

May 20th-21st, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord



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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 8:00 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

May 13th-14th, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,364.00
Loose	\$	148.00
Subtotal	\$	7,512.00
Ret Diocesan Priests	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	200.00
School Fund	\$	110.00
Subtotal	\$	320.00
Grand Total	\$	7,832.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$52,900.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,290.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Joseph Klingler)

6:30-8:30 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

Tuesday, May 23, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Mass (L. William & Rosemary Nesstein+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

Wednesday, May 24, Easter Weekday

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Norbert Klingler+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

Thursday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable

8:30 am Mass (Virginia DeGrand+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

Friday, May 26, St. Philip Neri

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 8:00 am

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Carl Schmidt+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:30 pm Transitional Diaconate Ordinations in Spfld.

Saturday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00-9:00 am Confessions

9 am–Noon: Scheduled Family School Agreements.

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas School Family Agreement. Father Dean and Father Paul are scheduling opportunities to meet with each school family to sign the **Family School Parish Agreement** that is signed each year. You only need to meet with one priest. **Please call the church (618-783-8741) to set up a time to meet.** Father Dean will be available this week as scheduled in Parish Calendar/Fr. Paul will meet with families on Thursday and Saturday. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you might have regarding your commitment.

St. Thomas School Board. Two openings are currently available for **School Board**. If you are interested in serving a 3-year term, please let the school know as soon as possible. We meet at 6 pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

St. Thomas Parish is excited to offer FORMED to parishioners. Our parish will be using the material offered on FORMED to support our parish ministries, to continue faith formation and education and as an outreach tool. To gain access to all of FORMED's content follow the simple steps listed:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 27 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Karen Buerster; Lori TeVault
E.M.: Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis, Ramon Kocher,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Elise Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, May 28 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Jamie Shamhart; Nicholas Shamhart

EM: Brenda Phillips, Erica Johnson, Gery Ochs,
Theresa Volk

Servers: Michael Shamhart & Aaron Volk

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, May 28 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower; Ginger Robins

EM: Helen & Leo Weber, Dennis Weber, Matt Bower

Servers: Curtis Weber & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Charlie Schackmann Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

St Thomas musicians and choirs would like to encourage anyone who is willing to share their musical talents with the parish to contact either the church office or Patsy Leffler, parish music coordinator.

We would love to have you join us as we praise the Lord in song. Responsibilities would be 1 or possibly 2 masses per month. Cantors are always scheduled to aid in the singing. Thanks to the entire parish for supporting the music – we've come a long way in participation in the last 50 years!

Children are invited and encouraged to sing at the Masses with Patsy, Vicki, and Debbie during the summer months. They would love to have you join them while youth choir is on summer break! Thank you all for sharing your talents with us during the school year!

St. Thomas Mt. Calvary and St. Peters' Cemeteries have updated their price lists effective immediately. Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618-783-8741.

8:30 am Mass, Memorial Day, Monday May 29 in Mount Cavalry Cemetery

Mark your calendars and bring your chairs to share in Mass on Memorial Day. The new monument regarding our parish St. Thomas School foundress, Sr. Mary Stanislaus Saul, CJS will be dedicated. Thanks to Madonna & Gene Schackmann and Judy McClure.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

PASTOR-Elect and Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Paul is now known as **Pastor Elect** as he has been appointed by Bishop Paprocki to succeed Fr. Dean as Pastor, when Fr. Dean becomes Pastor Emeritus July 1, 2023. Pastor Emeritus is not retirement but change in priestly responsibilities. The Pastor Emeritus relinquishes his canonical duties of pastor of particular parish(es); but he remains an active priest, offering Mass & prayer of the Church (Liturgy of the Hours); & Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick upon request, whether in his residential chapel or filling in for a priest anywhere in the Diocese due to priest's vacation, retreat or illness. Please keep Fr. Paul and Fr. Dean in your prayers as well as they make their transitions into new roles over the next six weeks.



Please pray for the Sick, especially,

Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tues.:	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Weds.:	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thurs.:	Acts 22:30,23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri.:	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat.:	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Sun.:	Acts 2:1-11 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13	Jn 20:19-23

Diaconate Ordinations: Seminarians Jayke White



and Alex McCullough, both who served in our parish during the summers are scheduled

to be ordained to the transitional Diaconate **6:30 pm Friday, May 26, at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL.** Please keep them along with **Daniel McGrath** as these three proceed to the Ordained.

Frs. Paul and Dean have room for several passengers to carpool. For their planning purposes, the offer ends Wednesday, May 24! Youth and/or Adults welcome. Contact the priests or call the parish office.

The following youth are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

The following youth are registered with the Bishop’s Office for Confirmation/First Communion:

Saturday, June 3:

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| Tatiana Alblinger | Emma Hartrich |
| Kinsey Barber | Bailey Kistner |
| Emily Beals | Electa Meyer |
| Eli Benson | Hudson Miller |
| Elizabeth Brummer | Brantley Ochs |
| Megan Farley | Kinsley Ochs |
| Micah Finley | Karlee Pitcher |
| Evan Frichtl | Ella Probst |
| Lucas Frohning | Norah Simpson |
| Deagan Ginder | Jillian Volk |
| Melah Goebel | Gauge Weber |
| Lillian Green | |

These will be joining confirmandi from Camp Point, Tuscola, Shumway, Pierron, Robinson, Greenville and Mt. Sterling.

Saturday, June 17:

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| Hudson Benefiel | Reed Kistner |
| Luke Bower | Max Ochs |
| Patrick Bower | Wade Schackmann |
| Blake Gier | Maura Weber |
| Nichole Hopson | Henry Zumbahlen |

These will be joining confirmandi from Altamont, Bethalto, Dieterich, Beardstown, Virginia, & Hillsboro

Those parishioners of St. Thomas and St Mary’s candidates will be recognized in their home parishes at the weekend Masses following their Confirmation and First Reception of Holy Communion.



Thanks to Fr. Dominic Rankin, the Bishop’s Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Director of Vocations, & **Sr. M. Clementia Toolson, FSGM**, Parish Liaison for Restored Order and Coordinator for Diocesan Celebrations, for directing the Retreat for our 33 youth.

NOTE: FUTURE CLASS OF CONFIRMANDI

Those families with child going into 2nd grade 2023-2024: Mark your calendars for **Dec. 7, 2024**, which is the date set for future Confirmation/First Communion.

The next **pre-baptismal class** will be held **Sunday, July 2nd at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church. Call the parish offices to register for the session.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMPERS

The following are signed on for the Catholic Heart Workcamp July 9-14, 2023, in Huntingburg, Indiana: Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Cameron Davis, Alex Gier, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Mary Scheidemantel, Adam Weber, & Elias Weber; Adults: Jason Bierman, Jill Bierman, Rose Gangloff, Ted Weber and Fr. Dean Probst.

Congratulations to all of the St. Thomas School Track Athletes who qualified and placed at the state track meet last week. As a team, the 7th Grade Boys placed 2nd overall as the state runner up!! Way to go!



St. Thomas Saints participate in the parade of athletes

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting Totus Tuus this summer, June 12-16, for grades PreK through high school. The program for grades 1-6 is 9:00 am to 2:30 pm daily. The program for grades 7-12 is 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm daily. The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 for families of two or more. Children in the daytime session must bring a sack lunch. Totus Tuus is a form of Vacation Bible School, but so much more. A trained team of leaders travels to a different parish each week during the summer to promote the Catholic faith. Registration forms are available in the vestibules of both St. Thomas’s and St. Mary’s Churches.

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!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Pastor Elect: 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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 7:45 am - 8:15 am First Saturday of Month
before/after Mass and as scheduled by request.

Note: See also St. Thomas Church Schedule.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, May 22nd Saint Rita of Cascia

Tuesday, May 23rd, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Fr Joseph O'Reilly+)

Wednesday, May 24th, Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 25th, St Bede & St Gregory

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Mildred Schmidt+)

Friday, May 26th, St Philip Neri

6:30 pm Transitional Deacon Ordinations at the
Cathedral, Springfield.

Saturday, May 27th, St Augustine of Canterbury

Sunday, May 21st, Pentecost Sunday

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

St Mary Parish Graduates

The Parish Family Life Committee would like to honor all graduates from St Mary's with a **Graduates' breakfast on June 4th**, after 8:30 am Mass in the parish center. If you are an eighth grade, high school, Jr College, college or any other graduate, you and your family are invited to breakfast.

Please RSVP by May 28th either by calling
618-455-3155, (parish office)

Or Lora Semple at 618-783-9256

and let us know how many will be attending.

Thank you and we look forward to celebrating this milestone in your life.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of May 14, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 848.00
Loose	73.00
Total	\$ 921.00

St Mary's Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$12,511.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,251.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – May 28, 2023

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Kirts, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/ Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs, Amy Frohning,
Jeanne Johnson

Bend Community Club

Annual Book and Bake sale

Serving Lemon and Strawberry Shake ups

May 27th at 104 E South St, Sainte Marie, IL.

It is listed on the map for the village wide garage sales.

Hope to see you there!!

Memorial Day Mass in St. Mary's Cemetery

The annual Mass on Monday, Memorial Day, will be held at 8:30 am May 29, in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mark your calendars and bring your lawn chair. If inclement weather, Mass will be in the church.

CONFIRMANDI to be recognized at Sunday Masses following reception of Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral:
June 04: Lucas Frohning and Tatiana Alblinger
June 18: Reed Kistner, Max Ochs, Wade Schackmann and Henry Zumbahlen.