

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13-14, 2026



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

June 6-7, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,703.00
Loose	\$	478.00
Subtotal	\$	8,946.00
Annual School Fund	\$	780.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	670.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	560.00
Other	\$	45.00
Subtotal	\$	2,055.00
Grand Total	\$	11,236.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, June 15, Weekday

Tues., June 16, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, June 17, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Int. Joseph & Zola Klingler)

9:00 am Rosary

1:00-2:00 pm Day of Prayer for Life at Teutopolis

Thursday, June 18, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, June 19, St. Romuald

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Louie & Dee Bierman)

Saturday, June 20, Weekday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. All Dads)

Sun., June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: All Dads)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:35 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. All Dads)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42

Tues.: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48

Weds.: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Th.: Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15

Fri.: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Mt 6:19-23

Sat.: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34

Sun.: Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed.

Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

July 3, 2026

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Friday of every month. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, June 20 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lori Rauch
EM: Kimberly, Kaitlyn, Alayna Ochs, Ramon Kocher
Servers: Eli Ochs, Jack Schumacher, Emmalin Finley
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, June 21 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Nikki Bierman
EM: Gerald/Denisse Ochs, Sarah Hemrich,
Pam Francis
Servers: Brady Francis, Kyle Meinhart, Kyle Bierman
Gift Bearers: Nick Hemrich Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, June 21 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower
EM: Matt Bower, Ginger Robins, Annie/Mallory Ochs
Servers: Dominic Ochs
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Sound System Update:

Bluetooth now available for hearing aids

What a difference a couple of new speakers and microphones can make! Thanks to all of our parishioners for your patience as our councils worked diligently together to resolve our sound issues.

Be sure to pick up an instructional flyer in the gathering space to learn how you can Bluetooth your hearing aids to the sound system. The bar code for connecting to the listening app is also included here and then you will need to connect to the church's Wi-Fi, STS Audio Aid. Do not hesitate to stop by the parish office if you need assistance setting this up. The original listening devices are still available in the usher's room if you prefer to use them instead.

Thanks again for trusting this process (and Elite Enterprises) and our councils to lead this project!



This Weekend!!

Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection

We have had such a positive response to this summer's mission trip! It is exciting to see so many youth interested in this faith-filled experience! *Please consider making a donation during the second collection on June 13-14* to help cover the expense of this trip. Your support will help cover the cost of transportation and supplies. **THANK YOU!**

Celebrating St. Thomas, the Apostle
June 28, 2026

St. Thomas will celebrate the feast day of their Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle on **June 28th at 11:30 am in the parish center**. Please join us for fellowship and a meal catered by Ochs Street Smoked Meats.

When you pray to St. Thomas and ask for his intercession, be sure to also thank him. It is because of St. Thomas' doubt that we believe and hear the declaration of "My Lord, and my God!" This declaration is the most explicit declaration of Jesus' dual nature as both fully human and fully divine in the Gospels.

Let us join together in celebration of our multifaceted patron saint as we remember his courageous faith, missionary legacy and martyrdom.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes
WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Jon Webb, Leah Semple Finley, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Sheila Dhom Thomas, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Jim/Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Dalton Marshall



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

St. Thomas and St. Mary Prayer Hour
for Day of Prayer for Life

The 52nd annual Day of Prayer for Life will be held **Wednesday, June 17th, at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis**. Our prayer hour is **1:00-2:00 PM** with Benediction at 7:00 PM. Our honored guest celebrant at the closing Mass at 7:30 PM will be Father Seth Brown, pastor of Mother of Dolours Church, Vandalia. Our parishes are also invited to attend the closing Mass. The pro-life prayer booklets, "Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration," will be available that day. Thank you to our parishioners for participating!

Brewed and Blessed

By Fr. Pawel

The richness of the Catholic Church brings us something new almost every day. It offers many prayers that resonate with our spirituality and countless saints whose lives, vocations, and love for Christ inspire and guide us in our daily walk with God. The month of June is especially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, beginning with Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The message of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque focuses on the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, revealed to her in the 17th century. She emphasized that Christ's Heart burns with love for humanity and desires to give grace and lead people to salvation, yet many respond with indifference and ingratitude.

According to her writings, Jesus asked for a special devotion to His Sacred Heart as an act of love and reparation for the sins of the world. He promised that in His Heart people would find everything necessary for the healing of the soul and strengthening of faith. From these revelations came the practice of the First Fridays of the month, a time of prayer, Holy Communion, and reparation for offenses against Jesus. This devotion became an important part of Catholic spirituality, reminding the faithful of God's love and the call to respond with love and gratitude.

In this context, it is worth remembering that in ancient thought the heart symbolizes the whole person, especially their inner life, spirit, and character—a meaning that remains relevant today. We still often speak of a “heart of stone” or a “heart of gold,” and Scripture likewise uses the heart as a symbol of the human moral and spiritual center.

A central expression of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a traditional prayer in which the faithful invoke Christ's Heart under many titles—celebrating His mercy, patience, love, and kingship. The litany is widely prayed in June, especially during devotions and Eucharistic adoration, deepening reflection on Christ's compassionate love.

Through Saint Margaret Mary, Jesus also gave twelve promises to those devoted to His Sacred Heart, including: all graces needed in life, peace in families, comfort in suffering, protection in life and death, blessings in all undertakings, mercy for sinners, spiritual growth from lukewarmness to fervor and holiness, blessings on places where His Heart is honored, the gift of touching hardened hearts for priests, the assurance that promoters of this devotion will have their names in

His Heart, and the promise of final perseverance for those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays for nine consecutive months.

Let us open our hearts fully and allow Christ to transform them into His Heart.

On FORMED

An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, meeting in the process with saints, murderers, exorcists, popes, presidents, conspirators, and encountering both miracles and evil crimes.

During her intense investigation, Lupe discovers the deep secrets of both the Heart of Jesus, and of her own heart that is afflicted by old wounds in need of healing.

What Catholics Believe: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Who is the Holy Spirit, and how does he work in the life of the Church? In this episode, Fr. Ken Geraci explains what Catholics believe about the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Most Holy Trinity, the love proceeding from the Father and the Son.

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

More details are coming soon!

Working Together to Protect Our Children

Learn how to keep our kids safe online and in person.

June 10, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

New Hope Church, Effingham, IL

Sponsored by Effingham County State's Attorney and Sheriff's Department Offices and Safe

You're invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Picnic on June 27 & 28! Picnic grounds are open 5:00-11:00pm on Saturday and Noon-10:00pm on Sunday. There's fun for the whole family! Shop at our Flea Market, bid on our Online Auction at bidschmid.com, and try your luck at BINGO, Hooligan, and tons of kids' games! Enjoy hamburgers, brats, polish sausage, and funnel cakes – as well as a chicken and ham dinner from 11:00-6:00 on Sunday in our air conditioned parish center. The Shamrock Race to the Cross 5K and 1-mile fun run is Saturday, June 27 at 7:30am. Our raffle grand prize is \$15,000! Raffle tickets are available at the church, at the picnic, or at SacredHeartRaffle.com. Enjoy live music at our Free Stage on Saturday night or Sunday with Firebox, FACE Orchestra and Cumberland Divide.

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

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Monday, June 15th, Weekday

Tuesday, June 16th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sam, Linda & Chris Zuber+)

Wednesday, June 17th, Weekday

Thursday, June 18th, Weekday

8:00 p.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Judy Wagner+)

Friday, June 19th, St Romuald

Saturday, June 20th, Weekday

Sunday, June 21st, Twelfth Sunday in Ord Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donna Boehl+)

Parish Office – Hours for week of June 15-18

Monday - 10:30am – 3pm

Tuesday - 8:00 am – 3pm

Wednesday - 8:00am – 3pm

Thursday - Closed

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of June 7, 2026**

Envelopes/online collection \$ 1,585.00

Loose 208.00

Sub Total \$ 1,793.00

Improvement Fund 35.00

Retirement Fund for Priests 100.00

Total \$ 1,928.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 21, 2026

Ushers: Kelby Ochs, Alex Kaufmann, Owen Ochs

Servers: Max Ochs/Ellie Ochs/Elanor Roberts

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ben & Nancy Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple, Lisa Ochs,
Elaine Zwilling

Mission Trip – The second collection this week is to help cover the cost of travel and supplies for the youth of our communities who are attending this year's Catholic Heart work camp. If you did not get to contribute, but would like to, you can put it in the collection marked Mission Trip. Thank you for your generosity.

Blood Drive

St Mary's will be hosting an

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 15th from 2pm – 6pm

Please come and give the gift of life!

St Valentine Hall

The new heating and air conditioning system has been installed recently, and work will be done in the future on the new windows and siding. These are much needed upgrades to the building.

Area Events

June 15 – American Red Cross Blood Drive – St Mary's Parish Center 2pm – 6pm

July 3 – Jasper County Celebration America 250 – 3p.m. – 9 pm - Fireworks – Sainte Marie

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - #pm – 5 pm- St Valentine Hall