

April 6-7, 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

Reconciliation: 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

June 2, and Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

March 23-24, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,845.00
Loose	\$	4,581.41
Subtotal	\$	5,341.00
Easter	\$	5,394.00
Good Friday	\$	1,120.00
Seminarians	\$	507.00
Other	\$	630.00
Subtotal	\$	7,651.00
Grand Total	\$	19,077.41

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$38,370.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,837.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 8, Annunciation of the Lord
Office Closed/No School

Tuesday, April 9, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 10, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Al Rohr)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

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

6:30 pm Eucharistic Minister Training

7:00 pm Lector Training

Thursday, April 11, St. Stanislaus

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, April 12, Easter Weekday

8:30 am All-School Mass (Rosella Hemrich)

Saturday, April 13, St. Martin I

No 8:00 am Reconciliationa

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Charles E. Dhom)

Sunday, April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Phil Kuhl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, April 8 – No School – Total Eclipse

Tues, April 9 – Trash Bag sales begin

Weds, April 10– **8:30 am** Class Mass

Thurs, April 4– **4:30 pm** Track Meet, here

Fri, April 5 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

4th Qtr Mid-Term

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Tues.: Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15

Weds.:Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

Th.: Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

Fri.: Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

Sat.: Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

Sun.: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Save the Dates: St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, April 6 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: David Sydor
EM: Kim Zuber, Mark Bolander, Ramon Kocher,
Alice Addis
Servers: Bailey Meinhart & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Kimberly Ochs Family
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, April 7 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Katie Shamhart
EM: Jamie Shamhart, Becky Shamhart,
Sheryl Brummer, Sarah Hemrich,
Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Tyler Spiker
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich; Nick Hemrich

Sunday, April 7 @ 10:00 am

Lector:
EM: Dee Bower, Becky Parker, Brad/Annie Ochs
Servers: Oliver Ochs & Drew Iffert
Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

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Saturday, April 13 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Gerald/Denisse Ochs
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Halle Wagner
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, April 14 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Nikki Bierman
EM: Paul Bierman, Lori TeVault, Theresa Volk,
Amy Hartrich
Servers: Aaron Volk & Nathan Bierman
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich; Nick Hemrich

Sunday, April 14 @ 10:00 am

Lector:
EM: Ginger Robins, Charlie/Jan Schackmann,
Jason Bierman
Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman
Gift Bearers: Jenny Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

A Special Thanks to Jordan Connor and Connor Landscaping for working in the landscaping around St. Thomas School, Church and at the rectory. Spring has sprung!!



St. Thomas CYO working hard creating their own version of the Stations of the Cross while enjoying some snacks!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

April 10th, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm;
(Invited to attend Eucharistic Minister/Lector Trainings)

April 17th, Cleaning Church, meet in church 6:30 pm

April 24th, LAST CYO! Pizza and Bowling: Meet at Parklanes 6:30 pm

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out →

St. Thomas Parish Lay Ministry Trainings:

Wednesday, April 10

- **6:30 pm** Eucharistic Minister Training
- **7:00 pm** Lector Training

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector are invited to attend!!

A Special Thank You to the St. Thomas Angels group for their donation of \$1,000.00 to the Catholic Heart Work Camp/Mission Trip that is taking place this summer. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help cover the cost of snacks, van rental, etc. Thanks for all that you do to support our youth, school, church and community!!

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in the Pastoral Council and who have submitted names for nominees. Fr. Pawel will use a similar method as used in the past and all the names of the willing servants will be placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Fr. Pawel will be in touch with those who are chosen after Holy Week and the Easter Holiday. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

***Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship
Centennial Campaign***

Our councils continue to work on a plan that will ensure a healthy future for our school, parish and Diocese. Please keep our parish, school and Diocese in your prayers as we continue to work on finalizing the best plan for a future campaign and its goal.

St. Thomas Holy Week

A BIG Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter Masses. This week could not go smoothly without all of the lay ministers that volunteered to participate, the Worship Committee who did a beautiful job creating an environment that was warm and welcoming, and the musicians that shared their talent with us all. That list goes on and on! Thanks to Fr. Pawel for all that he did to make this Holy week faith-filled. As a parish, our fellowship and friendship is a true blessing!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick:

Jessica Andruch, Evelyn McCreery, Cathy Dasenbrock, Connie Brooks, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Gary Griffith

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas
(Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's)
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas
Come share God's joy and mercy.

St. Thomas and St. Mary's are once again sending a group of young people and chaperones to Catholic Heart Work Camp. This summer they will be headed to Milwaukee, WI in July to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our own country. *If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of the trip, please feel free to put it in the offering or give it to Linda in the office.* The campers have to pay for part of their trip, but there are other costs to consider. Thank you for supporting these amazing young people on their mission to serve.

STILL NEED Volunteers to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow. St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7th grade students – adults that are interested in attending. Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.** Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 19th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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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

First Saturday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday

This Week in our Parish

Monday, April 8th, The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, April 9th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

Wednesday, April 10th, Easter Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, April 11th, Saint Stanislaus

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Darrell Ochs+)

Friday, April 12th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 13th, St Martin I

Sunday, April 14th – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Romonna Ochs+)

Rest in Peace Gary Griffith, husband of Anita Griffith,
may you find peace and comfort in our prayers.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 14, 2024

Ushers: Maynard Kaufmann, George Semple,
Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Blake Frohning/Max Ochs

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tony & Martha Strutner

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Matson,
Ben Ochs, Tony Hartrich

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of March 28- 31, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 1048.00
Loose	<u>701.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 1749.00
Easter Collection	1385.00
Catholic Charities	100.00
Holy Land	175.00
Rice Bowl	<u>625.00</u>
Total	\$ 4249.00

St Mary's church Tithe

February Tithe Income - \$8,148.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$815.00

St. Mary's PSR

The last class for this year's PSR will be held on
April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Many Thanks

To all those shared of their time and talent for the Holy Week services and Easter Celebration!! To the worship committee for their work on the environment of the church to make it so beautiful! To the several who donated toward the Easter décor' in memory of their loved ones. To Fr Pawel for his making the many masses so reflective and glorious for us!

To the youth choir for the beautiful worship in song!!
We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers!!

Blood Drive - St Mary's parish will be hosting a
American Red Cross blood drive on:

**Monday, April 22, 2024
2-6pm in the parish center**

Thank you:

Norman Boehl has agreed to continue the mowing at St
Valentine Hall and Cemetery.