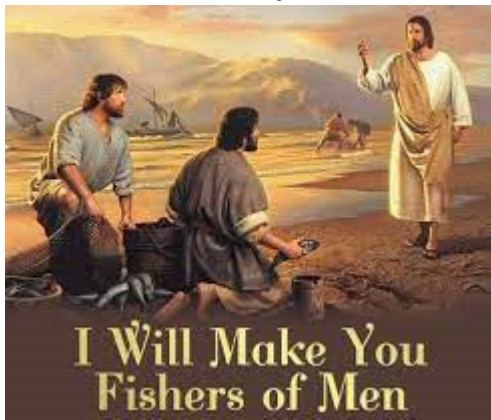


April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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 Website: [www.stthomasnewton.net](http://www.stthomasnewton.net)  
 Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

**PSR Coordinator:** Pete Pasero

**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** 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

**St. Thomas School Principal:** Jill Bierman

**School Secretary:** Lori Smith

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,224.00
Loose	\$	82.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,306.00</b>
Easter	\$	1,045.00
Seminarians	\$	210.00
Holy Land	\$	70.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	478.00
School Fund	\$	200.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,306.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church MARCH Tithe**

March Tithe Income – \$32,766.00

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

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, May 2, St. Athanasius**

**6:30 pm** Angels Meeting in parish center

**Tuesday, May 3, Sts. Philip & James**

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

8:30 am Mass

**Wednesday, May 4, Easter Weekday**

**8:30 am** ClassMass(Chris Skates/Virginia Degrand+)

**9:15 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**3:00 – 9 pm** Clergy Jubilee at Springfield.

**6:00 pm** School Board

**Thurs., May 5, Easter Weekday; National Prayer Day**

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St.Mary's

**7:00 pm** Pastoral Council

**Friday, May 6, Easter Weekday**

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Bob Bergbower+)

**Saturday, May 7, Easter Weekday**

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

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

**Sunday, May 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**

**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)

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, May 7 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Madison Phillips;

E.M.: Brad & Kim Ochs, Lora Phillips, Emma Rauch

Servers: Brooke Farley & Mariah McVicar

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey, Kaitlyn & Elise

Greeters/Ushers:

**Sunday, May 8 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Becky Shamhart

EM: Jamie Shamhart, Lori TeVault, Sheryl Brummer,  
Gerals Ochs

Servers: Rylee Holkenbrink; Addison Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Paul Bierman Family

Musicians: John Johnson & Laney Hemrich

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, May 8 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Brian Bierman; Aleah Higgs

EM: Julie Higgs, Marge Horton, Dee Bower,  
Ginger Robins

Servers: Anna Bierman & Kylie Higgs

Gift Bearers: Renee Gier Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**Ministry Scheduler: Please check the May ministry schedule provided through Ministry Scheduler Pro to see what ministries still need to be filled.**

### St. Thomas CYO



Jenny, Lori and Linda want to thank all of the CYO youth for another great year!! We are so proud of all our parish youth who made CYO a priority this year.

*Due to busy schedules that always come with the end of the school year, our end of the year Mass has been cancelled this year.*



We still want to wish our seniors much luck!



Congratulations to seniors with future college/university:

Lily Bierman (OCC), Mason Mulvey (U of I), Kaitlyn Ochs (Lakeland), Mason Schafer (OCC), Leo Weber (undecided), & Elise Wright (Lakeland). Don't forget to keep working on your plan to stay focused on God ☺

### St. Thomas School job openings:

Art                      Music/Band  
Assistant Cook        Custodian

Please contact the school office 618-783-3517 to learn more about these opportunities and for information.



**Join us for the last two St. Thomas Cash Bingo Nights, 7:00 pm Friday, May 6 & 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 - \$550.00 MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play! License # BL-52238

### St. Thomas School Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- May 7:** Track Sectional
- May 9:** 8th grade class trip
- May 10:** Pre-K graduations 10:00 am/2:00 pm
- May 11:** Pre-K last day, All-School graduation mass, Spring Concert 6:00 pm
- May 13-14:** State Track meet
- May 15:** Graduation 4:00 pm
- May 16:** Survivor Day, Sports Awards Night 6-7 p.m.
- May 17:** Park Day, Kindergarten graduation 2:00 pm
- May 18:** Last Day of School
- May 19:** Teacher's Institute

**Just a reminder...** Funeral dishes can be picked up in the front entrance of the parish center. Please stop by to pick up your dish(es) at your first opportunity. Thank you!



**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!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is excited to announce the following schedule for in-person weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/5 - 8/7/2022** - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO  
**9/30 - 10/2/2022** - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

**Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 48th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 29th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. Father Michael Berndt, Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony's, Effingham, and St. Mary's, Shumway, will be our honored guest celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing mass.

**The family of Gene Zuber** would like to thank Fr. Dean for the wonderful funeral mass. Thanks to the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for providing the delicious funeral meal. Thank you also to everyone for the many prayers, support and words of kindness. It will always be remembered.

**Dive Deep: Dealing with death - the right and wrong ways:** Losing a loved one is painful. How we handle that loss depends on each person, but are we grieving in a healthy way? What should we say and not say to someone who lost a loved one? What should we do if the pain of a loss is just as apparent today than when it occurred? Dr. Dee Stern, a Springfield Catholic grief therapist authored a new book to help people grieve healthier and better comfort those who lost loved ones. It's called "Comforting the bereaved through listening and positive responding, what are the bereaved trying to tell us?" Dr. Stern offers her advice on Dive Deep. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on the major podcast platforms.

The Bethlehem Olive Wood Sales Representatives are scheduled to be here on the weekend of May 21/22. Inquiries have been made as to whether the group would be coming to see the olive wood carvings.

# 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:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Acts 6:8-15</b>	<b>Jn 6:22-29</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 Cor 15:1-8</b>	<b>Jn 14:6-14</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Acts 8:1b-8</b>	<b>Jn 6:35-40</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40</b>	<b>Jn 6:44-51</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Act 9:1-20</b>	<b>Jn 6:52-59</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Acts 9:31-42</b>	<b>Jn 6:60-69</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Acts 13:14,43-52</b>	<b>Rv 7:9,14b-17</b>

**Jn 10:27-30**

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Mary Bergbower Sam Zuber, Karen Shamhart, Flo Barker, Pat Mammoser, Doug Mammoser, Steve Mammoser, Mike Gibson, Dave Geltz, Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities and those in our Book of Requests. **Repose of Soul:** Wanda Ping

**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.

The next Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class is scheduled for 8:45 am Sunday, May 1, 2022 at St. Thomas Church.

A **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled for **8:45 a.m.** Sunday, **May 1, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. The next Pre-baptismal class will be July 3, 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

## 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** have been called by our Bishop to be ordained priests for our diocese on May 28, 2022. Deacon Paul served in our parishes in the summer of 2020. Hopefully, he will return to offer Masses of thanksgiving in our parishes.

## A Prayer for All Going to Prom

Lord God, thank you for this opportunity to get dressed up and have fun with friends as we eat, dance, and laugh at Prom.

Please keep us safe this evening, and give us strength to avoid temptations for any & all activities that would harm our relationship with you.

May we be good role models in how we act, in what we say, in what we do and in how we dance.

But also rejoice with us as we have fun.

We pray this in your holy name, Amen.

## Third Sunday of Easter – 01 May 2022

**Serving Breakfast.** In this third appearance of the risen Lord to his followers, Jesus prepares breakfast on the shore for the disciples toiling in the sea. What an image! Jesus cooks. Jesus feeds them so they can go out and feed and tend the flock.

What will this Communion meal empower me to do?

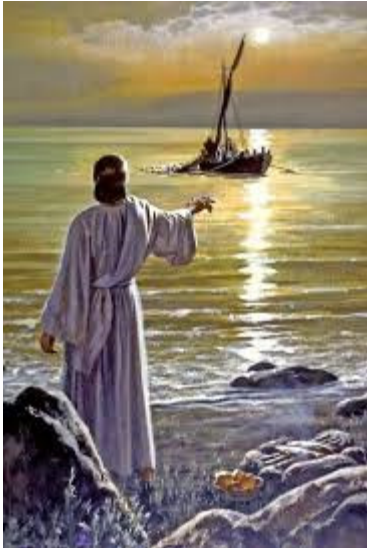
How can I then do the mercy work of giving drink to the thirsty and food to the hungry?

## Champaign Catholic Heart Workcamp

The following parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's have registered for the Catholic Heart Workcamp to be held June 12-17 in Champaign, IL. Adults: Jill Bierman, Lora Ochs, Mike Gier and Zach Weber. Youth and Young Adults include Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Ethan Griffith, Aleah Higgs, Kylie Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Alex Kaufmann, Grant Ochs, Kaitlyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright. Father Dean Probst will accompany the group.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Third Sunday of Easter**



**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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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,**

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**

**This Week in our Parish**

*Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, St Athanasius*

*Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sts Philip and James*

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: Bernard & Marcella Menke+)

*Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday*

*Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, National World Day of Prayer*

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: Marion Bahl+)

*Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday*

*Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday*

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**Pastoral Council Nominations**

The terms of several members will be expiring and so it is time for nominating potential new members. If you are willing to serve or want to nominate someone else in the parish, please do so by April 30, 2022. The names of those willing to serve on the pastoral council will be then placed in a bowl and after prayer several will be drawn. The Pastoral Council advises the pastor on the needs, hopes and dreams of the parishioners.

**THANK YOU!!**

**A BIG Thanks** to those who shared of their time and talent to teach our young people in PSR this year, Thanks to Amanda Richey, Jamie Shamhart, Amber Frohning, Marie Wagner, Madison Phillips, Nancy Ochs, Nicole Mulvey, Linda Tharp, Becca Ochs and Sarah Boehl. You are greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks to the family of Romonna Ochs** for donating one of her beautiful handmade quilts for the picnic raffle this year!!

**Ministers for 8:30 am – May 8, 2022**

**Ushers:** Bob Barthelme, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/ Ethan Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ben Ochs

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of April 24, 2022**

Envelopes	\$	905.00
Loose		206.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1111.00</b>
Easter Collection		200.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)		10.00
Seminarians		80.00
Haiti		85.00
Rice Bowl		75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1561.00</b>

**American Legion Post #932**

**Sainte Marie, IL**

**Mother's Day Breakfast**

**May 8, 2022**

**Serving - 7am – 11am**

**Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,**

**Biscuits & Gravy, Toast**

**Juice, Milk and Coffee.**

**Eat In or Carry out**