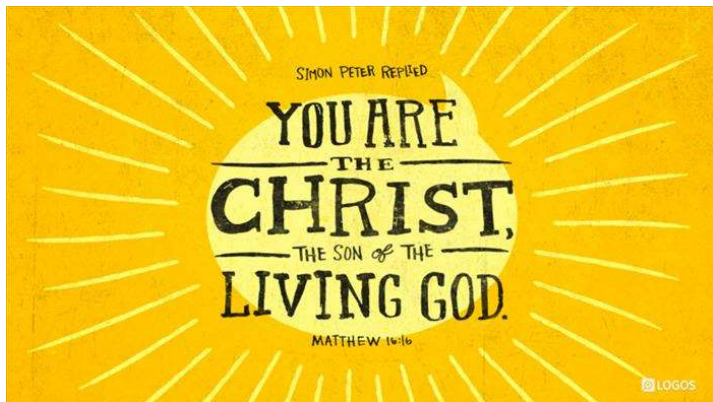


August 26-27, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

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

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Lori Smith

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

August 19-20, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,259.00
Loose	\$	125.00
Subtotal	\$	6,384.00
Assumption	\$	300.00
Building Fund	\$	40.00
School Fund	\$	245.00
Subtotal	\$	585.00
Grand Total	\$	6,969.00

St. Thomas Church July Tithe

July Tithe Income – \$56,105.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,611.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, August 28, St. Augustine

Tuesday, Aug. 29, Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 30, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Int: Art & Anna Westendorf)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, August 31, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, September 1, Weekday;

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Homebound Visits

7:40 am – Noon Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: James Leahy)

Saturday, September 2, Weekday;

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel Luczak

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, September 3, 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

St. Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (George Roth)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Paul Hardiek)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, September 2 @ 4:30 pm

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Lora Ochs

E.M.: Fellow Priests

Servers: Aaron Volk, Jackson Baltzell, Nathan Bierman, Blake Bierman, Avery Ochs

Gift Bearers: Gus Bierman & Kelby Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey, Debbie Matson, Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Sunday, September 3 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Katie Shamhart

EM: Brenda Phillips, Jamie Shamhart, Pam Francis, Amy Hartrich

Servers: Will Hartrich & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Mark & Janet Vahling Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, September 3 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kristine Probst

EM: Brad/Annie Ochs, Ryan Probst, Nikki Earnest

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Dylan Earnest

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

Save the Date: October 8, 2023
13th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic.

Congratulations Jasper County State's Attorney, James Treccia, who was exemplified into the 4th Degree of the Newton Knights of Columbus on Saturday, August 12th.



The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree fosters the spirit of patriotism while encouraging active Catholic citizenship.

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's... Fr. Paul will resume Adoration on Friday's starting August 4th from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Beginning in September, Adoration on the First Friday will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon. The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Please join us for this very prayerful way to begin your day.

St. Thomas CYO –
Start Date: September 6 at 6:30 pm in parish center

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:

Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in peace: George Roth

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	1Thes 1:1-5;8b-10	Mt 23:13-22
Tues.:	1Thes 2:1-8	Mt 6:17-29
Weds.:	1Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Th.:	1Thes 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
Fri.:	1Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
Sat.:	1Thes 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30
Sun.:	Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2	Mt 16:21-27

Mass Intentions. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes are scheduling Mass Intentions on the weekend. One Mass each weekend at St. Thomas will be designated for the parish family and one Mass once per month will be designated for the parish family at St. Mary's. Easter and Christmas Masses as well as other special holidays will be designated for the parish family in an effort to remember all of our deceased loved ones on those special days. Thanks!

Taylor Smith, we will keep you in our prayers as you begin your spiritual journey at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George Convent in Alton, IL. May God be with you and know that you have the support of your parish family! An Open House is being held for Taylor on **Sunday, Sept. 3rd from 1:00pm-3:00pm.** Be sure to stop by and wish her well before she leaves on Sept. 7! Please keep all vocations in your prayers that those who are called hear His still, small voice.

St. Thomas Soup Supper Quilt. Thanks to Dee Bower for donating this year's quilt. If anyone is interested in donating a quilt for future Soup Suppers please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741.



Congratulations to the St. Thomas School Duck Race Winners:

- 1st - Ryan and Kristene Probst
- 2nd - The Print Shop
- 3rd - Will Mette
- **Blue Duck Winners** (\$25 gift cert.) Michael and Kayla Finley, Lori Tevault, The KC Hall, and Jeff Shamhart.

A special thanks to all who organize this event each year and a BIG thank you to all of our sponsors!!



St. Thomas School is off to a great start! *Where Faith and Family Matter*

Our current enrollment is 199 students. Wow!! Thanks to the parents, parishioners, and volunteers that work together with our teachers and staff to make St. Thomas School a faith-filled educational experience for our children!

Enrollment Numbers for 2023-2024

Kindergarten: 29	First: 17
Second: 26	Third: 26
Fourth: 11	Fifth: 26
Sixth: 19	Seventh: 21
Eighth: 24	

Have a blessed school year!

Year of the EUCCHARIST

Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will be taking a Bales Bus to the Eucharistic Congress for all those who have signed up at St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes. There are 56 seats on the bus and as of the publishing of this bulletin we have 26 people signed up to attend. If you would like to ride the bus please contact the St. Thomas parish office ((618) 783-8741). In order to help cover the cost of the bus there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. We hope that our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to taking a full bus representing our parishes to Springfield. **We are also stopping at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption for a bite to eat on the way home.** More details to follow.

Let's make a day of it!

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way.

- St. Thomas has 92 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested in attending.
- St. Mary's has 33 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel Luczak

On September 2, 2023 at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas, our parishes will officially welcome Fr. Paul as Bishop John Paprocki will install him as the pastor of both St. Thomas and St. Mary Parishes. A meal will follow the Installation in the St. Thomas Parish Center as St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes join together to celebrate Fr. Paul as our new pastor. We would appreciate it if you could **sign-up by Sunday, August 27th**, to help us determine how to plan. ***We are also asking parishioners to bring a dessert.*** In the meantime, please keep Fr. Paul and all priests in your prayers as they adjust to their new assignments and responsibilities.

Save the Dates: September 28th – September 30th

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

More details to follow.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA) is the process of welcoming non-Catholics into full communion of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary)

Newton Care Center Holy Communion and Rosary Schedule: Weekly on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. Family and friends are invited to join their family members for Holy Communion and participate in the Rosary if you are visiting. Thank you, Linda Mertens, for your ministry!

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As we prepare for our upcoming fundraising banquet held September 14th at the Keller Convention Center; **we would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption!** This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations.



Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Days of Prayer for the Prayer Campaign for Life

St. Mary of the Assumption

Thursday, October 5th

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until Noon

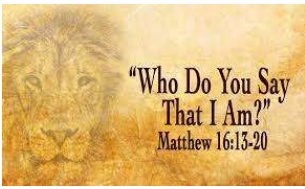
St. Thomas the Apostle

Friday, October 13th

Immediately following 8:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be available on Sunday, September 03, 2023. The Museum, located behind St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, IL, is housed on the second floor in the former Franciscan Novitiate building. An elevator is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. A collection of articles used by the early pioneers of the area and the Franciscan Friars can be viewed.

Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Museum is open on the first Sunday of the months April thru November from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., except holidays. For more information go to the parish website: www.stfrancischurch.com or to the town website at www.Teutopolis.com and click on "Our Community"; or call (217) 961-6404 ext. 236.



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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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 and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 28th, St Augustine

Tues., Aug. 29th, Passion of St John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Harris+)

Wednesday, August 30th, Weekday

5:30 pm – Set up for Picnic

Thursday, August 31st, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Coletta Ochs+)

Friday, September 1st, Weekday

Saturday, September 2nd, Weekday

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoraton & Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George Roth+)

4:30 p.m. – Mass Installation of Fr Pawel-

St Thomas Church with Bishop Paprocki

Sunday, August 27th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – 186th Parish Picnic

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of August 20, 2023

Envelopes \$ 708.00

Loose _____ 86.00

Sub Total \$ 794.00

Assumption 170.00

Haiti _____ 130.00

TOTAL \$ 1094.00

St Mary's Church July Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$5804.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 580.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – September 3., 2023

Ushers: John Uebinger, Paul Kaufmann,
Nicholas Zwilling

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridgit Matson, Norman
Boehl, Jeanne Johnson

PICNIC UPDATES

Sunday, September 3 starting at 3pm. Ste Marie Style
Chicken dinner, the local band SOCO – a little
southern comfort. Games, raffle and more

**SET UP – Wednesday, August 30th at 5:30 pm. All
help appreciated**

Raffle Tickets - Keep selling those tickets - \$5.00
each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets

Dime Toss – Glasses and glass mugs ae needed.

Items can be dropped off on the porch of the parish
office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800.

CAKE STAND AND DESSERTS – This year we are
going to have desserts available with the chicken
dinner. We are asking each family to provide 2
**desserts for the dinner. No REFRIGERATED
DESSERTS. PLEASE use Covered Aluminum pars
or disposable**

Dishes. There are cake boxes available in church!

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes,
pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be
used in the **cake stand**. We encourage you to use
disposable containers with lids. **Please be sure to
mark what is in the container. Please bring to
parish center on Saturday or after mass on Sunday.**

PSR REGISTRATION

It is that time of year when we need to begin thinking
about religion classes for this fall. Please fill out the
registration form if your child will be attending classes
at St Mary's, **registration forms are available at the
entrances to the church's**. Please fill them out and
drop off at the offices or put in the collection basket
with the fee. Also, please give some thought to being a
religion teacher this fall- if interested call Denisse at
the office or contact Marie Wagner – 618-754-3388
Registration needs to be in by September 1st.

The first class will begin on September 13th at 6:00 pm
with Mass. All other session will begin at 6:30 pm.

**Any questions please contact the office or Marie
Wagner.** Looking forward to seeing you this fall!