

# The Most Holy Trinity

## May 30-31, 2026



### 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

#### May 23-24, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,596.00
Loose	\$	285.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,881.00</b>
Annual School Fund	\$	295.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	635.00
Other	\$	737.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,667.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,548.00</b>

### Mark your calendars for June 28, 2026.

St. Thomas will celebrate the feast day of their Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle.  
 More details to follow.

### This Week in Our Parish

**Monday, June 1, St. Justin**

**6:30 pm** Angel's meeting in parish center mtg room

**Tues., June 2, Sts. Marcellinus & Peter**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary

**Wednesday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga &**

**Companions**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Dale & Norma Jean Huddleston)

**9:00 am** Rosary

**Thursday, June 4, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary

**Noon – 5:30 pm** – KC's Blood Drive

**First Friday, June 5, St. Boniface**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Art & Barbara Rauch)

Adoration following Mass until Noon

**First Saturday, June 6, St. Norbert**

**Welcome Back, Fr. Pawel**

**7:30 am** Adoration/Reconciliation at St. Mary

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Walter & Leatha Urfer)

**Sun., June 7, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**8:45 am** Pre-baptismal Class

**9:35 am** Rosary

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. John & Emma Yager)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

<b>Mon.:</b> 2 Pt 1:2-7	Mk 12:1-12
<b>Tues.:</b> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18	Mk 12:13-17
<b>Weds.:</b> 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12	Mk 12:18-27
<b>Th.:</b> 2 Tm 2:8-15	Mk 12:28-34
<b>Fri.:</b> 2 Tm 3:10-17	Mk 12:35-37
<b>Sat.:</b> 2 Tm 4:1-8	Mk 12:38-44
<b>Sun.:</b> Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58	

### St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

June 7, and October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule  
Saturday, June 6 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower  
EM: Lori TeVault, Lori Rauch, Mark Bolander,  
Wade Ochs  
Servers: Jack Schumacher, Eli Ochs, Megan Farley  
Gift Bearers: Ken & Karen Buerster  
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs  
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

**Sunday, June 7 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Jamie Shamhart  
EM: Eliza Muska, Mark/Janet Vahling, Brenda Phillips  
Servers: Bailey Meinhart, Jace Bergbower,  
Emalee Kistner  
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family  
Musicians: Five for the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, June 7 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Kevin Parker  
EM: Jason, Jenny, Nick & Adria Bierman  
Servers: Claire Schackman, Will Mette, Maura Weber  
Gift Bearers: Charlie & Jan Schackmann  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anne Kuhl  
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**Sound System Update:**

The work on updating and improving the sound system will begin in the first week of June. If all goes as planned, the sound system will be completed within that week.

St. Thomas School continues to search for a **junior high Math teacher**. If you know of a retired teacher or someone looking for a change, please have them contact Mrs. Bierman; 618-783-3517. Thank you!

**BAPTISM: Congratulations, Parker Dean Frohning**, infant son of Curtis and Rachel (Urfer), who was recently baptized at St. Thomas. Godparents are Paul Frohning & Christi Frohning. May God continue the good work begun in him!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas  
June 6, 2026**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. 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.

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection  
June 13-14, 2026**

We have had such a positive response to this summer's mission trip! It is exciting to see so many youth interested in this faith-filled experience and willing to give up a week of their summer to participate! *Please consider making a donation during the second collection on June 13-14* to help cover the expense of this trip. Your support will help cover the cost of transportation and supplies. THANK YOU!

**St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes  
WELCOME you and INVITE you**



**Please pray for the Sick:** Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Sheila Dhom Thomas, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carol Schafer, Jim/Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

**St. Thomas Calling Trees...do it again!** Thanks so much to the calling trees that provided the fruit, veggie and meat trays and cookies for Fr. Tomy's Farewell and birthday celebration. Thanks to Debbie Matson for making the special birthday cake...Will Hartrich got the best piece...LOL! It was a wonderful turn out and memorable evening!

**On FORMED**

**What Catholics Believe: Who Is the Holy Spirit?**

Who is the Holy Spirit, and how does he work in the life of the Church? In this episode, Fr. Ken Geraci explains what Catholics believe about the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Most Holy Trinity, the love proceeding from the Father and the Son.

This episode explores the Holy Spirit's presence throughout Scripture, his role as the author of the Bible, the symbols used to depict him, and the way he fills the baptized with sanctifying grace. Fr. Geraci also explains the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, the ordinary and extraordinary ways the Spirit works, and how Catholics can cooperate with his grace. Watch to grow in your understanding and pray, "Come, Holy Spirit."

**About this series:** Little Liturgies are a gentle and joyful introduction to faith, designed to help younger children (2-8) take their first steps into friendship with Jesus.

Each episode shares the Sunday Gospel in a simple and engaging way. Every liturgy ends in song, helping children respond with joy and show Jesus how much they love Him.

## Soul Food by Fr. Tomy

**“Grateful beyond words. Blessed beyond measure.”**

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Mary of the Assumption,

As I prepare to begin a new chapter of my priestly ministry, my heart is filled with deep gratitude to God and to all of you. These past weeks have given me time to reflect on how blessed I have been to serve among you. I came here as a priest assigned to a parish, but I leave carrying countless memories, friendships, and experiences that will remain forever in my heart.

First of all, I thank Almighty God for the gift of these two beautiful parish families. I sincerely thank Bishop Paprocki for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve here. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Paul for the confidence he placed in me by entrusting the parish to my care during his absence. It has been a privilege and a joy. Fr. Paul, welcome back home! *Muchas gracias y bienvenida.*

A special word of gratitude to our wonderful parish secretaries, Linda Hemrich and Denisse Ochs. Your dedication, patience, professionalism, and kindness made my ministry much easier and more joyful. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for your support, generosity, and service to the Church.

I am deeply grateful to the members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils, Catechists, our teachers and staff, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, sacristans, ushers, volunteers, and every person who quietly worked behind the scenes. You showed that the true greatness is in service and sacrifice. So much goodness happens in a parish because of people who serve with humble and faithful hearts.

To the children and youth of our parish and school: thank you for your smiles, your enthusiasm, your questions, and especially the countless high-fives that brightened my days. You brought great joy to my priesthood.

I also thank all of you who welcomed me into your homes, offered meals, remembered me in prayer, celebrated my birthday, and expressed your affection through your farewell wishes and kind words. Your generosity and love touched me very personally. I truly experienced here what it means to belong to a parish family.

What I will remember most about Newton and Ste. Marie is your faith: your love for the Eucharist, your participation at Mass, your devotion to the sacraments, your welcoming spirit, and the beautiful involvement of so many volunteers and young people in parish life. These are signs of a vibrant and living Church.

Please continue to pray for me as I will continue to pray for all of you. Wherever I go, I will always carry St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Mary of the Assumption in my heart.

With love, gratitude, and prayers,  
Fr. Tomy



### Fr. Tomy Celebrates Mass on Memorial Day

Thank you for everything,  
Fr. Tomy!



**OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!** 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.

### The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!

Please be sure to stop in the gathering spaces of our parish churches to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton. Thanks!

# Welcome

**Welcome, Fr. Rankin,** who will be celebrating Masses with us this weekend. Fr. Dean will be covering weekday Masses as we prepare and anticipate Fr. Pawel's return on June 4. Thanks everyone!

### St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11<sup>th</sup>

More details are coming soon!

**Mark your calendars!**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**12:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

Newton Knights of Columbus Hall

Sponsored by St. Thomas Church Angels Group

### Working Together to Protect Our Children

Learn how to keep our kids safe online and in person.

**June 10, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm**

**New Hope Church, Effingham, IL**

Sponsored by Effingham County State's Attorney and Sheriff's Department Offices and Safe

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**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, June 1<sup>st</sup>, St Justin**

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sts Marcellinus and Peter**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Willlenborg+)

**Wednesday, June 2<sup>rd</sup>, St Charles Lwanga**

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 p.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Donald Herdes+)

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Saint Boniface**

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saint Norbert**

7:30am – 8:15am Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Harris+)

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, The Most Holy Body and Blood  
 Of Christ**

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

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
 Collection for the week of May 24, 2026**

Envelopes/Easter Collection	\$ 945.00
Loose	313.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,258.00</b>
Haiti	20.00
Retirement Fund for Priests	155.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,433.00</b>

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 7, 2026**

**Ushers:** Kelby Ochs, Alex Kaufmann, Owen Ochs

**Servers:** Wade Schaackmann, Kinsey Barber,  
 Halle Schackmann

**Lectors:** Mike Hartrich/Ron Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning, Bridget  
 Matson, Ben Ochs

**Mission Trip Youth** will be hosting a bake sale next Sunday, May 31st to raise funds to help cover the cost of this trip. Please show your support by picking up your favorite baked goods for a good cause! You can also show your support by making a donation to help cover the cost of the trip. Donations can be dropped off at the parish offices or put in the collection. Thanks to the Family Life Committee for their donation! Your support will help our youth to have a faith filled experience of a lifetime that they will never forget! Thank you!

**Thank you** – to the volunteers who cleaned up the landscaping around the church grounds! It was greatly appreciated.

**St. Catherine of Siena prayer:**

*Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us!  
 Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every  
 grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners:  
 Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls:  
 Draw us! Amen.*

**Area Events**

**June 14 – Porkburger Lunch** – Serving 11am – 1pm  
 - Christ the King Parish Hall – Greenup

**July 3 – Jasper County Celebration America 250** –  
 3p.m. – 9 pm - Fireworks – Sainte Marie

**July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - #pm – 5 pm-**  
**St Valentine Hall**