

January 1st-2nd, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller
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PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero
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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
Reconciliation: 8-9 am and 3:30 - 4 pm Saturdays

St. Thomas School Office:

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 306 W. Jourdan, PO Box 26 Tel: 618-783-3517
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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Dec. 25th – 26th, 2021 Collection

Envelopes	\$18,748.00
Loose(Tornado Relief)	\$442.00
Subtotal	\$19,190.00
Children's Home	\$ 973.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 50.00
Building Collection	\$ 5.00
School Fund	\$ 360.00
Subtotal	\$1,388.00
Grand Total	\$20,578.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe (formerly ACSA)

November Tithe Income - \$42,895.00
 10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,290.00

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 3, Holy Name of Jesus
6:30 pm Angels meeting in Parish Center

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 am Return to School at St. Thomas
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., January 5, St. John Neumann
7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer
8:30 am Mass (Int: Lorraine Ochs+)
9:15 am Rosary
2:30 pm Chancery Meeting in Springfield
5:30 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm School Board
6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's
6:30 pm CYO

Thurs., January 6, St. Andre Bessette
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
9:30 am – Noon Pastoral visits

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort
7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer
8:30 am Mass (Int: Brenda Kocher+)

Saturday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
9:15 am: Confirmation/First Communion Prep.
2:00 pm: Confirmation/First Communion Prep.
3:30 – 4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance at St. Thomas
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

The Angels will meet on Monday, Jan. 3rd,
 at 6:30 in the parish center.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

If you are willing to serve on the Pastoral Council of St. Thomas Church, or to nominate someone, please give your name or nominee's name to Fr. Dean and/or Linda Hemrich by January 10, 2022. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

2022 Parish Calendars and Missals for the new church year are available. Feel free to pick up your copy as the New Year is almost upon us!

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule & Information

A Ministry Scheduler Pro App is available for your phone to make accessing schedules easier and more convenient. *If you have any questions about how to navigate the new scheduler, give the St. Thomas Parish office a call at 618-783-8741.* The Ministry Scheduler Pro link is also available on our church website. Be sure to take advantage of this easy way to cancel and request a substitute, swap a date/time with another lay minister, fill an available ministry or sign up for special Masses.

The January schedule is now “live.”

Attention: Lay Ministers please meet for prayer with Fr. Dean in the Family Room before each weekend Mass: **10 minutes** before Mass time.

Saturday, January 8 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Madison Phillips; Karen Buerster
E.M.: Brad & Kim Ochs, Erica Johnson, **Need 1**
Servers: Alayna Ochs & Raylie Wall
Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family
Musicians: Tammy Page/Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, January 9 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Lori TeVault
E.M.: Pete Pasero, Becky Shamhart, Gery Ochs, Paul Bierman
Servers: Rylee Holkenbrink & Addison Shamhart
Gift Bearers: Randy Hemrich Family
Musicians: John Johnson/Laney Hemrich
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, January 9 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Pat Mammoser; Mitch Mammoser
E.M.: Matt Bower, Tracey Bower, Sara Mette, **Need 1**
Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Avery Geier
Gift Bearers: David & Gina May
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier Family

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish

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.

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st

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

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

Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)

June 12-16, 2022

The Catholic Heart Workcamp has indicated that the Champaign, IL workcamp is FULL. The following people have been registered already so if your name does not appear in the group listed below and you are wanting to attend, please contact Linda or Denisse at the parish offices ASAP or Fr. Dean who will check to see if another person can be added.

Please also remember to send in your deposit if you have not done so. Thanks!

NOTE: The following are presently registered:

Youth: Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Caroline Frohning, Kylie Higgs, Aleah Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Kaitlyn Ochs, Grant Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright, Ethan Griffith, Alex Kaufmann, and Kelby Ochs.

Adults: Mike Gier, Lauren Few, Also: 1 Adult Male and 1 Adult Female TBD for chaperones.

Priest: Fr. Dean Probst

New Year's Mass Schedule

Since this Holy Day (the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) falls on a Saturday, it is not obligatory to attend Mass).

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5,9-11	Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. ”

JOSEPH P. SHADLE



Please pray for the Sick, especially Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghasht, Bruce Fisher, Don

Ochs, Margaret Prentice, Evelyn McCreery, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

Please remember prayers for repose of souls of Betty Harman, mother of Fr. Peter Harman of our Diocese, and Pastor-emeritus Fr. David Zimmerman of our Diocese.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosella Hemrich and keep her family in our prayers.

For 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 have you or a family member receive either of these opportunities for the healing mercy of God in Christ, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's:

Parents please return filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office before scheduling a date for a baptism. Then call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule baptism.

Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

The next Pre-baptismal class is scheduled 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, **January 2, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

Addresses for the Christmas Season:

Fr. Allen Kemme
800 Stevenson Drive,
Springfield, IL 62703

Fr. Joe Molloy
700 E. Spruce St.
Chatham, IL 62629

Fr. Robert Spriggs
50 Starfish Drive #104
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Fr. Piotr Kosk
1412 9th St.
Highland, IL 62249

Sr. Phyllis Shenk, O.P.
300 Missouri Avenue
Carterville, Illinois 62918

Sr. Ancilla Caulfield, OP
Sacred Heart Motherhouse
1237 W. Monroe Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704

**For Deacon Paul Lesupati and Seminarians Jayke White
Charlie Delano & Alex McCullough:**

School of Theology
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Happy New Year!

Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation

Parent Meetings are scheduled for 9:15 am & 2 pm **January 8**, February 5, and March 6 at St. Thomas Church. **Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for June 18, 2021 at the Cathedral.**

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for **November 6, 2022**, for our present 2nd graders.

Area Right to Life Information:

Springfield March for Life is Friday January 21, 2022. The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information paper is in the entrance of church. Mass with Bishop Paprocki at Cathedral at 10AM, March to the Capitol and back. Leaving Effingham Events Center(KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. More important details in the registration paper. Deadline **Jan 10**. Questions? Call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056

Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. There will be a quilt and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to **volunteer to help** please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

Grow your marriage! - The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is coming to Springfield, IL, the weekend of March 18-20, 2022 at the Villa Maria Conference Center. It is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. It is a time to grow in a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. The emphasis of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. It is not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counselling. The application fee is \$100. Apply at wwme.org by Jan. 17. Questions? Call Terry/Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Dive Deep podcast - 10 years ago, Chicago radio personality Kevin Matthews found a statue of the Virgin Mary broken and lying by a dumpster. His life would never be the same. His incredible story led him to bring the statue and give a talk in Springfield last October. Hear the story of "Our Lady of the Broken" by going to dio.org/podcast to listen and subscribe or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms.

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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,

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am – 7:45 am Liturgy of Hours: Morning Prayer

8:00 am – Rosary 8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As scheduled or by request and

8 – 9 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of December 26, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2285.00
Loose	475.00
Sub Total	\$ 2760.00
Haiti	20.00
Catholic Children Home	435.00
Christmas Offering	1109.00
Total	\$ 4324.00

MINISTERS LISTS: January ministers list are available at the entrances of the church. Thank you for sharing of your time and talent!

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 3rd, Christmas Weekday

Tuesday, January 4th, St Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

Wednesday, January 5th, St John Neumann

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, January 6th, St Andre' Bessette

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

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Zuber+)

9:30 a.m. – Noon Pastoral Visits

Friday, January 7th, St Raymond of Penafort

Saturday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

9:15 am: Confirmation/Holy Eucharist Prep. @ St. T.

2:00 pm: Confirmation/Holy Eucharist Prep. @ St. T.

Sunday, January 9th, Baptism of the Lord

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

OFFICE HOURS: Will return to regular hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 8a.m. – 3p.m.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- January 9, 2022

Ushers: Kelby Ochs/Norbert Ochs

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Avery Ochs

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Minister: Veronica Griffith

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

Sunday, 02 January 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Gifts. The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace.

- How will I search diligently for Jesus?
- Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?
- What gifts will I give to others in need?