

September 21-22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

September 14-15, 2024 Collection

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| Envelopes | \$ | 5,742.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 271.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 6,013.00 |
| School Fund | \$ | 1,015.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 250.00 |
| Subtotal | \$ | 1,265.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 7,278.00 |

St. Thomas Church July Tithe

July Tithe Income – \$60,198.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,020.00

St. Thomas Online Giving: Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church's website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Sept. 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Tuesday, Sept. 24, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary/**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Sept. 25, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Int.: Charles E. Dhom)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:10 pm Faithful Voices; **5:30 pm** Youth Choir

6:00 pm Booster Club

6:00 pm PSR/CYO Kick off Mass at St. Mary's

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's

Thurs., Sept. 26, St. Januarius

8:00 am St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale Opens

8:00 am Rosary/**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

2:00 pm – Newton Care Center Mass(Rescheduled)

Friday, Sept. 27, St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 am St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale Continues

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Cathy Leahy)

11:00 am -1:00 pm Booster Club Porkburger sale

Saturday, Sept. 28, St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz

Priesthood Sunday Weekend

Last Day St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: For the Parish)

Sunday, September 29, 26th Ordinary Sunday;

Priesthood Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Denise Hahn)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Delories Dorn)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

Tues.: Prv 21:1-6,10-13 Lk 8:19-21

Weds.: Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Th.: Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9

Fri.: Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22

Sat.: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43b-45

Sun.: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's) 3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas **OR** by appointment

Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

Pray for us St. Vincent de Paul!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, September 28 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Luke Zuber

EM: Wade Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Alice Addis,
Wanda Kocher

Servers: Lexi Ochs & Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, September 29 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Carol Bough

EM: Amy Hartrich, Theresa Volk, Brenda Phillips,
Gery Ochs

Servers: Will Hartrich & Isaiah Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Lyndsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, September 29 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Matt Bower, Dennis Weber, Brad/Annie Ochs

Servers: Carlee Finn & Oliver Ochs

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

St. Thomas Faithful Voices & Youth Choir:

We have started up a Faithful Voice Choir for Sunday Morning Mass. This is to encourage adults and kids to come up and help to lead the music. We will practice the music for each Sunday.

Faithful Voices 5:10-5:30PM; **Youth Choir** 5:30-6:30 PM

Contact Debbie Matson 618-553-1472 or Vicki Mullen 618-562-8215 for details. Hope to see you there!!

October Cleaning Crew reporting for duty on **Saturday, October 5th, at 9:00 am.** Thanks to all of the volunteers that help take care of our church!

PSR/St. Thomas CYO Starts this Wednesday! Please pick up a registration form (in entranceway of each parish church) to register your child/ren for our parish school of religion(PSR) classes. A link to the form was also emailed to St. Thomas families. **Classes will begin on Sept. 25th at St Mary's Parish Center starting with Mass at 6:00 pm.**

St. Thomas CYO... Let's Get Started! Jenny and Linda welcome all High School Freshman – Seniors to join us for CYO. **We will meet on September 25th at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie for Mass at 6:00 pm** to kick off our season! Regular sessions will start on **October 2nd at 6:30 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Bring your ideas for games/activities at the St. Thomas Harvest Picnic!!

St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available in the gathering space if you haven't already had a chance to pick them up. This year the envelopes are not labeled with parishioner addresses in an effort to save time and money. Feel free to pick up as many envelopes or booklets of tickets as you need. We have had a great response to the raffle already with tickets coming in from NAPA, the Fall Festival and as a result of the Catholic Times Ad. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job getting the word out there!!

St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!

Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church's meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

Game Prizes Wanted! CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide 1 dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

Desserts Wanted. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.

Quilt Raffle tickets also available for purchase.

10% of proceeds will benefit the

Family Life Center – Newton

BYOB

Happy Birthday, Rita (May) Donnelly!! Rita will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 27th and would love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 210 College St., Schulenburg, TX 78956.

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

October 4, 2024

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration. **The remaining Fridays of the month** Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at St. Thomas immediately following Mass until 2:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. Sign-up available in the gathering space!

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:

Susanne Schackmann, Betty Bickers and Family, Carol Schafer, Chris Wendt, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Grant Wagy, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

| Young | Adult | Evening | Prayer |
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| Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, September 24 at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-24-24/ . | | | |

What's Trending on FORMED:

Dive deeper into the teachings of the Church:

Lectio: God

Join Augustine Institute professor Dr. Elizabeth Klein for a careful study of Scripture in who God is and how to share this truth with others. With *Lectio: God*, Fr. Pawel invites you to strengthen your faith in one true God, who is a communion of the three divine Persons.

In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood

This documentary explores the nature and theology of the priesthood. With commentary and insights from numerous priests, the film dives into the importance of prayer, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to Our Lady, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of missionary zeal.

Source & Summit/Augustine Institute Bible Conference

This collection of talks offered by the Augustine Institute opens the door to understanding Vatican II's teaching regarding the source and summit of our Christian faith: The Eucharist. Each lecture reveals how the Eucharist is present throughout Scripture. This series is a great tool to keep the Eucharistic revival efforts going!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Let's Go Saints! Let's Go Eagles!



Catholic Heart Work Camp(CHWC).

It is time to start planning next summer's CHWC. If you are interested in participating please contact our parish offices. **This year campers will be headed to Bowling Green, KY the week of June 29-July 5.** Our parishes will be traveling to the same work camp as Holy Cross, Wendelin. Reserve your spot ASAP!

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Will begin on September 25th with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie at 6:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) or 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

Newton Square Respect Life Sunday Life Chain Sunday, October 6, 2024

**1:45 pm – Prayer Service;
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square**

**Respect Life Sunday
Life Chain 2024 on Sunday, October 6
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, IL
1:30 pm – Prayer Service
2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive
Carpooling available from St. Thomas!**

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

**September 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 27th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 28th 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Specials announced during the sale!!**

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (SEASONAL), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and **furniture with prior approval.**

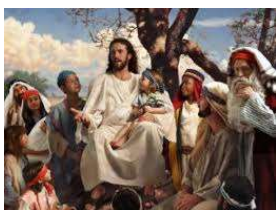
CANNOT accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, **any outdated electronics (TV's computer monitors, printers) or reference book sets.**

Drop donations off Mon., Sept. 23rd, 8 am - 6 pm
Tues., Sept. 24th, 8 am – 6 pm
All proceeds go to St Thomas School

St. Thomas Booster Club Porkburger Sale Friday, September 27

Serving from 11:00am-1:00pm
Drive-thru at St. Thomas Church
Price: \$3.00 for a porkburger
\$5 for a meal (burger, chips & drink)
For delivery call: (618) 562-9018
Call ahead orders welcome now until serving time.

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Website: www.stmariechurch.org

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

7:30am–8:15am 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

Monday, September 23rd, St Pius

Tuesday, September 24th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John & Theresa Ochs+)

Wednesday, September 25th, Weekday

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Youth of the Parishes)

1st PSR Classes

Thursday, September 26th, SS Cosmas & Damian

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: LaVaun Nix+)

Friday, September 27th, St Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 28th, St Wenceslaus &

St Lawrence Ruiz and companions

Sunday, September 29th, 26th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Herman Zwilling+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 29, 2024

Ushers: George Semple, Marvin Zwilling,
Bob Barthelme

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Max Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Ben & Nancy Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs,
Rose Gangloff, Jeanne Johnson

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures Collection for the week of September 15, 2024

Envelopes \$ 918.00

Loose 140.00

Sub Total \$ 1,058.00

Capital Improvement 120.00

Total \$ 1,178.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

July Tithe Income \$11,977.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,198.00

Prayer for Life – Our parish will participate in the annual “Prayer for LIFE”, on **Saturday, October 5th**. Adoration will begin at 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.; there will be an opportunity for reconciliation until 8:15 a.m. with mass to follow at 8:30 a.m. The closing will be held at noon. Please take this time to pray to end abortion.

Thanks!!! To the picnic committee for all their work to make the 187th Annual Pre-Labor Day picnic a success. To all those who worked behind the scenes, we could not have done it without you. For the donations for the baskets stand, desserts for the dinner and cake stand. As they say it take a village to make it work!!

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor” Ecclesiastes 4:9

Loving God,

Please protect our youth from the dangers present in our world today.

Be with them through sickness and health, sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure.

Give them the courage and strength to make the right decisions. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Joint PSR classes will begin on **Weds., Sept. 25th, starting with Mass at 6:00 pm**. Registration forms are at St. Mary and St Thomas churches. St Thomas has also emailed a link to the form. There is a \$15.00 registration fee. **If you haven't completed registration forms, please do so as soon as possible!**

Parents – We will once again offer the hospitality room for those who bring their children to the PSR classes at St Mary's on Wednesday nights this year. We offer prayer, fellowship, talk about current events and how we as Catholics can help each other live and be catholic. We may get out our Bibles and study the Word while your children are studying their faith. Please consider joining us to grow in your faith as your children grow in theirs. Consider it your PSR class. Little ones are welcome also. Rose Gangloff will be leading us.