

July 12-13, 2025
Fifteenth 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

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

July 5-6, 2025 Collection

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| Envelopes | \$ | 7,853.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 711.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 6,287.00 |
| School Fund | \$ | 2,290.00 |
| Centennial Campaign | \$ | 1,240.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ | 35.00 |
| G.I.F.T. | \$ | 150.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 3,715.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 12,279.00 |
| Online June PushPay Giving | \$ | 4,709.10 |
| ACH June Contributions | \$ | 2,246.00 |

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$59,530.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,953.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Tuesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:30 am Mass (Int. Barry & Erin(Sparks) Bergbower)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, July 17, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Liv/Dec of Linda Mertens' Fam.)

Saturday, July 19, Weekday

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.Jacob/Virginia Ochs)

Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Betty Marshall & Delorse Johnson)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

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| Mon.: Ex 1:8-14,22 | Mt 10:34-11-1 |
| Tues.: Ex 2:1-15a | Mt 11:20-24 |
| Weds.: Ex 3:1-6,9-12 | Mt 11:25-27 |
| Th.: Ex 3:13-20 | Mt 11:28-30 |
| Fri.: Ex 11:10-12:14 | Mt 12:1-8 |
| Sat.: Ex 12:37-42 | Mt 12:14-21 |
| Sun.: Gn 18:1-10a | Col 1:24-28 |
| | Lk 10:38-42 |

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.

The St. Thomas Parish Center will be closed for cleaning and waxing floors **June 16 - July 19.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 19 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Nichole Mulvey

EM: Mark Bolander, Denisse Ochs, Linda Hemrich,
Ramon Kocher

Servers: Emmalin Finley & Carissa Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, July 20 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Sarah Hemrich

EM: Eliza Muska, Lori TeVault

Servers: Hannah Phillips & Addison Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Paul Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, July 20 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kevin Parker

EM: John Bower, Marissa Bower, Jenny/Nick Bierman

Servers: Jennelle Hinterscher & Claire Schackmann

Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

BAPTISM: Congratulations, **Murray Wayne Ruholl**, infant son of Lucas and Kayla (Barnick) Ruholl who was baptized last weekend at St. Thomas. Godparents are: Wes Brummer & Alica Barnick

It's Official! St. Thomas School has finalized the purchase of the Pizza Man property. There are no plans for the property at this time. Thank you to all those involved throughout the process. The Finance Council would especially like to thank the John Frohning Estate for remembering St. Thomas School. A portion of the funds from the John Frohning Estate made purchasing this property possible without it being a financial strain on the parish. We are grateful for his insight. May we all follow his example and consider how we can be good stewards of our faith and resources.

Centennial Campaign Update:

Campaign Goal: \$88,473.00 over 3 years

Collected to date: \$4,772.42

Thank you to those who are already contributing! If you would like to contribute, please visit the church website, click on the online giving link, select the Centennial Campaign Fund and make a donation. For your convenience you can also contribute using the Building Fund envelope. Funds collected in the Building Fund envelope will go towards the Centennial Campaign goal, too. Together we can achieve great things for the benefit of both our parish and the Diocese!

Catholic Heart Work Camp

Bowling Green, KY; June 29-July 5

Thank you to all those who participated for your example of service and for representing our parishes with joyful hearts!



The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here! This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of Altar and Ministry supplies that include hosts, wine and candles that we use at every Mass. *The total collected so far is \$5,090.00!* Thanks for your support!

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!

All parishioners are invited to attend Sunday brunch in the parish center on **July 20th after the 10:00 am Mass** celebrating our church building's 15th anniversary! Sausage, scrambled eggs and hash brown casserole will be served along with sweets provided by our Angels group. Free will donations are being accepted. *A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for parishioners and eighth graders who would like to help out that morning. Please sign up by July 16th.* Thanks for helping us celebrate!

The Kids' Bulletin is now available in the St. Thomas Gathering Space. Be sure to pick one up for each of your kiddos!!

Baby Bottle Project. Thanks to Janeth Hartrich and her helpers for collecting the bottles, taking them to the bank to be counted and delivering our donation to the Newton Family Life Center. This year St. Thomas collected \$1,827.14. Thank you for your donation of spare change! It does truly make a difference!

St. Thomas School Registration:

July 22nd – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

July 23rd – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.

Please pray for the Sick:



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.

Rest in Peace: Delorse Johnson, daughter of Wanda and Norman Kocher

We welcomed, Bro. Jim Scarpace, Fr. Anto Thomas, Fr. Thomas Varkey and Fr. Jaymon, this past week who celebrated Mass with Fr. Tomy and our parishes. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to welcome these brothers and priests into our parish families!



Jasper County Honey Do Ministries. The 2025 work week will be July 14-18. Contact your parish office to learn more about how you can help

including assisting with the breakfast that we will host that Wednesday morning on July 16. Please drop off breakfast items by 7:00 am that morning in the basement of the Grace United Methodist Church. Thanks for supporting these volunteers!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Information sessions for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) begin on **Sunday, September 15, at 11:15 am following 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.** Please call the parish offices (618/783-8741 or 618/455-3155) or Debbie Matson (618/553-1472) if interested in attending.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which interested adults and children (age 7 or above) are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. For those who join an OCIA process, it is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation. Those who enter the process attend Holy Mass on a Sunday, attend a weekly OCIA session, and become increasingly more involved in the activities of their local parish. Please contact the parish office at 783-8741 to learn more about this process and how to become a full participant in the Catholic Church.

Parishioners interested in teaching OCIA may contact the same number.

St. Thomas School Presents Our 13th Annual DUCK RACE 2025

Sunday, August 17th

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who have a duck in the race.

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:
St. Thomas School or Church & Peoples State Bank
Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

***ONLY 500 DUCKS SOLD!**

**BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!
DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517

****Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

St. Vincent Pallotti (1795-1850)

The founder of the Pallottine order was St. Vincent Pallotti. Vincent was born in Rome on April 21, 1795 and was the third of ten children. His family was very religious and Vincent grew up going to daily Mass. Following his calling to serve God, he was ordained a priest on May 16, 1818.

Vincent believed that ALL -- (laity, clergy and religious) are called to be Apostles. His dream was to enable lay people to assume their proper role in the mission of the Church and establish a community to translate his vision into reality. His vision included men and women, young and old, the laity, priests, sisters, brothers and religious.

St. Vincent was a simple man but was very strong in his belief that ALL ARE CALLED to SERVE as APOSTLES of CHRIST. He often needed to defend his vision and for this reason he is often referred to as the DEFENDER of the LAY APOSTOLATE!

2025 Mission Appeal – July 26-27, 2025

Fr. Jacob Zulu will be visiting our parishes in a couple of weeks and is a Priest of the Diocese of Chipata in Zambia, Africa but currently works as an Extern Priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville in Kentucky, USA. He is coming to participate in the 2025 Mission Appeal on behalf of his Diocese in Africa (Diocese of Chipata). Thanks in advance for supporting this Mission Appeal for the training of Seminarians and on-going formation for priests for the Diocese of Chipata in Zambia.

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, July 14th, Saint Kateri

Tuesday, July 15th, Saint Bonaventure

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Richard Hunzinger+)

Wednesday, July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday, July 17th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donna Boehl+)

Friday, July 18th, St Camillus de Lellis

Saturday, July 19th, Weekday

Sunday, July 20th, Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

PSR- This year we will be sending an e-mail with the PSR registration attached. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible. Deadline for registration is August 5th. This will allow more time to plan and prepare for the upcoming PSR session.

Events

7/12/2025- Cork & Pork – 4:00 p.m.

7/20/2025 – Stringtown Picnic – 11am – 6pm

7/27/25 – Bluegrass in the Bend 3pm – 5pm

Thank you – The family of Donna Boehl would like to thank everyone that helped at the funeral dinner, providing food and helping serve, also those who sent cards, prayers and checked on all of us. Thank you to Fr Tomy for providing a beautiful service that truly represented who Donna was. We are all so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful faith community!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of July 6, 2025

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| Envelopes | \$ 1,443.00 |
| Loose | 131.00 |
| Sub Total | \$ 1,574.00 |
| Online Giving – June | 420.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,994.00 |

St Mary's Church Tithe

May Tithe Income \$7,946.00

10% Tithe to Springfield - \$795.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 20 2025

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Nicholas Zwilling, George Semple

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/Max Ochs

Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/Claire Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Elfrieda Kaufmann, Maynard Kaufmann, Ben Ochs

2025 Pre Labor Day Picnic

2025 Picnic prep is underway! As we gear up for our annual picnic, several stands are seeking donation to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Donations requested:

Baskets for the basket stand (minimum \$50 value) If you would like to donate a themed basket, gift certificate, or other items for the basket stand, please contact Becca at 618-554-4999 or reach out to the parish office.

Glassware – clean glassware for the dime pitch. Glasses can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Elaine at 618-843-0800 for pickup. Please no mugs or plastic cups.

POP TOSS– 12 packs of name brand soda for the pop toss. Pop can be dropped off on the front porch of the parish office or call Jeannie at 618-562-5047 for pickup.

Please let us know by August 10th if you would be able to contribute.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!