

September 20-21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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

September 13-14, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,566.00
Loose	\$	369.00
Subtotal	\$	5,935.00
School Fund	\$	505.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	705.00
Subtotal	\$	1,210.00
Grand Total	\$	7,145.00
Online August PushPay Giving	\$	4,909.65
ACH August Contributions	\$	2,296.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$55,815.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,582.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 22, Weekday

6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Bible Study at St. Mary

Tuesday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 24, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Carl Kocher)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm Booster Club

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

Thursday, September 25, Weekday

Gigantic Garage Sale Opens

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, September 26, Sts Cosmas & Damian

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Special Int for the Justin & Kristen Probst Family)

Saturday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul

Gigantic Garage Sale Closes

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Liv and Dec of Menke and Leahy Families)

Sunday, September 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Priesthood Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Denise Hahn)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:15 am OCIA

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tues.:	Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Weds.:	Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Th.:	Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri.:	Hg 2:1-9	Lk 9:18-22
Sat.:	Zec 2:5-9,15-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Sun.:	Am 6:1a,4-7 1Tm 6:11-16	Lk 16:19-31

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.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, September 27 @ 4:30 pm

Lector:

EM: Glenda Spiker, Ramon Kocher, Mark Bolander,
Lori TeVault

Servers: Carissa Barthelme & Brooke Farley

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page and Elise Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klinger

Sunday, September 28 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Sara Bergbower

EM: Allison Weber, Brooke Woods, Katie Bierman,
Brenda Phillips

Servers: Kyle Bierman & Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Hemrich & Randy Hemrich

Sunday, September 28 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Brad, Annie, Mallory Ochs, Matt Bower

Servers: Dominic Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower



St. Thomas
15th Annual Harvest Picnic
October 12th, 2025

St. Thomas Picnic Worker's List available in the gathering space for sign-up. Thanks for helping!

Game Prizes Wanted! CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags and candy and Juice Pouch drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. CYO members will be asked to provide 1 dozen cookies that are packaged with 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

Quilt Raffle: Please visit the gathering space of church to see the *two* beautiful quilts that will be raffled off at this year's picnic. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Tickets are available in the church office, will be available at the picnic and after Masses when scheduled. Thanks to Lori TeVault for donating the quilts this year and for sharing her talents with us!

Basket Raffle: Time to get your creative minds flowing! We are asking once again to donate theme baskets for the Harvest Picnic. Everyone is encouraged to put together a basket including businesses that would like to promote the services that they offer. Suggested value is \$50 and up. Families could combine to make one even bigger 😊. Need ideas? Call or text Dee Bower 618-553-4326. Thanks to all for making this one of the most successful stands at the picnic!!

Desserts Wanted. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. 😊

Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.
10% of proceeds benefit the Family Life Center –
Newton
BYOB

St. Thomas Youth Choir Practice will begin on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, and will be held from 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm. Anyone wishing to join can contact Vicki Mullen or Debbie Matson. Thanks for sharing your talents with us!

St. Thomas CYO

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Let's get started!

Sept. 24 – Getting to know our patron saint,
St. Thomas the Apostle

Oct. 1 – Day 234 Catechism in a Year – Freedom &
Responsibility

Oct. 8 – Celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary –
Intentional Rosary & final preparations for the
picnic

Oct. 12 – Annual Harvest Picnic

Oct. 15 – Begin Biblical Walk Through the Mass –
What is Mass?

Oct. 22 – St. John Paul II; The Introductory Rites

Oct. 29 – Night of Service

The numbers are in: 12 Freshmen; 15 Sophomores; 11
Juniors; 14 Seniors...52 high school youth making
their faith a priority. WOW!!

Lori TeVault and Linda Hemrich are so excited to get started and be witnesses to the “vessels” these youth are becoming as we empty ourselves to receive more fully God's will for our lives.

St. Thomas School Dates to Remember

Sept. 24 – 4:00 pm Cross Country @ Cumberland
Sept. 26– Porkburger Sale



St. Thomas Altar Crew

We look forward to watching our Altar Crew grow in membership!! If your 5th-8th grader is interested in being added to the Altar Crew schedule, please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you have not already returned a sign-up form to the school office. Thank you to all those who have signed up to serve! If you sign up, there is a rumor that at the end of the school year a reward for their service is being considered.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick: Chase Zumbahlen, Emma Rose Probst, Dale Harris, Charles Sroka, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Supporting Families

Marriage Date Night

Where: Forty Martyrs Catholic Church
201 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, IL

When: Sun., September 28

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm

What: Come hear a talk to strengthen your marriage and have dinner with intentional discussion and conversation! \$40 per couple. *St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes will cover the cost of the registration for the first 10 couples in each parish who are interested in attending. Contact your Parish Office.* RSVP by Sept. 22 at tinyurl.com/SeptemberDateNight25

Evening Prayer with the SSND. Young adults aged 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Tuesday, September 23** at 7 p.m. CT. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-23-25/.

Calling All Men! Join other men taking action to grow as leaders at **SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast**. This is for men of all area parishes.

This week we'll look at the five traits of authentic leaders through the lens of God as the merciful Father. By discovering the Father's love, we'll see how a man's leadership can shape lives and reflect God's own heart.

Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyoudo.com, the parish office, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on September 28, 2025 in the United States, and is a day set aside to honor our priests and religious people, affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ, and promote vocations to the priesthood. *This day offers an opportunity to pray for priests, especially for Fr. Tomy and Fr. Pawel*, thank them for their service and show appreciation for their dedication to the Church and our parishes.

Knights of Columbus Newton Council 1704

Tootsie Roll Drive

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

September 19-21

Please Consider Helping!

Upcoming Opportunities to help:

Newton Football Game & St. Thomas/St. Mary Masses

Contact Jason @ 618-562-5822

Robinson Football Game & Robinson/Oblong Masses

Contact Mike @ 618-553-1875

Special Second Collection for Gaza and Surrounding Areas in the Middle East – September 27-28.

At the request of Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the USCCB, our parishes are participating in a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and the surrounding areas in the Middle East. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is encouraging all of the parishes throughout our Diocese to participate in this special collection as the Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection.

Note: Church in Africa Collection – September 20-21

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

Sept. 25th – 26th; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sept. 27th; 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Specials announced during the sale!!

Drop donations off Sept. 22nd-23rd, 8 am - 6 pm

All proceeds benefit

St Thomas School technology and improvements



40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life

Join people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to protect all life.

Thursday, Oct. 2 at St. Mary, Ste. Marie immediately following 8:30am Mass until 10:15 am with Benediction at 10:15 am.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at St. Thomas immediately following 8:30am Mass until 10:15 am with Benediction at 10:15 am.

St. Isidore Parish, St. Joseph Hall / Church (Island Grove) will have its Annual Fall Breakfast and Raffle from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the St. Joseph Hall (Church). Carry-out will be available. This year's cost is FREE WILL DONATION. Visit the Country Store and purchase raffle tickets while you enjoy breakfast. Thanks for your support!

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

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Monday, September 22nd, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – Gospel of Mark Bible Study

Tuesday, September 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30a.m. – Mass (Int: Don & Betty Ochs+)

Wednesday, September 24th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

6:30 p.m. – Parent Hospitality Session

Thursday, September 25th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Dennis O'Connor+)

Friday, September 26th, Stes Cosmas & Damian

Saturday, September 27th, St Vincent de Paul

1:30 p.m. - Griffith & Lindeman Wedding

Sunday, September 28th, 26th Sunday Ord. Time

Priesthood Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donna Boehl+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of September 14, 2025

Envelopes/Online giving	\$	2,905.00
Loose		<u>501.00</u>
Sub Total	\$	3,406.00
 Improvement Fund		 <u>25.00</u>
Total	\$	3,431.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 28, 2025

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Jake Semple, Ethan Matson

Servers: Wade Schackmann/Alivia Hartrich
Kenzie Barber

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/ Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Paul & Kate Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling
Lora Semple

40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life.

Our parish will soon be participating in the annual "Prayer for Life" 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide.

God heard the pro-life prayers of our nation, and we were blessed by the overturning of Roe vs Wade in 2022. What a huge victory! We have the wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for this gift.

St Mary's will be having mass on **October 2nd at 8:30a.m.** followed by Prayer for Life – with **Benediction at 10:15 a.m.**

"Prayer is the best weapon we have:

It is the key to God's heart."

Please consider coming to mass and joining others by spending time in prayer.

Special Thanks – to St Mary's Parish, along with our family and friends, who joined us in celebrating our 65th Anniversary: We would also like to thank Fr. Tomy for his blessing during mass, to Dave & Norma Ochs for the anniversary roses, and to the wonderful musicians who helped make our day even more special! We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives. Thank You!! Jerome & Jeanette Kocher

