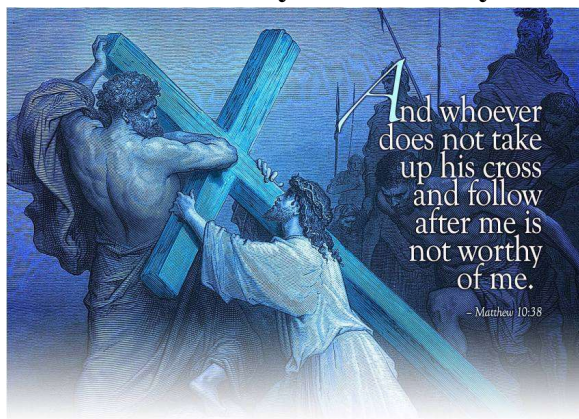


July 1-2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

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: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

June 17-18, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	3,205.00
Loose	\$	775.00
Subtotal	\$	3,980.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	900.00
Peter's Pence	\$	291.00
School Fund	\$	485.00
Subtotal	\$	1,676.00
Grand Total	\$	5,656.00

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$63,116.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,312.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 3rd, St. Thomas the Apostle

No Mass – Fr. Pawel's day off

Tuesday, July 4th, Weekday, Independence Day

No Mass – Office closed

Wednesday, July 5th, St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Mass (Int: Julie Schackmann)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, July 6th, St. Maria Goretti

No Mass – Fr. Pawel picking up a Mission Priest in Chicago who will be visiting our area for a couple of weeks

Fri., July 7th, Weekday

8:30 am Mass – Fr. Dean as Fr. Pawel Returning

Sat., July 8, Weekday

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, July 9, 14th 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, July 8 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Kim Zuber; Luke Zuber

E.M.: Linda Hemrich, Mark Bolander, Ramon Kocher,
Alice Addis

Servers: Halle Wagner & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, July 9 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Tony Weber; Amy Hartrich

EM: Pam Francis, Becky Shamhart, Erica Johnson,
Gery Ochs

Servers: Addison Shamhart & Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family

Musicians: Musician TBD; Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, July 9 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Elley Bennett; Sue Sparks

EM: Brad Ochs, Charlie Schackmann, Sara Mette,
Tony Sparks

Servers: Beau Bennett; Haley Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$6,520.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help with the repair of the Church lighting system of \$10,000 insurance deductible. Thanks for your support.

St. Thomas School Family Agreements.

Please call the parish office this week to set up an appointment with Father Paul. The priest is to meet with each school family to discuss and sign the **Family School Parish Agreement**. Please call the church (618-783-8741) for day or evening meeting.



Congratulations, Sue Dickerson, for being selected as the Woman of Distinction for St. Thomas Parish. Sue was recognized this past Saturday at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL.



St. Thomas Church now has an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site**. This is to be used for emergency use only to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical

device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. It is located in the Usher's room in the cabinet marked AED.

St. Thomas Calling Tree for Funeral Dinners.

Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to be added to the calling tree. All are welcome to participate and your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Happy Birthday, Dolores Ritz! Dolores will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 10th. A card shower is being held to help her celebrate. Please send cards to Dolores Ritz, P. O. Box 181, Newton, IL 62448.



BAPTISM: Congratulations, **Lucy Marie Bolander** infant daughter of Lucas and Leah Bolander (Carter) who was baptized at the 4:30 pm Mass Saturday, June 24 in St. Thomas Church.

The Pictorial Directory is HERE! Directories can be picked up at the parish offices in the upcoming weeks. Your directory is free if you had your picture taken. If you did not have your picture taken and would still like a directory or would like an extra copy the cost is \$35. A special thanks to Jennifer Hecht and JA-FA Photo.

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:

Keith Long, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, George Roth, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29
Tues.:	Gn 19:15-29	Mt 8:23-27
Weds.:	Gn 21:5,8-20a	Mt 8:28-34
Th.:	Gn 22:1b-19	Mt 9:1-8
Fri.:	Gn 23:1-4,19,24,1-8,62-67	Mt 9:9-13
Sat.:	Gn 27:1-5,15-29	Mt 9:14-17
Sun.:	Zec 9:9-0 Rom 8:9,11-13	Mt 11:25-30

FORMED is a free Catholic resource of movies, books, & programs sponsored by St. Thomas Parish. Please sign on and begin enjoying good Christian movies, books, etc.

To gain access to the content:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

Advocate Training for those interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023, 9:30 am-3:00 pm. There will be no cost for the training. please pre-register by July 10th by contacting cbranyan@dio.org or 217-321-1117. Lunch provided.

TRANSITION WEEK!

Fr. "Paul" Pawel Luczak is preparing for his installation as Pastor of St. Thomas and St. Mary of the Assumption. He will be the pastor of both parishes starting this Saturday, July 1.

Fr. R. Dean Probst has concluded his ministry as pastor at our parishes and is moving to his new residence at 602 N. Fourth Street, Effingham, IL, 62401.

Thanks to everyone that had a part in the Mass in the Park and Fr. Dean's Farwell Open House this past Sunday making it a day to remember!

**St. Thomas School Presents
Our 11th Annual DUCK RACE 2022**

Sunday, August 20th

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who had a duck in the race.

1st place duck: \$600.00; 2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

Only 500 ducks will be sold!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

NOTE: LUCKY BLUE DUCK--\$25 gift certificate

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 618-783-3517

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 after each Mass starting July 1st – August 6th. Ducks can also be purchased at St. Thomas School and Church, Peoples State Bank and the Medicine Shoppe.



Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way.

- **St. Thomas has 92 tickets** and a sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested in attending.
- **St. Mary's has 33 tickets** and a sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

**Sunday, July 16th – St. Michael Annual Church
Picnic, Sigel, IL – starts at 11:00 A.M.**

Come join us for a terrific home-cooked chicken & ham dinner in the air-conditioned school gym from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Come visit with family, friends, and neighbors. Check out the Bargain Barn for great deals and the Country Store for fresh produce and home baked goods. Win a cake at the Cake Walk! Plenty of refreshments and Games for all ages! FACE will be performing from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. under the shade trees. Many great prizes in the raffle. Hope to see you all in Sigel on the 16th of July.

Welcome, Fr. Pawel!

A Message from the Pastor's Desk

At the beginning of my assignment, once again, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Fr. Pawel Robert Luczak. Please feel free to call me Fr. Paul or you can use my second name Robert. I am from Poland, and I came to the US in 2017. I was ordained on May 2, 2020 by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. I am looking forward to living in Newton and working at St Thomas parish and school and at St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Ste. Marie. I hope that with the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit through personal prayer and dedication to sacramental life, we will increase in our spiritual life which will be beneficial for all of the community of Catholics here in Newton and Ste. Marie. I would also like to announce that there will be no major changes in our parish that will affect parish life. There are only a few changes that I would like to make in order to organize my work with the work of the parish offices.

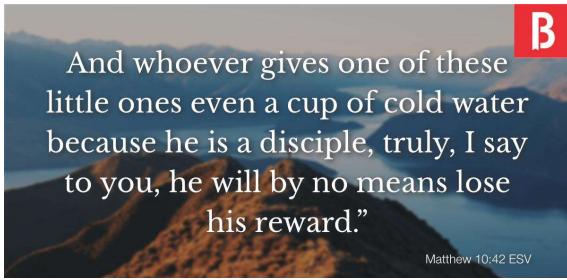
For the last year since I have arrived here, I am grateful and thankful for the warm welcome that I've experienced. I truly appreciate the kindness and goodness that flows from parishioners especially invitations for meals and home cooked food. I truly enjoy beef, pork and chicken dishes and your company. However, please note that I avoid eating sweets like candies, cookies, cakes or muffins. That also includes sweet drinks like Coke or Pepsi products. What I do enjoy is sparkling water and beer.

I hope that with time I will have the opportunity to meet all of my parishioners and get to know all of you well. Please remember that I am always available for you, and I will do my best to bring you Catholic teachings and an increase in your faith.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Pawel

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And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

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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

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

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 7:45 am - 8:15 am First Saturday of Month
and as scheduled by request.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, July 3rd, St Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday, July 4th, Independence Day
NO MASS

Wednesday, July 5th, St Anthony Zaccaria

Thursday, July 6th, St Maria Goretti

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Clarence Keller+)

Friday, July 7th, Weekday

Saturday, July 8th, Weeday

Sunday, July 9th, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Family of Judy Wagner would like to thank Fr Dean for the wonderful mass and for the many visits to Judy. They would also like to thank the ladies who helped with the dinner, to those who prepared food for the delicious meal, and to all who helped with the funeral service. To Jason Meyers, and his staff who helped the family in so many ways. Thank you all so much!

St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of June 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 868.00
Loose	90.00
Sub Total	\$ 958.00
Peter’s Pence	120.00
Haiti	25.00
TOTAL	\$1103.00

St Mary’s Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$10793.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1079.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – July 9, 2023

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson, Tony Strutner

Servers: Chas Kistner/ Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Ron Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff, Amy Frohning, Lisa Ochs



186th Annual Pre-Labor
Day Church Picnic
Sun., September 3, 2023
St Mary’s in Sainte Marie

Dinner 3-6pm
Food & Games 3-7pm
Big Ticket Raffle
Quilt Raffle

Beer Garden 3-9pm
Local Band: SOCO ‘ a little southern comfort
6-9pm

Fun for the whole family!!

3rd Faltemier Reunion will be held Sunday, July 2, 2023 at the St Mary’s Catholic Church Parish Center, Sainte Marie. The Faltemier family would like to invite previous and present Sainte Marie residents to come and visit from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. The Faltemier family will be serving homemade pie and ice cream during that time.