

March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
 Second Sunday of Lent



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

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

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

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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

**Eucharistic Adoration** 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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

March 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 8,579.00
Loose	\$ 707.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 9,286.00</b>
Catholic Charities	\$ \$420.00
Eastern Europe	\$ \$339.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ \$1,422.00
Building Collection	\$ 395.00
Other	\$ 58.00
School Fund	\$ 980.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,614.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,900.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church January Tithe**

January Tithe Income – \$53,866.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,387.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

***Monday, March 14, Lenten Weekday***

**6:00 pm** Lenten Evening Mass at St. Mary's

***Tuesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday***

**7:30 am** Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

**12:00 nn** Priests Overnight Day of Recollection  
 in Springfield till Noon Wednesday.

***Wednesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday***

Priests Day of Recollection in Springfield, IL

**9:15 am** Rosary Group

**5:00 pm** Mass (Int: Jerry Hargis+)

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**6:15 p.m.** St. Mary's Stations of the Cross and PSR

**6:30 pm** St. Thomas CYO

**7:00 pm** St. Thomas CYO Leads Stations of the Cross

**7:00 pm** Penance Service (St. Francis Church, T-town)

***Thursday, March 17, Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick***

**7:30 am** Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

**6:30 pm** St. Thomas Finance Council Meeting

***Friday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem***

**7– 8:00 am** Eucharistic Holy Hour w **7:30 am** MP

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Mary Ann Kocher+)

**10:30 am** Mass at the Villas of Holly Brook

**2:30 pm** St. Thomas School Stations of the Cross

**4:30 pm** KC Hall Fish Fry

No Bingo

***Saturday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of B.V.Mary***

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

**10:00 am** Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph

**4:30 pm** Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

***Sunday, March 20, Third Sunday of Lent***

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)

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

**Order of Christian Initiation: Rite of Election**



**Kelly Lynn Knicley and Isaiah Parker Bergbower** with the support of the St. Thomas Parish were chosen, elected, to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at

the Easter Vigil, as proclaimed by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki at the Rite of Election at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, March 6. Pictured is Bishop Paprocki signing the Book of the Elect, declaring Isaiah and Kelly elected to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in their home parish.

Isaiah is the son of Chris & Aubrey Bergbower and his Godparents are Andy and Sara Bergbower.

Kelly is the wife of Adam Knicley and her Sponsor is Jane Knicley.

**St. Thomas School Kindergarten and new student pre-registration** will take place Weds., March 16, 2022 at 6:00pm. Pre-registration will take place in the school Cafeteria (Enter Door #8.) The evening will include meeting teachers, hearing from the kindergarten teacher and principal and a tour of the school. Not a commitment; just sharing information. Please share with anyone who is interested and all grades welcome. For more information, please contact the St. Thomas school office at 618-783-3517.

## **St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes**

### **WELCOME...**

**to the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.**

If you would like to become a participating member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.

### **Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary**

is Saturday, March 19. A Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am at St. Thomas Church in honor of St. Joseph. Joseph Daniel Weber, infant son of Kyle & Rachel (Frichtl) Weber, with permission of their pastor, is to be baptized during the mass. All are welcome to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus. There is a Family Life Center fundraising breakfast in the parish hall preceding the Mass. Pancake, sausage, and pancakes will be served from 7:30 am -10:30 am. Saturday

#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS : Updated!**

**ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However, health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

**May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal!**

#### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38**  
**Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12**  
**Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28**  
**Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31**  
**Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46**  
**Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22**  
**Mt 1:16,18-21,24a**  
**Sun.: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9**

#### **Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's:**

Please call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule a baptism after returning filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office. A Godparent-Sponsor must be a participating Catholic. A non-Catholic can serve as a Christian witness but everyone present is a witness. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church, the family of God.

#### **Pre-Jordan Baptism Class**

The next **Pre-baptismal class** is **8:45 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. A pre-Jordan baptismal class is required before the celebration of baptism of an infant/child. The next Pre-baptismal class will be July 3, 2022.

#### **St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

##### **Saturday, March 19 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Mike Hartrich; Karen Buerster

E.M.: Brad R. Ochs, Gerald & Denisse Ochs,  
Alice Addis

Servers: Alayna Ochs & Raylie Wall

Gift Bearers: Kim & Kaitlyn Ochs

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

##### **Sunday, March 20 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Lectors: Katie Shamhart; Caroline Frohning

EM: Linda Hemrich, Jamie/Nicholas Shamhart,  
Erica Johnosn

Servers: Michael & Addison Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Vicki Mullen/Debbie Matson/Youth Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Nick Hemrich

##### **Sunday, March 20 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Pat Mammoser; Mitch Mammoser

EM: Jason Bierman, Renee Gier, Marge Horton,  
Charlie Schackmann

Servers: Adria & Alivia Bierman

Gift Bearers: Jason Bierman Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

#### **St. Thomas CYO Important Dates to Remember:**

**Fri., March 11<sup>th</sup>- 4:30 pm** Working KC Hall Fish Fry

**Weds., March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meet at 6:30 pm:

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Sat., March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Volunteers to work FLC breakfast

**Wednesdays, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** meet at 6:30 pm to practice Living Stations

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Present Living Stations

#### **Cemetery Decorations/Mowing Season**

**Just a reminder** that with Easter and mowing seasons quickly approaching, **Christmas decorations will be removed at New and Old St. Peter Cemeteries.**

Please also note that all ground decorations need to be removed including anything that can get in the mowers path. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **Diocesan Listening Sessions**

In keeping with the call of Pope Francis for dialogue, accompaniment, and collaboration among the lay faithful, religious, and clergy, Bishop Paprocki is hosting a diocesan wide listening session on **Sunday, March 27th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.** In our Mattoon Deanery these sessions will take place at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center 1920 Richmond Avenue in Mattoon and at Sacred Heart Church, 405 S. Henrietta in Effingham.

The session will include a video presentation from the Bishop, small group discussion, small group leaders reporting to the local group, and then the local group reporting to the other groups assembled around the diocese. The discussion will focus on questions about 1) how we see Discipleship happening in our local communities and challenges moving forward. 2) How we see Discipleship happening as a Diocesan Church. What steps can we take to further spread the Gospel? 3) How do we respond as a Catholic Church to increasing cultural challenges to our Catholic Christian vision and desire to serve? I invite every Catholic in our diocese to be a part of this process.

If you cannot be here in person please keep this effort in your prayers.

## **Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation**

8-9 am Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Newton

### **Penance Services:**

4-6 pm Sun. March 13: St. Anthony Church, Effingham

7:00 pm Wednesday March 16: St. Francis, T-Town

5:30-7 pm Wednesday, March 23, St. Mary's

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Thursday, St. Thomas School

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Thursday, First Reconciliation

5:30-7 pm Thursday, March 24, St. Thomas

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Dave Geltz, Jessica Spiker, Rowena Wagy, Diane Bunton, Catherine Ochs, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghasst, Bruce Fisher, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

***Rest in Peace:*** Marilyn Zumbahlen

## **Congratulations to our St. Thomas School Bingo Lightning winners:**

Nancy Ochs, Diana Haddox & Nicole Goff

St. Thomas School Bingo will resume on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lightning \$500.00

**Catholic Charities Annual Collection** will take place this weekend - March 12-13. Please prayerfully consider how you can support their ongoing services and help them fulfill their mission.

**Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament** in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery.

**The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers** commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin.

To receive either of these opportunities, please call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

**A Stroke Scan Representative** will be at St. Thomas and St. Mary's churches next weekend, Saturday and Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, for registrations for the upcoming Vascular Screening Event on March 26<sup>th</sup> in the St. Thomas Parish Center. A detailed flyer is available in the church gathering space.

## **Attention High School Juniors and Seniors. Catholic Scholars Program Eastern Illinois University**

The EIU Newman Center started a program called the Catholic Scholars program 3 years ago. This program allows students to take theology courses at the Newman Center and receive college course credit and a scholarship. The program consists of 6 classes, so a student takes one 12-week class each semester for 3 years. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship for taking the class (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. EIU is the only state university in the country that offers a program like this and 3 of our St. Thomas parishioners are already participating in this program. More details will be shared at CYO.

## **Saturday, March 19 Breakfast**

**Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Committee** is sponsoring a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from **7:30-10:30, Saturday, March 19.**

### **\*Attention Family Life Center Supporters\***

Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, the building next to the CCI concrete plant known as "The Landing" will officially be owned by the Family Life Center and construction work will begin to turn it into The Silk Purse. In order to keep construction costs low, volunteers will be needed to complete some demolition work and light interior projects. If you feel called to help in any way, please **contact Max Bunton at 618-562-2423** and he will let you know when and how you can help with this construction project.



**March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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Ste. Marie, Illinois 62459 Tel: 618-455-3155  
E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)  
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**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))  
**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,**

Tuesday and Thursdays:

**7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration**

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

**8:30 am – Holy Mass**

**Reconciliation:** As scheduled by request and available 8 – 9 a.m. Saturdays at St. Thomas

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, March 14, Lenten Weekday**

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Deceased Priest of Diocese+)

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mildred Schmidt+)

**Noon – Noon Tues/Wed:** Priests Gathering in Spfld.

**6:30 p.m. – Cemetery Meeting in Parish Center**

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday**

**6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross and PSR**

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer 8:00 am - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Chris Kistner+)

**7:00 p.m. – Picnic Meeting**

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, St Cyril**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, St Joseph,**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**LENTEN EVENING MASS** is being offered each **Monday at 6:00 pm** at St. Mary's Church. Come pray with us.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be held every Weds. at **6:15 p.m.** thru Lent. Everyone welcome!

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Tues., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Sacrament of Penance Services are scheduled for**

St Mary's – Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30 pm

St Thomas – Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 pm

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 20, 2022**

**Ushers:** Alex Kaufmann/Randy Reis

**Servers:** Brianna Zwilling/Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Nicholas Zwilling/Ethan Zwilling

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** Janet Hartrich

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of March 6, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 3915.00
Loose	162.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 4077.00</b>
Church of Europe	60.00
Capitol Improvement	110.00
Haiti	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4267.00</b>

**St Mary's Church January Tithe**

January Tithe Income - \$63553.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$6355.00

**EASTER DÉCOR:** If you would like to donate to the Décor fund in memory of your loved ones, please put in the collection basket by **April 10<sup>th</sup>** so their names can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**EASTER YOUTH/CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Any students grade 2-12 are invited to join the St Mary's youth choir for Easter! Please let Sarah Boehl (618-562-8745) know by March 22 if your child is interested. Practices will begin after that time.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The annual **St Mary's Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am – noon.** Donations Needed for Brunch Items – Monetary donations can be put in envelope in regular collection marked Brunch, or dropped off at the drop box on door of parish office.

**Workers List:** Are available in the back of church, please check to see if you have been assigned to work. Also, there are Brunch flyers available, put them up where you work or wherever you think would be a good place to post them.

**PICNIC MEETING:** Will be held on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7p.m. in the parish center. "We welcome all Parishioners suggestions and ideas"

**MOWING:** St Mary's is opening up for bids to mow the church grounds. Please have them submitted to parish office by March 31, 2022.