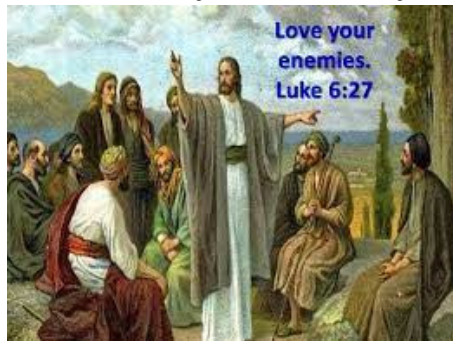


February 19th-20th, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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E-mail: stthomaschurch@psbnewton.com

Website: www.stthomasnewton.net

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: dprobst@dio.org)

Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Lori Smith

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 5th-6th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,718.00
Loose	\$	672.00
Subtotal	\$	6,390.00
Catholic Times	\$	20.00
Building Collection	\$	245.00
School Fund	\$	440.00
Subtotal	\$	705.00
Grand Total	\$	7,095.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe (formerly ACSA)

December Tithe Income – \$56,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,621.00

St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements

are available only by request. 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, February 21, St. Peter Damian

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Carol Jean Mitchell

Tuesday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory

Weds., February 23, St. Polycarp

7- 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP

8:30 am Class Mass: Chris Skates-Virginia Degrand+

9:00 – 2:30 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

9:15 am Rosary Group

2:30 pm Benediction

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's & NO CYO

Thurs., February 24, Weekday

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

6:30 pm St. Thomas Finance Council

Friday, February 25, Weekday

7- 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: William & Joseph

Klingler Family+)

Saturday, February 26, Weekday

8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

9:00 am Cleaning Church

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, February 27, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

10:30 am St. Thomas Soup Supper

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Besides the usual Wednesday & Friday opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish, on this Wednesday, February 25, St. Thomas School will host this special prayer following the 8:30 am Mass until Benediction at 2:30 pm. The Rosary will be prayed at 9:15 am and Midday Prayer at 12:00 noon. You are welcome to come and spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in private prayer or during the scheduled community prayer during the this Adoration period.

To assure that someone is present with our Lord, a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up for individual half-hour slots.

St. Thomas Cleaning Crew

The St. Thomas Cleaning Crew for February will report for duty on **Saturday, Feb. 26th at 9:00 am.** Thanks to all of our parishioners that give of their time to take care of our church. Please feel free to jump in and help on the 26th even if you are not scheduled to clean in February. All help is greatly appreciated!

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Dean, Fr. Peter, family, friends and the St. Thomas Parish community for the prayers and warm wishes on our 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Don & Jean Klingler

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 26 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Karen Buerster; Emma Rauch
E.M.: Wanda Kocher, Ramon Kocher, Chuck Einhorn, Mary Frichtl

Servers: Peyton Willenborg & Brayden Moore

Gift Bearers: Don Klingler Family

Musicians: Tammy Page

Greeters/Ushers: Grant Ochs

Sunday, February 27 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nicholas Shamhart; Mark Vahling
EM: Jamie Shamhart, Janet Vahling, Gery Ochs, Dena Rauch

Servers: Michael Shamhart & Tyler Spiker

Gift Bearers: Nick & Sarah Hemrich

Musicians: Lily & Lucy Bierman, Laney Hemrich, Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, February 27 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Renee Gier; Logan Weber

EM: Jenny/Jason Bierman, Ginger Robins, Need 1

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Charlie & Jan Schackmann

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Goedde

St. Thomas Soup Supper - February 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. w/ Raffle Drawing at 3:00 pm

The committee is asking parish members to donate the following: **2 pies, adult or kid themed basket, baked goods, and items for 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!!

St. Thomas Soup Supper

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2022

Menu: Chili & Vegetable Soup (made same day)

Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches, Desserts & Drinks

Face Painting Games Cake Spin Basket Stand

Baked Goods Instant Winner Quilt Raffle

Games available until 2:30 p.m.

BIG RAFFLE at 3:00 p.m.

CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE UNTIL 3:00 p.m.

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School graduate for all they have given back to the school community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award must:

Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 + years
Have made contributions to society that reflect the values instilled in them while attending
St. Thomas School

Past honorees include: Martha Hildebrand, Terry Lidy, Anna McCullough, Father Dan Bergbower, Patsy Leffler, Laurel Kerans, Millie Jansen, Frank Rubsam, Wanda Kocher, Larry Miller, Mark Bolander, Mike Yager, Robert Worcester, Paul Brummer, John Miller, Mary McDonald, Debbie Matson, Phil Benefiel, Peggy Mammoser, Joanie Weber, Shelah Bergbower, Dottie Benefiel, Vicki Mullen, RoseAnn Kerner, Gene Schackmann, Tony Zuber, and Tammy Page.

St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the *Exceptional Service Award*. Nominees for this award are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School and/or St. Thomas Parish. The nominee does not have to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our school and/or parish.

Previous honorees include: Jewell Bauman, Judy McClure, Mark Hartrich, Sara Frichtl, Charlie Schackmann, Alice Addis, Jack Shedelbower, Dee Bower, Harold Bolander, Verna Bergbower, Lee and Sue Volk, Norma Beavers, Marilyn Rubsam, Wayne Savageau, Rita Kocher, Gary and Joyce Johnson, Denisse Ochs, Sue Dickerson, Pete Pasero, Sarah Hemrich, RoseAnn Kerner, and Ruth Kerner

For more info: call the school office at 783-3517. Nominations will be accepted for both awards till April 8, in the school or church office.

Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

– Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. To submit a nomination, go to <https://dio.org/schools/eas>.

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.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18	Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17	Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6	Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12	Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20	Mk 10:13-16
Sun.:	Sir 27:4-7 1Cor 15:54-58	Lk 6:39-45

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 receive either of these opportunities, please call
Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

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

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.

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.

Make-up sessions:

9:15 am Saturday, February 19

Holy Communion Session 1

Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation

Parent/Youth Meetings are scheduled for

9:15 am & 2 pm March 5, at St. Thomas Church.

Holy Communion Session 2

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 2nd graders.

Catholic Scholars Program

Eastern Illinois University

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors.

The EIU Newman Center started a program called the Catholic Scholars program 3 years ago. This program allows students to take theology courses at the Newman Center and receive college course credit and a scholarship. The program consists of 6 classes, so a student takes one 12-week class each semester for 3 years. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship for taking the class (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. The program has classes that look at the Church, Christ, the sacraments, the Bible, and moral life. EIU is the only state university in the country that offers a program like this and 3 of our St. Thomas parishioners are already participating in this program. More details will be shared at CYO.

Effingham Catholic Charities presents, *Drinking Habits*, written by Tom Smith, to benefit Effingham Catholic Charities. Local talent will be performing the play, and it will be held on March 10, 11, 12, and 13 at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center at Hendelmeyer Park in Effingham, Illinois. Doors open at 6:30 PM, curtain rises at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$30 per person (includes wine and snacks). The Sunday performance will begin at 1 and tickets cost \$20 per person (wine not included). Tickets will go on sale February 7!

NOTES from Newton Family Center Board **Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Events** **Mark Your Calendars!**

Saturday, March 19th, 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 19th**, will mark the start of the **online auction generously hosted by Schmidt Auctions**. The auction will run from March 19th – April 2nd. 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. 24th. Details will be announced at the breakfast.

Friday, April 8th, the Newton Family Life Center will have a **fish fry** at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. More details will follow! 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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 Ste. Marie, Illinois 62459 Tel: 618-455-3155
 E-mail: stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com

Website: www.stemariechurch.org

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: dprobst@dio.org)

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 Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As scheduled by request;
 available 8 – 9 a.m. Saturdays at St. Thomas

This Week in our Parish

Monday, February 21st, St Peter Damian

Tuesday, February 22nd, The Chair of St Peter

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

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Joan Will+)

Wednesday, February 23rd, St Polycarp

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, February 24th, Weekday

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

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Fr Joseph O'Reilly+)

Friday, February 25th, Weekday

Saturday, February 26th, Weekday

Sunday, Feb. 27, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRECANA: St Mary's Pre Cana session will be held on March 12th, at the St Mary's Parish Center. Registration has begun. You can register by going on our website, www.stemariechurch.org, or call the parish office – 618-455-3155.

Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

THANK YOU! The Bend Community Club would like to thank those who came and supported the breakfast. They served a record number this year!!

Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- February 27, 2022

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Kirts

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Third Grade Class

Gift Bearers: Third Grade Class

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Hartrich

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of February 6 & 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2840.00
Loose	<u>264.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 3104.00
Latin America	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 3204.00

SAVE THE DATE: The annual **St Mary's Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd 8 am – noon.**

Thanks to Beth Hartrich, Jill Kistner, Jeanne Johnson and Amy Frohning for volunteering to be on the brunch committee. Updates will be coming soon.

THANKS: To all those who came and gave blood at the February 14th, drive. We collected 24 productive pints. Thanks to Hartrich Meats for providing snacks. Also, to Nancy Zwilling for all her work making sure everything goes smoothly!



Welcome into the Catholic Church

Austin Rae Ochs, infant son of Curtis & Danielle (Synder) Ochs, baptized at Mass on Sunday

February 13, 2022, in St. Thomas Church by Fr. Dean, due to illness of Fr. Frank at St. Joseph Church, Island Grove. Austin is the grandson of Kevin & Teresa Ochs, and great grandson of Norbert & Jane Ochs of St. Mary's Parish.

AREA EVENTS:

MARDI GRAS in SAINTE MARIE; Presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932 on Saturday, **February 26th**, Mini Parade – Food – Music – Drinks – 50/50. Come and celebrate with us!!!