

May 21st – May 22nd, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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 14th-15th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,925.00
Loose	\$	59.00
Subtotal	\$	5,984.00
Catholic Communications	\$	191.00
School Fund	\$	675.00
Subtotal	\$	866.00
Grand Total	\$	6,850.00

St. Thomas Church MARCH Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$32,766.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,277.00

Ministry Scheduler: Please check the May ministry schedule provided through Ministry Scheduler Pro to see what ministries may need to be filled. Please Call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 by 3:00 pm Saturdays if you are not able to fulfill your assignment. Thanks.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, May 23, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 24, Easter Weekday

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

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

Wednesday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable

7-8:00 am Adoration w 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass (Jim & Dan Smithenry+)

9:15 am Rosary Group

7:00 pm St. Thomas Pastoral Council

Thurs., May 26, St. Philip Neri

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

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

6:30 pm St. Thomas Finance Council

Friday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury

7-8:00 am Adoration w 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass (Val & Florence Mertens+)

Saturday, May 28, Easter Weekday

10:00 am Priesthood Ordinations in Springfield

3:30 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

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

Sunday, May 29, Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Fr. Carl Schmidt)

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

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

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

8:00 am Mass at Calvary Cemetery (Newton)

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

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 28 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Karen Buerster

E.M.: Kaitlyn Ochs, Matt & Amanda Baltzell,

Ramon Kocher

Servers: Jackson Baltzell

Gift Bearers: Don Klingler Family

Musicians: Tammy Page

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, May 29 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nicholas Shamhart; Jamie Shamhart

EM: Eliza Bierman, Gery Ochs, Paul Bierman,

Pete Pasero

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Michael Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family

Musicians: Julie French

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, May 29 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kristine Probst; Elley Bennett

EM: Renee Gier, D.Weber, Kelly Hemrich, Sara Mette

Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Avery Geier

Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

Congratulations to Linda Mertens for being selected to represent St. Thomas Parish at the Women of Distinction Award Celebration in Springfield on July 23. Fr. Dean will accompany Linda as she is recognized and receives her certificate from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Thank you, Linda, for your compassion and care for all those who you tend at Newton Care Center. We appreciate all that you do and your willingness to always do more 😊

Gabriel Lidy was **BAPTIZED** into the Church as a child of God, at the 10:00 am Mass Sunday, May 15, 2022. He is the son of Jacob and Katlin (Rauch) Lidy. Godparents are Emma Rauch & John Lidy.



Holy Matrimony:
Congratulations!

Patrick Earnest & Justine Adair, married on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at St. Thomas Church.



May they live a happily married life in faith!

St. Thomas Youth Choir

A special thanks to all of the youth who participated in the youth choir this past year! Thank you for sharing your talents with us. Enjoy your summer and Vicki and Debbie will see you again after Labor Day. Thanks also to Vicki Mullen and Debbie Matson for all their time and dedication to this dynamic group of young people!

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!!

Join us for the last two St. Thomas Cash Bingo Nights, 7:00 pm Friday, May 20. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. All Proceeds benefit St. Thomas School. Don't miss out on the chance to win the Lightning round - \$600.00 MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!

License # BL-52238

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. No registration needed...just show up and BYOR(Bring Your Own Rosary) 😊 What a great way to start off your day!

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 16:11-15	Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8	Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Act 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	Lk 24:46-53

Attention High School Graduates:

Newman Ministry is Connecting Students to Campus Ministry.

To learn more, contact our parish offices or scan the code

FAITH THAT SURVIVES COLLEGE
STARTS HERE



signupnc.newmanministry.com

The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is underway!!

Please be sure to stop by the gathering space on Mother's Day to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Effingham. Thanks!

CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Date: May 21, 2022, **Time:** 9:30 am – Noon

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton, IL
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.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Mary Bergbower Sam Zuber, Karen Shamhart, Pat Mammoser, Doug Mammoser, Steve Mammoser, Mike Gibson, 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.

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament

in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery.

The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin.

To receive either of these opportunities, please call
Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326

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

Parochial Vicar for St. Thomas and St. Mary's!

As announced at each of the Masses last weekend, Bishop Paprocki has decreed the appointment of Fr. Pawel "Paul" Luczak to a parochial vicar at our parishes, effective July 1, 2022. Fr. "Paul" is from the country of Poland and was ordained for our diocese by Bishop Paprocki two years ago in the priestly class of 8. 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.

**Congratulations! Deacon Paul Lesupati and Deacon Zack Semples**

who both graduated from St. Meinrad this past Saturday and have been called by our Bishop to be ordained priests for our diocese on 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 the their ordination. Or cards to **Fr. Paul Lesupati**, may be mailed to him: % 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.

The Bethlehem Olive Wood Sales Representatives are scheduled to be here this weekend of May 21/22.

Inquiries have been made as to whether the group would be coming to see the olive wood carvings. Items will be sold and on display in the parish center or outside, weather permitting.

Calendar of Events:

Monday, May 30: Masses at Cemeteries

8:00 am at Mount Calvary, Newton

9:30 am at St. Mary's, Sainte Marie

May 31 – June 10: Trip to Kenya, Africa

June 4/5: Fr. James Flach presiding at Masses

June 11/12: Cross Catholic Missionary

June 26: Parish Mass/Picnic at Sam Parr State Park

July 1: Fr. Paul Luczak, parochial vicar arrives

July 10: Welcome "Fr. Paul" Luncheon Reception

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Whoever loves
me will keep my
word.
John 14:23

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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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of May 15, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1895.00
Loose	54.00
Sub Total	\$ 1949.00
Communications Campaign	44.00
Haiti	130.00
Total	\$ 2123.00

St Mary's Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income - \$12762.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$1276.00

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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: Francis & Maude Wagner+)

6:30 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th, St. Bede the Venerable

Thursday, May 26th, St Philip

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

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

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Wanda Ping+)

Friday, May 27th, St Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday, May 28th, Easter Weekday

10:00 a.m.- Priesthood Ordination at Cathedral (Spfd)

3:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance (Confessions @ St.T

Sunday, May 29th, The Ascension of the Lord

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

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day

8:00 a.m. Mass at Calvary Cemetery (Newton)

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

Ministers for 8:30 am – May 29, 2022

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Lora Ochs/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Kaufmann

Bend Community Club will be selling lemon shake ups and having a bake and book sale on Saturday, May 28th as part of the village wide rummage sales that day. Stop by 108 E South anytime 7am – noon.

Hope to see you there!!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Fr. Dean will celebrate his 41st anniversary of priesthood with 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on May 30.

Prayer Pamphlets for Visiting a Grace will be available in foyer/entrance ways of the Church.

Catholic Charities wishes to thank the parishioners who donated to the Annual Collection. The donation to the annual collection helps care for our neighbors who struggle with the basic necessities of living. Thank you for your example of discipleship in caring for our neighbors in need. If you were not able to give to the Annual Collection, you can always send your contribution directly to Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support!