

**January 27-28, 2024**  
**Fourth 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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**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 20-21, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,192.00
Loose	\$	133.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,325.00</b>
Catholic Times	\$	248.00
School Fund	\$	785.00
Other	\$	86.00
Building Fund	\$	60.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,179.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,504.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church November Tithe**

November Tithe Income – \$48,938.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,894.00

**This Week in Our Parish; Catholic School's Week**

**Mon., Jan. 29, Weekday**

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, St. John Bosco**

**8:30 am** Catholic School's Mass at St. Anthony at  
**10:00 am;** No Mass at St. Thomas

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir Practice

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

**Thursday, Feb. 1, Weekday**

**Fr. Pawel making his home visits**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

Finance Council Holiday Celebration

**Friday, Feb. 2, Presentation of the Lord; First Friday**

**Last day to submit Centennial Campaign Survey**

**8:30 am** All-School Candlemass (Chris Frichtl)

(Adoration following Mass until Noon)

**6:00 pm** Tom Flood/Haley Ochs Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, Feb. 3, St. Blaise; St. Ansgar**

**No Confessions – First Saturday at St. Mary's**

**12:30 pm** Tom Flood and Haley Ochs Wedding

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Confessions

**4:30 pm** Mass - (Int: Connie Griffith)

**Sunday, Feb. 4, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Leonard/Coletta Ochs)

**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**

**Catholic Schools Week**

Mon., Jan. 29 – **4:30 pm** Volleyball at Oblong

Tues., Jan. 30 – **6:00 pm** 5/6 Basketball at Hutsonville

Weds., Jan. 31 – **Mass at 10:00 am at St. Anthony**

Thurs., Feb. 1 – **6:00 pm** Vball at W. Salem w/C game at 5:15 pm

Sat., Feb. 3- **7/8** vball tment at Albion

**St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** For more information contact 618-455-3155.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

**Tues.:** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43

**Weds.:** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6

**Th.:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13

**Fri.:** Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

**Sat.:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

**Sun.:** Jb 7:1-4,6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mt 1:29-39

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, February 3 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Beth Ochs

EM: Glenda Spiker, Mark Bolander, Matt/Amanda Baltzell

Servers: Bailey Meinhart & Lexi Ochs

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, February 4 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Theresa Volk, Becky Shamhart, Mark/Janet Vahling

Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Avery Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, February 4 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Kevin Parker

EM: Becky Parker, Jason/Jenny Bierman, Charlie Schackmann

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**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 Crews.** Please stop by the table next to the Usher's Room to pick up your Church Cleaning Crew List. Thank you!

***Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship***

**Centennial Campaign Survey Link and Pew Cards**

are available this weekend at each Mass at St. Thomas. The Finance and Pastoral Councils would like your input on how to proceed with this campaign, so have provided a one question survey that can either be submitted online or by filling out a pew card. *Please note that if you complete the survey online you do not have to fill out a pew card and vice versa.* The link for the survey was emailed with this weekend's bulletin. Representatives from our councils will introduce the survey this weekend at each Mass. **The deadline for submitting the survey is Friday, February 2.** Results from the survey will be provided as soon as the answers have been tabulated. 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!!

**Happy Birthday,**

**Adeline Miller!** Adeline will celebrate her 102<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Silk Purse Volunteers needed** to support Newton's

Family Life Center. Any help including sorting clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work any day, any hours.

***Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.***

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

**Save the Date: February 24, 2024**

St. Thomas School Trivia Night

**St. Thomas Advent Giving Tree.** Thanks to all of the parishioners who donated items, gift cards and money to be shared with the Convent in Alton. There was such a positive response, and we are excited to share your generosity with Taylor and all the religious at Sisters of St Francis of the Martyr St. George. We collected over \$1,000.00 in gift cards and monetary donations, 8 pillows, 3 fans, multiple lotions and toiletries, bible tabs and a large variety of cards and stationary! WOW!!

## 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.



### A Message from Fr. Paul

I recently had a fantastic trip to Glenwood Springs that can be described in a few words: great, amazing and awesome. Fusion of skiing and relaxing in the hot springs created the perfect combination.

Glenwood Springs' amazing landscapes provided a stunning background for thrilling skiing experiences. The fresh and cold mountain air, powdery snow, and easy slopes made every moment on the hill unforgettable.

After an exciting day on the slopes, the soothing hot springs eased the pain of every fall on the hill. Immerse yourself in the warm, mineral-rich waters surrounded by the snowy mountains—a serene contrast to the adrenaline-pumping ski adventures. Hot springs provided the perfect relaxation, melting away any stress and pain and leaving a sense of youthfulness. Glenwood Springs is truly a gem for those seeking a memorable winter getaway, offering a unique combination of thrilling outdoor activities and blissful moments of relaxation in the natural hot springs. It is the place that I highly recommend for winter vacations.



Best Regards,  
Fr. Pawel



### Please pray for the Sick:

Fonda Fear, Janet Brooks, Terry Rickman, 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!

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
5:30pm at the Newton KC Hall  
\$15.00 donation

*Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Company  
Newton Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Angels*



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**PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner**

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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 and  
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday**

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sam & Linda Zuber+)

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, St John Bosco**

6:30 a.m. – PSR

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John & Dick Helregel+)

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Presentation of the Lord**

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Blaise, St Ansgar**

7:15 am – 8:15 am – Adoration & Confession

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

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Judy Wagner+)

**Save The Date**

**February 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**March 3 – Annual St Mary's Brunch**

**March 9 – PreCana Session at St Mary's**

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Collection for the week of January 21, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 2575.00

Loose 76.00

**Sub Total \$ 2651.00**

Haiti 155.00

Catholic Times 115.00

Church in Latin America 14.00

**Total \$ 2935.00**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**December Tithe Income – \$16293.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1629.00**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – February 4, 2024**

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,  
Ethan Griffith

**Servers:** Reed Kistner/Chase Kistner

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Ron & Nancy Zwilling

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

**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 Petitions, as in the past the ushers will take the baskets and go by the pews for the collection and then return to the back of the church and combine the collection into a large basket. It will then be carried forward with the gifts. After mass, the ushers will take the collection back to the reconciliation room and put it in a bag and place it in the safe.



Friday February 2, 2024

6 pm – 8pm

Refreshments will be available

All are welcome!

**Brunch Update:** The annual St Mary's brunch is coming up on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.**