

**February 10-11, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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.

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**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

June 2, and October 6 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area at St. Thomas Church. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

February 3-4, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,353.00
Loose	\$	595.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,948.00</b>
School Fund	\$	1,110.00
Other	\$	412.00
Building Fund	\$	760.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,282.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,230.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church November Tithe**

November Tithe Income – \$48,400.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,840.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., Feb. 12, Weekday, Lincoln's Birthday**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**1:45 pm** – Palm burning for Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday**

**8:30 am All-School Mass** (Doug Frichtl)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**2:00 pm** Liturgy of Word Service, Newton Care Ctr.

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir Practice

**5:30 pm** Mass at St. Mary's

**7:00 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (CYO attending)

**Thursday, Feb. 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, Feb. 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

**8:30 am Class Mass** (Jill Bierman – Bday Intention)

**2:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Feb. 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday;**

**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

**8:00 am- 9:00 am Confessions**

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions**

**4:30 pm** Mass - (Int: Lorraine & Dorothy Ochs)

**Sunday, Feb. 18, First Sunday of Lent**

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Joe/Eunice Schackmann)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

Mon, Feb. 12 – **4:15 pm** Volleyball, here, vs H'ville

Tues, Feb. 13 – **4:15 pm** Volleyball, here, vs

Effingham with "C" game to follow

Weds, Feb. 14 - **Ash Wednesday**

Thurs, Feb. 15 - **4:30 pm** Volleyball, here, vs

St. Joe with "C" game at 3:45

Fri, Feb. 16 - **2:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** For more information contact 618-455-3155.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: Jas 1:1-11**

**Mk 8:11-13**

**Tues.: Jas 1:12-18**

**Mk 8:14-21**

**Weds.: J1 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2**

**Mt 6:1-6,16-18**

**Th.: Dt 30:15-20**

**Lk 9:22-25**

**Fri.: Is 58:1-9a**

**Mt 9:14-15**

**Sat.: Is 58:9b-14**

**Lk 5:27-32**

**Sun.: Gn 9:8-15**

**1 Pt 3:18-22**

**Mk 1:12-15**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:  
Saturday, February 17 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey  
EM: Mark Bolander, Matt/Amanda Baltzell,  
Kaitlyn Ochs

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, February 18 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Caroline Frohning

EM: Jill, Eliza, Lily Bierman, Pam Francis

Servers: Kinsley Kerner & Brady Francis

Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Lindsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, February 18 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Sue Sparks

EM: Dee Bower, John/Marissa Bower, Tony Sparks

Servers: Lincoln Probst & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship  
Centennial Campaign**

The St. Thomas Finance and Pastoral Councils had a joint meeting on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** in the parish center. The councils reviewed the results of the Centennial Campaign Survey. The results of the survey will help the councils prioritize the needs of the parish and those needs will be taken into consideration when deciding how to proceed with the campaign. **Results of the campaign survey showed that out of 243 participants School Improvements/Expansion and Parish Center Improvements were a top priority.** Please stop by the gathering space to pick up a complete copy of the survey results. *The next steps of the campaign include developing a mission/case statement for the campaign, waiting to hear back from the Diocese on the parish vitality study and inviting representatives from the Diocese to our Masses so that they can share more information about how this campaign will benefit both our parish and Diocese.* We are excited to share each step of the campaign with you! Visit <https://dio.org/centennial/#::~:~:text=The%20Centennial%20Campaign%20recognizes%20and,every%20parish%20in%20the%20diocese> by copying this link in your browser to learn more about this Diocesan wide campaign.

***Congratulations!***

**WEDDING: Mr. and Mrs. Tom & Haley (Ochs)**

**Flood** were joined in marriage Saturday, February 3 at St. Thomas Church. The wedding Mass was presided by Fr. Pawel. May they live a happily married life in faith.

**BAPTISMS: Congratulations, Warren Hartigan and Caroline Hartigan,** the son and daughter of Jordan and Amanda (Bowen) Hartigan. Warren & Caroline were baptized last Saturday evening at St. Thomas Church. May God continue the good work begun in them!

**Silk Purse Volunteers needed** to support Newton's Family Life Center.

**Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.**

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

**Save the Date: February 24, 2024**

St. Thomas School Trivia Night

**St. Thomas Cleaning Crew for February** is reporting for duty on **Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 am.** All volunteers are welcome!



**Prayer for Ash Wednesday**

When you attend Ash Wednesday Mass, arrive about 10 minutes early. Pray this Ash Wednesday prayer and reflect on how this Lent can be transformative.

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.

**St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule**

**February 14,** 7:00 pm attend Ash Wednesday Mass

**Friday, Feb. 23,** 4:15 pm Working KC's Fish Fry

**February 28,** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**March 13,** 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Rosary

**Sun, Mar. 24, Palm Sunday,** 6:30 pm Living Stations

**March 27,** Living Stations at St. Mary's

All are welcome to join CYO throughout Lent for the various spiritual Ways of the Cross.

**Ash Wednesday Mass schedule at St. Thomas**

**8:30 am** All-School Mass at St. Thomas Church

**7:00 pm** Mass at St. Thomas Church (**Please sign up**

**for lay ministries on Ministry Scheduler Pro**

**or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741)**

## 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:

Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Terry Rickman, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Alex Koebele, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Ray Kautz, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** Doug Frichtl

### SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 9th, 2024 Annual Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Sausage cooked by JC Pork Producers  
Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs!  
Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center: Newton, IL  
Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217) to work  
Bake sale sign up sheet will be in the back of church

**The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their annual online auction** to be launched on March 9th. 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. Items need to be submitted by mid-February please. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important community resource!

### St. Thomas Soup Supper

February 11, 2024  
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### MENU:

Chili & Vegetable Soup (made same day)  
Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches  
Pie, Desserts & Drinks

\*Face Painting \*Games \*Cake Spin \*Basket Stand  
\*Baked Goods \*Instant Winner

#### Quilt Raffle

Quilt Raffle to Be Held at 2:00 p.m.

CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE UNTIL 2:00 p.m.

Games available until 2:00 p.m.

Fundraiser benefits St. Thomas Church and School

### Lent begins ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 14!

Please bring your old palms to the churches to be burned to ashes to mark our repentance by Monday, February 12. Distribution of Ashes is done in a liturgical service which are scheduled as follows:

**8:30 am** All-School Mass at St. Thomas Church  
**5:30 pm** Mass at St. Mary's Church  
**7:00 pm** Mass at St. Thomas Church (Please sign up for lay ministries on Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741)

### LENTEN REGULATIONS :

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However, health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

### SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow.

St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7<sup>th</sup> grade students – adults that are interested in attending. Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 to reserve your seat by March 16.

**NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

# 2024 LENTEN FRY-DAYS

**February 16**  
Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

**February 23**  
CYO

**March 1**  
EIU Newman Center

**March 8**  
Shop with a Cop

**March 15**  
St. Thomas Church

**March 22**  
Family Life

All FRY-DAYS raise monies to benefit a local organization or charitable group.

**DINE-IN or CARRY OUT**  
4:30 - 7:00 PM  
or until sold out  
**NEWTON KC HALL**

**MENU**

MEAL INCLUDES:  
FRIED FISH,  
CHEESY HASHBROWNS,  
AND COLESLAW

**\$12 - Adult Meal**

**\$7 - Kid's Meal**

**\$15 - All Fish Order**

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**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

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**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Denisse Ochs

**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**

7:30 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 Saturday

**This Week in our Parish**

**Parish office Closed this week.**

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Connie Griffith+)

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday**

5:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish)

**NO PSR**

**Thurs., February 15<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. after Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Rosemary & Paul Mullinax+)

**Picnic Meeting in the Parish Center**

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

**Sat., February 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Dennis O’Conner+)

**Save The Date**

**February 19** – American Red Cross Blood Drive

**March 3** – Annual St Mary’s Brunch

**March 9** – PreCana Session at St Mary’s

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Collection for the week of February 4, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 1493.00
Loose	151.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1644.00</b>
Haiti	20.00
Catholic Time	36.00
Church in Latin America	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1730.00</b>

**Ministers for 5:30 pm – February 14, 2024**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Ushers:** Paul/Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith

**Servers:** Ellie Ochs/ Avery Ochs

**Lectors:** Mike Hartrich/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Lisa Ochs family

**E.M.’s:** Bridget Matson, Jeanne Johnson, Lisa Ochs

**Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – February 18, 2024**

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,

Ethan Griffith

**Servers:** Henry Zumbahlen/Daniel Uebinger

**Lectors:** Ashtyn Ochs/Nancy Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

**E.M.’s:** Lora Semple, Amy Frohning, Ben Ochs

**St Mary’s Brunch**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024; 8 a.m. – Noon**

Menu: Sausage Links & Ham

Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Breads & Fruit -Juice, Milk & Coffee

Donations are needed for 1 hog, ham, milk, orange juice, coffee, fruit and baked goods. Be sure to check the workers list. **Thanks to Lance & Maria**

**Zumbahlen for donating a hog.**

**Quilts needed:** Would your family have a quilt or quilt top to donate to keep the tradition of a Quilt Raffle in the future at St Mary’s Pre-Labor Day Picnic? If so you can call the office at St Mary’s at 618-455-3155.

**PSR** As you know, next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday so there won’t be religion classes that evening. Class will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup>. During Lent, class will begin at 6:15pm and will start in the church with the Stations of the Cross. Parents are encouraged to pray the stations with the students.

**Family Life:** Thanks to the many who made our annual bingo a great success. It was a great time of fun and fellowship. We are also planning a bowling night on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at Parklanes in Newton. Bowling will be from **5-8pm**. The family life committee will pay for 1 game per person. All parishioners are welcome to attend. More info will be given later.