

Sept. 30- Oct. 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Sept. 23-24, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 6,359.00
Loose	\$ 156.00
Subtotal	\$ 6,515.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
School Fund	\$ 160.00
Subtotal	\$ 260.00
Grand Total	\$ 6,775.00

St. Thomas Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$37,737.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,774.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Oct. 2, Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 pm Angels meeting in parish center mtg room

Tuesday, Oct. 3, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Harold/Bernice Bolander)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm School Board

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, Oct. 5, Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's;

Immediately following Mass – Day of Prayer for
Life until Noon

Jasper County Health Department Bingo

**Fri., Oct. 6, Bl Marie Rose Durocher; Homecoming
Home Visits and Communion Calls**

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Jessica Spiker)

(Adoration immediately following Mass until Noon)

Saturday, Oct. 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Kimberly English)

Sunday, Oct. 8, 27th Sunday in Ord. Time

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic

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

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, October 7 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: David Sydor

E.M.: A. Addis, Glenda Spiker, Kim Zuber, Brad Ochs

Servers: Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, October 8 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman

EM: T. Volk, Paul Bierman, Gery Ochs, Lori TeVault

Servers: Blake Bierman & Nathan Bierman

Gift Bearers: Nick & Sarah Hemrich

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, October 8 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs

EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Dennis Weber, Nikki Earnest

Servers: Dylan Earnest & Alaina Urfer

Gift Bearers: Jim & Ginger Robins

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Margaret Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**WORK HARD
- IN -
SILENCE
LET YOUR
SUCCESS
BE YOUR
NOISE**

St. Thomas CYO
Meeting weekly on
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the
St. Thomas Parish Center.
Youth are encouraged to bring
their bibles if they would like to
use them to find the weekend
scripture readings as we
continue to prepare for
weekend Masses.

- **Sunday, October 1**, meeting on Newton courthouse lawn for Life Chain at 1:45 pm
- **Sunday, October 8**, working games at Harvest Picnic – Meet at 3:30 pm; games start 4:00 pm
Because Sundays are not enough!!

So proud of this group!

BAPTISM:

Congratulations, Ava Grace Probst, infant daughter of Michael and Brittany (Zumbahlen) Probst whose Godparents are Brock Zumbahlen and Anna Probst. Ava was baptized last Sunday morning, Sept. 24, 2023 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. May God continue the good work begun in her!

The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50th (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15th, for those who have been married 50 years or more. Fr. Pawel will give a marriage blessing at the 10:00 am Mass. Brunch will be served immediately following Mass in the St. Thomas parish center. If anyone didn't get an invitation, they can call Kay at 618-843-8249 or e-mail kayochs@hotmail.com. Please RSVP to Kay by October 8th. Congratulations!!

St. Thomas Cleaning Crews are reporting for duty on **Tuesday, October 24th at 8:30 am**. August, September and October volunteers are asked to help. These volunteers will be notified but all volunteers are welcome!

7th Annual Wave of Light

Sunday, October 15, 2023 7:00 PM

Sam Parr State Park - White Oak Area

Please arrive by 6:45, name additions can be sent in advance or added that evening.

Join the Jasper County Pregnancy and Infant Loss Group as a wave of candle light fills the area as the names of those that are remembered are read.

If you are unable to attend we welcome the addition of names to be read. If you have not suffered a loss we encourage you to attend to support those who have.

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:

Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, 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.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5,10
Tues.:	Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Weds.:	Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Th.:	Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri.:	Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat.:	Bar 4:5-12,27-29	Lk 10:17-24
Sun.:	Is 5:1-7	Phil 4:6-9
		Mt 21:33-43

St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic

Worker's sign-up list is available in the gathering space. Thanks for volunteering!

St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!

Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church's meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

Game Prizes Wanted! CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide 1 dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

Desserts Wanted. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.

10% of proceeds will benefit the

Family Life Center – Newton

Christmas Lights in the Park - Newton

Soda and homemade pretzels will be for sale.

BYOB

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 52 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 are also stopping at the 1905 Brewery in Assumption for a bite to eat on the way home.** We will take up donations to help cover the cost of the meal. Thank you! Let's make a day of it!

Parishioners who are signed up need to be watching their e-mail...Shortly after September 15, signed-up parishioners will receive an email containing a QR Code they will need to present at the Congress. If a parishioner did not list an email, a text will be sent via mobile phone.

Newton Square Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:45 pm – Prayer Service;

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square

Sacred Heart Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:30 pm – Prayer Service;

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...

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.



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

(Sign-up in gathering space)

Upcoming Family Life Center Fundraisers

Drive-In Fundraiser – Oct. 8 (no school the next day)

– Super Mario Bros. movie at Dusk at Newton's

Drive 'N Theatre– Free will donations accepted after paying entry fee.

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon: 4:30 pm LEIC Cross Country at Robinson

6:00 pm Girls Basketball @ Cumberland

Weds: 6:00 pm School Board

7:00 pm Trivia Night meeting

Thurs: 6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Red Hill

Fri: 8:30 am All-School Mass

Homecoming; dismiss at 1:00; Parade at 2:30-band stays and marches

Sat: 10:00 am Cross Country Sectional at T-ville

A Note from Fr. Paul

Dear Parishioners,

The "Month of October is often associated with the vibrant colors of autumn and the anticipation of Halloween. Beyond its natural beauty and traditions, October is a month of profound significance in the Catholic faith, as it is dedicated to the Rosary and the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion provides an opportunity for all Catholics to deepen their spiritual connection and reflect on the powerful intercession of the Mother of Jesus. The Rosary, a timeless prayer tradition, is one of the most known prayers of the Catholic faith. It consists of repetitive prayers and meditations on the life of Christ through various mysteries. Each piece on the Rosary represents a prayer, a reflection, or a moment in the life of Jesus or Mary. October's dedication to the Rosary invites Catholics to engage in this meditative prayer more intentionally, fostering a closer relationship with God. The Rosary's repetitive nature provides a sense of peace and allows for a deep focus on the mysteries of the faith. The prayers of the Rosary lead us through the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries, helping us connect with the life of Jesus and Mary in a profound way. During October, we are encouraged to participate in prayer of the Rosary, which fosters a sense of unity within the faith community. Gathering in churches, homes, or public spaces, believers come together to pray, reinforcing the bonds of faith and community. This collective devotion creates an atmosphere of spiritual support and mutual encouragement.

As the leaves change and the air grows cooler, October invites all Catholics to embrace the warmth of their faith and the companionship of their spiritual family, reminding us of the enduring power of prayer and devotion".

- Fr. Paul

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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, October 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

Tuesday, October 3rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

Wednesday, October 4th, St Francis of Assisi

6:30 p.m. – PSR – meet in church for Rosary

Thursday, October 5th, St Faustina Kowalska

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Margie Townsend+)

Day of Prayer for Life – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, October 6th, St Bruno

Tarr/Webster Rehearsal – 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 -8:15 am – Adoration and Reconciliation

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

Tarr/Webster Wedding

Sunday, October 8th, 27th Sunday in Ord. Time

Rosary before Mass

**8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: David, Betty & Lucian
Zwilling+)**

Rosary

Since October is dedicated to the holy rosary, we will be praying the rosary before the Sunday morning masses. Please plan to attend early to join us!

PSR: If you have not filled out the registration form and paid for PSR, please do so as soon as possible

Starting, Wednesday, October 4th, and thru the month of October, all classes will meet in the church for the rosary before class begins.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of September 24, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 1303.00
Loose	169.00
Sub Total	\$ 1472.00
Capitol Improvement	25.00
Haiti	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 1522.00

St Mary's Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$10840.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1084.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – October 8, 2023

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Ellie Ochs/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Lora Ochs/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple, Elaine Zwilling,
Lisa Ochs**

Mass Intentions: St Mary's is scheduling Mass Intentions for the Sunday masses, there are still several Sundays available. If you would like to schedule a mass, please call the office.

Newton Square Respect Life Sunday Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:45 pm – Prayer Service

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square

**St Joseph Church – Olney Smorgasbord & Bazaar
Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Lunch will be served 11am – 1:30 pm

Adults - \$12 and Children –(8and under) \$8

Meal: Pork loin, chicken & noodles, baked beans

Corn, mashed potatoes, roll & dessert

All are welcome for food, fun and friendship.