

**June 21-22, 2025**  
**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**



**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**

June 14-15, 2025 Collection-

Envelopes	\$	4,587.00
Loose	\$	495.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,082.00</b>
School Fund	\$	360.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	55.00
Ret. Religious	\$	95.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	1,265.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,857.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church April Tithe**

April Tithe Income – \$59,928.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,993.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Welcome, Fr. Tomy Philip!**

***Mon., June 23, Weekday***

***Tuesday, June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist***

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

***Wednesday, June 25, Weekday***

**8:30 am Mass (Fr. Dean Celebrating Mass)**

(Int. Liv. & Dec. of Linda Mertens Family)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

***Thursday, June 26, Weekday***

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

***Friday, June 27, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;***

***Fr. Tomy Philip joins us for his 1<sup>st</sup> Mass***

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Int. Brad Ghist)

***Saturday, June 28, Immaculate Heart of the***

***Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus***

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Larry Hardiek)

***Sunday, June 29, Sts Peter and Paul***

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

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

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

(Int. Liv. & Dec. of Menke & Leahy Families)

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

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Gn 12:1-9

Mt 7:1-5

**Tues.:** Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66,80

**Weds.:** Gn 15:1-12,17-18

Mt 7:15-20

**Th.:** Gn 16:1-12,15-16

Mt 7:21-29

**Fri.:** Ez 34:11-16

Rom 5:5b-11

Lk 15:3-7

**Sat.:** Gn 18:1-15

Mt 8:5-17

**Sun.:** Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18

Mt 16:13-19

**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.

**Local School Sisters of Notre Dame, Associates, and religious sisters** nationally invite you to pray with them for our country. We will join in prayer on **Tuesday, June 24, from 11- 11:30 AM** at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Chapel.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday, June 28 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Kim Zuber  
EM: Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Ramon Kocher,  
Mark Bolander

Servers: Emmalin Finley & Eli Ochs  
Gift Bearers: Ronnie and Patti Ochs  
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs  
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, June 29 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Amy Hartrich  
EM: Pam Francis, Brenda Phillips, Paul/Katie Bierman  
Servers: Blake Bierman & Kyle Bierman  
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians:  
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, June 29 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Marissa Bower  
EM: Dennis Weber  
Servers: Dominic Ochs  
Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jennelle Hinterscher  
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone



**BAPTISM: Grant Edward Lidy**, infant son of Jacob & Katlin (Rauch) who was baptized at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, June 14, in St. Thomas Church.

Godparents are:  
James Lidy & Rachel Bergbower

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection**  
**Thank You!!**

Thank you to **Homewood Grill** for your generous support. *Homewood recently made a \$1,000.00 donation* to help cover the cost of the trip easing the financial burden on the participants. Thanks for supporting all those attending the work camp in Bowling Green, KY; June 29-July 5!

**Participants:** Jackson Baltzell, Audrey Beals, Alani Bergbower, Lucy Bierman, Nathan Bierman, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Ava Earnest, Brenly Francis, Caroline Frohning, Lauren Gier, Allie Hermann, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Lexi Ochs, Oliver Ochs, Hannah Phillips, Claire Probst

**Chaperones:** Jill Bierman, Paul Bierman, Annie Ochs, Jeff Phillips

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Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space, scan the bar code or visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) then enter 62448.

**The St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed** for cleaning and waxing floors **June 16 - July 19**. Thank you for your cooperation as the parish center undergoes its annual preparations and improvements for the upcoming school year.

**The St. Thomas Angels Group is requesting volunteers to help lead our group.** This group was started in November of 2014 to fill a much-needed ministry in our parish. Ruth Kerner, Sue Sparks and Kay Ochs are resigning as group leaders on June 30th.

Anyone willing to help lead the group to continue these worthwhile projects, please contact Kay at 618-843-8249 or Sue at 618-783-3533. Thank you.

**The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here!** This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of Altar and Ministry supplies that include hosts, wine and candles that we use at every Mass. *The total collected so far is \$4,050.00!* Thanks for your support!

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH**  
**CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!**

All parishioners are invited to attend Sunday brunch in the parish center on **July 20th after the 10:00 am Mass** celebrating our church building's 15th anniversary! Sausage, scrambled eggs and hash brown casserole will be served along with sweets provided by our Angels group. Free will donations will be accepted that morning to offset the cost and can also be dropped off any time in the collection basket or at the parish office. Eighth graders wanting service hours can sign up to work the brunch in the back of church.

**St. Thomas School Registration:**  
**All St. Thomas School Families please mark your calendars. See you soon!**  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Good luck to our youth participating in the Jasper County Fair!** The 154th Jasper County Fair will run from **June 22-28, 2025!** Be sure to Visit <http://www.jaspercofairnewtonillinois.org/> to learn more!



**The Kids' Bulletin** is now available in the St. Thomas Gathering Space. Be sure to pick one up for each of your kiddos!! Lots of great activities, stories and opportunities to share! We think your kids are going to love it, and we love to see the smiles that it puts on their faces!

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



### Please pray for the Sick:

Mark Miller, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

**Betty King Remembers St. Thomas.** St. Thomas Parish is grateful to the Betty King Estate for the generous gift that was recently made to St. Thomas Church. St. Thomas Parish is also grateful for Betty's insight and including our Church in her will. May we all prayerfully consider how we can contribute to our parish and school now and in the future.

### **Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2025!**

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/1/2025 - 8/3/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO**

**10/10/2025 - 10/12/2025, Springfield, IL**

**12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO**



### **BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**

Please return your baby bottles **by June 22<sup>nd</sup>** filled with your spare change if you have not had a chance to do so. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton.

**Corpus Christi, Latin for "Body of Christ",** is a Catholic feast day that celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In the United States this feast is observed on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday. The Eucharist is a central sacrament in the Catholic Church, where bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This feast day emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist and encourages Catholics to reflect on the gift of Christ's presence in the sacrament.

Lord, we ask for Your blessing on our fields. May the seeds we plant grow into a bountiful harvest, providing for our families and communities. Guide us in our work and grant us prosperity. Amen.

**Related verse:** "The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to." — Deuteronomy 28:8

## Trending on FORMED

### About this series:



There is so much to discover about God through the amazing things found in nature and revealed in God's word! In this delightful series, a wise old owl mentors five young students as they travel on adventures learning about nature, faith, God, and the Bible.

### About this series:



Discover more about YOU and the nature of God through His animal kingdom!

### **Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet**

This extraordinary film explores the heroic life of a remarkable, modern-day mystic, Father Solanus Casey, who was relegated to doing little more than being a simple doorman in his monastery. But God would transform the role his superiors assigned him, appointing it a far greater significance to be continued even beyond his earthly life: that of prophet, healer, and intercessor.

Known as a wonder-worker and a powerful instrument of divine healing and hope, he touched countless lives. His untiring attention to the sick and poor, combined with his prayers, wise counsel, and burning faith brought an unprecedented outpouring of grief at his death in 1957. More than twenty thousand people attended the funeral of this selfless American-born priest.

As a part of his canonization process, the exhumation of his body in 1987 revealed him to be "remarkably intact, and well preserved," seemingly defying corruption. One eyewitness was astonished to see a tiny glimpse of Fr. Solanus' piercing blue eyes again after being buried for thirty years!

A gripping story of this priest's simple and unshakable faith in God's love unfolds through interviews with his friends, colleagues, eyewitnesses, biographers, and direct recipients of his healing and prophecy. Rare, never-before-seen film footage and historical photographs are included with actual footage from the exhumation of this exemplary Servant of God.

### **Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua**

This is the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history.



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**St. Mary of the Assumption**

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**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**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration**

**& Reconciliation**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass**

**Reconciliation:** As Scheduled by request

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation  
 Call 217-321-1155

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, The Nativity of Saint John  
 The Baptist**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Henry & Julia Look+)

**Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Herman & Ethel Zwilling+)

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, St Irenaeus**

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, SS Peter & Paul**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures**

**Collection for the week of June 15, 2025**

Envelopes	\$	910.00
Loose		330.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,240.00</b>
Haiti		150.00
Priest Retirement		25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,415.00</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**May Tithe Income \$7,946.00**

**10% Tithe to Springfield - \$795.00**

**Welcome** – Fr Tomy Philip our new priest, will be arriving next weekend, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Let us all give him a warm welcome. Light refreshments will be served after mass that morning.

**Kids' Bulletin** – Something new has come to St Mary's, every weekend we will have a bulletin available at the church entrances for the kids. They are an interactive bulletin, be sure and pick one up for the kids!!

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 29, 2025**

**Ushers:** Ethan Griffith, Roger Hemrich,  
 Marvin Zwilling

**Servers:** Gavin Semple/ Avery Ochs

**Lectors:** Ron Zwilling/ Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Paul & Kate Kaufmann

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Gangloff,  
 Elaine Zwilling, Lisa Ochs

**Thank You** – To all those who came in and gave blood on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We collected 37 units!! Thanks also to Hartrich Meats, Nancy Zwilling, Kay Helregel and Diann Lybarger for working that day!!

Next Blood Drive - Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's

**Card Shower** – Freda Keller will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Her family invites you to send her a card for her birthday.

Cards may be sent to Freda Keller  
 17614 E 200<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 West Liberty, IL 62475

Happy Birthday Freda!!



**7/12/2025-** Cork & Pork – 4:00 p.m.

**7/27/25** – Bluegrass in the Bend 3pm – 5pm