

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6-7, 2026



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

May 30-31, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,372.00
Loose	\$	574.00
Subtotal	\$	8,946.00
Annual School Fund	\$	420.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	165.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	55.00
Other	\$	25.00
Subtotal	\$	665.00
Grand Total	\$	9,611.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, June 8, Weekday

Tues., June 9, St. Ephrem

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, June 10, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Int. Carol Schafer)

9:00 am Rosary

Thursday, June 11, St. Barnabas

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, June 12, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Fonda Fear)

Saturday, June 13, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Anthony of Padua

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2nd Collection

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Kimberly English & Ruby Sroka)

Sun., June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2nd Collection

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

9:35 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Frank Rubsam & Jack Shedelbower)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1 Kgs 17:1-6	Mt 5:1-12
Tues.: 1 Kgs 17:7-16	Mt 5:13-16
Weds.: 1 Kgs 18:20-39	Mt 5:17-19
Th.: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3	Mt 5:20-26
Fri.: Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16	Mt 11:25-30
Sat.: 1 Kgs 19:19-21	Mt 5:33-37
Sun.: Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11	Mt 9:36-10:8

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

October 4 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. Ephrem and all Doctors of the Church,
pray for us.*

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, June 13 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Linda Hemrich, Alice Addis, Glenda Spiker,
Wanda Kocher
Servers: Hank & Gauge Weber, Carissa Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Randy Hemrich
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Einhorn
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, June 14 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Aaron Volk
EM: Amy Hartrich, Theresa Volk, Lily Bierman,
Allison Weber
Servers: Will & Emma Hartrich, Micah Finley
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, June 14 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman
EM: John Bower, Sara Mette, Helen & Leo Weber
Servers: Luke Bower, Patrick Bower, Jack Weber
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anna Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Sound System Update:

Thank you, Elite Enterprises for being so easy to work with as we updated and improved our sound system. Fr. Pawel along with our Pastoral and Finance Councils look forward to hearing the results of all the hard work that went into the improvements this past week! More information to follow on how to use the new features.

Mark your calendars for June 28, 2026.

St. Thomas will celebrate the feast day of their Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle. More details to follow.



BAPTISM: Congratulations, Benjamin Andrew Muska, infant son of Blake and Eliza (Bierman), who was recently baptized at St. Thomas. Godparents are Kyle Muska & Lily Bierman. May God continue the good work begun in him!

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Friday of every month. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

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

Next Weekend!!

Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection

We have had such a positive response to this summer's mission trip! It is exciting to see so many youth interested in this faith-filled experience and willing to give up a week of their summer to participate! *Please consider making a donation during the second collection on June 13-14* to help cover the expense of this trip. Your support will help cover the cost of transportation and supplies. **THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Jon Webb, Leah Semple Finley, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Sheila Dhom Thomas, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Carol Schafer, Jim/Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Carol Schafer & Fonda Fear

On FORMED

An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, meeting in the process with saints, murderers, exorcists, popes, presidents, conspirators, and encountering both miracles and evil crimes.

During her intense investigation, Lupe discovers the deep secrets of both the Heart of Jesus, and of her own heart that is afflicted by old wounds in need of healing. This film is being released in conjunction with Church's celebration of the 350th anniversary of the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675.

What Catholics Believe: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Who is the Holy Spirit, and how does he work in the life of the Church? In this episode, Fr. Ken Geraci explains what Catholics believe about the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Most Holy Trinity, the love proceeding from the Father and the Son.

About this series: Little Liturgies are a gentle and joyful introduction to faith, designed to help younger children (2-8) take their first steps into friendship with Jesus. Each episode shares the Sunday Gospel in a simple and engaging way.



Welcome Back, Fr. Pawel!

Our parishes are excited to welcome you back and celebrate Masses with you! We look forward to hearing

about your experiences while you were away and know that we will all have stories to share. We continue to keep you in our prayers as you adjust once again to making Newton and Ste. Marie your home.



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!

Please be sure to stop in the gathering spaces of our parish churches to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton. Thanks!

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

More details are coming soon!

Working Together to Protect Our Children

Learn how to keep our kids safe online and in person.

June 10, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

New Hope Church, Effingham, IL

Sponsored by Effingham County State's Attorney and Sheriff's Department Offices and Safe



The gift that keeps giving – for the rest of your life!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. The following upcoming weekend experiences are available.

7/31/2026 - 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO

10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

St. Thomas and St. Mary Prayer Hour for Day of Prayer for Life

The 52nd annual Day of Prayer for Life will be held **Wednesday, June 17th, at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis.** Our prayer hour is **1:00-2:00 PM** with Benediction at 7:00 PM. Our honored guest celebrant at the closing Mass at 7:30 PM will be Father Seth Brown, pastor of Mother of Dolours Church, Vandalia. Our parishes are also invited to attend the closing Mass. The pro-life prayer booklets, "Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration," will be available that day. Thank you to our parishioners for participating!

Corpus Christi, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Its significance lies in honoring the "source and summit" of the Catholic faith: the belief that the bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ.

History and Origins

St. Juliana of Liège: In the 13th century, a Belgian nun named Juliana had visions instructing the Church to establish a liturgical feast dedicated strictly to the Blessed Sacrament.

The Miracle of Bolsena: In 1263, a priest experiencing doubts about the Real Presence witnessed blood physically seeping from the consecrated host. This miracle prompted Pope Urban IV to institute Corpus Christi as a universal feast for the whole Catholic Church in 1264.

St. Thomas Aquinas: Pope Urban IV commissioned the famed theologian St. Thomas Aquinas to write the liturgical texts and hymns for the feast. Several beloved Catholic hymns, such as *Tantum Ergo* and *Panis Angelicus*, originated from this commission.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on **July 17-19, 2026.** Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Scan the QR code, visit ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, June 8th, Weekday

Tuesday, June 9th, St Ephrem

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

Wednesday, June 10th, Weekday

Thursday, June 11th, St Barnabas

8:00 p.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Mary & Harvey Nash+)

Friday, June 12th, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 13th, St Anthony of Padua

Sunday, June 14th, Eleventh Sunday in Ord Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donnie Kraus+)

Blood Drive

St Mary's will be hosting a Blood Drive on June 15th from 2pm-6pm in our Parish Center – all are welcome!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of May 31, 2026

Envelopes/online collection	\$ 1,015.00
Loose	222.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,237.00
Ascension	20.00
Retirement Fund for Priests	20.00
Total	\$ 1,277.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 14, 2026

Ushers: Kelby Ochs, Alex Kaufmann, Owen Ochs

Servers: Clay Frohning, Kennadi Ochs, Gavin Semple

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl, Tony & Janet Hartrich

Welcome Back – We are blessed to have Fr Pawel return to our parish this weekend! Keep him in your prayers, as he adjusts to being back with us.

Mission Trip – There has been such a great response from the youth of our communities to attend this year's summer mission trip! It is exciting to know that so many of our youth are interested in this faith-filled experience and want to participate. **Please consider making a donation during the second collection on June 14th to help cover the extra expenses of this trip.** Your support will help cover the cost of transportation and supplies.

THANK YOU for supporting our youth!!

St Valentine Hall

The new heating and air conditioning system has been installed recently, and work will be done in the future on the new windows and siding. These are much needed upgrades to the building.

Area Events

June 14 – Porkburger Lunch – Serving 11am – 1pm
- Christ the King Parish Hall – Greenup

June 15 – American Red Cross Blood Drive – St Mary's Parish Center 2pm – 6pm

July 3 – Jasper County Celebration America 250 – 3p.m. – 9 pm - Fireworks – Sainte Marie

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - #pm – 5 pm-
St Valentine Hall