

May 28th – May 29th, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord



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 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

May 21st-22nd, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,907.00
Loose	\$	140.00
Subtotal	\$	6,047.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
Catholic Communications	\$	50.00
School Fund	\$	1,485.00
Subtotal	\$	1,555.00
Grand Total	\$	7,602.00

St. Thomas Church April Tithe

April Tithe Income – \$43,750.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,375.00

This Week in Our Parish

Fr. Dean leaves for Kenya on

June 1 and will return on June 10.

Monday, May 30, Easter Weekday; Memorial Day

8:00 am Mass at Mt. Calvary Cemetery (Newton)

9:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery (Ste. Marie)

– Fr. Dean's 41st Anniversary of his Priesthood

Tuesday, May 31, Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

7:15 am Adoration 8:00 am Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am Mass at St Mary's, Ste. Marie.

Wednesday, June 1, St. Justin

8:30 am Communion Service

9:15 am Rosary Group

Thurs., June 2, St. Marcellinus & Peter

8:00 am Rosary-St. Mary's

8:30 am Communion Service --St. Mary's, Ste. Marie

Friday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga

8:30 am Communion Service

Saturday, June 4, Easter Weekday - Fr. Flach

3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

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

Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday – Fr. Flach

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

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

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

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 4 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Laney Hemrich; Mike Hartrich

E.M.: Gerald & Denisse Ochs, Kimberly Ochs,

Emma Rauch

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Randy Hemrich Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, June 5 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Mark Vahling; Nikki Bierman

EM: Helen Weber, Leo Weber, Janet Vahling,

Lori TeVault

Servers: Adam & Curtis Weber

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, June 5 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs; Elley Bennett

EM: Julie Higgs, Charlie & Jan Schackmann,

Tony Sparks

Servers: Jarrett & Bristol Pitcher

Gift Bearers: David & Gina May

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Goedde



Fr. Dean,

May God's goodness and kindness be with you on this special day and all the days of your life. God bless you and may He keep you safe in the palm of His hand. Congratulations and best wishes on your 41st Anniversary of Priesthood. Congratulations on your 41 years as a Priest.

SAVE THE DATE:

10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, Outdoor Mass and Picnic Lunch with Games at Sam Parr State Park (White Oak Shelter). The Parish will provide Porkburgers, Chips and Water. You bring cookies/cupcakes/brownies and lawn chairs. Bring your own cooler for soda or other drinks. **Register to attend through Signup Genius or give the St. Thomas parish office a call at 618-783-8741; a sign-up link has been e-mailed to you. Please sign up by June 10th to ensure all supplies needed will arrive on time 😊**



Cassie Rubsam was **BAPTIZED into the Church as a child of God**, at the 10:00 am Mass Sunday, May 22, 2022. She is the daughter of Scott and Kristi (Goldenstein) Rubsam. Godparent is Michael Goldstein & Christian Witness is Jill Pankall.

BLOOD DRIVE- St. Thomas Angel group is sponsoring a Blood drive 1-5 pm Thursday June 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Homemade desserts and cookies will be provided. Visit Redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Thank you!!

St. Thomas Cash Bingo Nights will resume this fall when school begins; 7:00 pm on first and third Fridays. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. All Proceeds benefit St. Thomas School. Lightning round will start at \$600.00. **MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!**

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St. Thomas Rosary. All are welcome to join the Rosary group that meets on Wednesday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. **BYOR (Bring Your Own Rosary).** What a great way to start your day!

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory plans are underway! Jennifer with Jafa Photo will be handling our photo sessions, and we look forward to working with her. We are not quite ready for sign-ups but dates have been set, so start thinking about which dates and times will work best for you and your family.

- Oct. 3, 2022 – 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Oct. 4-6; 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Nov. 26-27; 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30,23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11	1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
	Jn 20:19-23	

Attention High School Graduates:

Newman Ministry is Connecting Students to Campus Ministry. To learn more, contact our parish offices or scan the code

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STARTS HERE



signupnc.newmanministry.com

CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION

Those preparing for these two sacraments completing their initiation into the Church are:

Natasha Alblinger, Dean Hopson, Trevor Keller, Aaron Michels, Sara Michels, Duncan Miller, Dakota Milner, and Daniel Uebinger.

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. The candidates will be recognized at Parish Masses that weekend, June 18/19.

SILK PURSE IN NEWTON IS HIRING!

Are you a dependable, great manager looking to work in a Christian atmosphere and be a part of an amazing pro-life ministry? You may be just who we are looking for. This is a salaried position and requires being able to stand for long periods, work at a fast pace, multi-task, and lead and train a small team. There can be heavy lifting involved. Organizational skills are a must. Management experience in a retail setting is preferred. You will need to be able to travel to Effingham for several weeks of training.

If you would like to be considered please email your complete resume to director@familylifepcc.org.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Mary Bergbower Sam Zuber, Karen Shamhart, Flo Barker, Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities and those in our Book of Requests.

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.** When all is in order, a date will be scheduled.

A Godparent-Sponsor must be a participating Catholic. A non-Catholic can serve as a Christian witness but everyone present is a witness. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church, the family of God.

A **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled for **8:45 a.m. Sunday, July 3, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. The next Pre-baptismal class will be Sept. 4, 2022.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place.

With every best wish and prayers, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is underway!!

Please be generous and fill your baby bottle(s) with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Effingham. Thanks!

Father Pawel "Paul" Luczak has been appointed the **Parochial Vicar for St. Thomas and St. Mary's**, effective July 1, 2022. A parochial vicar is an assistant priest who works closely with the pastor of a parish, helping him in every way. The Code of Canon Law defines the office of parochial vicar as a priest who renders his services in pastoral ministry as co-worker with the pastor in common counsel and endeavor with him and also under his authority (541.1).

I had the opportunity Wednesday to meet with Fr. Paul who recently returned from a trip to visit his mother in his native homeland of Poland. He is 37 years old and has been ordained for our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki.

Father Paul was here Wednesday to move some things into the St. Thomas Rectory and meet the St. Thomas School Principal, Jill Bierman; and office managers, Linda Hemrich (St. Thomas parish) and Denisse Ochs (St. Mary's parish). He will return again in late June before coming to serve the parish as a parochial vicar. He will likely become your pastor upon my death, retirement or resignation according to the rumors in the diocese and community. These rumors are enhanced since I recently purchased a duplex for the day/year (only the Lord and Bishop know) when the Bishop assigns me to retirement status.

Father Paul was one of eight priests ordained for our diocese in 2020! That group of priests included fellow Polish native, Fr. Piotr Kosk who served as Deacon in our parishes prior to his priestly ordination. Fr. Piotr Kosk has been appointed pastor of St. Mary's, Taylorville, Holy Cross Stonington and St. Rita's, Kincaid. Another priest of that ordination class, Father David Beagles, has been appointed pastor of our neighboring parishes of St. Elizabeth, Robinson and Our Lady of Lourdes, Oblong, IL.

Congratulations! Deacon Paul Lesupati and Deacon Zack Semples who have been called by our Bishop to be ordained priests for our diocese on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Deacon Paul served in our parishes during the summer of 2020. Hopefully, he will return to offer Masses of thanksgiving in our parishes.

Congratulation Cards may be brought to the parish and will be brought to the Cathedral on the day of their ordination. Or cards to **Fr. Paul Lesupati**, may be mailed to him: c/o Blessed Sacrament Church
1725 Walnut Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Fr. Paul will offer his first Mass there at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 29. Anyone is welcome to attend it. Fr. Jeff Grant and I are planning to attend his Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish in Kenya June 5.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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 Morning Prayer-8 am Rosary-8:30 am Holy Mass

Reconciliation: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday at

St. Thomas Church, Newton

Victim Assistance Contact Information

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155

This Week in our Parish

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day

9:30 a.m. – Mass at St Mary's Cemetery

**Tuesday, May 31st, The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

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

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

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Don Alblinger+)

Wednesday, June 1st, Saint Justin

Thursday, June 2nd,

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

Friday, June 3rd, St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Saturday, June 4th, Easter Weekday

Sunday, June 5th, Pentecost Sunday

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

Fr Flach will be here

HELP NEEDED: The floors in the rectory are being upgraded from carpet to vinyl wood at the end of June. Various items need to be packed up for the renovation. If anyone has a few hours to help accomplish this it would be greatly appreciated!! Just let Denisse know at the office 618-455-3155.

Ministers for June: You will notice some changes for the ministers. Beginning in June we will start having 3 ushers, so there will be one for each exit. Also, beginning June 19, we will begin distributing the Precious Blood during Holy Communion and will need 3 eucharistic ministers.

Ministers for 8:30 am – June 5, 2022

Ushers: Norbert Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Zumbahlen

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of May 22, 2022

Envelopes	\$	1773.91
Loose		182.00
Sub Total	\$	1955.91
Communication Campaign		20.00
Total	\$	1975.91

St Mary's Church April Tithe

April Tithe Income - \$13057.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$1306.00

Pastoral Council: Thanks so much to Lora Ochs and Lora Semple for giving of their time over the last several years to serve on the pastoral council.

Welcome & thanks to new members – Janet Hartrich & Rose Gangloff.

Pastoral Council members are:

Tim Keller	Rose Gangloff	Janet Hartrich
David Ochs	Nancy Zwilling	Sarah Boehl
Maria Zumbahlen	Jeff Ochs	Angie Kocher

Christ The King Parish is hosting a Porkburger

Lunch in their Parish Center in **Greenup** on, Sunday, June 12, serving from 11am-1pm. Menu: Porkburgers on Bun, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Chips, Baked Beans, Dessert and Drink. \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 5; +\$3 for additional burgers. Tickets available at the door or you can contact me at 618-553-3364.