

May 6th-7th, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
and upon request at reasonable time.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

April 29th-30th, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,608.00
Loose	\$	112.00
Subtotal	\$	6,720.00
Home Missions	\$	240.00
Building Fund	\$	40.00
School Fund	\$	160.00
Subtotal	\$	440.00
Grand Total	\$	7,160.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$52,900.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,290.00

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

Monday, May 8, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 9, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am All School Mass (Delbert Schmidt+)

9:15 am 8th Graduation Practice after Mass

2:00 pm Mass at Helia Newton Care Center

5:30 pm No Youth Choir Practice, resumes in the fall

6:30 pm PSR Confirmation/First Communion Session

Thurs. May 11, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 12, Easter Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 8:00 am

8:30 am Mass (Rosella Hemrich+) Grades 3-5

9:00 am Rosary Group

Saturday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

7:45 am – 8:15 am Confessions at St. Mary's

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter;

Happy Mother's Day

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:30 am St. Thomas 8th Grade Graduation



BAPTISM: Kendra Audrey Ochs, infant daughter of Jason and Megan (Probst) Ochs was baptized at the 10 am Mass Sunday April 30 in St. Thomas Church. Godparents are:

Colin Ochs and Lauren Probst

The next **pre-baptismal class** will be held **Sunday, July 2nd at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish office. Baptisms are held during weekend Mass so as to welcome the child into the family of God.

St. Thomas Mt. Calvary and St. Peters' Cemeteries have updated their price lists effective immediately. For an updated price list, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618-783-8741.

St. Thomas Parish is excited to offer FORMED to parishioners. Our parish will be using the material offered on FORMED to support our parish ministries, to continue faith formation and education and as an outreach tool. To gain access to all of FORMED's content follow the simple steps listed on the bulletin insert. Enjoy!

St. Thomas Youth Choir will not meet on May 10th for practice. Practices will resume in the fall. Youth Choir will officially conclude after they sing on Mother's Day, May 14, at the 10:00 am Mass. All are invited and encouraged to sing at the Masses with Patsy, Vicki, and Debbie during the summer months. They would love to have you join them while youth choir is on summer break! Thank you all for sharing your talents with us!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 13 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Luke Zuber; Nichole Mulvey
E.M.: Alice Addis, Ramon Kocher, Wanda Kocher,
Erica Johnson

Servers: Halle Wagner & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Ron & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, May 14 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Becky Shamhart
EM: Paul Bierman, Pete Pasero, Eliza Bierman,
Sheryl Brummer

Servers: Nathan Bierman & Madilyn Brummer

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: John Johnson & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, May 14 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Kelly Iffert
EM: Kelly Hemrich, Marge Horton, Marissa Bower,
Tony Sparks

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Josie Vogt

Gift Bearers: Annie & Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) Honoree.

St. Thomas is excited to announce that this year's MDCCW Honoree is **Sue Dickerson**. **Congratulations, Sue!** Sue will receive her Woman of Distinction award at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, IL on June 24th. Thank you, Sue, for the many ways that you share your faith and service to others with us. We are grateful for all that you have done for our parish and continue to do! This is an honor well deserved!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick, especially, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tues.:	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Weds.:	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thurs.:	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri.:	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sat.:	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Sun.:	Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1Pt 3:15-18	Jn 14:15-21

Our Parochial Vicar Father Pawel "Paul" Luczak is on vacation with a friend & family from Poland for several weeks touring East Coast Cities of the USA. The regular schedule of 8:30 am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's and Wednesday and Friday at St. Thomas will resume while there is only one priest here.

Diaconate Ordinations: Seminarians Jayke White and Alex McCullough,



both who served in our parish during the summers are scheduled

to be ordained to the transitional Diaconate **6:30 pm Friday, May 26, at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL.** Please keep them along with **Daniel McGrath** as these three proceed to the Ordained Ministry of Deacons. Anyone who might like to carpool to the Ordination should call the parish offices and leave name and phone number for contact.

NOTE: The PSR 2nd Grade Class will meet at 6:30 pm Wednesday, May 10th, in St. Mary's parish center in preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. The retreat will be 8:15 am -3 pm Wednesday May 17th.

Please mark your calendars.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Bishop Paprocki has decreed Fr. R. Dean Probst, Pastor Emeritus of St. Thomas and St. Mary's and Fr. Pawel (Paul) Luczak is appointed Pastor as of July 1, 2023.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send your Holy Spirit to help men and women respond generously and courageously to your call to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious persons through Christ, our Lord.

The following youth are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Parent/Child Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday May 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas
OR Saturday May 13 at 10:00 am in St. Mary's Parish Center.

PSR 2nd Graders: 6:30 pm Wed. May 10 at St. Mary's.

A retreat will be held from 8 am – 3 pm Wednesday May 17th in St. Thomas Church/Parish Center with Fr. Dominic Renken and Sr. M. Clementia SFMG, assisting.

The following youth are registered with the Bishop's Office:

Saturday, June 3:

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| Tatiana Alblinger | Emma Hartrich |
| Kinsey Barber | Bailey Kistner |
| Emily Beals | Electa Meyer |
| Eli Benson | Hudson Miller |
| Elizabeth Brummer | Brantley Ochs |
| Megan Farley | Kinsley Ochs |
| Micah Finley | Karlee Pitcher |
| Evan Frichtl | Ella Probst |
| Lucas Frohning | Norah Simpson |
| Deagan Ginder | Jillian Volk |
| Melah Goebel | Gauge Weber |
| Lillian Green | |

Saturday, June 17:

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| Hudson Benefiel | Reed Kistner |
| Luke Bower | Max Ochs |
| Patrick Bower | Wade Schackmann |
| Blake Gier | Maura Weber |
| Natalie Hopson | Henry Zumbahlen |

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMPERS

If you signed up to go on the Mission Trip to Huntingburg, Indiana, July 9-14, 2014, you should have received an email from our parish office, asking you to register with the Workcamp. This year everything is digital so no collecting of the papers to be filled out and copied three times. If you have not signed up yet, or have questions, please call the St. Thomas parish office, 618-783-8741. If you haven't signed up and would like to go, the Workcamp does have spaces open. Let us know.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

**St. Thomas and St. Mary's
8th Grade Graduates**

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| <i>Jackson Baltzell</i> | <i>Logan Burgener</i> |
| <i>Maria Cucinella</i> | <i>Ava Earnest</i> |
| <i>Drake Herdes</i> | <i>Allie Hermann</i> |
| <i>Madison Keller</i> | <i>Jordyn Kocher</i> |
| <i>Gavin Meinhart</i> | <i>Grady Michl</i> |
| <i>Hayden Mulvey</i> | <i>Alayna Ochs</i> |
| <i>Ashtyn Ochs</i> | <i>Haley Ochs</i> |
| <i>Jacob Oldham</i> | <i>Jarrett Pitcher</i> |
| <i>Adam Schumacher</i> | <i>Grace Schumacher</i> |
| <i>Adalyn Schulte</i> | <i>Michael Shamhart</i> |
| <i>Yurieth Zavala</i> | <i>Caleb Zumbahlen</i> |



**St. Thomas and St. Mary's
NCHS Graduates**

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| <i>Dalton Baltzell</i> | <i>Clay Bergbower</i> |
| <i>Drew Buerster</i> | <i>Dawson Deitz</i> |
| <i>Isabella Ely</i> | <i>Abbie Fitzmaurice</i> |
| <i>Laney Hemrich</i> | <i>Alex Kaufmann</i> |
| <i>Ali Kirts</i> | <i>Austin Moore</i> |
| <i>Jacob Ochs</i> | <i>Emma Rauch</i> |
| <i>Brooke Schafer</i> | <i>Nicholas Shamhart</i> |
| <i>Sam Volk</i> | <i>Emerson Webster</i> |
| <i>Luis Zavala</i> | |

Congratulations to all of the NCHS Seniors from St. Thomas and St. Mary's for their many achievements! The senior awards recognition was held this past week and many youth from our parishes were recognized for their hard work, upstanding character and service. Our parishes are very well represented! Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin their next chapter!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for ushering the youth attending the Mass prior to Prom. It is wonderful to see the many youth in their tuxedos and formal dresses, worshipping God before the Prom festivities.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter



St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and **8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday**

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 7:45 am - 8:15 am First Saturday of Month
before/after Mass and as scheduled by request or
available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am (except First
Saturdays) and 3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 7th, 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 8th, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 9th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

6:30 p.m. – Parent/Child Preparation for Confirmation
First Communion at St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 10th, St John of Avilia

6:30 p.m. – PSR – 2ND GRADE ONLY

Thursday, May 11th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Elmer & Josephine Ginder+)

Friday, May 12th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima

**10:00 a.m. Parent/Child Prep. Session for First
Communion at St. Mary's**

Sunday, May 14th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Happy Mother's Day

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – May 14, 2023

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Kirts, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs/Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Maynard & Elfrieda
Kaufmann, Rose Gangloff

Family Life: Would like to honor all the graduates from St Mary's with a breakfast on June 4th, after the 8:30 am Mass in the parish center. If you are an eighth grade, high school, JR college, college or any other graduate, you and your family are invited to breakfast. Please RSVP by call 618-455-3155, (parish office) or Lora Semple at 618-783-9256 and let us know how many will be attending. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating this milestone in your life.

American Legion Post 932 Mother's Day Breakfast
Sainte Marie, IL

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7am – 11 am

Serving – Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy

Scrambled Eggs, Toast

Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice.

Treat Mom to Breakfast

All are Welcome!!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of April 30, 2023

Envelopes \$ 784.00

Loose 207.00

Subtotal \$ 991.00

Rice Bowl 40.00

Home Mission 102.00

Haiti 25.00

Total \$ 1158.00

St Mary's Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$12,511.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,251.00

PSR – Students ended the year with activities provided by Family Life in which they worked in teams to complete bible-themed puzzles and riddles to “unlock the box” for their group. Knowledge of the Ten Commandments, parables and teamwork was needed for a fun filled evening. Thanks to all the teachers who gave of their time and talent for the youth of the parish this year. This year's teachers were Beth Hartrich, Donna Boehl, Amanda Frohning, Marie Wagner, Nancy Ochs, Cynthia Griffith and Becca Ochs.