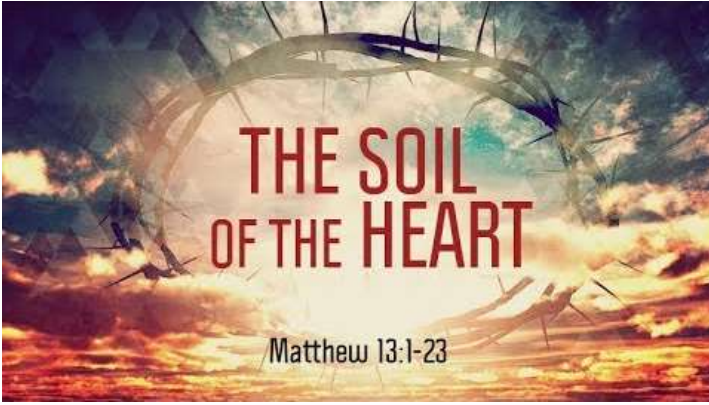


**July 15-16, 2023**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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 Website: [www.stthomasnewton.net](http://www.stthomasnewton.net)  
 Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak**

(Email/Text: [revpl.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:revpl.stthomas@gmail.com))

**Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller**

**Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich**

**Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson**

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.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

July 8-9, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,901.00
Loose	\$	1,077.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,978.00</b>
Building Fund	\$	345.00
School Fund	\$	1,605.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,950.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,928.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church May Tithe**

May Tithe Income – \$63,116.00

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

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

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

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Office Closed July 19-24 – Linda on Vacay**

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday - Fr. Pawel's day off**

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Camillus de Lellis**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's**

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Weekday – Office closed**

**8:30 am Mass (Int: Betty Frohning)**

**9:00 am Rosary Group**

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Apollinaris – Office closed**

**8:00 a.m. – Rosary at St. Mary's**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Mary's**

**Fri., July 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Lawrence of Brindisi – Off. closed**

**8:30 am Mass – (Int: Michael Mulvey)**

**Sat., July 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Mary Magdalene**

**8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions**

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

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

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

**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**

**Monday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf -Office Closed**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, July 22 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Beth Ochs

E.M.: Alice Addis, Gerald Ochs, Matt/Amanda Baltzell

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Lexi Ochs

Gift Bearers: William Fritchely

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

**Sunday, July 23 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Aubrey Bergbower; Becky Shamhart

EM: Theresa Volk, Lori TeVault, Jill/Eliza Bierman

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Aaron Volk

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, July 23 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Brian Bierman; Nichole Mulvey

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Ryan/Kristine Probst

Servers: Josie Vogt & Curtis Weber

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

**G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here** and so far the total collected is **\$7,670.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help with the repair of the Church lighting system insurance deductible. Thanks for your support.

**Ukraine Pallottine Priest Mission Appeal is this weekend.** Please be generous when considering your donation. All donations can be left in the basket available for the Mission Appeal in the gathering space. Please make checks out to St. Thomas Church, and we will in turn present one check to Fr Pawel Jurkowski. Donations can be made over the next two weekends. Thanks for your support!

### **St. Thomas School Family Agreements.**

Please call the parish office this week to set up an appointment with Father Paul. The priest is to meet with each school family to discuss and sign the **Family School Parish Agreement. Please call the church (618-783-8741) for day or evening meeting.**

**St. Thomas Angels Group** will not meet in July due to busy summer schedules. See you on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.!

### **St. Thomas School Registration.**

- July 25th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm
- July 26th from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Registration will take place in the St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room. Please contact the school office if you need to make other arrangements. Looking forward to seeing all of you as the new school year approaches!

**Non-Discriminatory Policy.** St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.



**St. Thomas Church now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site.** This is to be used for emergency use only to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. It is located in the Usher's room in the cabinet marked AED.

### **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!

**The Pictorial Directory is HERE!** Directories can be picked up at the parish offices in the upcoming weeks. Your directory is free if you had your picture taken. If you did not have your picture taken and would still like a directory or would like an extra copy the cost is \$35. A special thanks to Jennifer Hecht and JA-FA Photo.

## **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:**

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:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Ex 1:8-14,22</b>	<b>Mt 10:34-11:1</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Ex 2:1-15a</b>	<b>Mt 11:20-24</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Ex 3:1-6,9-12</b>	<b>Mt 11:25-27</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Ex 3:13-20</b>	<b>Mt 11:28-30</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Ex 11:10-12:14</b>	<b>Mt 12:1-8</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Sg 3:1-4b</b>	<b>Jn 20:1-2,11-18</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Wis 12:13,16-19 Rom 8:26-27</b>	<b>Mt 13:24-43</b>

**FORMED is a free Catholic resource of movies, books, & programs sponsored by St. Thomas Parish.** Please sign on and begin enjoying good Christian movies, books, 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.

### **A borrowed quote for a well-deserved thank you to our musicians and choir members:**

Thank you for generously offering your time and talent to your worshipping communities. Thank you for taking time to prepare and practice before you go. Thank you for getting out of bed on all those Sundays when you could have been sleeping in. Thank you for making milestone celebrations - weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. - memorable through music. Thank you for nurturing the next generation of musicians and most of all, thank you for your support!"

We couldn't say it any better!

St. Thomas School Presents  
Our 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> place duck: \$600.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place duck: \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry – THANK YOU!

St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes hosted the breakfast for the Honey-Do volunteers this past Wednesday, July 12. Once again, our parishes did not disappoint and provided the volunteers with delicious casseroles, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad and sweet breads. Thank you for your support again this year!! A big thank you to Fr. Pawel who led the group in prayer and sent the volunteers off ready to spread the good news of the Gospel.

### Newton Family Life Center News!

The Newton Family Life Center has had a very successful 1st year thanks to the generosity of the community and specifically the parishioners of St. Thomas. New clients come every month, a new ultrasound machine is coming soon and they're renovating their garage to create more room for parenting classes. *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 7<sup>th</sup> (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. 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup> at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. If you would like to host a table of 7 please call 217-342-5433 by August 7<sup>th</sup> to confirm your reservation. All proceeds will benefit your local Family Life Center location.

**Lord, show me how to enjoy your peaceful joy.**

"No one who has ever experienced God in prayer has ever found anything more joyful, not even owning half the world." -- Peter Kreeft, [Prayer: The Great Conversation](#)

July 15-16, 2023

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

(email/text: [revpl.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:revpl.stthomas@gmail.com))

**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, St Camillus de Lellis**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Finance Council meeting – 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, St Apollinaris**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, St Lawrence of Brindisi**

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, St Mary Magdalene**

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**The Bend Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

**4841 N 2125<sup>th</sup> St., Oblong, IL**

**Starts at 3PM**

Free Will Donation for delicious homemade ice cream!

Flat Mountain will be playing 3-5pm

Porkburgers, chips and drinks for sale

Rain or Shine – Bring Lawn Charis

***Sponsored by the Bend Community Club***

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of July 9, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 998.00

Loose 95.00

**Sub Total \$ 1093.00**

Priest Retirement 20.00

Peter's Pence 20.00

**TOTAL \$ 1133.00**

**St Mary's Church May Tithe**

**May Tithe Income – \$10793.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1079.00**

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 23, 2023**

**Ushers:** Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson, Tony Strutner

**Servers:** Charlee Hartrich/Ashtyn Ochs

**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/ Nicholas Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeanne Johnson, Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

presents weekend experiences that are listed below. Sign-up now! For

more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023 - St. Peters, MO**

**9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO**

**12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023 - St. Peters, MO**

**186<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Fun for the whole family!!**