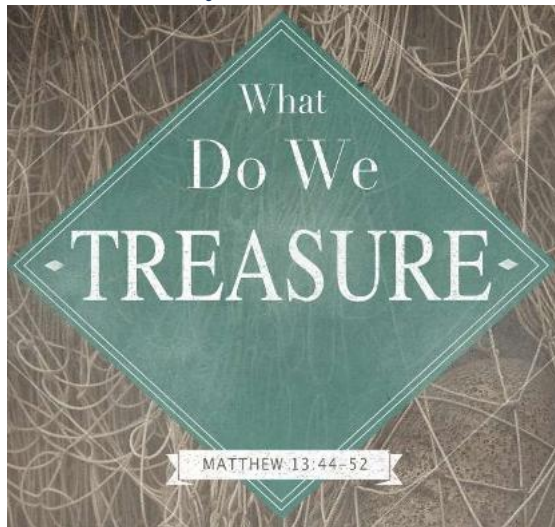


17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25-26, 2026



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

Reconciliation: 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

July 18-19, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,373.00
Loose	\$	312.00
Subtotal	\$	5,685.00
Annual School Fund	\$	245.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	105.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	220.00
Subtotal	\$	570.00
Grand Total	\$	6,255.00

This Week in Our Parish

Fr. Pawel gone this week for a Priest's Retreat
Fr. Dean will be celebrating weekday Masses with us.

Monday, July 27, Weekday

Tues., July 28, Weekday

8:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, July 29, Sts. Martha & Lazarus

8:30 am Mass (Int. Inis Probst)

9:00 am Rosary

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

Thursday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, July 31, St. Ignatius

7:30 am - 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Nancy Huddleston)

First Saturday, August 1; St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 – Adoration/Reconciliation at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

Sun., August 2, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Keith Long)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:35 am Rosary

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Jer 13:1-11	Mt 13:31-35
Tues.: Jer 14:17-22	Mt 13:36-43
Weds.: Jer 15:10,16-21	Jn 11:19-27
Th.: Jer 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Fri.: Jer 26:1-9	Mt 13:54-58
Sat.: Jer 26:11-16, 24	Mt 14:1-12
Sun.: Is 55:1-3	Rom 8:35, 37-39
	Mt 14:13-21

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 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review. Fr. Pawel would like to meet with ALL Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes. Please plan on attending **Sunday, August 9th after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.**

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 1 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Brian Bierman

EM: Brad/Kaitlyn/Alayna Ochs, Kim Zuber

Servers: Carissa Barthelme, Emily Beals, Emmalin Finley

Gift Bearers: Ken & Karen Buerster

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, August 2 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Lily Bierman

EM: Jill/Lucy Bierman, Brooke Woods, Tyler Spiker

Servers: Jilliam Volk, Jace Bergbower,

Avery Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, August 2 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Ryan Probst

EM: Sara Mette, Julie Higgs, Dennis Weber,

Ginger Robins

Servers: Ella Probst, Peter Weber, Patrick Bower

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffer & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

Grand Prize is a side x side or \$15,000 cash

Second Prize \$1,000; **Third** \$500

Raffle Tickets available soon

St. Thomas Explores the Possibility of Stained Glass windows

An anonymous donor recently established a fund with the intent to provide for stained glass windows for St. Thomas Parish. A small committee was also delegated to initiate the process.

A representative from Art Glass, Ltd out of Missouri met with Fr. Pawel and the committee recently here at St. Thomas. The Art Glass Ltd. company has been in existence for over 50 years. A sample of their work can be viewed locally. The updated windows at Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham were created and installed by Art Glass, Ltd.

As this process is still in the beginning stages, we will keep the parish informed along the way if decisions are made to continue with final plans.

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas August 7, 2026

Please join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. A sign-up sheet is available.

Remaining Fridays of the month Adoration is 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

Sound System: Cost of Project

Sound System donations collected: \$14,504.36

Paid from Building Fund: \$46,309.64

Total Cost of Project: \$60,814.00

The Sound System is working well, and we are happy to know that parishioners are using the assisted listening app for hearing aids! A couple additional options and adjusted labor costs affected the cost of the project, and we appreciate Elite Enterprises for their cooperation with us on the final cost of the project.

Thank you so much to all who contributed to help cover the cost of this project. Any parishioners still interested in contributing to help offset the cost to the parish can drop donations off at the parish office or in the collection basket.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick

Nancy(Alan) Ochs, Jon Webb, Leah Semple Finley, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Belinda Kubicki, Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Holy Family School of Faith Daily Rosary Meditations

(Find on the AMEN app or at www.schooloffaith.com)
Want to start praying, but don't know where to start? Join in for Scripture, meditation, and the Rosary. The Rosary is the most powerful weapon against evil and an easy way to encounter Jesus in prayer. The Daily Rosary Meditations podcast delivers teachings from the entire deposit of the Catholic faith and provides an ideal way to learn meditation and form practical resolutions. The Rosary transcripts equip us to share our faith by supplying topics for good conversation and content to help others learn the faith and how to pray. Thank you for answering the call of Mary to pray the Rosary daily.



The bus is **FULL** for the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on **Thursday, Sept. 24th**, at The Dome in St. Louis. A special thanks to Diann Ruholl for organizing this trip and including our area parishes.

On FORMED

The Way of Saint James

Over the lovely "Camino de Santiago," the Way of St. James, which is the ancient route leading from the Pyrenees to the famous and ancient shrine of Santiago de Compostela, this documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.

Across breathtaking landscapes, we experience a journey that is at once concrete, mystical and metaphorical in a continued alternation between past and present, between the history and legends that have fashioned the destiny of the Way of St. James. This ancient route that concludes at the shrine where St. James the Apostle is buried is the most famous Christian pilgrimage in the world. Now you can take this ancient journey through this beautifully produced film.

Angels: Bishop Fulton Sheen

In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world. In the second, "The Touch of Your Hand," Bishop Sheen delves into the beautiful truth that through His love, God makes us lovable, and we can effect this same transformation in our neighbor. Lastly, in "Caring," Bishop Sheen insists on the need to love our visible neighbors, and through these caring acts, love our invisible God.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Join Dr. James Patterson in a captivating online video course exploring the life and teachings of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, a trailblazer in Catholic media. Embark on a journey to understand Sheen's dynamic perspective and gain refreshing insights into his impact on faith, society, and personal growth. Learn how Archbishop Sheen's groundwork in Catholic media communication laid the foundation for future spiritual leaders. Under Dr. Patterson's guidance, discover Archbishop Sheen's enduring wisdom and its relevance in today's world.

Congratulations, Sr. Mary Grace!



Sr. Mary Grace is completing the novitiate stage of her religious formation on August 1st! The completion of the novitiate and profession of temporary vows is a major milestone in her life – a total commitment of her life to God through the Franciscan Sisters of the Martyr St.

George. Thank you, Sr. Mary Grace for responding to God's call for your life and for your example of discernment. Please keep Sr. Mary Grace in your prayers as she takes this next step on her vocational journey.

Mary as Queen of the Franciscan Order, pray for us.

St. Francis, pray for us.

St. Clare, pray for us.

St. George, pray for us

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.

Congratulations and encouragement can be sent to:

St. Francis Convent

1 Franciscan Way

Alton, IL 62002

Please understand that Sr. Mary Grace lives a life of poverty and her material needs are met by the community.



St. Thomas School Presents Our 14th Annual DUCK RACE 2025 Sunday, August 16th

11:00 a.m. at the

Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who have a duck in the race.

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:
St. Thomas School or Church & Peoples State Bank
Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

***ONLY 500 DUCKS SOLD!**

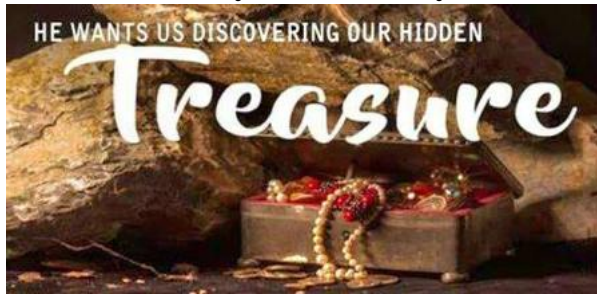
**BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!
DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517

****Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK
to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

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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, July 27th, Weekday

Tuesday, July 28th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: James & Louise O'Malley+)

Weds., July 29th, Sts Mary, Martha, & Lazarus

Thursday, July 30th, Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:00 p.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Bill Thompson+)

Friday, July 31st, Saint Ignatius of Loyola

6:00 p.m. - Geltz/Dailey Wedding Rehearsal

First Saturday, August 1st, St Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 am - 8:15am – Adoration & Reconciliation

8:30 am – Mass (Int: For the Parish)

1:30 pm - Geltz/Dailey Wedding

Sunday, August 2nd, 18th Sunday in Ord Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Norbert Ochs+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of July 19, 2026

Envelopes/online collection	\$ 995.00
Loose	226.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,221.00
Haiti	155.00
Total	\$ 1,376.00

Celebrating The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary: St Mary's will celebrate the feast day of our parish, on **August 15th, after a Saturday Mass at 5:30 pm.** Please join us for fellowship and a meal following the Mass in the parish center. Let's all join together to celebrate our feast day!!

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 2, 2026

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, George Semple,
Rodger Shamhart

Servers: Charlee Hartrich, Alivia Hartrich
Gavin Semple

Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/ Mike Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Bruce Boehl Family

E Ms: Lora Semple, Rose Gangloff, Norman Boehl

Picnic Update

Join us for the 189th Annual St Mary's Church Picnic on Sunday, September 6th! Enjoy delicious food, games, raffles, live music by SOCO, Homewood Grill ice cream, and fun for the whole family!

Basket Stand is made possible entirely through donated baskets and items. We invite individuals, families, friends, or organizations to donate a gift basket or other item. Don't want to put one together on your own? Join forces with family or friends to create a basket together. Thank you for helping make our Basket Stand a success! Please contact Becca Ochs with any questions.

Cake Stand, pans and cake boxes will be available beginning next weekend, we encourage each family to provide 2 cakes and also dessert for the dinner.

Dime Toss – Glasses can be dropped off at the parish office/ or call Kayla Kocher- 618-804-9318 for pick up.

Thank You: Words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of support, love and sympathy we experienced during dad's hospitalization and passing. We appreciate all the prayers, food, cards, gifts and words of comfort. The amount of kindness and compassion extended to our family throughout this difficult time has been not only amazing, but truly humbling. Our family is beyond blessed to have family and friends who care so deeply.

-With Heartfelt Thanks – The Norbert Ochs Family

Area Events

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - 3pm – 5 pm- St Valentine Hall