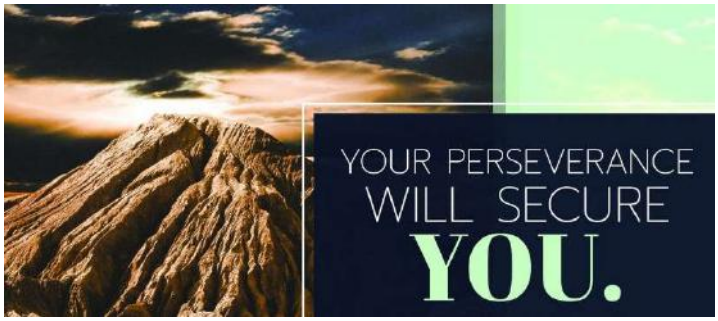
November 15-16, 2025
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

November 8-9, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	$	6,166.00
Loose	$	422.00
Subtotal	**$**	**6,588.00**
School Fund	$	745.00
Centennial Campaign	$	475.00
All Saints	$	195.00
Other	$	295.00
Subtotal	**$**	**1,710.00**
Grand Total	**$**	**8,298.00**

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – $48,980.00
10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - $4,898.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Tuesday, November 18, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 19, Weekday
8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Vera Hall)
9:00 am Rosary Group
5:30 pm Youth Choir
6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary and CYO at St. Thomas

Thursday, November 20, Weekday
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., Nov. 21, Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary
7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration
8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Mary Stuckey)

Saturday, November 22, St. Cecilia
8:00 -9:00 am ***Reconciliation***
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm ***Reconciliation***
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Zola Klingler)

Sun., Nov. 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Mearl & Laura Kinsel)
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
9:30 am Rosary
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.:	1Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63		Lk 18:35-43
Tues.:	2Mc 6:18-31		Lk 19:1-10
Weds.:	2Mc 7:1,20-31		Lk 19:11-28
Th.:	1Mc2:15-29		Lk 19:41-44
Fri.:	1Mc 4:36-37,52-59		Lk 19:45-48
Sat.:	1Mc 6:1-13		Lk 20:27-40
Sun.:	2Sm 5:1-3	Col 1:12-20	Lk 23:35-43

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 2026 Schedule.
February 1, June 7, and October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 22 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Mark Bolander, Ramon Kocher, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher
Servers: Megan Farley, Carissa Barthelme, Emily Beals
Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Elise Wright
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, November 23 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Tyler Spiker
EM: Jamie Shamhart, Paul/Katie Bierman, Theresa Volk
Servers: Blake/Kyle Bierman, Caleb Kistner
Gift Bearers: Craig Shamhart Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, November 23 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower
EM: Julie/Kylie Higgs, Adam/Leo Weber
Servers: Luke Bower, Brantley Ochs, Jack Weber
Gift Bearers: Matt Bower Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas CYO

Meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm as we continue our biblical walk through the Mass.

Nov. 19-	The Communion Rite
Nov. 26-	Thanksgiving Mass – CYO leading lay ministries
Dec. 3-	The Concluding Rites
Dec. 5-	**5:00 pm Christmas Food Box Project at Scott Ave Christian Church**
Dec. 10 -	**No CYO –** Christmas Concert
Dec. 17-	Night of Service – Clean church and Christmas Party – might run late

Dec. 24- Jan. 6 – No CYO – Enjoy Christmas Break

November: Month of All Souls'

Throughout the Month of November St. Thomas remembers and prays for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially those who passed away this past year. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Paul Goebel	***Cathy Dasenbrock***
Myrt McReynolds	***Rosemary Bergbower***
Danny Miller	***Betty King***
Inis Probst	***Clara Kocher***
Edward Yager	***Joe Bierman***
Evalia Van Arnum	***Walter Urfer***
Brandon Frichtl	***Kurt TeVault***
Barbara Paddock	***Mary Evelyn Dhom***
Fred Kessler	

Congratulations to all our St. Thomas students who are preparing for their Confirmation/First Holy Communion. Please keep the following in your prayers as they attend their retreat on November 15 and participate in the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral on December 6:

Joe Bower	***Colin Creadore***
Anna Esker	***Maura Finley***
Warren Hartigan	***Mitchell Kistner***
Caroline Kocher	***Hank Matherly***
Drew Mette	***Ben Miller***
Kennadi Ochs	***Noah Probst***
Elanor Roberts	***Allison Volk***
Frankie Weber	***Lucy Weber***
Nolan Woods	

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St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Results.

Income:	Big Raffle	$41,640.00
	Dinner	$7,450.00
	Baskets	$3,850.85
	Other	$2,311.25
	Gross profit	$55,252.10
Expenses:	Supplies, etc	$3,417.90
	Prize $	$16,500.00
	Total Exp.	$19,917.90
	Net Profit	**$35,334.20**
	Newton FLC	- $3,533.42
	Total raised	**$31,800.78**

Congratulations to the Pastoral Council and Parishioners for another successful picnic. The profit made from this year's parish picnic will benefit our repairs and maintenance fund. Our school, parish center, rectory and church will benefit from the success of this picnic as needs arise.

Due to the success of the picnic, our parish was also able to give back to the community and to those who have helped make our picnic a success each year. The Pastoral Council agreed to share our success with the Newton Family Center. What a great way to give back to an organization that does so much for our community.

Together we can do great things!!!

St. Thomas School Trivia Night
February 14, 2026

St. Thomas School is busy planning for **Trivia Night** with some awesome auction items coming in! Registration forms will go out in a couple of weeks, so get your teams together! If you or the business you work for would like to be a sponsor or donate to the silent or live auction, that information will be coming out soon as well! Trivia Night has a Facebook page, so keep your eyes peeled for announcements, etc.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you

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

Kindergarten Position

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Newton, IL is looking for a dedicated and energetic Kindergarten teacher to work with an amazing staff to help shape the futures of our youngest learners. We are a Catholic institution committed to providing a high-quality, faith-focused education that fosters intellectual, social, and emotional growth.

The Role:

- Foster a safe and cooperative classroom environment where students can develop social and emotional skills.
- Assess student performance and progress to ensure they are mastering key skills.
- Maintain open and consistent communication with parents regarding their child's development.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field.
- Valid state teaching credential.
- Passion for early childhood education and a love for working with young children.

Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married?

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Sign up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

12/5/2025 - 12/7/2025, St. Peters, MO
2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO
4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women

All ladies are invited to the Mattoon DCCW meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Forty Martyrs Church Hall, 111 E. Van Allen Street, Tuscola, IL 61953. Registration at 8:30 am. Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m. Lunch and silent auction (wrapped gift) will conclude the day; proceeds go to the Seminary Fund). Contact: Margaret Thompson (217) 232-4350 or drmathompson76@gmail.com

What's Trending on FORMED

Formed Daily Mass Readings & Reflections. Sign up at Formed Daily to receive the daily readings and reflections directly to your inbox. This collection contains the daily and Sunday Mass readings alongside insightful reflections from Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute. Dr. Gray's expertise and spiritual wisdom provide a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, enriching your faith journey and connecting you to the heart of Catholic tradition. Immerse yourself in the transformative power of God's Word as you explore the liturgical calendar and discover the timeless truths that shape our faith.

God's Knights. The "God's Knights" series tells the true stories of brave men and boys who followed God with courage and faith and are now honored as mighty knights in God's Kingdom.

Pope John Paul II. This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind. Jon Voight's powerful, Emmy-nominated performance as John Paul II was widely praised, as was Cary Elwes as the young Karol. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican, this is the definitive epic film on the life of Pope John Paul II. Stars Jon Voight, Cary Elwes, Ben Gazzara, James Cromwell, and Christopher Lee. This movie is not rated but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

March for Life in Washington DC Jan 21-25, 2026

A Vandalia group has rented 2 buses to go to Washington DC, Jan 21-25, for March for Life. If you are interested **contact** Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 **ASAP to learn more.**

Deadline is Dec 1.

- **$200 deposit due Dec. 1st**
- **Final $200 payment due Jan. 1st**
- **Partial Funding can be requested**

Ages high school to adult welcome to participate.

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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary
Tuesday, November 18th, SS Peter & Paul
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl)
Wednesday, November 19th, Weekday
6:30 p.m. - PSR
Thursday, November 20th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Joe Zuber+)
Fri., Nov. 21st, Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Saturday, November 22nd, St Cecilia
Sunday, November23rd, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Christine Litzelman+)

Thank You – to the Family Life Committee for the wonderful breakfast on Sunday, November 9th. Also, to those who attended, it is great to have a time for fellow ship with the parishioners.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of November 9, 2025

Envelopes/Online giving	$	760.00
Loose		226.00
Sub Total	**$**	**986.00**
All Saints		50.00
Total	**$**	**1,036.00**

All Soul's List for St Mary's
Betty Ochs
Bob Helregel
Madonna Boehl
Christine Litzelman
Vicki Kocher
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 23, 2025
Ushers: Ethan Griffith, Lance Zumbahlen, Roger Hemrich
Servers: Blake Frohning/Kinsey Barber/Reed Kistner
Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Nicholas Zwilling
Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs
E Ms Norman Boehl, Elaine Zwilling, Amy Frohning

Thanksgiving Mass – Nov. 27, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Ushers: Ethan Griffith, Lance Zumbahlen, Roger Hemrich
Servers: Ellie Ochs/ Alivia Hartrich/Max Ochs
Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Rose Gangloff
Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich, Elfrieda Kaufamnn

Greeting from Fr Pawel: We received an e-mail from Fr Pawel, checking on how the parish was doing. He has just gotten back from travels to Bolivia, he visited and experienced a real mission while there. He remembers the parish and parishioners in his daily masses. He sends his best regards to all and misses everyone!!

Congratulations to our 3rd grade PSR who attended their retreat for Confirmation, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation and First Holy Communion on December 6th at the Cathedral in Springfield
Leah Davis
Mackenley Coffey
Halle Schackmann
Gannon Goebel
Logan Uebinger
Jackson Zumbahlen