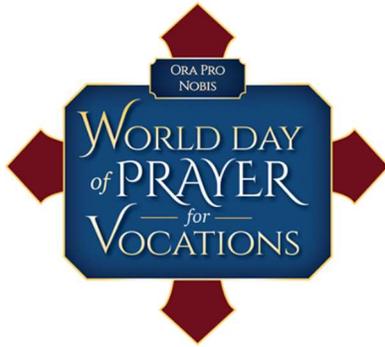


April 29th – 30th, 2023
 Fourth Sunday of Easter



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst (email/text): dprobst@dio.org)

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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 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

April 22-23, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,563.00
Loose	\$	136.00
Subtotal	\$	6,699.00
Seminarians	\$	25.00
Building Fund	\$	25.00
School Fund	\$	645.00
Subtotal	\$	695.00
Grand Total	\$	7,394.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$52,900.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,290.00

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Baptism for Kendra Ochs

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

Monday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 pm Mass (Mike Passalacqua+)

Tuesday, May 2, St. Athanasius

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Larry Kerner

6:30 pm Parents Mtg for Confirmation/First Comm.

Wednesday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Zola Klingler+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR for 2nd Graders preparing for

Confirmation/First Holy Communion

Thurs. May 4, Easter Weekday; National Prayer Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 5, Easter Weekday

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at **8:00 am**

8:30 am All-School Mass (Michael Mulvey+)

Saturday, May 6, Easter Weekday

7:45 am – 8:15 am Confessions at St. Mary's

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Parent Mtg at St. Mary's for Candidates of
 Confirmation/First Communion.

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

BAPTISM:

Lilah Rhett Ruholl, infant daughter of Lucas and Kayla (Barnick) Ruholl was baptized at the 10 am Mass Sunday at St. Thomas Church. Godparents are: Clayton Barnick & Hanna Brummer.



The next **pre-baptismal class** will be held **Sunday, May 7th at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish office. Baptisms are scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the church, the family of God.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 6 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Beth Ochs
E.M.: Brad & Kim Ochs, Mark Bolander, Glenda Spiker
Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Russell Brewer Family
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, May 7 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Aubrey Bergbower; Sara Bergbower
EM: Janet & Mark Vahling, Jill Bierman, Lori TeVault
Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Alani Bergbower
Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, May 7 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Renee Gier; Sadie Iffert
EM: Brad & Annie Ochs, Charlie & Jan Schackmann
Servers: Lauren Gier & Drew Iffert
Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

St. Thomas CYO:

Thank you to all of the high school youth that participated this year. It is amazing what this group accomplished and will continue to accomplish. We look forward to seeing all of you again in the fall and welcoming the incoming freshmen! **We will miss you, Seniors!** Thank you Jenny, Lori and Linda for spending your Wednesday evenings with our parish high school youth!!

The Family of RoseAnn Kerner would like to thank Fr. Dean for the beautiful Mass and for the time that he spent visiting RoseAnn while she was in Evansville and Mt. Carmel. They would also like to thank the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for the delicious meal and all who helped with the funeral service. A special thank you to the musicians for sharing their lovely voices. Thank you ALL!

St. Thomas Parish is excited to offer FORMED to parishioners. Please see this weekend's bulletin insert from Fr. Dean to learn more about how to subscribe to this premier online Catholic platform. Our parish will be using the material offered on FORMED to support our parish ministries, to continue faith formation and education and as an outreach tool. To gain access to all of FORMED's content follow the simple steps listed on the bulletin insert. Enjoy!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office.
The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick, especially, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Fr. Ben Meyer & Larry Kerner

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18	Mt 13:54-58
Tues.:	Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Weds.:	1Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14
Thurs.:	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri.:	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sat.:	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14
Sun.:	Acts 6:1-7	1Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

Our **Parochial Vicar Father Pawel "Paul" Luczak** is on vacation with a friend & family from Poland for several weeks touring East Coast Cities of the USA. The regular schedule of 8:30 am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's and Wednesday and Friday at St. Thomas will resume while there is only one priest here.

Diaconate Ordinations: Seminarians Jayke White



and Alex McCullough, both who served in our parish during the summers are scheduled to be

ordained to the transitional Diaconate **6:30 pm Friday, May 26, at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL.** Please keep them along with **Ryan Keough** as these three proceed to the Ordained Ministry of Deacons. Anyone who might like to carpool to the Ordination should call the parish offices and leave name and phone number for contact.

NOTE: The PSR 2nd Grade Class will continue meeting 6:30 pm Wednesdays, May 3rd and 10th, in St. Mary's parish center in preparation for Confirmation and First Communion. The retreat is due to Wednesday May 17th.

Please mark your calendars.

Congratulations, Graduates! We will be recognizing our parishes Jr. High, High School and College graduates in the bulletin on the weekend of May 13/14. If you have or are a college graduate that you would like to have listed, please contact the St. Thomas parish office 618-783-8741.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMPERS

If you signed up to go on the Mission Trip to Huntingburg, Indiana, July 9-14, 2014, you should have received an email from our parish office, asking you to register with the Workcamp. This year everything is digital so no collecting of the papers to be filled out and copied three times. If you have not signed up yet or have questions, please call the St. Thomas parish office, 618-783-8741. If you haven't signed up and would like to go, the Workcamp does have spaces open. Let us know.

St. Thomas Mt. Calvary and St. Peters' Cemeteries have updated their price lists effective immediately. For an updated price list, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618-783-8741.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send your Holy Spirit to help men and women respond generously and courageously to your call to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious persons. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, God forever, and ever. Amen.

El Shaddai, Effingham's residential home for pregnant women, will be having a breakfast and silent auction at the Cornerstone Church in Effingham on **June 3rd from 7am-noon**. Please contact El Shaddai on Facebook to see how you can help!

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Family Life Center Dance
Saturday August 12th at the West End Reception Hall



The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is

required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Prayers for our neighboring parish/diocese **A Statement from Fr. Marc Stec, Pastor,** **Holy Cross Church, Wendelin**

Dear Family and Friends of Holy Cross Church,

Monday, April 24 the church suffered from considerable fire damage. Though the State Fire Marshall may not determine the exact cause of the fire, the fire engulfed the organ console and a large portion of the choir loft. The flames, heat, and smoke also left considerable damage to the rest of the church. The insulation in the crawl space between the ceiling and the roof also smoldered which required the fire department to spray water throughout this space and thus water damage occurred to the ceiling and the walls of the church.

Though the damage is significant, the walls of the church are still standing as well as the sanctuary and the beautiful reredos which we are so proud of.

It may seem difficult to see any good from such destruction, Let us be thankful that a passerby took the steps to contact the fire department after noticing smoke from the choir loft.

Let us be thankful for the many of our area fire departments and fire protection districts responded in a quick fashion and tackled the fire.

Let us be thankful that no one was hurt or God forbid killed.

Let us be thankful for the community that came together to support these first responders.

Today, we begin the process of clean up, repair, and rebuilding the interior of the church.

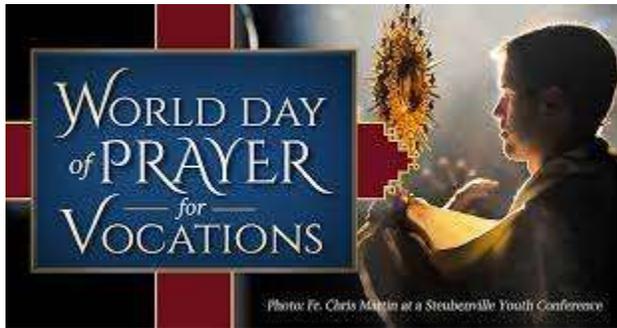
PLEASE, PLEASE: I know that many of us may want to see the damage of the church for ourselves. As we struggle with the reality of the situation, we need to rely on our own senses. I hope that you understand that we cannot allow anyone in the church. At the moment, the church is not safe. There is the danger of falling debris from the ceiling of the church as well as particular matter in the air due to the burning of the insulation, wood, plastics etc. I will try to get pictures of the interior and make those public online.

Through the Diocese of Belleville, we have insurance through Catholic Mutual for the replacement cost of the damage minus a \$5,000 deductible. I was contacted last night about creating a go fund me page, please hold off until we can assess the need.

Finally, thank you for all your concerns and prayers, Bishop McGovern assures us of his concerns. Please be aware that we will be unable to open the doors of the church for viewing and please do not consider us rude that today, the office staff may keep any conversations short in order to allow important phone calls to come through.

NOTE: Mass will most likely be celebrated this weekend in the parish hall.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 7:45 am - 8:15 am First Saturday of Month
before/after Mass and as scheduled by request or
available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am (except First
Saturdays) and 3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of April 23, 2023**

Envelopes	\$1,326.00
Loose	133.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,459.00
Rice Bowl	10.00
Haiti	40.00
Total	\$ 1,509.00

St Mary's Church February Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$12,511.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,251.00

Congratulations to Allison Kirts who has been selected by the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) as a winner of a \$1500 SDCCW Excellence in Leadership Award.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 30, Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 1st St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 2nd St. Athanasius

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Ron Kirts+)

6:30pm Parent Confirm/First Comm. Mtg - St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 3rd, Easter Weekday

6:30 p.m. – Candidates for Confirmation/Comm.

Thursday, May 4th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, May 5th, Easter Weekday

First Friday Pastoral Visits for Holy Communion

10:00 - 3 pm to be scheduled.

Saturday, May 6th, Easter Weekday

7:45 am -8:15 am Confessions at St. Mary's

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Ben Meyer+)

10:00 am Parent Confirmation Session at St. Mary's

Sunday, May 7th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, May 7

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Kirts, & Kelby Ochs

Servers: Charlee Hartrich & Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling & Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Matson, Lora Semple
& Jeanne Johnson

FIRST FRIDAY/PASTORAL VISITS:

If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion from their pastor, please call the parish office by Wednesday noon so that arrangements can be made for a visit this coming First Friday of the Month. Those on the list from last month do not need to call.

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BIG RAFFLE TICKET: Plans are being made for the picnic. If you would like to be included in this year's Big Ticket Raffle, please contact the parish office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800. If you donated last year you will be contacted soon.