

January 25-26, 2025
Third 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

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

January 18-19, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,690.00
Loose	\$	339.00
Subtotal	\$	6,029.00
School Fund	\$	410.00
First Offering	\$	46.00
Catholic Times	\$	337.00
Building Fund	\$	305.00
Other	\$	20.00
Subtotal	\$	1,118.00
Grand Total	\$	7,147.00
December Online giving	\$	4,055.80
December ACH	\$	2,246.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$60,411.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,041.00

St. Thomas Online Giving: Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church's website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

This Week in Our Parish/Catholic School's Week

Mon., January 27, St. Angela Merici

33 Days to Morning Glory Self-Retreat begins

Tues., January 28, St. Agnes

8:00 am Rosary at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, January 29, Weekday

All-School Mass at St. Anthony, Effingham

No Mass at St. Thomas

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary/CYO at St. Thomas(meeting at Silk Purse or Master's Hands)

Thursday, January 30, St. Vincent

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

6:00 pm St. Thomas Finance Council Mtg

Friday, January 31, St. Frances de Sales

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Larry Hardiek)

Sat., Feb. 1, Weekday, First Saturday at St. Mary

Day 6 of 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

7:30 am Adoration/Reconciliation at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Roscoe Miller)

Sunday, February 2, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word Day for Consecrated Life

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

8:45 am Pre-baptismal Class

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Estelle Kennedy)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	Heb 9:15,24-28	Mk 3:22-30
Tues.:	Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35
Weds.:	Heb 10:11-18	Mk 4:1-20
Th.:	Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Fri.:	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Sat.:	Heb 11:1-2,8-19	Mk 4:35-41
Sun.:	Mal 3:1-4	Heb 2:14-18
		Lk 2:22-40

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 **OR** by appointment

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2025 Schedule.

Feb. 2, June 1, and October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, February 1 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lori Rauch
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Kim Zuber, Denisse Ochs
Servers: Bailey Meinhart & Kyle Meinhart
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch/Randy Hemrich

Sunday, February 2 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower
EM: Jill/Gus/Lucy Bierman, Jamie Shamhart
Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Jace Bergbower
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, February 2 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Marissa Bower
EM: Charlie/Jan Schackmann, Nikki Earnest,
Tony Sparks
Servers: Jennelle Hinterscher & Claire Schackmann
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Aleah Jean Frichtl, infant daughter of Tyler & Amanda Frichtl, who was recently baptized at St. Thomas. Godparents are Andrew Frichtl & Lacey Simpson. May God continue the good work begun in her!

A Sincere Thank You. I want to send a sincere thank you to both the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's for all the kind words and generous donations given to me for my mission trip to Denver, CO in March. I am truly excited to be able to engage with the homeless to make them feel loved. *—Aleah Higgs*

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Jan. 29th – Night of Service – Meeting at Silk Purse & Master's Hands

Feb. 5th – Hey, Father! with special guest Fr. Jayke

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
February 7, 2025**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. It is a sacrificial offering of love to commit to a specific time during Adoration, so we have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. This will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

The St. Thomas School Trivia Night. If parishioners are interested in helping, please continue saving bottles of wine and thinking about what you can do to contribute to the live or silent auction. Don't forget to get your team registration forms turned in!!

**ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
ANNUAL WINE & COCKTAIL TASTING**



Saturday, January 25th, 2025

5:30pm at the Newton KC Hall

\$15.00 donation

Featuring:

- Wine and Cocktails
- Delicious food and appetizers (St Thomas Angels)
- Live auction with sports drink themed, handcrafted wooden crates with sports accessories (Wood-Iron-Stone Design), 2 St. Louis Cardinals vs Phillies baseball tickets, 2 St. Louis Blues vs Blackhawks hockey tickets

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St. Thomas School will be holding a kindergarten and new student informational pre-registration night on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025. The evening will begin with a parent meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. Information will be provided about our kindergarten program and the school and general information as well. Prospective kindergarten students are welcomed. The teachers will take them to the classroom to explore and play. The teachers and Mrs. Bierman will answer any questions you may have. A tour of the building will conclude the night. There is a pre-registration form on the school website, www.stthomassaints.com that can be filled out and brought that evening, or you can contact the school for a copy. Forms will also be available that evening. Whether your intention is to send your child(ren) to St. Thomas or you just have questions, please feel free to attend. No commitment is expected. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or by email at jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

The 2024 St. Thomas Contribution Statements are available upon request. Thank you for your generosity!

You are invited to a Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Saturday, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10 am at St. Aloysius Church. Potluck meal will follow in the parish hall with meat and drinks provided. Signup by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Annie Beverlin, Brenda Zuber, Charles Sroka, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Delorse Johnson, Ted and Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: **Larry Hardiek**, the brother of Geri Woods & Mary Lynn Carroll and **Jean Chambers**, Sue Volk's mother

Discernment Retreat for Single Women

ages 18-45 are invited to a weekend of personal and communal reflection with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, **February 21-23, 2025**, in St. Louis, MO. This retreat is an opportunity to learn – through conversation, contemplation, prayer and spiritual guidance – how to recognize God's invitation for your life. Learn more and register by February 7 at ssnd.org/events/retreat225/ or contact S. Lois Martens, SSND at 618-783-7171. The retreat is provided free of charge.

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with the SSND North American Vocation Team every month through June 2025. The next online evening prayer will be **Tuesday, January 28** at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT. Learn more and register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/x3t6b2n>

Trending on FORMED:

33 Days to Morning Glory. This program offers individuals an easy way to enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By learning to entrust ourselves to Mary, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself. Order here: <https://catholic.market/programs/hearts-afire/33-days-to-morning-glory/>

Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection.

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world. From the Emmy award-winning director Roger Young (Joseph and Jesus) comes the spectacular story of Paul the Apostle. This augmented adaptation, largely based on the biblical account, profiles Christ's most prolific messenger. Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world. *Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.*

Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Join St. Thomas and St. Mary parishioners as we prepare for Marian Consecration. Introductory meeting on **Saturday, January 25th at 9:00am at St. Mary.** An informational flyer including how to get started and a timeline is available in the St. Thomas gathering space. Call 618-783-8741 to learn more.

Join us for the annual Illinois March for Life in Springfield on **March 25, 2025.** A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Events Center (KC hall) at 7:30am and return at 4:30pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capitol at 12noon and the March at 1pm. Bring a sack lunch. Open to Jr Hi thru Adults. Pray, kneel, sit, and **STAND UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE.** Cost \$20. Deadline for registration is March 1. For information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

Mark Your Calendars

April 25, 2025 - St. Thomas Church - 7:00 pm
Ultreya Mass celebrating the DeColores Community
Confessions 6:30 pm
Reception in parish center following Mass
All are welcome!

The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their annual online auction to be launched on March 15th at their annual breakfast – St. Thomas Parish Center. If your family or business would be willing to donate an item (or cash to go towards an item), please call or text Renee Gier at 217-821-0872. Please submit items by mid-February. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important community resource!

Interested...Communion Service and Rosary at Villas of Holly Brook. Please contact the offices of St. Thomas (618)783-8741 or St. Mary (618)455-3155 if you would be interested in distributing Holy Communion and praying the Rosary with the residents of the Villas in Newton on Fridays at 10:30 am. Please help us continue this ministry to give back to parishioners who have given so much to our parishes.

SonRise Men's Prayer Breakfast Friday

All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for **hot Breakfast; ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM,** and concluding at 7:30.

This Friday, SonRise Men's Breakfast via *That Man Is You!* (TMIY) is excited to welcome back Paradisus Dei's Michael Gormley for the challenging topic of human suffering.

Form a habit of prayer and hope for 2025. You'll be glad you did!

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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

First Saturday of the Month

7:30am–8:15am 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, January 27th, St Angela Merici

Tuesday, January 28th, St Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Monsignor Phillip O’Neal+)

Wednesday, January 29th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, January 30th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Catherine Kocher+)

Friday, January 31st, St John Bosco

Saturday, February 1st, First Saturday

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Deceased of the Parish+)

**Sunday, February 2nd, 4th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Beavers+)

**PSR – During this time of winter weather, remember
if there is no school, or school has an early dismissal
due to weather, PSR will also be cancelled.**

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of January 19, 2025**

Envelopes	\$1,015.00
Loose	<u>161.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 1,176.00
Haiti	90.00
Catholic Times	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,346.00

St Mary’s Church Tithe

November Tithe Income \$9,923.0

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$992.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – February 2, 2025

**Ushers: George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann,
Nicholas Zwilling**

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/Wade Schackmann

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Lora Ochs

Gift Bearer: Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

**Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Hartrich, Bridget
Matson, Elfrieda Kaufmann**

Events

**2/2/2025 – Newman Breakfast /T-Town KC 7am –
Noon**

**2/9/2025 – Valentine Breakfast, St Valentine Hall
In the Bend - 8am - Noon**

**2/22/2025 -Anniversary Celebration /St Mary
Parish**

3/2/2025 – St Mary’s Annual Brunch

3/8/2025 – PreCana Session- 8:30am – 3pm

Reservations due by February 20, 2025

St Mary’s Brunch

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8am – noon

**Plans under way for the annual brunch, donations
are needed for 2 hogs, ham, milk, orange juice,
coffee, fruit, and baked goods. More updates to
follow!**

**Volunteers Needed - A group of ladies from St Mary’s
parish are going to begin volunteering on Mondays at
the Silk Purse in Newton. They are Lora Semple, Nancy
Zwilling, Julie Shamhart, and they would enjoy having
you join them. There is no set time, it is come and go as
you can. Area churches are taking a day to help out and
it would be great if St. Mary’s could take a day to lend
a hand. There is a form to be filled out for all
volunteers. They will be available in the parish office
or by stopping in at the store. Any questions contact
Lora Semple.**