

December 3-4, 2022
Second 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

Nov. 26-27, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,429.00
Loose	\$	458.00
Subtotal	\$	7,887.00
Justice & Hope	\$	135.00
Holy Days	\$	70.00
Building Fund	\$	180.00
School Fund	\$	1,140.00
Subtotal	\$	1,525.00
Grand Total	\$	9,412.00

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 5, Advent Weekday

5:30 pm Mass (Bernie Miller+)
6:30 pm Angels Meeting – Christmas Celebration

Tuesday, December 6, St. Nicholas

5:00 pm Evening Prayer
5:30 pm Mass (Paul Hardiek+)
6:00 pm OCIA Instructions for Adults

Wednesday, December 7, St. Ambrose

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am
8:30 am Class Mass (Evelyn Hankins+)
9:00 am Rosary Group

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 Vigil Mass: Immaculate Conception with
 St. Thomas PSR/CYO (For Our Parish Family+)

Thurs., Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception of

Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am All-School Mass (Jim & Dan Smithenry+)
12:10 pm Mass (For Our Parish Family+)

Friday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatcatzin

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am
8:30am Mass (Betty Marshall+)

Saturday, December 10, Advent Weekday

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, December 11, Third 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

BAPTISM: Ayla James Andruch, infant daughter
 of Jordan and Jessica (Zuber) Andruch,



was baptized at 10 am Mass
 Sunday, Nov. 27.

Godparents are:

Calvin & Jenna Schnabel.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MINISTRIES for

December 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Masses: 6:30 pm Vigil (Dec.7)

8:30 am & 12:10 pm Dec. 8th

and Christmas Vigil: December 24

4:30 pm Vigil and 11 pm Late-Night

Christmas Day: 8:30 am

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

Thanks for volunteering.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, December 10 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Beth Ochs; Mike Hartrich
E.M.: Kim, Brad, Kaitlyn Ochs, Ramon Kocher
Servers: Alayna Ochs & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Tammy Page and Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, December 11 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Karen Winn; Nikki Bierman
EM: Theresa Volk, Pam Francis, Brenda Phillips,
Gery Ochs

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Blake Bierman
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family
Musicians: John Johnson & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, December 11 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ryan Probst; Kevin Parker
EM: Renee Gier, Kristine Probst, Becky Parker,
Kelly Hemrich

Servers: Carli & Abby Finn
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Annalea Weiler
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

St. Thomas CYO –December Activities

Weds., Dec. 7 @ 6:30 pm – Wear CYO t-shirts and sit together at Mass

Fri., Dec. 9 @ 5:00 pm – Meet at Floral Hall at Fairgrounds for Ministerial Alliance's Food Box Project

Weds., Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting

Weds., Dec. 21 @ 6:30 pm – Decorate/Clean church followed by 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☺

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory. A HUGE thank you to all the ladies that helped with the sign in at the recent photo sessions. We have been able to update our parish roster with lots of new phone numbers and a few addresses!! Next photo session will be held:

- Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm (space is limited)

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.

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. 6 – Reindeer visit, Stang Arts until 5:00 pm,

6:00 pm Boys B-ball, here vs St. John's

Dec. 7 – 5th grade movie trip, 8th grade girls' basketball sectionals

Dec. 8 – 6:00 pm Boys B-ball at Alt. Lutheran

The St. Thomas Angels Group will be celebrating Christmas at their meeting on **Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm** in the parish center meeting room. Angels will provide the wine if those attending will bring a finger food/snack. The Angels are always hard at work, so this is a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship with those who do so much for our parish throughout the year!

**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**

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!

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 Doug Frichtl,



Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager,
Bob Helregel, Rodney Hatten, Matilda
Hemrich, Mike Hall, George Roth, Gary
Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart,
Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in

healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
Tues.: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Weds.: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The rite of acceptance/welcome is scheduled for the
Masses, Dec. 3/4: 4:30pm Saturday & 8:30 am Sunday
We hope to welcome 3 adults and 3 youths into the
catechumenate leading to baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2023

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

Those signed up include:

Adults: Jason Bierman & Rose Gangloff

Need one more male

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

**If you want to attend or the group to attend: Adults
and Youth, please turn in your applications.**

March for Life, Washington, D.C. –

January 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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Advent is a time of preparing for the coming of the
Lord in His Glory: Repent the Kingdom of God is at
hand! Numerous priests will assist Frs. Dean & Pawel
with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

on Thursday, December 15

St. Thomas School: 1:45pm – 2:30pm at St. Thomas Ch.
Parishioners & Guests: 3 – 5:00 pm at St. Thomas Ch.
at St. Mary's Church 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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.

**DECEMBER 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation as it is
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.**

The Mass Schedule at the two parishes are:

6:30 pm Wednesday, December 7th at St. Thomas
8:30 am Thursday, December 8th at St. Thomas
12:10 pm Thursday, December 8th at St. Thomas
6:30 pm Thursday, December 8th at St. Mary's

A Walk Through Christmas Past & Present

Get into the spirit of Christmas by coming to the 2022
St. Isidore CCW Christmas Walk on Sunday,
December 4th. Holiday home tours and walk will be
held from 1:00 pm-4:30 pm. The Immaculate
Conception Hall will be open from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm
with raffle drawings beginning at 5:00 pm.

Ticket Prices: Adults \$10.00; 8-12yr olds \$5.00

*All proceeds benefit the Mattoon Deanery Seminarians
and Operation Santa (a military organization)*



The PSR classes at St. Mary's had a Wednesday night
full of fun activities. Thanks to the St. Mary's Family
Life Committee for organizing this fun night for us!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, December 5th, Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 6th, St Nicholas

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, December 7th, St Ambrose

6:30 pm - PSR

**Thurs., December 8th, The Immaculate Conception
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

NO Morning MASS at St. Mary'

6:30 p.m. – Mass: (Int: Chris Kistner+)

Friday, December 9th, Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10th, Advent Weekday

Kaufmann/ Matson wedding

Sunday, December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

Ministers for 6:30 pm – December 8, 2022

Ushers: Norbert Ochs, George Kirts

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs/Avery Ochs

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs, Maynard
Kaufmann, Elfrieda Kaufmann

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – December 11, 2022

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, Randy Reis, George Semple

Servers: Ellie Ochs, Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne Johnson,
Elaine Zwilling, Norman Boehl

St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update:

Photo session dates are:

Sunday, January 8th - 10am – 6pm

Monday, January 9th - 1pm – 9pm.

The second session for pictures is:

Sunday, February 5th - 10 am – 6pm

Monday, February 6th - 1pm – 6pm.

Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes.

**Next week you will be sent an e-mail from sign-up
genius to begin scheduling for photo sessions, or
you can call the office to schedule your session.**

Families will have the option to purchase a jump drive
for \$35.00 which includes their entire photo shoot. If
you do not wish to 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.** Jennifer recommends
intergenerational photo shoots for families that include
grandparents, etc. So that grandparents do not have to
purchase a separate jump drive, their photos would be
included on the family's jump drive. Information will
be updated as it is available.

**If you are interested in helping with the directory,
please call the parish office.**

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of Nov. 24 & 27, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 1400.00
Loose	100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1500.00
Thanksgiving	885.00
Justice & Hope	91.00
Haiti	50.00
Total	\$ 2526.00

St Mary's Church October Tithe

September Tithe Income - \$7246.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$725.00