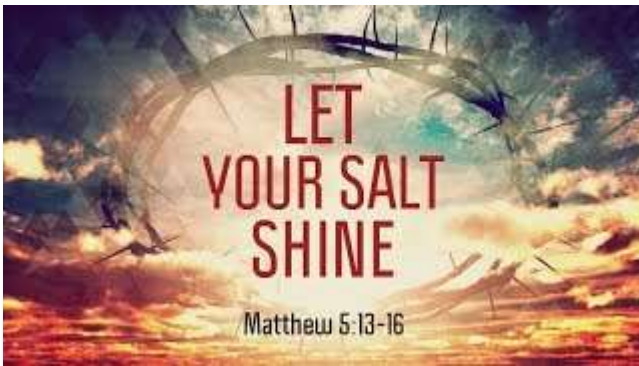


February 4th 5th, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

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

Jan. 28-29, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,941.00
Loose	\$	126.00
Subtotal	\$	7,067.00
Catholic Times	\$	96.00
Latin America	\$	70.00
School Fund	\$	450.00
Subtotal	\$	616.00
Grand Total	\$	7,683.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$51,270.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,127.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 6, Weekday

5:30 pm Mass (Denise Hahn+)

Tuesday, February 7, Weekday

6:00 pm OCIA for Adults at St. Thomas Rectory

Weds, Feb 8, Sts. Jerome Emiliani/Josephine Bakhita

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am Class Mass (Zola Klingler+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Mass (Bernie Miller+) at Newton Care Center

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm St. Thomas School Pre-registration Info Mtg

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

Thursday, February 9, Weekday

4:00 pm OCIA for Youth (Church Conference Room)

Friday, February 10, St. Scholastica

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am

8:30 am All-School Mass (Glen/Alberta Smithenry+)

Saturday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

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

6:30 pm St. Thomas School Trivia Night

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time

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 Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, February 11 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey; Mike Hartrich

E.M.: Emma Rauch, Lori TeVault, Mark Bolander,
 Erica Johnson

Servers: Lexi Ochs & Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, February 12 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nicholas Shamhart; Jamie Shamhart

EM: Dena Rauch, Theresa Volk, Pam Francis,
 Sheryl Brummer

Servers: Aaron Volk & Madilyn Brummer

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: John Johnson/Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, February 12 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Brian Bierman

EM: Charlie/Jan Schackmann, Tony Sparks

Servers:

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Patsy Vicki Mullen & Claire Schackmann

Greeters/Ushers: Jim & Ginger Robins

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

New Sound System Installed: Steve Nelson and others from Musicmaker.com, Galesburg, Illinois, installed the new sound/speaker system. Using a sound monitoring device, the new system was checked to determine the sound quality throughout the nave of the Church. New batteries have been installed in our hearing assistance equipment and they have been checked for sound quality which is good. Such equipment is in the Usher's Room cabinet drawer. The music personnel were instructed on use of the new system which is awesome with all the parts of the equipment made by Bose, rather than pieces of different equipment that didn't work together. Having the antennae for the lavalier mics in the nave of the Church also adds much to the sound quality. Thanks to Fr. Al Kemme for the recommendation of Steve Nelson and MusicMakers from Galesburg, IL. Note: The old speakers and amps were donated to the Jasper County/Newton Community High School Music Department.

NOTE: A new microphone without on/off button for the Ambo is ordered, along with 2 stand-up mics for the choir to replace the recording studio microphone.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is time to select three new members to the Pastoral Council. If you are interested in serving a three-year term, please place your name or name of someone you would like to recommend in nomination by calling the parish office. The names of willing servants will be placed in a bowl and after calling upon the Holy Spirit, the names of three new members will be drawn at the 5:30 pm Mass Monday, February 6.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL PRE-REGISTRATION MEETING will be held for kindergarten and new students on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 2023. A parent meeting will be held at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. General information and information about our kindergarten program will be provided. Prospective kindergarten students will have the opportunity to explore and play. The teachers and the principal will answer any questions you may have. A tour of the building will conclude the night. There is a pre-registration form on the school website, www.stthomassaints.com that can be filled out and brought that evening, or you can contact the school for a copy. Forms will also be available that evening. This is for all families interested in the school. Please be aware that class size has reached its maximum at some of our grade levels. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or by email at jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas 7th grade Basketball Sectional Champs!



Good luck at State this weekend!



BAPTISM: Lane Anthony Weber (L.A.W.), infant son of Tony and Allison (Meinhart) Weber was baptized last Sunday at St. Thomas Church. Siblings are Lucy, Noah (walking with Fr. Dean in showing Lane to the assembly) and Grace.

Godparents are Laura Weber and Pat Meinhart.

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory. Last chance to update your address and/or phone number for the parish roster that will be listed in the directory. Thanks to everyone that has participated so far! **Thank you!!**

NOTE: The directory will be delayed as we await St. Mary's Parish to conclude their picture-taking so that the New Directory can contain both parishes.

The Newton KC'S February Stag will fall on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) February 21, 2023, 7 pm @ the KC Hall. This is the annual Barneyfest which has been titled BarneyGras this year. The March Stag will fall on the 2nd Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Eric Weber will prepare the meal, which will coincide with the first games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Jasper County Senior Center would like to share some information with all of you: We are open for meals every day at the center located at 904 W. Jourdan St. We ask you call one day in advance to order a meal. You are welcome to eat here at the center or simply pick it up. We are also delivering rural routes again in Jasper County for home delivered meals. We have a monthly newsletter that contains our events and menus! Please call Michelle at 618-783-3660 to inquire to be of assistance or if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday March 18th, 2023

Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217) to volunteer your service or to provide a baked good.

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.

Our Parochial Vicar, Father Pawel (Paul), will be filling in for Fr. David Beagles at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Oblong and St. Elizabeth Parish, Robinson this weekend, Feb. 4/5, so Fr. Dean will have the full weekend schedule again this week. Fr. Pawel covered the 8:30 am Mass at Lillyville last Sunday as Fr. Jim Flach was ill. Next weekend Fr. Paul will have the full weekend schedule at Fr. Dean will be vacationing, going to Oklahoma City for the interment of Blessed Stanley Rother, American priest martyr in his new to be dedicated Shrine. His casket will be on display for veneration on the evening/morning of February 12/13 at the Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Amanda Tomm,



Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel, 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:	Gn 1:1-19	Mk 6:53-56	
Tues.:	Gn 1:20-2:4a	Mk 7:1-13	
Weds.:	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17	Mk 7:14-23	
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25	Mk 7:2-30	
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8	Mk 7:31-37	
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24	Mk 8:1-10	
Sun:	Sir 15:15-20	1 Cor 2:6-10	Mt 5:17-37

PreCana will be held at St Mary's Parish Center on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Registration needs to be turned in by March 3, 2023. This is limited to 20 couples, so please register early. You can find the registration form on our website - stemariechurch.org, or by calling the parish office. – 618-455-3155.

De Colores Spring Weekends...Look No Further

* **The Men's Weekend**, March 16-19;

Lay leader: Scott Kastl 217-343-8206/
knightsrk2009@gmail.com

* **The Women's Weekend**, March 23-26;

Lay leader, Carol Toney 217-821-7607/
caroltoney52@gmail.com

LENT begins Wednesday, February 22.

Please return your old palms to the parish churches or offices by Monday, February 20, to be made into the Ashes for the Ritual of Ash Wednesday.

The family of Steve Stiles would like to thank Father Dean for his thoughtful talk, Jason and Lisa Meyer for their calm vibe and steady preparations, the Bergbower family and friends for all their tireless support past and ongoing, the lunch angels for the nourishing meal, Steve's classmates and friends far and wide for showing up, sending cards, flowers and donations to Old St. Peter's Cemetery. We are grateful to be part of this community.

A Letter from Our Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people—such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities—particularly vulnerable. This is especially true in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

The Diocese of Chișinău, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. With funding from the *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Your support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous as your support helps the Church bring Christ's mercy to the Ukrainian refugees, Moldovan children, and families most in need. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprock

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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

At St. Thomas Church 8-9 am & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, February 6th, St Paul Miki

Pictures 1pm – 9pm

Tuesday, February 7th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30a.m.–Mass:(Int:Urban/Dolores/Linda Kocher+)

Wednesday, February 8th, St Jerome Emiliani

6:3 pm - PSR

Thursday, February 9th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Romonna Ochs+)

Friday, February 10th, St Scholastica

Saturday, February 11th, Our Lady of Lodes

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

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

Pictures 10 am – 6pm

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – February 12, 2023

Ushers: Jake Semple, Bob Barthelme, Norbert Ochs

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Lora Ochs/ Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Matson, Lora Semple,
Amy Frohning



Welcome newly baptized

Wade Nicholas Bahl, son

of Kendal & Gina Bahl; &

Dominic Joseph Thoele

son of Luke & Julia Thoele.

Both were baptized during

Mass last Sunday. Fr. Frank from St. Isidore's Parish granted permission for the Thoele baptism to be done at St. Mary's Church as the infants are first-cousins and have same Godmother.



St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update:

This Sunday is the last photo-taking session.

If you would like to submit a photo, please call the office 618-455-3155 this week.

NOTE: Directories cost \$35 for those who are not pictured in the directory.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of January 29,2023

Envelopes	\$ 1970.00
Loose	67.00
Sub Total	\$ 2037.00
Latin America	70.00
Catholic Times	16.00
Haiti	25.00
Total	\$ 2148.00

St Mary's Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – 10196.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1020.00

Upcoming Events:

February 12th, Valentine Breakfast, St Valentine Hall in the Bend. Serving 8am – 12pm. Adults \$10 – 3-10 years old -\$5.

Brunch Update: The annual St Mary's brunch will be held on **March 5th, 8am – Noon.** Donations are still needed for brunch items. Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and dropped in the regular Sunday collection.

We are asking for donation of 2 hogs, ham, milk, orange juice, coffee, fruit and baked sweets for the brunch.

Family Life Raffles will be held the first Sunday of every month. Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold before mass that day. February Prize will be tickets to Bend Community Club Valentine breakfast held next Sunday. The March prize will be tickets for St Mary's Brunch on March 5. Money is used for family life activities. Anyone interest in donating a prize such as home baked goods or gift certificates etc., please contact Lora Semple 618-783-9256 or Donna Boehl 618-562-3556.