

**February 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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**

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,879.00
Loose	\$	307.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,186.00</b>
Catholic Times	\$	68.00
Latin America	\$	200.00
Building Collection	\$	275.00
School Fund	\$	732.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,275.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,461.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church December Tithe (formerly ACSA)**

December Tithe Income – \$56,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,621.00

**St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements**

are available by request only. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, February 14, Sts Cyril & Methodius**

**Tuesday, February 15, Weekday**

**7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)**

**6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory**

**Weds., February 16, Weekday**

**7– 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP**

**8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Vera Hall+)**

**9:15 am Rosary Group**

**5:30 pm Youth Choir**

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

**Thurs., February 17, Seven Holy Founders of the**

**Service Order**

**7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)**

**Friday, February 18, Weekday**

**7– 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP**

**8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Brenda Kocher+)**

**7:00 pm Bingo – Lightning \$5,050.00**

**Saturday, February 19, Weekday**

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

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

**6:30 pm Trivia Night – Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Sunday, February 20, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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, February 19 @ 4:30 pm**

**Lectors:** Madison Phillips; Nichole Mulvey

**E.M.:** Kim Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Gerald & Denisse Ochs

**Servers:** Abby & Carlee Finn

**Gift Bearers:** Garrett Finn Family

**Musicians:** Five For The One

**Greeters/Ushers:** Grant Ochs

**Sunday, February 20 @ 7:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Sara Bergbower; Caroline Frohning

**EM:** Linda/Laney Hemrich, Pam Francis, Erica Johnson

**Servers:** Kody & Alani Bergbower

**Gift Bearers:** Brian Brummer Family

**Musicians:** Vicki Mullen/Debbie Matson

**Greeters/Ushers:** Ben Bierman

**Sunday, February 20 @ 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Aleah Higgs; Elley Bennett

**EM:** Dennis Weber, Julie Higgs, John/Marissa Bower

**Servers:** Kylie Higgs & Beau Bennett

**Gift Bearers:** Tim Bower Family

**Musicians:** Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

**Greeters/Ushers:** Chris Goedde

### **St. Thomas Pastoral Council 2022-23**

is comprised of

Paul Bierman, chairman; Lori Tevault secretary  
Kelly Hinterscher, Melanie Bierman, Kayla Finley,  
Jeff Higgs, and Becky Shamhart.

#### **Thanks to retiring members:**

**Tony Weber, chairman**

**Amanda Baltzell, secretary**

**Bob Bower, councilman**

for your leadership and recommendations  
during the past three years:

### **St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award**

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School graduate for all they have given back to the school community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award must: Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 + years  
Have made contributions to society that reflect the values instilled in them while attending  
St. Thomas School

**Past honorees** include: Martha Hildebrand, Terry Lidy, Anna McCullough, Father Dan Bergbower, Patsy Leffler, Laurel Kerans, Millie Jansen, Frank Rubsam, Wanda Kocher, Larry Miller, Mark Bolander, Mike Yager, Robert Worcester, Paul Brummer, John Miller, Mary McDonald, Debbie Matson, Phil Benefiel, Peggy Mammoser, Joanie Weber, Shelah Bergbower, Dottie Benefiel, Vicki Mullen, RoseAnn Kerner, Gene Schackmann, Tony Zuber, and Tammy Page

### **St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021**

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the *Exceptional Service Award*. Nominees for this award are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School and/or St. Thomas Parish. The nominee does not have to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our school and/or parish.

**Previous honorees** include: Jewell Bauman, Judy McClure, Mark Hartrich, Sara Frichtl, Charlie Schackmann, Alice Addis, Jack Shedelbower, Dee Bower, Harold Bolander, Verna Bergbower, Lee and Sue Volk, Norma Beavers, Marilyn Rubsam, Wayne Savageau, Rita Kocher, Gary and Joyce Johnson, Denisse Ochs, Sue Dickerson, Pete Pasero, Sarah Hemrich, RoseAnn Kerner, and Ruth Kerner

For more info: call the school office at 783-3517.  
Nominations will be accepted for both awards till April 8, in the school or church office.

### **St. Thomas Soup Supper - February 27, 2022** **10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. w/ Raffle Drawing at 3:00 pm**

The committee is asking parish members to donate the following: **2 pies, adult or kid themed basket, baked goods, and items for prizes and the Instant Winner Stand.** If anyone wishes to give a **monetary donation** please place in an envelope marked “soup donation” & return to the church or school offices. Also, please consider bringing your own gallon and half gallon containers if purchasing carryout. The committee is also accepting donations of gallon and half gallon containers with lids to provide for those who do not have their own. Thanks!!

### **St. Thomas Soup Supper**

**10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2022**

**Menu:** Chili & Vegetable Soup (made same day)

Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches, Desserts & Drinks

Face Painting Games Cake Spin Basket Stand

Baked Goods Instant Winner Quilt Raffle

Games available until 2:30 p.m.

**BIG RAFFLE** at 3:00 p.m.

**CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE UNTIL 3:00 p.m.**

Fundraiser benefits

St. Thomas Church and St. Thomas School

### **St. Thomas Cleaning Crew**

The St. Thomas Cleaning Crew for February will report for duty on **Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** Thanks to all of our parishioners that give of their time to take care of our church. Please feel free to jump in and help on the 26<sup>th</sup> even if you are not scheduled to clean in February. All help is greatly appreciated!

### **Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)**

June 12-16, 2022

**We are in need of two adult chaperones for the trip.**

The Youth need one more male and female adult to accompany the group. Michael Gier and Lauren Few are presently scheduled to accompany the group.

### **Make-up sessions:**

**9:15 am Saturday, February 12,**

**Confirmation Preparation of Youth**

**9:15 am Saturday, February 19**

**Holy Communion Session 1**

**Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation**

Parent/Youth Meetings are scheduled for

**9:15 am & 2 pm March 5,** at St. Thomas Church.

**Holy Communion Session 2**

**Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for**

**Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

**Confirmation/First Communion** is scheduled for **Saturday Nov. 5, 2022,** for our present 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

# 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.

## This Week's Scripture Readings:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Jas 1:1-11</b>	<b>Mk 8:11-13</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Jas 1:12-18</b>	<b>Mk 8:14-21</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Jas 1:19-27</b>	<b>Mk 8:22-26</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Jas 2:1-9</b>	<b>Mk 8:27-33</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Jas 2:14-24,26</b>	<b>Mk 8:34-9:1</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Jas 3:1-10</b>	<b>Mk 9:2-13</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49</b>	
		<b>Lk 6:27-38</b>

**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.

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Diane Bunton, Catherine Ochs, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Bruce Fisher, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & 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. 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, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

## Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

– Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. To submit a nomination, go to <https://dio.org/schools/eas>.

## Catholic Scholars Program

Eastern Illinois University

**Attention High School Juniors and Seniors.** The EIU Newman Center started a program called the Catholic Scholars program 3 years ago. This program allows students to take theology courses at the Newman Center and receive college course credit and a scholarship. The program consists of 6 classes, so a student takes one 12-week class each semester for 3 years. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship for taking the class (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. The program has classes that look at the Church, Christ, the sacraments, the Bible, and moral life. EIU is the only state university in the country that offers a program like this and 3 of our St. Thomas parishioners are already participating in this program. More details will be shared at CYO.

**Effingham Catholic Charities presents, *Drinking Habits***, written by Tom Smith, to benefit Effingham Catholic Charities. Local talent will be performing the play, and it will be held on March 10, 11, 12, and 13 at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center at Hendelmeyer Park in Effingham, Illinois. Doors open at 6:30 PM, curtain rises at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$30 per person (includes wine and snacks). The Sunday performance will begin at 1 and tickets cost \$20 per person (wine not included). Tickets will go on sale February 7!

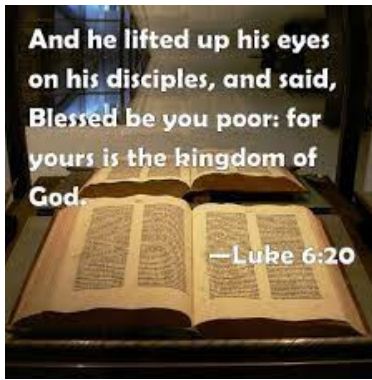
## NOTES from Newton Family Center Board Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Events Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, is a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from 7:30-10:30. Come see some of your kids' favorite movie and TV characters and take home some goodies! Please contact Brian Bierman at 217-821-1217 if you can help work the breakfast.

Also, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, will mark the start of the **online auction generously hosted by Schmidt Auctions**. The auction will run from March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are willing to donate something please contact Linda Spindler, Development Director at 217-342-5433 right away. Donated items need to be received by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced at the breakfast.

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Newton Family Life Center will have a **fish fry** at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. More details will follow! Thank you Grand Knight Chuck Einhorn and K of C #1704.

February 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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Ste. Marie, Illinois 62459 Tel: 618-455-3155  
E-mail: [stmarychurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmarychurch@psbnewton.com)  
Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)  
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:** 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 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary  
**8:30 am – Holy Mass**

**Reconciliation:** As scheduled by request;  
available 8 – 9 a.m. Saturdays at St. Thomas

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

**Collection for the week of February 6, 2022**

To be reported next week

**St Mary's 2021 Contribution Statements**

Available by request only. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the parish office 618-455-3155.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- February 20, 2022**

**Ushers:** Roger Hemrich, George Kirts  
**Servers:** Owen Ochs/ Chase Kistner  
**Lectors:** Ethan Zwilling/ Ron Zwilling  
**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Beth Hartrich Family  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Maria Zumbahlen

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Sts Cyril & Methodius**

**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Weekday,**

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: Viola Keller+)

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. – PSR**

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

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: John Lybarger+)

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**5:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP LASAGNA DINNER**

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

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

**PRECANA:** St Mary's Pre Cana session will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St Mary's Parish Center. Registration has begun. You can register online by going on our website, [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org), or call the parish office – 618-455-3155. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

**St Mary's Youth Group will host their annual Lasagna Dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm,** in the St Mary's Parish Center. Purchasing a ticket includes lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink as well as some entertainment!!

**Adults (12 and up) \$8.00. Children (3-11) \$4.00**

Come enjoy a night out where we serve you! Contact a youth group member or Sarah (618) 562-8745 to purchase a ticket. Find us after Mass each week too!

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 February 2022**

**Believing Justice and Mercy.** In Luke's Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks to more than just his own people. We hear four **blesseds** and four related **woes**. He first calls all those in the crowd, and now calls us to rejoice and leap for joy at the blessed activities dealing with justice and mercy. The implication: do the **blesseds**; avoid the **woes**.

**AREA EVENT:**

**MARDI GRAS in SAINTE MARIE;** Presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932 on Saturday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, Mini Parade – Food – Music – Drinks – 50/50. Come and celebrate with us!!!