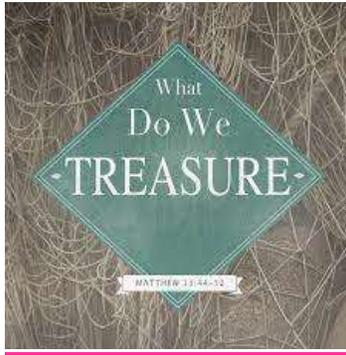


July 29-30, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - 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

July 22-23, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,752.00
Loose	\$	278.00
Subtotal	\$	5,478.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	50.00
Mission - Ukraine	\$	2,930.00
School Fund	\$	940.00
Subtotal	\$	3,920.00
Grand Total	\$	9,950.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$63,116.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,312.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli,

8:30 am Mass (Int: Val, Florence, Virginia & Christopher)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, August 3, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., August 4, St. John Vianney

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int: Holly Ann Kocher)

Adoration

Sat., August 5, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, August 6, Transfiguration 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

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 5 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Mike Hartrich

E.M.: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Ramon Kocher,
 Wanda Kocher

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 6 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Katie Shamhart

EM: Jamie Shamhart, Sheryl Brummer, Janet Vahling
 Lori TeVault

Servers: Caleb Kistner & Tyler Spiker

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Randy/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, August 6 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Marge Horton, Julie Higgs

Servers: Curtis Weber & Avery Geier

Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together). The total collected is **\$8,720.00**. Thanks for your support and helping us with the insurance deductible for the lights.

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

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

St. Thomas Angels will meet on Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room. Meeting will immediately follow the Newton Family Life Center presentation. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your parish and be of service to our community. They look forward to seeing you!

St. Thomas Calling Tree for Funeral Dinners.

Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to be added to the calling tree. All are welcome to participate and your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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:

Patty McCreery, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Keith Long, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24,30-34	Mt 13:31-35
Tues.:	Ex 33:7-11; 34: 5b-9,28	Mt 13:36-43
Weds.:	Ex 34:2-35	Mt 13:44-46
Th.:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38	Mt 13:47-53
Fri.:	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37	Mt 13:54-58
Sat.:	Lv 25:1,8-17	Mt 14:1-12
Sun.:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2Pt 1:16-19	Mt 17:1-9

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...Fr. Paul will resume Adoration on Friday's starting August 4th from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Beginning in September, Adoration on the First Friday will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon. The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Please consider joining us for this very prayerful way to begin your day.

Happy Birthday! Mary Evelyn Dhom will celebrate her 92nd birthday on July 29th. She loves to receive cards. Her address is: 101 S. Gregory, Villas #27, Newton. Thanks for thinking of her!

A Note to St. Thomas Lectors: Starting in August we will be going back to only having **one Lector** at each Mass. Unfortunately, it is getting more and more difficult to schedule two lectors at each Mass, so believe that going back to one lector will help with scheduling. The lector, much as before, will still bow at the Altar and then go up to the Ambo for the First Reading. Then, will sit next to the server, wait for the Responsorial Psalm to be sang and will return to the Ambo for the Second Reading. After the Second Reading, the lector will return to their seat in the pew until the Prayers of the Faithful are to be read. Thanks for your patience as we make this change and remember that when participating in a ministry to dress church appropriately. **Please contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.** Participation in the ministries is an honor and vital to our parishes, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to take an active role in Mass.

Mass Intentions. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes will begin scheduling Mass Intentions on the weekend. Please keep in mind that one Mass each weekend at St. Thomas will be designated for the parish family and one Mass once per month will be designated for the parish family at St. Mary's. Also, Easter and Christmas Masses as well as other special holidays will be designated for the parish family in an effort to remember all of our deceased loved ones on those special days. Thanks again for your patience as we make this adjustment.

Available on FORMED and the Amen App.

Catholic Parenting Tips w/Catholic Sprouts: Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children! Just in time for the beginning of the school year☺

Comments:

- THANK YOU for Catholic Sprouts! With you as part of our daily routine, we have really loved learning more about the beauty of the faith! God bless you in your ministry and may many, many families come to know Christ and His Church through Catholic Sprouts and plant seeds of faith!!!
- I listened to all of the Catholic Sprouts Jesse tree readings on the Amen app and loved them & I don't even have children! Thank you for sharing your time & talents.

FORMED has many, many other resources for parents and married couples. Be sure to take advantage of this faith filled resource that is available to you thru St. Thomas Parish!

St. Thomas School Presents
Our 11th Annual DUCK RACE 2022
Sunday, August 20th

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who had a duck in the race.

1st place duck: \$600.00; 2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

Only 500 ducks will be sold!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

NOTE: LUCKY BLUE DUCK--\$25 gift certificate

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 618-783-3517

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 after each Mass starting July 1st – August 6th. Ducks can also be purchased at St. Thomas School and Church, Peoples State Bank and the Medicine Shoppe.



Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way.

- St. Thomas has 92 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested in attending.
- St. Mary's has 33 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

Newton Family Life Center News!

The Newton Family Life Center has scheduled a presentation to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about their services, to share data on current numbers and what's coming in the future. YOU are invited to attend!

Date: Monday, August 7th (6:00 – 6:30pm)

Where: St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room

Enjoy cookies and learn more about the Newton Family Life Center! If you feel moved to bring a donation, the center can always use baby wipes and diapers (size 1 and 2). Please come show your support!

AND...

Mark your Calendars for Aug. 12th at 7:00pm at The West End Reception Hall for an opportunity to support the Newton Family Life Center. Everyone who came out to support this fundraiser last year for the Newton Family Life Center had a great time, so they wanted to do it again! The night will feature the local band A Little SoCo, and the Fried Green Tomato's Food truck. The fundraising goal is \$7,000.00 and all ages welcome to join in on the fun! Door prizes, card raffle and 50/50 will be available for chances to win!

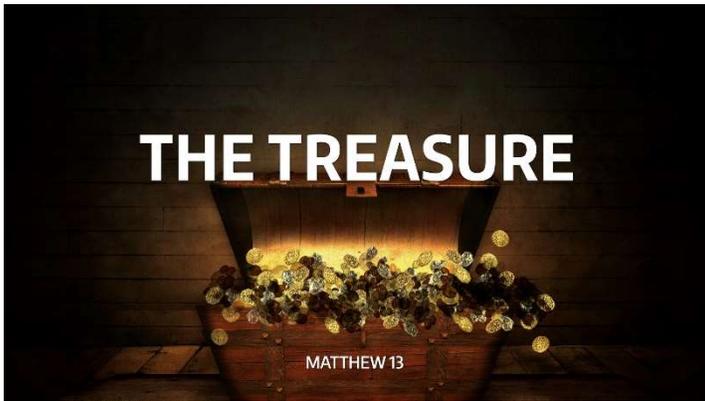
Just one more thing...

The Annual Family Life Center Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 14th at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. If you would like to host a table of 7 please call 217-342-5433 by August 7th to confirm your reservation. All proceeds will benefit your local Family Life Center location.

St. Thomas School Registration was a huge success! Thanks to all of the parents that were able to participate in school registration last week. What a great turnout!! It was great to see so many families and students. Enjoy the rest of your summer; and, Fr. Paul, Mrs. Bierman and all of the teachers and staff look forward to seeing the students on **August 15th for their first day back to school and their first All-School Mass!**

Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia, IL will be hosting their next retreat on August 11-13th. The theme is "Healing of Memories". Fr. Ian VanHuesen and Fr. Carl Millis SMD will be the guest speakers. Sometimes, your past burdens you, and healing happens when you deepen your understanding of God's purpose for you. You'll get opportunities for prayer, meditation, daily Mass and reconciliation so you can explore how healing the past will open you to embrace God's unfolding plans for your future. Please go to osmm.org to register, and the full agenda is listed on their website. You may also contact Karla Slifer at 217-690-5282 for more information.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

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

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

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, July 31st St Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday, August 1st. St Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sylvan & Catherine

Kocher+)

Wednesday, August 2nd, St Eusebius

Thursday, August 3rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Beavers+)

Friday, August 4th, St John Vianney

Saturday, August 5th, Weekday

Sunday, August 6th, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Lucie Hartrich+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of July 23, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1168.00

Loose 43.00

Sub Total \$ 1211.00

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TOTAL \$ 1231.00

St Mary's Church June Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$24601.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$2460.00

**Parish Financial Report & August Ministers list are
available at the entrances of the church.**

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – August 6., 2023

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, Owen Ochs, Phil Ochs

Servers: Oliver Ochs, Chase Kistner

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Bruce Boehl Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl, Amy
Frohning, Bridget Matson



**186th Annual Pre-Labor Day
Church Picnic**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023
St Mary's in Sainte Marie**

Dinner 3-6pm

Food & Games 3-7pm

Big Ticket Raffle

Quilt Raffle

Beer Garden 3-9pm

Local Band SOCO' a little southern comfort 6-9pm

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