete Weber

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!!

Congratulations to:



Carl & Pauline Frohning on celebrating their
71st wedding anniversary on Aug. 7



Rodger & Julie Shamhart on celebrating their
45th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9



John & Kathy Miller on celebrating their 50th
wedding anniversary on Aug. 8th.

These are definitely milestones and blessings to be celebrated with family and friends. As a parish family, let us pray for all couples whether newly engaged, newly married or celebrating many years of marriage that God continue to work in their lives and that couples put their trust in God's plan for them.

The Family of Brandon Frichtl would like to thank everyone for their kindness at this difficult time. Fr. Dean and Fr. Tomy, thank you for officiating Brandon's service. Your words of comfort and the way you honored his memory were deeply respected. Debbie and Tammy, thank you for the beautiful music. To all the ladies that helped at the funeral dinner, we appreciate you! We are also grateful for everyone's prayers and support. Your kindness and compassion have been a source of comfort to us as we mourn the loss of Brandon.

Newton Family Life Baby Bottle Project. This year St. Thomas Parish collected \$1,794.20 towards the Baby Bottle Project! The total collected in the Newton, Effingham and Shelbyville areas was \$115,000.00! Thank you for your continued support! Mark your calendars for September 11th at the Keller Convention Center for their Annual Vision Dinner. Contact 217-342-5433 to reserve your table/seat.

Centennial Campaign Update:

Campaign Goal: \$88,473.00 over 3 years

Collected to date: \$6,612.42

Thank you to those who are already contributing! If you would like to contribute, please visit the church website, click on the online giving link, select the Centennial Campaign Fund and make a donation. For your convenience you can also contribute using the Building Fund envelope. Together we can achieve great things for the benefit of both our parish and the Diocese!



**St. Thomas School Presents
Our 13th Annual DUCK RACE 2025
Sunday, August 17th**

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who have a duck in the race.

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:
St. Thomas School or Church & Peoples State Bank
Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

***ONLY 500 DUCKS SOLD!**

**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 \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

Need not be present to win!



**St. Thomas
15th Annual Harvest Picnic
October 12th, 2025**

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available! Please stop by the gathering space to pick up your envelope of tickets labeled with your name and address. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job organizing this event each year! Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Charles Sroka, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

The Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process in which someone can become a full member of the Catholic Church.

There's been a trend over the last few years of an increasing number of new converts to the Church. Some dioceses have even reported a 30%-70% increase! (National Catholic Register, April 2024)

In a world filled with confusion and chaos, many are finding in Catholicism something real, grounded, and deeply fulfilling, leading them home to the Catholic Church.

They are drawn by the beauty of the Mass, the depth of the Church's traditions, and the truth of Jesus Christ being truly present in the Eucharist.

Our parishes will begin the OCIA process **Sunday, September 7, at 11:15 am following 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.** If you know anyone interested in joining the Church, offer to bring them to Mass! Or if you're not Catholic but interested in the faith, Please call the parish offices (618/783-8741 or 618/455-3155) or Debbie Matson (618/553-1472). We'd be happy to speak with you.

Mass can seem intimidating if you're not Catholic, so it's totally fine to just sit in the back and participate as a curious observer. You are always welcome in God's house!

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Welcome Back St. Thomas School Teachers/Staff!

Principal: Jill Bierman **Secretary:** Lori Smith
Mntc: Matt Parker **Cooks:** Lisa Lewis & Elaine Braun

Kindergarten: Alicia Tarr & Michelle Stone

First: Kelsey Millsap **Second:** Kim Zuber

Third: Tami Hetzer **Fourth:** Jamie Shamhart

Fifth: Kristie Finley **Sixth:** Brittany Schreifels

Seventh: Janet Vahling **Eighth:** David Stork

Aides: Lisa Geier, Tina Bower, Joyce Hartrich,
Jessica Beals

Art/Music: Ariel Boehl

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15th, we celebrate the glorious Assumption of Mary. When, at the end of her earthly life, she was taken body and soul to be crowned as our Holy Queen in Heaven.

There is a common misconception that we Catholics worship Mary. Not true. We honor & venerate her. She is the mother of God and, for nine months, was the Ark of the New Covenant; the Tabernacle of God. She was truly sinless, for God would not dwell inside a body stained with sin. As the angel Gabriel greeted her, he announced, "Hail Mary, full of grace..." (Luke 1:28). When Eve disobeyed, Mary as the new Eve, accepted her fate by declaring, "May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38).

Also, Mary is one of the chief adversaries to Satan. Where Lucifer, God's favored angel rebelled, Mary, a human, obediently embraced God's divine plan. Through His Divine Grace, Mary stands as Lucifer's greatest opponent (Rev 12). This is why the rosary is such a powerful weapon against the Devil.

Also, during the wedding at Cana when the wine ran out, Mary stepped in, asking Jesus to help. Though He initially appeared to refuse her request, Mary, with the wisdom of a mother, understood her Son's mission and was instrumental in bringing about His first public miracle, turning the water into wine.

She is the Holy Tabernacle, His Holy Mother, and our Holy Queen of Heaven who intercedes for us, just like in Cana.

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As The Family Life Center prepares for their upcoming fundraising banquet held September 11th 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: If you are interested in hosting a table for St. Thomas please Contact 217-342-5433 to reserve your table/seat. All monies raised go to the Newton Family Life Center.

Mark Your Calendars

July 3, 2026

250th Anniversary of the United States of America

A Semiquincentennial to be held in Ste. Marie

More details to follow!!

Don't forget to check out FORMED!

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 11th, St Claire

Tuesday, August 12th, St Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dolores Brockett+)

Wednesday, August 13th, Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

Thursday, August 14th, St Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Fri., Aug. 15th, Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

**6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish); refreshments
will be served after mass**

Saturday, August 16th, St Stephen of Hungary

Sunday, August 17th, Twentieth Sunday Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Wilmer & Betty Ochs family)

PSR – Thank you to all who have turned in their registration forms, if you have not yet turned it in, please do so as soon as possible.

Office Hours –Fr Tomy will have office hours on Tuesday's every week at St Mary's after mass until Noon. Feel free to stop in and see him.



St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie, celebrates The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15th.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of August 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,578.00
Loose		225.00
Sub Total	\$	1,803.00
Mission Appeal		20.00
Total	\$	1,823.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 17, 2025

Ushers: Phil Ochs, Owen Ochs, Bob Barthelme

Servers: Alivia Hartrich/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

E Ms: Ben Ochs, Rose Gangloff, Norman Boehl

Picnic Update

Cake Stand & Desserts – Each family should 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 with lids are available in the back of church. Please mark what is in the box or pan. *Please no refrigerated desserts.*

Donations are still being taken for the following

Baskets for the basket stand (minimum \$50 value) If you would like to donate a themed basket, gift certificate, or other items for the basket stand, please contact Becca at 618-554-4999 or reach out to the parish office.

Glassware – clean glassware for the dime pitch. Glasses can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Elaine at 618-843-0800 for pickup. Please no mugs or plastic cups.

POP TOSS– 12 packs of name brand soda for the pop toss. Pop can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Jeannie at 618-562-5047 for pick up.

Workers List are available in the back of church, and if you haven't picked up your raffle tickets, they are also there.