

November 11-12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

November 4-5, 2023 Collection

Envelopes \$ 10,677.00

Loose \$ 660.00

Subtotal \$ 11,337.00

School Fund \$ 1,515.00

Building Fund \$ 775.00

Special Collections \$ 180.00

Subtotal \$ 2,470.00

Grand Total \$ 13,807.00

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$40,180.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,018.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Nov. 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Tuesday, Nov. 14, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., Nov. 15, St. Albert the Great

Last day to order Norwex

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Robert "Bob" Kerans)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm OCIA

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

Thurs., Nov. 16, Sts Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30 – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Tom/Donette O'Malley)

10:30 am Villas of Holly Brook Mass

Sat., Nov. 18, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, Nov. 19, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time;

Bible Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Jerome/Jeanne Stark)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas - Weber Baptism

(Int: Barry/Erin Sparks Bergbower)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, November 18 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Luke Zuber

EM: Mark Bolander, Matt/Amanda Baltzell,

Denisse Ochs

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Brooke Farley

Gift Bearers: Ron & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, November 19 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Tony Weber

EM: Mark/Janet Vahling, Pam Francis

Servers: Tyler Spiker & Brady Francis

Gift Bearers: Nick & Sarah Hemrich

Musicians: Debbie Matson & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, November 19 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ryan Probst

EM: Julie Higgs, Dee Bower, Marissa Bower,

Charlie Schackmann

Servers: Alaina Urfer & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler

Greeters/Ushers:

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule

- **Weds, November 22**, Thanksgiving Eve, CYO participating in ministries at 7:00 pm Mass (please arrive by 6:30 pm)
- **Sat, December 2**, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Mt. Gilead Church, Bethlehem Walk
- **Fri, December 8**, 5:00 pm - Meet at Floral Hall at Fairgrounds for Ministerial Alliance's Food Box Project
- **Weds, Dec. 20th** – Cleaning Church
Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

CYO and Mission Trip Fundraiser

CYO is raffling off one of the Ag. Mechanics class's Nativity Scenes to raise money for the mission trip and group activities. You can purchase a \$5 ticket from any CYO member or at the church or school. These metal nativities, once light is applied, make a beautiful shadow presentation. **The drawing will be held at our St. Thomas Christmas Program on Dec. 13th.** Tickets will be on sale after each Mass the next two weekends and then available up until the time of the drawing!

This Week at St. Thomas School

Tues: 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney

Fall picture re-takes

Weds: 8:30 am Class Mass

Fri: 8:30 am All-School Mass

2nd Qtr Mid-term

1:15 pm K-2 Thanksgiving program

Early Dismissal 2:00 pm

St. Thomas Soup Supper Meeting. If you are interested in discussing the future of the St. Thomas Soup Supper, there will be a brainstorming meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12th following the 10:00 mass in the parish center.

St. Thomas Harvest Picnic was another success for our parish. This year's result is a net profit of \$36,925.36. The Newton Family Life Center and the Peterson Park Christmas lights will share 10% of our profit. Be sure to check out the St. Thomas addition to the Peterson Park Lights as you drive through the park this Christmas Season. Not only does our success benefit our parish but other local organizations that work hard for the betterment of our community!

Thank you, Charlie! Charlie Schackmann recently resigned from the St. Thomas Finance Council after serving for many years. Thank you for the countless hours that you have dedicated not only to the finance council but to our parish and school. Enjoy those grandkids!!

St. Thomas School 8th Graders were recognized as



November's Hometown Heroes for their various acts of service.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

2023 St. Thomas graduate, Adam Schumacher, was



honored at the 10:00 am Mass last Sunday for his nativity art work that was chosen as a national winner of the Missionary Childhood Association contest and displayed in Washington D. C. We continue to be very proud! Congratulations, Adam!

Diocesan Centennial Campaign. Members of the St. Thomas Finance Council, Pastoral Council and School continue to discuss the upcoming Diocesan Centennial Campaign. A parish vitality study is underway that will help each of our parishes determine how to proceed with this campaign for the benefit of our parishes and school. Much is yet to be learned and discussed, and we hope to have more information to share with our parishes soon.

Last chance to sign-up!

St. Thomas Monthly Church Cleaning Update

Beginning January 2024, a new schedule will be used for cleaning the church. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space for anyone interested. Thank you for helping!

Norwex Party

to Help Get Monthly Cleaning Supplies:

The Angels are hosting a Norwex party so that we can get some supplies FREE. If anyone is interested in purchasing Norwex here is the link:

http://cindymcgrady.norwex.biz/en_US/customer/party/6932470

You can purchase supplies until November 15th. Below is a list of items of interest. You can have your item(s) sent to St. Thomas church or take them to the office.

- 2 Tile Mop Pads
- 2 Spray Attachments for Mop
- 1 Rubber Brush
- 2 Enviro Wands
- 1 Detergent Strips set
- 4 Window Cloths

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Any questions, direct them to Ginger Robins 618-553-8070 or Janet Cummins 618-554-1616.

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.



Please pray for the Sick:

Richard Hippler, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Wis 1:1-7	Lk 17:1-6
Tues.:	Wis 2:23-3:9	Lk 17:7-10
Weds.:	Wis 6:1-11	Lk 17:11-19
Th.:	Wis 7:22b-8:1	Lk 17:20-25
Fri.:	Wis 13:1-9	Lk 17:26-37
Sat.:	Wis 18:14-16,19:6-9	Lk 18:1-8
Sun.:	Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31	1Thes 5:1-6
	Mt 25:14-30	

Upcoming November Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

- **5:30 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Mary's
- **7:00 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Thomas
 - CYO covering the ministries

Knights of Columbus Remembrance Mass

- **5:30 pm** Tuesday, November 28 at St. Thomas

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In honor of National Vocation Week let us keep Taylor Smith in our prayers as she has begun her spiritual journey at the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George Convent in Alton, IL. May God be with her. Please keep all vocations in your prayers that those who are called hear His still, small voice. Letters of support and encouragement can be sent to:

Taylor Smith
1 Franciscan Way
Alton, IL 62002

Have you checked out FORMED? Don't miss this free resource of valuable Catholic Christian materials for movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.

To gain access to the content:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA) Christmas Food Basket Project.

As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...no food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 9th and 10th. Call 618-783-2226 to learn more about how you can get involved.

Please welcome the priest visiting our parishes the weekend of November 25-26. He comes to us from **Cross Catholic Outreach** and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to:

CrossCatholic.org/outreach OR

text BLESSINGS to 474747

Veteran's Day Prayer

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

Prayer by Fr. Austin Flemming, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston on his blog [The Concord Pastor](#).

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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

Linda Mertens

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 Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 13th, St Frances Xavier

Tuesday, November 14th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Clarence Keller+)

Wednesday, November 15th, St Albert the Great

6:30 p.m. - PSR Class

Thursday, November 16th, St Margaret of Scotland

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, November 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary

**Saturday, November 18th, St Rose Philippine
Duchesne**

Sunday, November 19th, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Herman Zwilling+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of November 5, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 1545.00

Loose 165.00

Sub Total \$ 1710.00

All Saints 135.00

Total \$ 1845.00

St Mary's Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$28228.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 2823.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – November 19, 2023

Ushers: George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann, Roger Hemrich

Servers: Daniel Uebinger/Max Ochs

Lectors: Mike Hartrich/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich, Amy Frohning

All Soul's Day

On All Soul's Day we honored our beloved deceased for the past year.

Sam Zuber

Coletta Ochs

Marcella Strutner

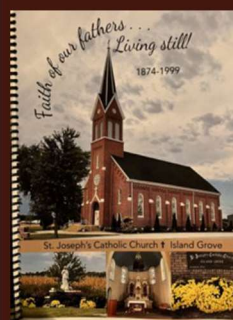
Ronald Kirts

Judith Wagner

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to pray for the protection of all Life at St Anthony of Padua in Effingham on Monday November 20. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

**Sesquicentennial Celebration
St. Joseph's Church**



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community throughout 2024. A public celebration is in the planning for September 8th, 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. Pickup dates for purchases will be conducive for Christmas (2023) gift giving on orders placed in a timely manner. The purchase price for the 1974 & 1999

combination reprint is \$25 dollars (cover image included here); \$15 for the 1924 reprint. For inquires and orders, please contact Sandy Meinhart:217-273-1758 sameinhart@gmail.com or St. Isidore Parish Office:217-925-5788 office@stisidore.dio.org