

January 13-14, 2024
Second 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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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

February 4, June 2, and October 6 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area at St. Thomas Church. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

January 6-7, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,274.00
Loose	\$	285.00
Subtotal	\$	9,559.00
Christmas/Solemnity of Mary	\$	1,185.00
School Fund	\$	1,290.00
Other	\$	754.00
Building Fund	\$	665.00
Subtotal	\$	3,894.00
Grand Total	\$	13,453.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$35,280.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,528.00

This Week in Our Parish

Fr. Paul returning January 17th.

Mon., Jan. 15, Weekday; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No School

Tuesday, Jan. 16, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Jan. 17, St. Anthony

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Betty Marshall)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice Resumes

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

Thursday, Jan. 18, Weekday;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Jan. 19, Weekday

8:30 am All-School Mass (Gary Rubsam)

Saturday, Jan. 20, St. Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 am – 9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, Jan. 21, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am –Noon Annual Pro-life Breakfast

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (LeRoy Donsbach)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Dorothy Woods)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon., Jan. 15 – No School

6:00 pm Boys Bball @ Hustonville

Tues., Jan. 16 – **6:00 pm** Boys Basketball, here,

4:30 pm Volleyball @ Alt. Luth.

Weds., Jan. 17 - **6:15 pm** Boys Bball at St. Joe's, Olney with 5th/6th at 5:15 pm;

Thurs., Jan. 18 - **5:00 pm** Volleyball at St. Anthony With "C" game at 4:15 pm

Fri., Jan. 19 - **4:00 pm** Volleyball at Dieterich

Sat., Jan. 20- **7th** Grade St. Thomas Vball Invite

St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana session will be held at the St Mary's Parish Center on **March 9th, 2024**. For more information contact the St. Mary's parish office at 618-455-3155

Lord, show me ways I can serve.

"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." -- Philippians 2: 3-4

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, January 20 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: David Sydor
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Mark Bolander,
Linda Hemrich
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, January 21 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning
EM: Jill/Eliza/Lily Bierman, Sheryl Brummer
Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Aaron Volk
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, January 21 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Parker
EM: Becky Parker, Julie Higgs, Marge Horton,
Nikki Earnest
Servers: Drew Iffert & Lane Zumbahlen
Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

**Attention St. Thomas Ushers:
Starting January 1st 2024,**

St. Thomas will resume passing the collection basket in the pews during the offertory. We will again need 4 ushers as we have in the past. If you are listed as the usher for the month, please find 3 other ushers to assist you.

Collection of Gifts

Once the Universal Prayers/Mass Petitions are read, this is the signal for the ushers to proceed down each aisle in unison to the front pews of the Church with reverence to the altar and bow/genuflect. When everyone has been seated, the ushers, with the collection baskets in hand will start the collection by passing the baskets through the pews moving towards the back of the Church. The Ushers will then combine the collection into the large basket provided in the Usher's room. **The Ushers and Gift Bearers will meet at the Baptismal Font and take the collection and gifts up together.** The collection will be handed to the Priest and he will place it on a step in front of the altar until after Mass. After Mass, the Ushers will take the collection back to the Usher's room, secure it in the bags and place in the safe.

Thank you for helping us make this a smooth transition!

Collection-Church in Latin America will take place the weekend of January 27-28, 2024. Latin Americans need your help to ensure the success of the collection!

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Eloise Correll, infant daughter of Nick and Cheyenne (Nail), and **Easton Ochs**, infant son of Clayton and Brianna (Nail). Eloise and Easton were baptized last Saturday, January 6th, at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas Church. Their Godparents are Clayton Ochs & Kelcey Semple and Marcus Pilman & Michaela Ochs respectively. May God continue the good work begun in them!

Oiling the Pews. Many Hands Make Quick Work. Thank you to everyone who participated in the oiling of the pews. It is a big task but made much smaller when so many volunteer to help. Thank you!

St. Thomas Church Cleaning Meeting. All monthly cleaning captains need to meet after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2024 for instructions on new vacuums, cleaning supplies, etc. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

INFORMATIONAL/PRE-REGISTRATION

St. Thomas School in Newton will be holding a kindergarten and new student informational pre-registration night on Wednesday, January 24th, 2024. The evening will begin with a parent meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. There is a pre-registration form on the school website, www.stthomassaints.com that can be filled out and brought that evening, or you can contact the school for a copy. Forms will also be available that evening. No commitment is expected. This is for all families interested in the school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

St. Thomas 2023 Contribution Statements will be available starting Tuesday, January 16th. Please stop by or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to receive a copy. School families will receive their statements in their parent packets accompanied by their Tuition Tax Credit statement. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2023!!

Thank you, St. Thomas CYO, for helping take down the Christmas décor and for volunteering at Silk Purse this past Wednesday evening! Congratulations to this year's Illinois State Scholars!! Way to go, Elley, Kye, Aleah, Katie and Luke!!!! We couldn't be more proud of this entire CYO group! Thank you for keeping God at the center of all you do!



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:

Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Alex Koebele, Larry Kremer, 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.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	1 Sm 15:16-23	Mk 2:18-22
Tues.:	1 Sm 16:1-13	Mk 2:23-28
Weds.:	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51	Mk 3:1-6
Th.:	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7	Mk 3:7-12
Fri.:	1 Sm 24:3-21	Mk 3:13-19
Sat.:	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27	Mk 3:20-21
Sun.:	Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31	Mk 1:14-20

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 21

2024

7AM - 12:00PM

Please Join Us!

Whole Hog Sausage & Egg Breakfast

**Sunday, January 21
from 7am-12:00pm**

**Teutopolis Banquet Hall
210 S. Pearl Street**

- Free-Will Donation
- Dine In or Carry Out
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Baskets for All Ages

To volunteer (or if you have questions), please call or text Susan at 217.663.2084



Effingham Area Right to Life

Donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and muffins would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Save the Date: February 24, 2024

St. Thomas School Trivia Night

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL WINE TASTING



Saturday, January 27th, 2024
5:30pm at the Newton KC Hall
\$15.00 donation

Featuring:

- Wine and Beer from around the world
- Delicious food and appetizers (St Thomas Angels)
- Live auction with drink themed, beautiful handcrafted charcuterie boards (Wood-Iron-Stone Design)

*Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Company
Newton Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Angels*

Prayer Service For Illinois Legislative Session

January 16, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Church

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

– St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 6:30 PM on **Monday, January 22**. Eucharistic Adoration, which begins at 1:00 PM in the chapel, will pause and the Holy Eucharist will be reposed at 6:00 PM. A pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM prior to Mass. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in the chapel will resume immediately following Mass. Also, after Mass, the Mattoon Deanery pro-life meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall adjoining the church.

St. Thomas Soup Supper – How You Can Help!

February 11, 2024 // 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m

The Soup Supper committee is asking parish members to donate the following: **2 pies, adult or kid themed baskets, baked goods, and items for game prizes and the Instant Winner Stand**. If anyone wishes to give a **monetary donation** please place in an envelope marked “soup donation” & return to the church or school offices. Also, please consider bringing your own gallon and half gallon containers if purchasing carryout. The committee is also accepting **donations of gallon and half gallon containers with lids** to provide for those who do not have their own. Thanks!!

The Soup Supper committee would also like to offer better prizes for the games and Instant Winner stand, so we are asking parish members to donate **bottles** of soda, candy, chips, and gift cards. There is a basket in the gathering space which contains note cards labeled with the items needed. If you would like to donate please return items to the back of the church. We ask that all donations be made by Wednesday, February 7th. Thanks in advance for your help!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

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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 and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday**

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 15th, Weekday

Tuesday, January 16th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Fr Josph O'Reilly+)

Wednesday, January 17th, St Anthony

6:30 a.m. – PSR

Thursday, January 18th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Urban, Dolores Kocher
Linda Kocher+)

Friday, January 19th, Weekday

Saturday, January 20th, St Fabian

**Sunday, January 21th, Third Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of January 7,2024

Envelopes \$ 1210.00

Loose 97.00

Sub Total \$ 1307.00

Christmas Offering 120.00

Solemnity of Mary 50.00

Children's Home 23.00

1st Offering 25.00

Total \$ 1525.00

St Mary's Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$11,147.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1,115.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – January 21, 2024

Ushers: Owen Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen, Phil Ochs

Servers: Ellie Ochs/Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Ethan Zwilling/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Amy Frohning,
Elaine Zwilling**

PreCana session will be held at St Mary's Parish Center on March 9th, 2024. For more information contact the parish office.

PSR – As winter begins, please remember that if the weather is bad and there is no school, PSR will also be cancelled.

Contribution Statements are available for the year 2023. Those who have requested them, they have been mailed to you. If you did not request one and still need one, please contact the office.

Save The Date

February 2, - Family Life Bingo in the parish center
6 – 8 pm St Mary's Parish Center

February 11 – Bend Community Club Breakfast

February 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 3 – Annual St Mary's Brunch

March 9 – PreCana Session at St Mary's

More Information coming