

**February 24-25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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:** 8:00 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.**

June 2, and Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

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

February 17-18, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,786.00
Loose	\$	949.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,626.00</b>
School Fund	\$	490.00
Ash Weds.	\$	1,205.00
Other	\$	321.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,016.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,751.00</b>
<b>Credit Card Donations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church January Tithe**

January Tithe Income – \$70,274.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$7,027.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., Feb. 26, Lenten Weekday**

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, St. Gregory of Narek**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, Lenten Weekday**

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

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir Practice

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

**7:00pm** CYO leads Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, Feb. 29, Lenten Weekday**

**Fr. Paul Home Visits**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, March 1, Lenten Weekday; First Friday;**

**World Day of Prayer**

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Paul Hardiek);

(Adoration following Mass until Noon)

**2:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**4:30 pm** KC Hall Fish Fry – EIU Newman Center

**Saturday, March 2, Lenten Weekday**

**First Saturday at St. Mary of the Assumption**

**No Confessions**

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

**4:30 pm** Mass - (Int: Wayne Stark)

**Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Myrtle Radke)

**8:00 am** – Noon St. Mary's Brunch

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

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

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

Weds, Feb. 28 – **6:00 pm** Booster Club meeting at KC Hall

Fri, March 1 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

**2:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

Sat., Mar. 2 - **9:45 am** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vball regionals start

**St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** For more information contact 618-455-3155.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

**Tues.:** Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

**Weds.:** Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

**Th.:** Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

**Fri.:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46

**Sat.:** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11:32

**Sun.:** Ex 20:1-17 1Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, March 2 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Lori TeVault

EM: Mark Bolander, Gerald/Denisse Ochs,  
Alice Addis

Servers: Lexi Ochs & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

**Sunday, March 3 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Tony Weber

EM: Jamie Shamhart, Jill Bierman, Sheryl Brummer,  
Amy Hartrich

Servers: Will Hartrich & Avery Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, March 3 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Kevin Parker

EM: Becky Parker, Nikki Earnest, Marissa Bower,  
Kristine Probst

Servers: Audrey Earnest & Josie Vogt

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

**The St. Thomas Angels Annual Wine Tasting** was once again a big success. We would like to thank the following for their contributions to this success: Julie Buhnerkempe and Donnewald Distributors for donating tasting wines and beers and having the purchase of wines and beers available, Greg Parrot the auctioneer, Danny Frichtl for making and donating the beautiful charcuterie boards, Doug Weddell for use of his sound system, K of C Hall for letting us use their facilities, Alliance Tractor for giving us a good deal on the chainsaw and donating accessories, Phil Ferguson for use of the big log of wood, all those who attended, and Judy McClure and all the Angels who helped in any way with the beautiful decorations, donating great food and various other items, working the event, and planning to make this event such a success.

The net profit of \$4,314.06 will be used for numerous outreach efforts. Our funds are used to help those in our parish and community that need a helping hand. We facilitate funeral luncheons, send cards, deliver baskets to new parishioners, give crosses to newly married couples, send flowers to shut-ins for Mother's Day and snack baskets to shut-ins for Father's Day, provide dinner for the teacher's for Open House evening, support our parishes' mission trips, provide cookies for Right to Life fundraisers and various parish functions and SO MUCH MORE!! We always welcome new members. Come and check us out some time!! God bless you all for your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

**Attn. St. Thomas Funeral Dinner Volunteers.**

Please pick up your funeral dinner dishes as soon as possible as the counter space in the parish center is prime realty with Trivia Night this Saturday. Thanks so much for assisting with the funeral dinners and picking up your dishes in a timely manner!

***Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship  
Centennial Campaign***

The St. Thomas Finance and Pastoral Councils recently had a joint meeting and reviewed the results of the Centennial Campaign Survey. **Results of the campaign survey showed that out of 243 participants School Improvements/Expansion and Parish Center Improvements were top priorities.** Please stop by the gathering space to pick up a complete copy of the survey results. Visit:

<https://dio.org/centennial/#:~:text=The%20Centennial%20Campaign%20recognizes%20and,every%20parish%20in%20the%20diocese> by copying this link in your browser to learn more about this Diocesan wide campaign.

**St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule**

**Friday, Feb. 23,** 4:15 pm Working KC's Fish Fry

**February 28,** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**March 13,** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Rosary

**Sun, Mar. 24, Palm Sunday,** 6:30 pm Living Stations

**March 27,** Living Stations at St. Mary's

All are welcome to join CYO throughout Lent for the various spiritual Ways of the Cross.

**SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life:**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow.

St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7<sup>th</sup> grade students – adults that are interested in attending.

Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 to reserve your seat by March 16.

**Silk Purse Volunteers** needed to support Newton's Family Life Center. Any help including sorting clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

**Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.**

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat



## 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:

Mary Ann Bierman, Virginia Ochs, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Terry Rickman, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

**Rest in peace:** Joseph Zuber & Angela Geltz

**Volunteers needed to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook.** Both St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners are invited to help with this very important ministry. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

### SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 9th, 2024 Annual Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Sausage cooked by JC Pork Producers

Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs!

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center: Newton, IL

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217) to work

**Bake sale sign up sheet will be in the back of church**

**The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their annual online auction** to be launched on March 9th. If your family or business would be willing to donate an item (or cash to go towards an item), please call or text Renee Gier at 217-821-0872. Items need to be submitted by mid-February please. Thank you in advance!

### LENTEN REGULATIONS :

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However, health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

The Newton KC Hall Fish Fry on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> benefits the Eastern Illinois University Newman Center. The EIU Newman Center students are providing desserts as an addition to an already great meal. Thanks for supporting the Newton Knights of Columbus and the EIU Newman Center!

**NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**  
**2024 LENTEN FRY-DAYS**  
**February 16**  
Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George  
**February 23**  
EIU Newman Center  
**March 1**  
EIU Newman Center  
**March 8**  
Shop with a Cop  
**March 15**  
St. Thomas Church  
**March 22**  
Family Life  
All FRY-DAYS raise monies to benefit a local organization or charitable group.  
**DINE-IN or CARRY OUT 4:30 - 7:00 PM or until sold out NEWTON KC HALL**

**MENU**  
MEAL INCLUDES:  
FRIED FISH,  
CHEESY HASHBROWNS,  
AND COLESLAW  
**\$12 - Adult Meal**  
**\$7 - Kid's Meal**  
**\$15 - All Fish Order**

**Have you checked out FORMED for Lent?** Don't miss this **free resource** of valuable Catholic Christian materials for **movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.** To gain access:  
Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>  
Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)  
Enter your name and your email address.

**Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21** – This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics who will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Soak in the Presence of Jesus alongside people of all walks of life. You will participate in beautiful liturgies, lifting your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>. Register at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org).**

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**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**

**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

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**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, St Gregory of Narek**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Allen Ochs+)

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday**

**6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross/PSR**

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Joe Zuber+)

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Lenten Weekday**

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lenten Weekday;**

**First Saturday**

**7:15 – 8:15 am Adoration & Reconciliation**

**8:30 am Mass**

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**Rest in Peace** – Joe Zuber, that he enjoy the peace and  
grace of heaven.

**Save The Date**

**March 3** – Annual St Mary's Brunch

**March 8** – Family Life Bowling Night – 5-8pm

**March 9** – PreCana Session at St Mary's

**St. Mary's Family Life** – Please join the St. Mary's Family Life Committee for an evening of bowling, fun and fellowship. We will have a bowling party on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Parklanes in Newton, we will pay for a game of bowling for each parishioner. You can bowl anytime between 5-8pm. Feel free to bowl more than one game, but the next games will be on you. Food will also be available. You can order off the menu, but it will also be on your own. Hope you can join us for a fun evening!!

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure  
Collection for the week of February 11 - 18, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 3433.00
Loose	452.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 3885.00</b>
Haiti	55.00
Church of Eastern Europe	180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4065.00</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**January Tithe Income – \$11,355.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1,136.00**

**Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – March 3, 2024**

**Ushers:** Kelby Ochs, John Uebinger, Ethan Griffith

**Servers:** Reed Kistner/Blake Frohning

**Lectors:** 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> grade PSR/ Mike Hartrich

**Gift Bearers:** Third & Fourth grade PSR

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rose Gangloff, Janet Hartrich,  
Tony Hartrich

**PSR** – As you know, Lent has begun, the religion classes will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup>. During lent we will begin at 6:15p.m. with Stations of the Cross in the church. Parents are encouraged to stay and pray the stations with the students.

**BRUNCH UPDATE**

**St Mary's Brunch**

Sunday, March 3, 2024 8 a.m. – Noon

Menu: Sausage Links & Ham

Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Breads & Fruit - Juice, Milk & Coffee

**Donations are needed for, ham, milk, orange juice,  
coffee, fruit and baked goods**

Be sure to check the workers list to see if you are on it,  
and if you need a copy contact the office.

**Thanks to Lance & Maria Zumbahlen  
for donating a hog.**