

September 6-7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

August 30-31, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,466.00
Loose	\$	352.00
Subtotal	\$	6,818.00
School Fund	\$	100.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	330.00
Subtotal	\$	430.00
Grand Total	\$	7,248.00

Online July PushPay Giving \$ **5,099.89**

ACH July Contributions \$ **2,246.00**

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$55,815.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,582.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Sept. 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in Parish Center Mtg. Room

Tuesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 10, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Delorse Johnson)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:30 pm PSR/CYO Welcome Back Mass at

St. Mary's

Thursday, September 11, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Myrtle Radke)

Saturday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

Sunday, September 14, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Gerald/Rosella Hemrich)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Liv & Dec of Rita Schafer Family)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:15 am OCIA

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16
Tues.: Col 2:6-15	Lk 6:12-19
Weds.: Col 3:1-11	Lk 6:20-26
Th.: Col 3:12-17	Lk 6:27-38
Fri.: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14	Lk 6:39-42
Sat.: 1 Tm 1:15-17	Lk 6:43-49
Sun.: Nm 21:4b-9	Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

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 2025 Schedule.

October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

Visit dio.org/catholictimes to read about all of the happenings in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, September 13 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs

EM: Wade Ochs, Kaitlyn Ochs, Wanda Kocher

Servers: Brooke Farley & Carissa Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klinger

Sunday, September 14 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Tyler Spiker

EM: Sarah Hemrich, Gerald/Denisse Ochs,
Jamie Shamhart

Servers: Jace Bergbower & Hannah Phillips

Gift Bearers: Brian Shamhart Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Hemrich & Randy Hemrich

Sunday, September 14 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Pat Mammoser

EM: Ginger Robins, John/Marissa Bower,
Jenny Bierman

Servers: Jack Weber & Pete Weber

Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

IMPORTANT!! St. Thomas Church has changed its e-mail address. Please note that the new email address is parishoffice@stthomasnewton.net. Thanks for your cooperation and patience as we transition to the new email. This change is a result of a required update that will provide additional security for all those sending and receiving email to and from our parish office.



St. Thomas
15th Annual Harvest Picnic
October 12th, 2025

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available! Please stop by the gathering space to pick up your envelope of tickets labeled with your name and address. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job organizing this event each year! Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

Basket Raffle: Time to get your creative minds flowing! We are asking you to once again donate theme baskets for the Harvest Picnic. Suggested value is \$50 and up. Families could combine to make one even bigger 😊. Need ideas? Call or text Dee Bower 618-553-4326. Thanks everyone!!

The Family of Kurt TeVault wishes to send a heartfelt thank you to Fr. David Beagle for the beautiful Mass that helped us celebrate Kurt's life. Thank you to our St. Thomas Parish family for the many different acts of kindness. Not one of them went unnoticed. A special thank you to Linda Hemrich and Jason & Lisa Meyer. You all worked so hard to make sure every last detail was taken care of at such a difficult time.

God bless all of you, Lori TeVault and Family

BAPTISM: Congratulations, **Baylor Mae Easterday**, infant daughter of Joeb and Abigayle (Ochs) who was baptized this past Sunday morning, August 31st, in St. Thomas Church.

Godparents are: William Ochs & Jarret Easterday

St. Thomas Youth Choir Practice will begin on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 and will be held from 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm. Anyone wishing to join can contact Vicki Mullen or Debbie Matson. Thanks for sharing your talents with us!

Search the below link to read Fr. Tomy's article in Catholic Times: Lectio Divina: Encountering God through Scripture. How to practice this prayerful approach to God's word.

<https://dio.org/catholic-times/how-to-practice-lectio-divina-prayerful-approach-to-gods-word/>



St. Thomas School Dates
to Remember



Officials' Appreciation Week

Sept. 8 – 4:30 pm Bball, here vs Oblong

Sept. 9 – 4:30 pm CC, here and Bball at St. Joe Olney
Sball Regionals begin

Sept. 11 – Bball Regionals begin, Sball Regionals

Sept. 13 – 9:00 am CC @ Shelbyville Invite
Sball Regional Championship



St. Thomas
Altar Crew

This past week Fr. Tomy trained our servers for Mass. He went over their various roles as servers and

stressed the importance of being available. He also highlighted the importance of graciously offering their help when it is needed. We look forward to watching our Altar Crew grow in membership!! If your 5th-8th grader is interested in being added to the Altar Crew schedule, please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741. If you sign up, there is a rumor that at the end of the school year a reward for their service is being considered.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick: Dale Harris, Charles Sroka, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Supporting Families

Marriage Date Night

Where: Forty Martyrs Catholic Church
201 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, IL

When: Sun., September 28

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm

What: Come hear a talk to strengthen your marriage and have dinner with intentional discussion and conversation! \$40 per couple. *St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes will cover the cost of the registration for the first 10 couples in each parish who are interested in attending. Contact your Parish Office.* RSVP by Sept. 22 at tinyurl.com/SeptemberDateNight25

EIU Newman Center Annual Gala

Are you an alumni, friend, parent, or have a connection to EIU and the Newman Center? Consider attending this year's Newman Night Gala, October 25th, as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future of our catholic student community and center here at EIU. For more details call 217-348-0188, visit our website eiunewman.org/newmannight, or email John Johnson at development@eiunewman.org.

The Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Our parishes will begin the OCIA process **Sunday, September 7, at 11:15 am following 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.** If you know anyone interested in joining the Church or interested in the faith, please call the parish offices (618/783-8741 or 618/455-3155) or Debbie Matson (618/553-1472).

Mrs. Bierman has raffle tickets available for the ***Pulling for Uganda*** event that will be held on September 14 at Bishop Church from Noon – 6:00 pm. They are \$5/each or 5 for \$20. They have lots of great prizes! If you want to put a 3 men/3 women team together, let her know!

Mark your Calendars:

**St. Thomas 15th Annual Harvest Picnic
October 12th, 2025**

Altar Bells Are Ringing...

Before Fr. Pawel left for Poland he expressed to the Pastoral Council that he wanted to incorporate the ringing of altar bells during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Most of the other parishes around the area already do this, and with guidance from Fr. Tomy (and a few brave servers), they have recently been implemented into the Mass.

Altar bells are approved for use in paragraph 150 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and serve a meaningful purpose during Mass. When the Holy Spirit is called down and the consecration takes place, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. At that moment, the ringing of the bells draws our attention and awakens our hearts to the mystery before us, the moment when Heaven and Earth meet at the altar for the supper of the Lamb.

It's something that has returned to St. Thomas and St. Mary's after many years, and is rooted in ancient Church tradition. Let the ringing awaken your soul to deeper reverence and awe at the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

St. Mary's and St. Thomas PSR and St. Thomas CYO Starting Soon

All PSR and CYO students are invited to the Welcome Back Mass on **Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:30 pm at St. Mary's church.**

PSR will then begin their regular sessions on Wednesday, **September 17th** at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's.

St. Thomas CYO will also begin their regular sessions on Wednesday, **September 17th** at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center.

We look forward to getting started and welcoming all the new faces!!

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

September 11th at the Keller Convention Center

Supporting our Effingham and Newton locations. If you are interested in hosting a table please contact 217-342-5433. All monies raised go to the Newton Family Life Center.

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

Sept. 25th – 26th; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sept. 27th; 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Specials announced during the sale!!

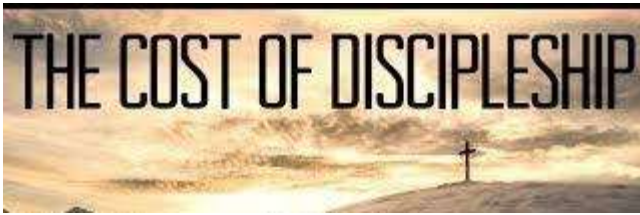
Drop donations off Sept. 22nd-23rd, 8 am - 6 pm

All proceeds benefit

St Thomas School technology and improvements

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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Parochial Administrator: Fr. Tomy Philip

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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

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, Sept. 8th, Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, September 9th, St Peter Claver

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Monsignor Phillip O'Neal+)

9:30 a.m. – Noon – Fr Tomy Office Hours

Wednesday, September 10th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR Welcome Back Mass

Thursday, September 11th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, September 12th, Weekday

Saturday, September 13th, St John Chrysostom

Sunday, September 14th, 24th Sunday Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Gary Griffith +)

PSR will begin on September 10th with a Welcome Back Mass at 6:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend Mass with the students. The first regular session will be held on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. If you have not completed a registration form, please do so as soon as possible. *We need 1 teacher for 4th grade, if you can help, please contact – Marie Wagner – 618-754-3388.*

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of August 31, 2025

Envelopes \$1095.00

Loose \$244.00

Sub Total \$1,339.00

Assumption \$55.00

Total \$1,394.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 14, 2025

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Jake Semple, Ethan Matson

Servers: Blake Frohning/Clay Frohning/Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

E Ms: Rose Gangloff, Tony Hartrich, Bridget Matson

Congratulations!

Jerome and Jeannette will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 14th at 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's in Ste. Marie. There will be an open house immediately following Mass at the parish center from 9:30 to 11:00. All are welcome. Please join them in their celebration. No gifts please. If you are not able to attend and want to send a card, their address is: 15624 E. 850th Ave., Newton, IL 62448

Thank You – Thank you!!

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the annual picnic a success, including those who donated for the raffle, made donations to help offset the cost of the expenses, who helped set up and clean up, worked the stands, and cooked the dinner. It takes many to make this event happen. A big thank you to the stand managers & picnic committee. God has greatly blessed us with great stewards of time, talent, & treasure!

PSR Offers Hospitality: While your children are participating in PSR, we offer our hospitality to all who bring their children on Wednesday nights. We encourage you to grow and learn as we share faith and build relationships. We pray together for our children, teachers, and families, learn more about the Mass, the Bible, and the Catechism. Plan to spend the hour with us in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30. You do not have to have children in the program to attend. Both parishes welcome. Your hostess will be Rose Gangloff.

Gospel of Mark was the first Gospel written as part of the New Testament. Starting September 8th, we will begin a study of the Book of Mark and will meet in the St Mary's Parish Center on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We will meet for 5 weeks. This is open to both parishes. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend.