

August 12-13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 29-30, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,349.00
Loose	\$	195.00
Subtotal	\$	9,544.00
Building Fund	\$	712.00
School Fund	\$	1,732.00
Subtotal	\$	2,444.00
Grand Total	\$	11,988.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$37,320.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,732.00

Welcome, Seminarian Jayke White! This weekend he celebrates Mass with us as the homilist! We are blessed to be a part of his journey to the priesthood!!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe

5:30 pm Vigil Holy Day Mass (Int: Keith Long)

Tuesday, Aug. 15, Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Welcome back students, teachers and staff!!

Office Closed: Linda's daughters' move-in day

8:30 am – All-School Mass (Int: For the Parish)

12:15 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Klingler Family)

5:00 pm Mass at St. Mary, Ste. Marie

Weds., August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 am Mass (Int: Grace Kerner)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Newton Care Center Mass(Rescheduled)

Thursday, August 17, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., August 18, Weekday

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int: Glen & Alberta Smithenry)

Sat., August 19, St. John Eudes

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Marilyn Fritchley)

Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Doc & Clara Donsbach)

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am St. Thomas School Duck Race

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 19 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Luke Zuber

E.M.: Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Gerald/Denisse Ochs

Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Five for The One

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 20 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman

EM: Jill, Eliza, Lily Bierman, Paul Bierman

Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Bailey Meinhart

Greeters/Ushers: Randy/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, August 20 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Brian Bierman

EM: Tony Sparks, Brad/Annie Ochs, Charlie Schackmann

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Abbie Ginder

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

Save the Date: October 8, 2023

13th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic.

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.

The Family of John Frohning would like thank Fr. Pawel for the inspirational Mass he offered for John Frohning's funeral. Also, thank you to Tammy Page and Debbie Matson for sharing their musical talents. And thank you to Marlene Harris and all of the ladies who brought food and prepared the delicious dinner. We appreciate everything so much!

The Family of Patty McCreery would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, memorial donations, food and phone calls. A special thank you to Fr. Paul for the beautiful Mass, to Tammy and Debbie for the beautiful music and to Meyer Funeral Home for all of their support. Thank you to the ladies of St. Thomas for organizing and preparing the funeral dinner as well as to those who brought food. Your acts of kindness to our family were greatly appreciated!

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Mason Pilman, infant son of Marcus and Alicia (Ochs) Pilman whose Godparents are Jacob Pilman and Brianna Ochs.
Congratulations, Hanna Pilman, infant daughter of Jacob and Megan(Ochs) Pilman whose Godparents are Chad and Annette Kistner. Both were baptized last Saturday evening, August 5, 2023 in St. Thomas Church. May God continue the good work begun in them!


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!

Funeral Dinner Dishes can be picked up in the parish center at any time! We greatly appreciate your help getting the parish center kitchen better organized before the school year begins. Thank you!!

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...Fr. Paul will resume Adoration on Friday's starting August 4th from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Beginning in September, Adoration on the First Friday will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon. The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Please join us for this very prayerful way to begin your day.

A Note to St. Thomas Lectors: Starting in August we are going back to having **one Lector** at each Mass. We believe that going back to one lector will help with scheduling. **Please contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.** Participation in the ministries is an honor and vital to our parishes, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to take an active role in Mass.

Please pray for the Sick:
 Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, 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, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.
Rest in Peace: Keith Long
Richard Bushue (Jill Ochs' dad)

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27
Tues.:	Rv 11:19a; 12:16a-10ab	1Cor 15:20-27
	Lk 1:39-56	
Weds.:	Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20
Th.:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17	Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri.:	Jos 24:1-13	Mt 19:3-12
Sat.:	Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15
Sun.:	Is 56:1,6-7 Rom 11:13-15,29-32	Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes will begin scheduling Mass Intentions on the weekend. Please keep in mind that one Mass each weekend at St. Thomas will be designated for the parish family and one Mass once per month will be designated for the parish family at St. Mary's. Also, Easter and Christmas Masses as well as other special holidays will be designated for the parish family in an effort to remember all of our deceased loved ones on those special days. Thanks again for your patience as we make this adjustment.

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Visiting the Homebound and Communion Calls. Please contact the St. Thomas and/or St. Mary parish offices if you would like to be added to the list for home visits and receive Holy Communion. Please also contact us if you know of someone that would like to receive Holy Communion who cannot make it to Mass. Fr. Paul would like to reach out and share Holy Communion with all who would like to receive.

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St. Peters' Cemetery reminder: Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be cleaned up and removed. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

**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)

St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will be taking a Bales Bus to the Eucharistic Congress for all those who have signed up at St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes. There are 56 seats on the bus and as of the publishing of this bulletin we have 26 people signed up to attend. If you would like to ride the bus please contact the St. Thomas parish office ((618) 783-8741). In order to help cover the cost of the bus there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. We hope that our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to taking a full bus representing our parishes to Springfield. There is also the potential to stop on the way home for a bite to eat. Let's make a day of it!

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.

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel Luczak

On September 2, 2023 at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas, our parishes will officially welcome Fr. Paul as Bishop John Paprocki will install him as the pastor of both St. Thomas and St. Mary Parishes. A meal will follow the Installation in the St. Thomas Parish Center as St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes join together to celebrate Fr. Paul as our new pastor. A sign-up through Sign-Up Genius was emailed last week or give the parish office a call. We would appreciate it if you could **sign-up by Sunday, August 27th**, to help us determine how to plan. In the meantime, please keep Fr. Paul and all priests in your prayers as they adjust to their new assignments and responsibilities.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule**

St. Thomas the Apostle

Monday, August 14th, Vigil Mass, at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 15th, All-School Mass at 8:30 am

Tuesday, August 15th, 12:15 pm

St. Mary of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15th, 5:00 pm

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA formerly RCIA) is the process of welcoming non-Catholics into full communion of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) or 618-455-3155(St. Mary)

Newton Care Center Holy Communion and Rosary Schedule: Weekly on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. Family and friends are invited to join their family members for Holy Communion and participate in the Rosary if you are visiting. Thank you, Linda Mertens, for your ministry!

The new wireless headset mics are here!! We hope these new additions to our sound systems will improve the quality of sound for our parishioners sitting in the pews!! Thanks to everyone for your patience and support as we continually work together to help everyone hear the Mass as best as possible.

Newton Family Life Center. Mark your Calendars for Aug. 12th at 7:00pm at The West End Reception Hall for an opportunity to support the Newton Family Life Center. The night will feature the local band A Little SoCo, and the Fried Green Tomato's Food truck.

All ages welcome to join in on the fun!



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**St. Mary of the Assumption
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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, August 14th, St Maximilian Kolbe

**Tuesday, August 15th, The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 pm – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Wednesday, August 16th, St. Stephen of Hungary

Thursday, August 17th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: John Lybarger &
Darrell Ochs+)

Friday, August 18th, Weekday

Saturday, August 19th, St John Eudes

Sunday, August 20th, Twentieth Sun. of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. - For the Beloved Deceased of the Parish

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of August 6, 2023**

Envelopes	\$2233.00
Loose	92.00
Sub Total	\$2325.00
Haiti	25.00
Assumption	10.00
Total	\$2360.00

St Mary's Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$24,601.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$2,460.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. - August 20, 2023

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, Owen Ochs, Phil Ochs

Servers: Brianna Zwilling, Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Jeanne Johnson,
Lora Semple

A Special Thank You from Rose Gangloff!

Thank you so much for letting me have the opportunity to attend the Catholic Heart Work Camp with your teens. It was a pleasure to connect with them and many of the young people and adults there. I'm amazed at the hearts of service they had. The love for Jesus and each other shined brightly. I ask God to bless each of the families in our churches as you continue to be the first teachers of faith by example in your homes. This is the way our faith is passed on to the next generation. God loves them and he loves you for saying yes to your children being the best version of themselves. Encourage them and give them opportunities to serve others.

A side note; One of the churches that sent workers was from Richland, WA, Christ the King parish. My family were members when we lived there many years ago. That was exciting too!

Thank you and God Bless - Rose Gangloff

PICNIC UPDATES

Sunday, September 3 starting at 3pm.

Ste Marie Style Chicken dinner, the local band SOCO – a little southern comfort. Games, raffle and more

Picnic Workers' List is now available at the back of church. Thanks!

EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS, are available in church, many great prizes, so sell those tickets!!

DIME TOSS: Glasses and glass mugs are needed. Items can be dropped off on the porch of the parish office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800.

CAKE STAND AND DESSERTS – This year we are going to have desserts available with the chicken dinner. We are asking each family to provide **2 desserts.**

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be used in the **cake stand.** We encourage you to use disposable containers with lids. **Please be sure to mark what is in the container. Please bring to parish center on Saturday or after mass on Sunday**