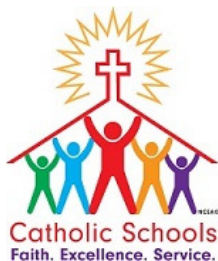


January 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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Website: [www.stthomasnewton.net](http://www.stthomasnewton.net)

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

**PSR Coordinator:** Pete Pasero

**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:** 8-9 am and 3:30 - 4 pm Saturdays

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,379.00
Loose	\$	79.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,458.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00
Catholic Times	\$	177.00
Latin America	\$	152.00
Building Collection	\$	100.00
School Fund	\$	1,100.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,539.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,997.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church December Tithe (formerly ACSA)**

November Tithe Income – \$56,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,621.00

**St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements**

are available by request only. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

**This Week in Our Parish - Catholic School's Week**

**Monday, January 31, St. John Bosco**

**Tuesday, February 1, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**6:00 pm** OCIA at Rectory

**Weds., February 2, Presentation of the Lord**

**7:00 – 8:00 am** Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

**7:30 am-7:45 am** Morning Prayer

**No Morning Mass at St. Thomas Wednesday** due to Catholic Schools Week Deanery **10:00 am** Mass with Bishop Paprocki in Effingham St. Anthony High School Gym.

**9:15 am** Rosary Group

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm** New Cantor Workshop

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**5:30 pm** Candlemas at St. Mary's for the feast of Presentation of the Lord with Blessing of Candles.

There will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm before Mass and after Mass approximately 6:15 pm until finished.

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

**Thurs., February 3, St. Blaise; St. Ansgar**

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**7:00 pm** Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)

**Friday, February 4, Weekday**

**7:00 – 8:00 am** Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

**7:30 am-7:45 am** Morning Prayer

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Mary Harris Fam.+)

**10-2 pm** Pastoral Visits to Homebound

**7:00 pm** Bingo – Lightning \$5,000.00

**Saturday, February 5, St. Agatha**

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

**3:30– 4:00 pm** Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

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

**Sunday, February 6, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)

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

**Wednesday is the feast of Presentation of the Lord.**

It is called Candlemas for the Candles for liturgical use are blessed as Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is 40 days after Christmas, traditional period for purification. **See note above in weekday schedule.**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION**

**Becky Shamhart, Jeff Higgs and Lori TeVault** were selected by lottery following a reading from the Acts of the Apostles concerning the selection of the Apostle Matthias. They will replace Tony Weber, Amanda Baltzell and Bob Bower who have completed their terms of office. We are grateful for their service to the Parish. The next meeting is **February 3 at 7:00 pm.**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, February 5 @ 4:30 pm**

**Lectors:** Emma Rauch; Madison Phillips  
**E.M.:** Kim Zuber, Brad & Kaitlyn Ochs, Lora Phillips  
**Servers:** Carson & Carter Barthelme  
**Gift Bearers:** William Fritchley Family  
**Musicians:** Nichole Mulvey & Elise Wright  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Grant Ochs

**Sunday, February 6 @ 7:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Jill Bierman; Lori TeVault  
**EM:** Eliza, Lily Bierman, Pete Pasero, Sheryl Brummer  
**Servers:** Madilyn & Allison Brummer  
**Gift Bearers:** Mark & Janet Vahling  
**Musicians:** Five For the One  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Ben Bierman

**Sunday, February 6 @ 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Kevin Parker; Tracey Bower  
**EM:** Becky Parker, Ryan Probst, Ginger Robins, Matt Bower  
**Servers:** Anna Bierman & Joslynn Pitcher  
**Gift Bearers:** Brian Bierman Family  
**Musicians:** Patsy Leffler/Anne Kuhl  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Chris Goedde



**Catholic School's Week 2022**

**Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith. Excellence. Service.** Throughout the week students and staff will participate in a variety of activities including attending Mass at St. Anthony High School with Bishop Paprocki, on February 2. These activities demonstrate how our students, staff and parish continue to grow in **faith**, strive for **excellence** and are examples of **service**. What a fun and rewarding week for our school and parish!

***St. Thomas Trivia Night***

***Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm***

*(Doors open at 5:00 pm)*

Sign up your team today...only 16 tables left!!

Deadline to sign up is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider donating wine for the wine pull and/or an auction item, or helping that night. Contact the school office at 618-783-3517 to sign up a team, to make a donation or help that evening!

**New Cantor Workshop** hosted by

St. Thomas will be held on Wednesday, February 2 from 3:00pm–5:00pm at St. Thomas Church. Contact Debbie Matson (618-553-1472) or Patsy Leffler for details.



***A Year End Update: St. Thomas Finance Council***

The St. Thomas Finance Council met on January 6, 2022. The Council agreed to go forward with the upgrade to the Church's sound system. One half of the total was already donated at the time. The Council encourages contributions toward the remaining cost of the system.

It was reported that halfway through our fiscal year the Church remains current on all bills. Our Sunday collections are slightly higher than our collection at this point last year. The tithe which has replaced the ACSA assessment is being paid monthly. The Council determined that the average monthly assessments are on pace with the previous year ACSA expense.

The Council thanks all the generous parishioners who continue to support St. Thomas Church. Your dedication to our parish is greatly appreciated.

**You're Invited. The Angels would like to invite you to St. Thomas' annual Wine Tasting event!** It will take place on Saturday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton KC Hall. There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various alcoholic drink baskets taking place at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there! *Quilt raffle tickets will be sold after each of the weekend Masses in the coming weeks*



**Happy Anniversary, Don & Jean**

**Klinger!** Congratulations, Don & Jean, on celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend. Let us all join together in congratulating them and wishing them many more happy years together!

**St. Thomas Soup Supper - February 27, 2022**

***10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. w/ Raffle Drawing at 3:00 pm***

Committee members are asking for your help to make our Soup Supper even more successful. We would like to offer better prizes for the games and Instant Winner stands. We are asking parishioners to donate soda, candy, chips, and gift cards to help off-set expenses. There are note cards labeled with such items on a table in the gathering space. If you would like to donate, please take a note card, purchase item and bring it to the church. Discard the note card after purchase. Please make donations by Wednesday, February 23. Please purchase bottled soda rather than cans. Thanks in advance as St. Thomas Church receives 25% of the profits. Thanks again!

# St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish

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

**Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament** in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery. **The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers** commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin. To receive either of these opportunities, please call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Diane Bunton, Catherine Ochs, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghasst, Bruce Fisher, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

The next **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled 8:45 a.m. Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

**Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's:** Please call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule a baptism after returning filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

**Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation** Parent Meetings are scheduled for 9:15 am & 2 pm February 5, and March 6 at St. Thomas Church.

**Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

**Confirmation/First Communion** is scheduled for **Saturday Nov. 5, 2022**, for our present 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** – Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. To submit a nomination, go to <https://dio.org/schools/eas>.

## This Week's Scripture Readings:

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20  
**Tues.** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

## Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)

June 12-16, 2022

**We are in need of two adult chaperones for the trip.** The Youth need one more male and female adult to accompany the group. Michael Gier and Lauren Few are presently scheduled to accompany the group.

## Springfield Diocesan March for Life

Pro-Life Leaders, The Diocese of Springfield in



Illinois want to thank you for your participation in the 2022 March for Life Mass and March to

the Capital, Friday, March 21, 2022. We had a phenomenal turn out and over 8 media outlets picked up the event around the diocese. A video that Director of Communications, Andrew Hansen, put together can be found on the Diocese's Facebook page. Thank you again and God Bless.

## Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Events

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, is a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from 7:30-10:30. Come see some of your kids' favorite movie and TV characters and take home some goodies! Please contact Brian Bierman at 217-821-1217 if you can help work the breakfast.

Also, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, will mark the start of the **online auction generously hosted by Schmidt Auctions**. The auction will run from March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are willing to donate something please contact Linda Spindler, Development Director at 217-342-5433 right away. Donated items need to be received by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced at the breakfast.

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Newton Family Life Center will have a **fish fry** at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. More details will follow! Thank you Grand Knight Chuck Einhorn and K of C #1704.

January 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>,  
2022

Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

**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,**

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am – 7:45 am Liturgy of Hours: Morning Prayer

8:00 am – Rosary 8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Reconciliation:** As scheduled by request; available

8 – 9 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of January 23, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 900.00
Loose	115.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1015.00</b>
First Offering	5.00
Catholic Times	16.00
Latin America	50.00
Haiti	95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1181.00</b>

**St Mary's 2021 Contribution Statements** are now available by request only. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the parish office 618-455-3155.

**PRECANA:** St Mary's Pre Cana session will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St Mary's Parish Center. Register by going on our website, [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org) and using the registration form, or call St. Mary's Parish Office – 618-455-3155. Deadline to register: March 1.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- February 6, 2022**

**Ushers:** Roger Hemrich, George Kirts

**Servers:** Brianna Zwilling/Avery Ochs

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/Rose Gangloff

**Gift Bearers:** Tony & Janet Hartrich

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Ochs

**This Week in our Parish**

***Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, St John Bosco***

***Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Weekday***

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.– Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Lorraine (Johnny) Ochs+)

***Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Presentation of the Lord***

***5:30 p.m. – Mass –( Int: Deceased Priest of Diocese)***

***6:30-7:00 p.m. Reconciliation***

***6:30 p.m. – PSR***

***Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Weekday***

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Paul & Rosemary Mullinax+)

9:30 a.m. – 2 pm Pastoral Visits to Homebound

***Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Weekday***

***Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, St Agatha***

***Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time***

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

**Wednesday is the feast of Presentation of the Lord.**

It is called Candlemas for the Candles for liturgical use are blessed as Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is 40 days after Christmas, traditional period for purification. **Mass will be offered at 5:30 pm** prior to PSR classes with Reconciliation available before Mass 4:30-5:00 pm and after Mass at 6:15 pm till finished.



We welcome into our Catholic faith Community ***Griffin Roy Benefiel***, the infant son of Joshua & Whitney Benefiel. He was baptized at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 23, 2022 in St. Mary's Church.

**St Mary's Youth Group will host their annual Lasagna Dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**, in the St Mary's Parish Center. Purchasing a ticket includes lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink as well as some entertainment!!

**Adults (12 and up) \$8.00 Children (3-11) \$4.00**

Come enjoy a night out where we serve you! Contact a youth group member or Sarah (618) 562-8745 to purchase a ticket. Find us after Mass each week too!

**AREA EVENTS:**

**Bend Community Club invites you to their – Valentine Breakfast, Sunday, February 13, 2022** St Valentine Hall in the Bend – Adults: \$8.00 (meal refill \$4.00) Children 3-10 \$4.00. Carryout Available.

**MARDI GRAS in SAINTE MARIE;** Presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932 on Saturday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, Mini Parade – Food – Music – Drinks