

April 1st – 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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
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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

March 25-26, 2023 Collection

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| Envelopes | \$ | 7,419.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 544.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 7,963.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ | 50.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 20.00 |
| School Fund | \$ | 762.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 832.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 8,795.00 |

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$52,590.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,259.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 3, Monday of Holy Week

5:30 pm Mass (Chris Frichtl+)

6:30 pm Angels meeting in parish center

Tuesday, April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 am Mass w/MP (Myrtle Radke+)

7:30 am Adoration until **8:00 am** Benediction

6:30 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral in Springfield

Wednesday, April 5, Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Oliver Emmerich+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR, CYO (meeting at St. Mary's)

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper;**
followed by Adoration until 10 pm
(Intention: Religious Vocations)

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

7:00 pm **The Passion of the Lord**

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer w/ Preparation Rites (Elect)

8:00 pm **Easter Vigil** Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

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



Our "ELECT" with the Bishop.

Brianna (Clayton) Ochs,
Jessica (Trevor) Ochs, and Emma,
Alexis, Hayden Evans, daughters of
Guardians Josh & Debra Ochs, at
the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception in Springfield, IL. At

the Easter Vigil, April 8, they are to be baptized,
confirmed and share in the Holy Communion

The Family of Rita Schafer would like to give a
special thank you to the St. Thomas parish members
who provided desserts and clean-up for the family and
friends at the meal that was provided after the funeral.
Your kindness and continued prayers are greatly
appreciated!

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

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Holy Thursday @ 7:00 pm

Lectors: 1) Ginger Robins, 2) Jill Bierman
E.M.: Becky Shamhart, Dee Bower, Linda Hemrich,
Eliza Bierman

Servers: Adria/Alivia Bierman, Lauren Gier
Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs
Musicians: Patsy Leffler w/Adult Choir
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich

Good Friday @ 7:00 pm

Lectors: 1) Kelly Iffert, 2) Sue Sparks, 3) Mark Vahling,
4) Lily Bierman

E.M.: Becky Shamhart & Tony Sparks
Servers: 1) Nathan Bierman 2) Blake Bierman
Musicians: Tammy Page, Debbie Matson, Mallory
Bergbower

Greeters/Ushers:

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8 @ 8:00 pm

Lectors: Nikki Bierman and Ginger Robins
E.M.: Jason & Jenny Bierman, Paul Bierman,
Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman
Gift Bearers: St. Thomas OCIA
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Easter Sunday, April 9 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: 1) Becky Shamhart, 2) Nicholas Shamhart
EM: Linda/Madeline Hemrich, Jamie Shamhart,
Jill Bierman

Servers: Alani Bergbower, Allie & Brooks Hermann
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: John Johnson, Lily/Lucy Bierman, Laney
Hemrich, Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Easter Sunday, April 9 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: 1) Brian Bierman, 2) Kelly Iffert
EM: Dee Bower, Pam Francis, Brenda Phillips,
Marissa Bower

Servers: Wyatt and Oliver Ochs
Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen, Debbie Matson, Youth Choir
(Special music will start at 9:25 am and will conclude
at 9:55 am)

Greeters/Ushers:

*Please contact the Parish Office or visit the Ministry
Scheduler App to sign up for Lay Ministries.*

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Schedule

April 2, Palm Sunday, 6:30 pm – The Living Stations
All are welcome!

April 5, Meeting at St. Mary's at 6:45 pm for their
Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Apr. 12, 19, & 26, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm

April 26th will be the last CYO session
of this school year!

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.**

LENTEN REGULATIONS :

FAST and ABSTINENCE on GOOD FRIDAY:

All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are
required to abstain from meat and All the faithful
between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to
fast (only one full meal on this day).

Note: health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

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

This Week's Scripture Readings:

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| Monday: | Is 42:1-7 | Jn 12:1-11 | |
| Tues.: | Is 49:1-6 | Jn 13:21-33,36-38 | |
| Weds.: | Is 50:4-9a | Mt 26:14-25 | |
| Thurs.: | Ex 12:1-8,11-14 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Jn 13:1-15 |
| Fri.: | Is 52:13-53:12 | Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 | Jn 18:1-19:42 |
| Sat.: | Easter Vigil Readings | | |
| Sun.: | Easter Sunday Readings | | |

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION
The Grace of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

**NOTE: Next Saturday, April 8, the Easter Vigil,
Reconciliation is scheduled only by appointment.**

Mark Your Calendars! The St. Thomas Gigantic
Garage Sale is scheduled for Thursday April 27th –
Saturday April 29th. More details to follow.

Upcoming St. Thomas School Fundraisers, Etc.

Joe's pizza and sauce for Booster Club
Trash Bags for School
Collecting Pop Tabs (friendly class competition)
Gigantic Garage Sale (April 27-29)
Contact a St. Thomas student or the school office
to order or learn more.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with Easter Sunday.



PALM SUNDAY and the **blessing of palms** and the proclamation of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his reign. The blessings of palms will take place in the foyer with

procession into the church nave to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This solemn entrance with procession will take place at the **4:30 pm Mass Palm Saturday, April 1 at St. Thomas and 8:30 am at St. Mary's Church.** The other Masses will begin with the simple entrance from the foyer of the Church.

CHRISM MASS: 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 4 at the Cathedral. The Bishop blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils used in the celebration of Sacraments of Anointing the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The clergy renew their vows of commitment to service in the Church; the Catechumens share in the Dismissal for Reflection upon the Word, and the Holy Oils are distributed to parish representatives.



The EASTER TRIDUUM, which honors **The Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery)** is the **Great Liturgy of the Church** which spans over three days.

TRIDUUM

It begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper,** Holy Thursday, continues with **the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death,** Good Friday, and climaxes with **the Easter Vigil,** Holy Saturday, and culminates with the **Mass of Resurrection** on Easter.

Please plan to attend each day and certainly bring the children to proclaim the essence of our faith. To help facilitate your participation in the EASTER TRIDUUM, a brief explanation is given for each of the three days.

**HOLY THURSDAY, 5:30 pm at St. Mary's
7:00 pm at St. Thomas**

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER



--During the **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper,** we will hear the challenge of Jesus, calling us to service as he says **"Do this in memory of me"**, and the example he gives is **"The Washing of Feet."**



--During the Presentation of Gifts, you will be invited to bring forth **gifts for the poor,** the fruits of your Lenten fasting and penance such as **money for Operation Rice Bowl.**

---After Communion, there is a **Candlelight Procession to the Place of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as we pray with the Lord through his **Agony in the Garden.** **Families and Individuals** are able to **come and pray** if not for an hour, for whatever time one can give to the Lord. The evening concludes with **Night Prayer 8 pm at St. Mary's and 10 pm at St. Thomas.**

**GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00 PM April 7 at St. Mary's
7:00 pm at St. Thomas**

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH



The liturgy continues in **SILENCE.** Following the Scriptures of the Passion of Christ, you are invited to **"venerate the Cross"**. A beautiful, powerful gesture on this day is for people to come to the cross barefoot or in stocking feet, recalling to mind the image of Moses being **"on holy ground."**



Those who choose will simply leave their shoes at their seat as they come to venerate the cross. Remember, the Stations of the Cross saying: **"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world"**? We put our words into action as we celebrate this part of the Easter Triduum Liturgy.

Following petitions of the Church, Communion is distributed from the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper as no Mass is held on Good Friday.

Communion is brought to the Homebound on this day prior to the celebration of the Good Friday Service.

HOLY SATURDAY: Note: Communion may only be given on this day at viaticum, food for the dying; except for those who participate in the Mass of the Easter Vigil.

THE EASTER VIGIL: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.



The Vigil will only be at St. Thomas at 8 pm

The vigil prayer continues with Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and the preparation rites of the Elect. Then the Church is prepared for its most prized liturgy. It is the culmination of who we are and what we are called to do. The VIGIL begins in **DARKNESS,** the image of the **tomb.**

We gather at the **bonfire** and **light the Paschal Candle,** signifying Jesus as the **Light of the World.** The candlelight procession leads into the Church, to proclaim the Exsultet, share our stories, the **Sacred Scriptures of our faith history.** We process to the pool of new life, **bless the water,** baptize our Elect and **strengthen them in the Spirit through Confirmation** and **share Eucharist (Holy Communion)** with them.

Those to be baptized, confirmed and share in the Eucharist are Brianna Ochs, Jessica Ochs, Emma Evans, Alexis Evans, and Hayden Evans, and Austin Perisho.

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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: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month

This Week in our Parish

Monday, April 3rd, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, April 4th, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, April 5th, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 p.m. – PSR

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 6th, Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Adoration until 8 p.m.

Friday, April 7th, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. – The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 8th, Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday

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

The Family Life will also be having a **Rural Life Sunday** on **April 16th**, bring your tractors, farm equipment, farm animals, seed, or whatever you want Father to give a special blessing. Refreshments will be served after mass

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the youth group of the parish, 7 pm Wednesday, April 5th. Come pray this powerful drama of the Lord's passion! All are welcome!

PSR returns to the 6:30 p.m. schedule April 5th.

Easter Décor: The worship committee will be decorating for Easter on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 8:30 am. They would appreciate your help.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, St Mary's will be hosting a blood drive on April 12th, 2-6 pm. It will be held in the parish center. All are welcome!

St. Mary's Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday

Ministers for 5:30 p.m. April 6th

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs, Avery Ochs, Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Lora Ochs/ Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple, Lisa Ochs, Norman Boehl

Good Friday

Ministers for 3:00 p.m. – April 7th

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/ Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Beth Hartrich/ Becca Ochs

Easter

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 9th

Ushers: Paul, Alex & Maynard Kaufmann

Servers: Chase Kistner, Daniel Uebinger, Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

EM's: Lora Semple, Tony & Janet Hartrich

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of March 26, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1405.00

Loose 140.00

Subtotal \$ 1,545.00

Catholic Charities 300.00

Catholic Relief Fund 80.00

Haiti 70.00

Total 1,995.00

St Mary's Church February Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$12,984.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,298.00

You are invited: to celebrate the 90th birthdays of Ralph and Georgianna (Bolander) Weber. Their family is hosting an open house on Saturday, April 15th from 1-4 pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin.