

November 25-26, 2023  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,



**King of the Universe**

**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

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays  
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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

November 11-12, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,265.00
Loose	\$	391.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,656.00</b>
School Fund	\$	1,832.00
Building Fund	\$	75.00
Special Collections	\$	445.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,352.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,008.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church October Tithe**

October Tithe Income – \$62,136.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,214.00

**Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., Nov. 27, Weekday; Last week in Ordinary Time**

**Tuesday, Nov. 28, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**5:30 pm** – KC's Mass of Remembrance

**Wednesday, Nov. 29, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Joseph & Zola Klingler)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**5:30 pm** OCIA

**6:00 pm** Booster Club

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

**Thursday, Nov. 30, St. Andrew**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, Dec. 1, Weekday; First Friday**

**Fr. Pawel visiting the homebound**

**8:30 am All-School Mass** (Edward Dhom)

(Adoration Following Mass until Noon)

**Saturday, December 2, Weekday**

**First Saturday at St. Mary's**

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

**4:00 pm – CYO Bethlehem Walk**

**4:30 pm** Mass - (Int: Glen & Alberta Smithenry)

**Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Keith French)

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

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

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, December 2 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: David Sydor

EM: Mark Bolander, Lori TeVault, Alice Addis,  
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Lexi Ochs & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Kimberly Ochs Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

**Sunday, December 3 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Katie Shamhart

EM: Pam Francis, Gery Ochs, Jamie Shamhart,  
Amy Hartrich

Servers: Will Hartrich & Alani Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Andy Bergbower Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

**Sunday, December 3 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Brian Bierman

EM: Jason/Jenny Bierman, Ginger Robins, Sara Mette

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

### St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule

- **Sat, December 2**, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Mt. Gilead Church, Bethlehem Walk (Details at this week's CYO)
- **Fri, December 8**, 5:00 pm – **Please notice the change in location.** Meet at Scott Avenue Church Multi-purpose room for Ministerial Alliance's Food Box Project
- **Weds., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** – NO CYO/Christmas Concert
- **Weds, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Cleaning/Decorating Church w/Christmas Celebration
- **Weds., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** NO CYO-Merry Christmas!  
**Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

### **CYO and Mission Trip Fundraiser**

**CYO is raffling off one of the Ag. Mechanics class's Nativity Scenes** to raise money for the mission trip and group activities. You can purchase a \$5 ticket from any CYO member or at the church or school. These metal nativities, once light is applied, make a beautiful shadow presentation. **The drawing will be held at our St. Thomas Christmas Program on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend and then available up until the time of the drawing!

### **BAPTISMS:**

**Congratulations, Liam Rhett Weber**, infant son of Eric and Anna (Lomas) Weber whose Godparents are Brad & Annie Ochs. Liam was baptized last Saturday evening at St. Thomas Church.

**Congratulations, Rose Marie Weber**, infant daughter of Kyle and Rachel (Frichtl) Weber whose Godparents are Jeremy and Lisa Chacon. Rose was baptized last Saturday evening.

May God continue the good work begun in them!

**St. Thomas Harvest Picnic Donation.** Renee Gier, representing St. Thomas, presented a check to the Newton Family Life Center representatives in the amount of \$2,000.00. Thanks again to everyone that participated in this year's picnic making this donation possible!



### **This Week at St. Thomas School**

- Tues:** 6:00 pm Boys basketball at Cumberland  
**Weds:** 6:00 pm Booster Club  
6:30 pm Girls Basketball Sectional at T-town  
**Thurs:** 6:00 pm Boys Basketball at Oblong  
**Fri:** 8:30 am All-School Mass

**Diocesan Centennial Campaign.** Members of the St. Thomas Councils and School continue to discuss the upcoming Diocesan Centennial Campaign. A parish vitality study is underway that will help each of our parishes determine how to proceed with this campaign. Much is yet to be learned and discussed, and we hope to have more information to share with our parishes soon.

## **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.**



### Please pray for the Sick:

Marlene Harris, Vinnie Zuber, Ray Kautz, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, 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:** Jeff Kirts

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Mon.:</b>	<b>Dn 1:1-6,8-20</b>	<b>Lk 21:1-4</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Dn 2:31-45</b>	<b>Lk 21:5-11</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28</b>	<b>Lk 21:12-19</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Rom 10:9-18</b>	<b>Mt 4:18-22</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Dn 7:2-14</b>	<b>Lk 21:29-33</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Dn 7:15-27</b>	<b>Lk 21:34-36</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:3-9</b>
	<b>Mt 13:33-37</b>	

**The Newton Knights of Columbus** will remember their departed brothers at a Remembrance Mass at 5:30pm on Tuesday, November 28, at St. Thomas. Please keep the following Knights and their families in your prayers:

<i>Samuel Zuber</i>	<i>George Roth</i>
<i>Leroy Frohning</i>	<i>Ronald Kirts</i>
<i>Leonard Kessler</i>	<i>Clarence Vahling</i>
<i>Wayne Stark</i>	<i>Neil Ochs</i>
<i>Keith Long</i>	<i>Donald Maginn</i>
<i>Kevin Frohning</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kirts</i>

### **Month of Remembrance**

As November comes to a close, let us continue to pray for the faithful departed of St. Thomas this past year.

*Leroy Frohning, Gary Rubsam, Rita Schafer, Rose Ann Kerner, John Frohning, Patricia McCreery, Keith Long, George Roth, Elizabeth Schackmann, Mary Earlene Hall, Wayne Stark, & Philip Kuhl*

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Have you checked out FORMED?** Don't miss this **free resource** of valuable Catholic Christian materials for **movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.** To gain access to the content:  
 Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>  
 Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)  
 Enter your name and your email address.

**Updated. Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA) Christmas Food Basket Project.** As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...**no** food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Call 618-783-3744 to learn more about how you can get involved.

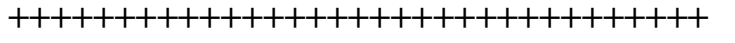
**Please welcome the priest** visiting our parishes this weekend. He comes to us from **Cross Catholic Outreach** and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.  
 To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to: [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach) OR text BLESSINGS to 474747

**Prayer Campaign for Life - Sept. 27 – Nov. 5**  
 As we look back on the 40 days of this campaign, we reflect on our many blessings: 40 churches and organizations in our region participated to fill the days with pro-life prayer...generous volunteers helped at the Silk Purse Thrift Store which supports the Family Life Center. Hundreds of people in our community prayed to protect all human life. **THANK YOU!!**  
 Our local effort was conducted in solidarity with the international "40 Days for Life" campaign. They documented 277 babies saved from abortion (that they know of) during this 40-day period, and over 23,664 since campaigns started in 2007! Be inspired by the true stories of abortion-minded women that had a change of heart. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to read their blog posts.

**The St. Thomas Youth Choir is participating in Jasper County's Christmas on the Square.** They will be singing on the Square on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** and the time is to be announced. Thanks to Debbie Matson and Vicki Mullen for directing our youth choir. So much talent and you won't want to miss it!!  
**Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la!!**

**The Silk Purse** relies on donations and volunteers to help support the Family Life Center. Many opportunities are available for volunteers to help out in the various departments. Help is needed to package hangers, sort, clean, organize, hang clothes, organize shelves, price and process items, etc. Accommodations can be made for volunteers that have special needs.  
 If you are interested in helping, but cannot volunteer at this time, please consider donating. The following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Snack size Ziploc bags
- Quart Ziploc bags
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- 2 gallon Ziploc bags
- Tape dispenser rolls
- Bathroom cleaners
- Box tape



**St. Thomas School 5th Annual**



**& Live Auction**

**Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Heads/Tails ~ Food ~ Wine Pull**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton ~

**Doors open at 5:00 pm** ~ Space is Limited!

Cost to play: \$160/ team of 8 adults over 21

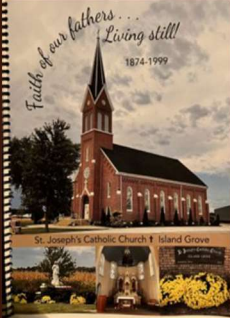
(Must be on a team to be present)

**Pulled Pork/Chips available for a free-will donation. Beverages available for purchase.**

**Questions: St. Thomas School; 618-783-3517**



**Sesquicentennial Celebration**  
**St. Joseph's Church**



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community throughout 2024. A public celebration is in the planning for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. Pickup dates for purchases will be conducive for Christmas (2023) gift giving on orders placed in a timely manner. The purchase price for the 1974 & 1999 combination reprint is \$25 dollars (cover image included here); \$15 for the 1924 reprint. For inquires and orders, please contact Sandy Meinhart: 217-273-1758 [sameinhart@gmail.com](mailto:sameinhart@gmail.com) or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788 [office@stisidore.dio.org](mailto:office@stisidore.dio.org)

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**PSR Coordinator:** Marie Wagner

**Tribunal Annulment Advocate:** Debbie Matson  
Linda Mertens

**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 Saturdays

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Hilda Dallmier+)

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

6:30 p.m. - PSR

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, St Andrew**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Oscar & Marcella Strutner+)

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Weekday**

7:30a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For our Beloved Deceased+)

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Jeff Kirts+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure  
Collection for the week of November 19, 2023**

Envelopes	\$	821.00
Loose		105.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>926.00</b>
Haiti		120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1046.00</b>

**St Mary's Church September Tithe**  
**September Tithe Income – \$28228.00**  
**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 2823.00**

**Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – December 3, 2023**

**Ushers:** Marvin Zwilling, Ethan Matson,  
Jacob Kaufmann

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/ Wade Schackmann

**Lectors:** Ashtyn Ochs/ Claire Griffith

**Gift Bearers:** Ron & Nancy Zwilling

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning, Rose  
Gangloff, Janet Hartrich

**Volunteers Needed:** Silk Purse Thrift Store is  
looking for more volunteers. We are needing help in  
the sorting and organizing items that are donated. If  
you have an hour, half day or full day and would like  
to join the team to help, please contact the Silk Purse.  
They are also needing items that they use to help with  
the donations. – **Kitchen size garbage – Snack size  
Ziploc bags, Snack Size Ziploc bags, Quart Ziplock,  
Gallon Ziploc, 2 gallon Ziplock, Tape dispenser  
roll, Box Tape, Bathroom,**

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us  
to each other in the human family. Thank you for being  
with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in  
our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.  
Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the  
whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health,  
and for grace. May we live this and every day  
conscious of all that has been given to us.  
–From "[The Catholic Prayer Book](#)," compiled by  
Msgr. Michael Buckley

