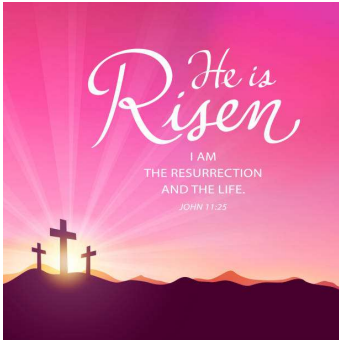


April 8th – 9th, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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 7:30-8:00 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

April 1-2, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,419.00
Loose	\$	544.00
Subtotal	\$	7,963.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	50.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
School Fund	\$	762.00
Subtotal	\$	832.00
Grand Total	\$	8,795.00
Parish Online Giving	\$	1,125.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$52,590.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,259.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 10, Mon. w/in the Octave of Easter

5:30 pm Mass (Cathy Leahy+)

Tuesday, April 11, Tues. w/in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8:00 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Int: Paul Brummer+)

Wednesday, Apr. 12, Weds. w/in the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Al Rohr+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Mass at Helia Newton Care Center

5:30 pm No Youth Choir – will resume on April 19

6:00 pm St. Thomas School Board

6:30 pm PSR & CYO

Thursday, April 13, Thurs. w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 am Mass (Dorothy Woods+)

Friday, April 14, Fri. w/in Octave of Easter

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 8:00 am

8:30 am All-School Mass (Charles McCreery+)

Saturday, April 15, Sat. w/in the Octave of Easter

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Joan Bierman)

Sunday, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas CYO Presents: Living Stations of the Cross



Thank you to the high school youth of our parish for all of their hard work over the past few weeks presenting the Stations of the Cross. **A special thank you to Ray Schuch** for making a rustic, rugged cross for our presentations of the Living Stations of the Cross.

This is a very busy group of youth, and we are so fortunate to see them participating in CYO and making it a priority. We are proud of all of you!

Their list of accomplishments is a long one☺

Apr.12, 19, & 26, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm

April 26th last CYO session of this school year!

Thank you, Seniors; William Fritchley, Laney Hemrich, Emma Rauch, Nicholas Shamhart!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, April 15 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey & Lori TeVault
E.M.: Glenda Spiker, Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Ramon Kocher
Servers: Lexi Ochs & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Brad & Grant Ochs

Sunday, April 16 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning & Karen Winn
EM: Jill, Lily, Eliza Bierman, Paul Bierman
Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman
Gift Bearers: Nikki Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Laney Hemrich
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, April 16 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Sue Sparks & Aleah Higgs
EM: Nikki Earnest, Tony Sparks, Julie Higgs,
Marge Horton
Servers: Ava & Dylan Earnest
Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

Mark Your Calendars! The St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale is scheduled for Thursday April 27th – Saturday April 29th. More details to follow.

Upcoming St. Thomas School Fundraisers, Etc.

Joe's pizza and sauce for Booster Club
Trash Bags for School
Collecting Pop Tabs (friendly class competition)
Gigantic Garage Sale (April 27-29)
Contact a St. Thomas student or the school office to order or learn more.

Silk Purse Volunteers needed to support Newton's Family Life Center. Any help including sorting clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work any day, any hours.

Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St. Mary Help of Christians in Green Creek on Monday April 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Al Allen will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

Please pray for the Sick, especially,

Ron Kirts, RoseAnn Kerner, Delorse Johnson, Dorothy Klingler, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, 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:	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Mt 28:8-15
Tues.:	Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18
Weds.:	Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35
Thurs.:	Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48
Fri.:	Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14
Sat.:	Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
Sun.:	Acts 2:42-47	1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Jasper County CUSD #1

Preschool & Kindergarten Screenings

❖ Preschool is for children ages three to five, whose birthdate falls on 9-2-18 through 9-1-20 for those interested in your child attending any of the county wide preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Any child currently enrolled in preschool SY' 2022-2023 who will not be Kindergarten age SY' 2023-2024 will need to be screened again for next year.

❖ Kindergarten is for all children who will be five years old on or before September 1st, 2023.

Preschool screening dates & times are as follows:

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten screening dates & times are as follows:

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All screenings will be held at Ste. Marie Elementary School, 311 Franklin St., Ste. Marie, IL 62459. All appointments must be scheduled by May 1st, no walk-in appointments permitted.

Preschool screenings need to be scheduled by calling 618-783-3651. **Kindergarten screenings** need to be scheduled by calling 618-455-3219.



TRIDUUM

The EASTER TRIDUUM,

which honors **The Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection: The Paschal Mystery** is the **Great Liturgy of the Church** which spans over three days.



It begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper**, Holy Thursday, continues with the **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death**, Good Friday, and climaxes with the **Easter Vigil**, Holy Saturday, and culminates with the **Mass of Resurrection** on Easter.

Please plan to attend each day and certainly bring the children to proclaim the essence of our faith. To help facilitate your participation in the Easter Triduum, a brief explanation is given for each of the three days.

**HOLY THURSDAY, 5:30 pm at St. Mary's;
7:00 pm at St. Thomas**

Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper

--During the **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper**, we will hear the challenge of Jesus, calling us to service as he says "**Do this in memory of me**", and the example he gives is "**The Washing of Feet.**"



--During the Presentation of Gifts, you will be invited to bring forth **gifts for the poor**, the fruits of your Lenten fasting and penance such as **money for Operation Rice Bowl.**

---After Communion, there is a **Candlelight Procession to the Place of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as we pray with the Lord through his **Agony in the Garden.** **Families and Individuals** are able to **come and pray** if not for an hour, for whatever time one can give to the Lord. The evening concludes with **Night Prayer**

8 pm at St. Mary's and 10 pm at St. Thomas.

**GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00 PM April 7 at St. Mary's;
7:00 pm at St. Thomas**

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death



The liturgy continues in **SILENCE.**

Following the Scriptures of the Passion of Christ, you are invited to "**venerate the Cross**". A beautiful, powerful gesture on

this day is for people to come to the cross barefoot or in stocking feet, recalling to mind the image of Moses being "**on holy ground.**" Those who choose will simply leave their shoes at their seat as they come to venerate the cross. Remember, the Stations of the Cross saying: "We adore thee, O Christ, and we praise you! Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." We put our words into action as we celebrate this part of the Easter Triduum Liturgy.

Good Friday continued:

Following petitions of the Church, Communion is distributed from the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper as no Mass is held on Good Friday. Communion is brought to the Homebound on this day prior to the celebration of the Good Friday Service.

HOLY SATURDAY: Note: Communion may only be given on this day at viaticum, food for the dying; except for those who participate in the Mass of the Easter Vigil.

THE EASTER VIGIL:

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

The Vigil will only be at St. Thomas at 8 pm



The vigil prayer continues with Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and the preparation rites of the Elect. Then the Church is prepared for its most prized liturgy. It is the culmination of who we are and what we are called to do. The VIGIL begins in **DARKNESS**, the image of the **tomb.** We gather

at the **bonfire** and **light the Paschal Candle**, signifying Jesus as the Light of the World. The candlelight procession leads into the Church, to proclaim the Exsultet, share our stories, the **Sacred Scriptures of our faith history.** We process to the pool of new life, **bless the water, baptize** our Elect and **strengthen them in Confirmation through the gifts of the Holy Spirit** and then **share Eucharist (Holy Communion)** with them.

Those to be baptized, confirmed and share in the Eucharist are Brianna Ochs, Jessica Ochs, Emma Evans, Alexis Evans, and Hayden Evans.

GOOD FRIDAY: FAST and ABSTINENCE

The Lenten Season has come to an end with the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. An intense fast commences on Good Friday through Easter Vigil. The regulations for Good Friday are those who are 18 through 59 included are required to FAST, eating only one full meal this day and the other two should not equal another meal (unless health or work is compromised). All persons over the age of 14 are required to ABSTAIN from meat on Good Friday.

I recall my Kenrick Seminary Liturgy Instructor telling us that as a pastor of a parish, he and the Elect fasted completely (only water) from the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday to the Vigil of the Resurrection Mass on Holy Saturday night. Then after partaking of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, they drank milk with honey to symbolize that they had reached the promised land of the Lord's kingdom! – Fr. Dean

Of course, I have tried doing it several times!

**A BLESSED EASTER TRIDUUM and
HAPPY EASTER to Everyone!**

During the Easter Season, we will be celebrating numerous infant baptisms and preparing our second grader youth for the completion of their initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Let us pray for the families that the parents may be the first and best teachers of their children in the way of faith by what she do and say. It begins with the worship of God through Jesus' death and resurrection in the Holy Spirit, the Mass.

Thanks so much to all who volunteered for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter. To the worship committee for all their work to make the environment beautiful! To Fr. Pawel for leading us thru the holiest week of our faith! It is greatly appreciated!!

Times for Prayer: During Lent Fr. Pawel & Fr. Dean tried different avenues of prayer times to check what times might be more conducive for people. As little response, we are returning to the standard times used prior to Lent as we enter the Easter Season.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, St Mary's will be hosting a blood drive on April 12th, 2-6pm.
It will be held in the parish center.
All are welcome!

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – April 16, 2023 – Easter

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,
Maynard Kaufmann

Servers: Ellie Ochs/Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

Eucharistic Ministers: Elfrieda Kaufmann, Ben Ochs,
Norman Boehl

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of April 2, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 2198.00
Loose	145.00
Subtotal	\$ 2343.00
Catholic Charities	160.00
Total	\$ 2503.00

St Mary's Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$12,984.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,298.00

You are invited: to celebrate the 90th birthdays of Ralph and Georgianna (Bolander) Weber, their family is hosting an open house on Saturday, April 15th from 1-4pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin.

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and **8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday**

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month

This Week in our Parish

Monday, April 10th, Monday in Octave of Easter

Tuesday, April 11th, Tuesday in Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, April 12th, Weds. w/in Octave of Easter

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Blood Drive

6:30 p.m. – PSR

6:30 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, April 13th, Thursday in Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Ephrem & Lelia Rennier+)

Friday, April 14th, Friday in Octave of Easter

Saturday, April 15th, Saturday in Octave of Easter

Sunday, April 16th, Devine Mercy Sunday

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



The youth of St. Mary's parish presented the Living Stations of the Cross this past Wednesday evening. Thank you to those who participated for sharing your talents with us. What a prayerful way to enter the Easter Triduum.

The Family Life will also be having a **Rural Life Sunday** on **April 16th**, bring your tractors, farm equipment, farm animals, seed, or whatever you want Father to give a special blessing. Refreshments will be served after mass.