

December 10-11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent



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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am
 w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am
Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 3-4, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,493.00
Loose	\$	98.00
Subtotal	\$	7,591.00
Justice & Hope	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	610.00
School Fund	\$	1,385.00
Subtotal	\$	2,005.00
Grand Total	\$	9,596.00
Credit Card Offering	\$	1,150.00

St. Thomas Church October Tithe

October Tithe Income – \$33,573.00
 10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,357.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 pm Mass (Marietta Kerner+)

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Mass (Marilyn Rubsam+)

6:00 pm OCIA Instructions for Adults

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Class Mass (Gloria Ochs+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Mass at Newton Care Center (Kim Boente+)

4:00 pm OCIA for Youth (Church Conference Room)

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's

6:30 pm St. Thomas PSR/CYO

7:00 pm School Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 15, Advent Weekday

8:30 am All-School Mass (Mike Maginn+)

1:45-2:00 pm School Advent Reconciliation Service

3:00-until completed Parish Reconciliation Service

6:30-until completed Reconciliation at St. Mary's

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30am Mass (Jessica Spiker+)

7:00 pm Bingo – Lightning \$900

Saturday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

2:00 pm Wedding Ceremony

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Special Intention)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MINISTRIES for

Christmas Masses: December 24

4:30 pm Vigil and/or 11 pm Late-Night

8:30 am Christmas Day: December 25

Sign up through Ministry Scheduler Pro
 or call the parish office 618-783-8741.

Thanks for volunteering.

Thanks to the Liturgical Environment Committee
 for the Advent Season Décor and previous beautiful
 fall decorations. Thanks to Denisse Ochs, Dee Ochs,
 and Janie Ochs.

NOTE: Speaker System is being scheduled for mid-
January 2023 with expectant delivery amps and dsp
 equipment by December 31, 2022, according to Steve
 Nelson of Music Makers, Galesburg, Illinois.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, December 17 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey
E.M.: Wanda Kocher, Erica Johnson, Alice Addis
Servers: Brooke Farley & Halle Wagner
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs Family
Musicians: Five For The One
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, December 18 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Amy Hartrich; Nicholas Shamhart
EM: Eliza & Lily Bierman, Linda Hemrich,
Jamie Shamhart

Servers: Aaron Volk & Michael Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Laney Hemrich
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, December 18 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: John Bower; Brian Bierman
EM: Marissa Bower, Jason/Jenny Bierman,
Ginger Robins

Servers: Audrey Beals & Alivia Bierman
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

St. Thomas CYO –December Activities

Fri., Dec. 9 @ 5:00 pm – Meet at Floral Hall at
Fairgrounds for Ministerial Alliance's Food Box
Weds., Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm – Regular Mtg in Church
Weds., Dec. 21 @ 6:30 pm – Decorate/Clean church
with Christmas celebration (will run a little late)
Weds., Dec. 28 – NO CYO

Thanks to all of our CYO youth for your
participation!! Looking forward to hearing about how
your Advent Giving Calendar is going 😊

**The next pre-baptismal class will be held this
Sunday, January 8 at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church.
To register, please call the St. Thomas or
St. Mary's parish office. **Baptisms are scheduled
during Mass** so that the child/person can be welcomed
into the Church, the family of God.

St. Thomas Advent/Christmas Décor. If you would
like to contribute in memory of a deceased loved one,
please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope
marked "décor." We will publish a prayer sheet that
can be used during this Christmas Season. ***Please have
all names submitted to the Parish Office by Dec. 21.***

October 17-26, 2023 Trip to Holy Land with Fr. Dean
is being prepared by NAWAS Catholic Agency.

Special Thank You! Mike & Sherry Hall would like
to thank Fr. Dean and everyone for their prayers during
Mike's 2 recent surgeries. Mike is doing well!!

**St. Thomas School 4th Annual
Trivia Night & Live Auction**

**Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Heads/Tails
~ Food ~ Wine Pull**

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
~ **Doors open at 5:00 pm** ~ Space is Limited!
Cost to play: \$160/ team of 8 adults over 21
(Must be on a team to play)

**Pulled Pork & Chips available for a free-will
donation. Beverages available for purchase.**

**Questions: Contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at
St. Thomas School 618-783-3517**

**Remember: SCRIP Cards make holiday shopping
easy!** Don't forget about the school's **SCRIP card
program** for your holiday purchases. SCRIP cards will
be available after Masses starting Thanksgiving
weekend – Dec. 18th. The last day to place an order for
Christmas will be Dec. 12th.

St. Thomas School Dates to Remember

Dec. 12 – 6:00 pm Boys B-ball, here vs Sacred Heart

Dec. 14 – 7:00 pm Christmas Program

Dec. 15 – 1:45 pm Advent Reconciliation
6:00 pm Boys B-ball at Oblong

Dec. 16 – 7:00 pm Bingo – Lightning \$900

Dec. 17 – 10:00 am Boys B-ball at Pana

The St. Thomas Parish Advent Giving Tree

is on display in the gathering space and just waiting for
all of its ornaments to disappear! When you pick up an
ornament this year, you will be supporting our
Seminarians and/or the Jasper County Health
Department's Cancer Support Bag outreach program.
Cards, gift cards, etc. can be sent to our Seminarians to
show our continued support of their journey to the
priesthood and/or items can be purchased for the
cancer support bags.

Be sure to stop by the tree, take a look at the
ornaments and see how you can help. Items purchased
for the cancer support bags can be dropped off in the
box located next to the tree. Thanks for being a part of
this effort that will help put a smile on someone's face!

Jasper County Christmas. 'Tis the season to stop by
the Newton Square for some local shopping and to
have fun checking out the various activities & light
displays throughout the county. Walk around the
courthouse lawn to see the festive decorations and
***enjoy the Nativity Story on display that was provided
by our very own Judy McClure and sponsored by the
St Thomas Angels for our church and school.*** Visit
the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Facebook
page for a schedule of all the happenings!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

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 member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Dick Worland



RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva

Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:**

Marietta Kerner, RoseAnn Kerner's sister-in-law and **Darlene Mammoser**, mother of Pat Mammoser.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Tues.:	Zep 3:1-2,9-13	Mt 21:28-32
Weds.:	Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25	Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10	Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a,6-8	Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2,8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14	Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2023

is planned for July 9-14, in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Those signed up include:

Adults: Jason Bierman, Ted Weber, Jill Bierman & Rose Gangloff

Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Alex Gier, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Adam Weber, Elias Weber

If you are interested in participating, please turn in your applications ASAP.

March for Life, Washington, D.C.–Jan. 18-22, 2023

Those attending from St. Thomas include:

Adults: Paul Bierman, Jenny Fritchley, Linda Hemrich, Beth Ochs

Youth: Katie Bierman, Allison Brummer, Cameron Davis, Caroline Frohning, Will Fritchley, Alex Gier, Laney Hemrich, Lexi Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Emma Rauch, Adam Weber

St. Thomas Annual Wine Tasting hosted by the Angels Group will held on **Saturday, January 21st, 2023** at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. Be sure to mark your calendars! More details to follow!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 3 pm St. Anthony, Effingham

Thursday, December 15 @ St. Thomas, Newton

1:45 p.m.: St. Thomas School Students & Faculty

3:00 pm: St. Thomas Parishioners & Guests

6:30 pm: at St. Mary's Church

Priests from the area will assist our resident priests and will be available to celebrate the Sacrament as long as there are penitents available.

The Sacrament is also available on Saturdays during Advent 8:00 am – finished at St. Mary's; and 8:00 am – 9 am and 3:30-4 pm at St. Thomas

Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA)

Christmas Food Basket Project. As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...no food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 9th and 10th. The JCMA appreciates your help and efforts to make sure that this very beneficial service for our community can still happen! Call 618-783-2226 to learn more about how you can get involved.

St. Anthony Bible Study will resume on January 12.

A morning session will be offered at 9:15 am following the 8:30 am Mass. The evening session is at 6:30 pm. Please call the Parish Office 217-347-7129 to register. Questions?–contact Kate Weber 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com.



Saints We Celebrate This Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus associated with five Marian apparitions in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.



Saint Lucy: Patron of Eyesight
Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. Help us to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives.

St. John of the Cross: “Never give up prayer, and



should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease.”

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: Thursday December 15 @ 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 17 @ 8:00 am
and as Scheduled by request.

Also available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe
Office Hours 8am – 3 pm

Tuesday, December 13th, St Lucy
8:00 a.m. – Rosary Office Hours 8am – 3 pm
8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Mary Harris+)

Wednesday, December 14th, St John of the Cross
6:30 pm – PSR Office Closed

Thursday, December 15th, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. – Rosary Office Closed
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Clarence Keller+)
6:30 p.m. _ Advent Penance Service
Area priests to assist with Confessions.

Friday, December 16th, Advent Weekday
Saturday, December 17th, Late Advent Weekday
Sunday, December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish)

Family Life have you been searching for that special gift? We have a limited number of cookbooks still available at \$10.00 each. Contact the parish office to purchase.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – December 18, 2022

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, Randy Reis, George Semple

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Chase Kistner

Lectors: Lora Ochs/ Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Rose Gangloff,
Lora Semple

Christmas Mass Ministries December 24 & 25

Please sign-up is in the back of church. Please help by signing up this weekend. Thanks!!

St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update:

Photo session dates are:

Sunday, January 8th - 10am – 6pm

Monday, January 9th -1pm – 9pm.

Sunday, February 5th - 10 am – 6pm

Monday, February 6th - 1pm – 6pm.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes.

If you did NOT receive an e-mail notification from Sign up Genius, please contact the office to schedule.

Families will have the option to purchase a jump drive for \$35.00 which includes their entire photo shoot. If you do not have your photo taken you can submit a photo and pay for your directory at the cost of \$25.00 **You will receive a free directory if you have picture taken.** Intergenerational photo shoots for families are available. They can include grandparents, etc. Their photos will be included on the family's jump drive.

If you would be interested in helping with the directory, please call the parish office.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of December 5, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 830.00
Loose	55.00
Sub Total	\$ 885.00
Justice & Hope	20.00
Capitol Improvement	40.00
Total	\$ 945.00

St Mary's Church October Tithe

October Tithe Income - \$7246.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$725.00

Country Christmas

Hosted by the Bend Community Club

Sunday, December 11th, 3pm – 5pm;
St Valentine Hall

Refreshments will be available.

Oblong High School Jazz Choir performs at 4pm

Visitor from the North Pole is scheduled.

ALL ARE WELCOME!