

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))  
**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller  
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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:** 8-9 am and 3:30 - 4 pm Saturdays

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

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,293.00
Loose	\$	191.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,484.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	\$	100.00
Catholic Times	\$	306.00
First Offering	\$	48.00
Building Collection	\$	65.00
School Fund	\$	675.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,194.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,678.00</b>

**St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements** are available by request only. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales**  
**Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul**  
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
**Weds., January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus**  
 7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour  
 7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer  
 8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Cletus Westendorf+)  
 9:15 am Rosary  
 5:30 pm Youth Choir  
 6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's & CYO at St. Thomas  
**Thurs., January 27, St. Angela Merici**  
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
 6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory  
**Friday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour  
 7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer  
 8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Roy Hartke+)  
**Saturday, January 29, Weekday**  
 8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)  
 3:30– 4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)  
 4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)  
**Sunday, January 30, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;**  
**Catholic Schools Week Begins**  
 7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)  
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)  
 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 29 @ 4:30 pm**  
**Lectors:** Beth Ochs; Nichole Mulvey  
**E.M.:** Lora Phillips, Madison Phillips, Gerald & Denisse Ochs  
**Servers:** Allie & Brooks Hermann  
**Gift Bearers:** Todd Ochs Family  
**Musicians:** Debbie Matson and friend  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Chris Rauch and group  
**Sunday, January 30 @ 7:00 a.m.**  
**Lectors:** Nicholas Shamhart; Sara Bergbower  
**E.M.:** Lori TeVault, Theresa Volk, Helen Weber, Leo Weber  
**Servers:** Michael Shamhart & Kody Bergbower  
**Gift Bearers:** Brian Shamhart Family  
**Musicians:** Five For the One  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Doug Long and group  
**Sunday, January 30 @ 10:00 am**  
**Lectors:** Logan Weber; Elley Bennett  
**E.M.:** Brad & Annie Ochs  
 Matt & Amanda Baltzell  
**Servers:** Wyatt & Oliver Ochs  
**Gift Bearers:** Doug Iffert Family  
**Musicians:** Patsy Leffler/Debbie Matson  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Mike Gier Family

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION**

**Becky Shamhart, Jeff Higgs and Lori TeVault** were selected by lottery following a reading from the Acts of the Apostles concerning the selection of the Apostle Matthias. They will replace Tony Weber, Amanda Baltzell and Bob Bower who have completed their terms of office. We are grateful for their service to the Parish. The next meeting is February 3 at 7:00 pm.

### ***A Year End Update: St. Thomas Finance Council***

The St. Thomas Finance Council met on January 6, 2022. The Council agreed to go forward with the upgrade to the Church's sound system. One half of the total was already donated at the time. The Council encourages contributions toward the remaining cost of the system.

It was reported that halfway through our fiscal year the Church remains current on all bills. Our Sunday collections are slightly higher than our collection at this point last year. The tithe which has replaced the ACSA assessment is being paid monthly. The Council determined that the average monthly assessments are on pace with the previous year ACSA expense.

The Council thanks all the generous parishioners who continue to support St. Thomas Church. Your dedication to our parish is greatly appreciated.

**You're Invited. The Angels would like to invite you to St. Thomas' annual Wine Tasting event!** It will take place on Saturday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton KC Hall. There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various alcoholic drink baskets taking place at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there! *Quilt raffle tickets will be sold after each of the weekend Masses in the coming weeks*

**St. Thomas Soup Supper committee members** are asking for your help to make our Soup Supper even more successful. We would like to offer better prizes for the games and Instant Winner stands. We are asking parishioners to donate soda, candy, chips, and gift cards to help off-set expenses. There are note cards labeled with such items on a table in the gathering space. If you would like to donate, please take note card and purchase item, bring it to the church. Discard the note card after purchase. Please make donations by Wednesday, February 23. Please purchase bottled soda rather than cans. Thanks in advance as St. Thomas Church receives 25% of the profits from the St. Thomas Soup Supper. Thanks again!



### **Catholic School's Week 2022** **Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith. Excellence. Service.** Throughout the week students and staff will participate in a variety of activities including attending Mass at St. Anthony High School with Bishop Paprocki, on February 2. These activities demonstrate how our students, staff and parish continue to grow in **faith**, striving for **excellence** and being an example of **service**. What a fun and rewarding week for our school and parish!

**Congratulations to all of the NCHS Illinois State Scholars**, especially to Mason Mulvey, St. Thomas CYO member and parishioner and Dryden Einhorn, St. Thomas Grade School Graduate!

### ***St. Thomas Trivia Night*** ***Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm*** ***(Doors open at 5:00 pm)***

Sign up your team today...only 17 tables left!!

Deadline to sign up is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider donating wine for the wine pull and/or an auction item, or helping that night. Contact the school office at 618-783-3517 to sign up a team, to make a donation or help that evening!

### **Springfield Diocesan March for Life –**

Friday, January 21, 2022. Those from our parishes planning to attend the Mass with Bishop Paprocki at the Cathedral and March to the Capital are: Elley Bennett; Jason & Nick Bierman; Cameron Davis; Drew Earnest; Caroline Frohning; Renee, Dylan & Alex Gier; Linda & Laney Hemrich; Aleah Higgs; Kaitlyn Ochs; Mallory & Wyatt Ochs; Emma Rauch; Tony & Sue Sparks; Hadley Zumbahlen; and Zach, Leo, Jacob & Adam Weber.



**Effingham Area Right to Life** would like to thank everyone for attending and supporting the annual Pro-Life breakfast. God Bless the numerous wonderful volunteers and bakers who help make this event happen each year. Special thanks to the youth

who stepped up and helped, we do have great youth in our community. Keep praying for LIFE.

**PASTORAL COMMUNION VISITS:** TBD in rescheduling due many with colds/allergies, influenza A, and positive testing for covid. Hopefully this week!

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish

### WELCOME...

to the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

If you would like to become a participating member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.



### Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Adeline Miller

January 27, 2022!

We would love to shower her with cards to help her celebrate this milestone birthday.

Please send all birthday greetings and well wishes to:

Attn: Adeline Miller Villas of Hollybrook,  
101 S. Gregory Drive, Room 41, Newton, IL 62448

**For Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament** in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery.

**The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers** commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin.

To have you or a family member receive either of these opportunities for the healing mercy of God in Christ, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Bruce Fisher, Margaret Prentice, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

Please pray for the repose of soul of Martha Pickens who died Thursday, January 20, 2022.

The next **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled 8:45 a.m. Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

**Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's:** Please call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule a baptism after returning filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

### Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation

Parent Meetings are scheduled for 9:15 am & 2 pm February 5, and March 6 at St. Thomas Church.

**Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

**Confirmation/First Communion** is scheduled for **Saturday Nov. 5, 2022**, for our present 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

### Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)

June 12-16, 2022

**NOTE: The following are presently registered:**

**Youth:** Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Caroline Frohning, Kylie Higgs, Aleah Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Kaitlyn Ochs, Grant Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright, Ethan Griffith, Alex Kaufmann, and Kelby Ochs.

**Adults:** Mike Gier, Lauren Few, Also: 1 Adult Male and 1 Adult Female TBD for chaperones.

**Priest:** Fr. Dean Probst

**9 Days for Life Novena:** Join others in praying this annual novena, January 19-27, 2022 for the protection of life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to build a culture of life. Sign up at: [www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup)

### Message from Linda Spindler, Development Director regarding Newton Family Life Center

First, thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work to bring the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse to the Newton community.

We're excited to finally announce the Newton Family Life Center will be located at 301 S Jackson St. which is currently Dr. Wolf's building! Once his new office is completed, we hope to begin renovations in April or May. In the meantime, The Family Life Council is planning several fundraisers to help cover the costs of the building.

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, is a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from 7:30-10:30. Come see some of your kids' favorite movie and TV characters and take home some goodies! Please contact Brian Bierman at 217-821-1217 if you can help work the breakfast.

Also, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, will mark the start of the **online auction generously hosted by Schmidt Auctions**. The auction will run from March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are willing to donate something please contact Linda Spindler, Development Director at 217-342-5433 right away. Donated items need to be received by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced at the breakfast.

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Newton Family Life Center will have a **fish fry** at the building formerly known as the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. More details will follow but be sure to mark it on your calendar! Thank you Grand Knight Chuck Einhorn and K of C #1704.

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**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,**

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am – 7:45 am Liturgy of Hours: Morning Prayer

8:00 am – Rosary                      8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Reconciliation:** 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm Wednesdays

Or as scheduled by request and available

8 – 9 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

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

**Collection for the week of January 16, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 535.00
Loose	100.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 635.00</b>
First Offering	5.00
Catholic Times	68.00
Haiti	110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 818.00</b>

**St. Mary's Youth Group annual Lasagna Dinner** will be **February 19** at 5:00 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Center. Purchasing a ticket includes lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drink as well as some entertainment!

Adults (12 and up) \$8.00 Children (3-11) \$4.00  
 Come enjoy a night out where we serve you! Contact a youth group member or Sarah (618)-562-8745 to purchase a ticket. Find us after Mass each week too!

**A reminder:** If school is cancelled due to bad weather, PSR will also be cancelled.

**This Week in our Parish**

***Sunday, January 23, Benefield Infant Baptism***

***Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, St Francis de Sales***

***Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Conversion of St Paul***

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Eufala Bigard+)

***Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Sts Timothy & Titus***

**5:30pm-6:15pm** Sacrament of Penance - Confessions

**6:30 p.m. – PSR**

***Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, St Angela Merici***

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Lorraine & Dorothy Ochs+)

***Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, St Thomas Aquinas***

***Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Weekday***

***Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

**St Mary's 2021 Contribution Statements** are now available by request only. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the parish office 618-455-3155.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- January 30, 2022**

**Ushers:** Kelby Ochs/Norbert Ochs

**Servers:** Chase Kistner/Ashtyn Ochs

**Lectors:** Nicholas Zwilling/Claire Griffith

**Gift Bearers:** Kevin & Teresa Ochs

**Eucharistic Minister:** Maynard Kaufmann

**PRECANA:** St Mary's Pre Cana session will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St Mary's Parish Center. Registration has begun. You can register by going on our website, [www.stemariechurch.org](http://www.stemariechurch.org) and using the registration form, or call St. Mary's parish office 618-455-3155. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

**THANKS:** The Family Life Committee would like to thank all those who came and enjoyed the Bingo night, they were able to donate \$181.00 to the kids going on the mission trip this year.

**Mattoon Deanery Council Announcement.**

Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting: 2:00 pm Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at The Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 320 N 21<sup>st</sup> Mattoon, IL. Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell at [jscrاندell@yahoo.com](mailto:jscrاندell@yahoo.com) with any questions.