

August 5-6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 29-30, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,582.00
Loose	\$	1,290.00
Subtotal	\$	6,872.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
Assumption	\$	5.00
Peter's Pence	\$	5.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	55.00
Mission - Ukraine	\$	332.00
School Fund	\$	335.00
Subtotal	\$	752.00
Grand Total	\$	7,624.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$37,320.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,732.00

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, August 7, Sts. Sixtus II & Cajetan

6:00 pm – Newton Family Life Center Presentation

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in parish center mtg room

Tuesday, August 8, St. Dominic

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30 am Mass (Int: Patty McCreery)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Newton Care Center Mass

Thursday, August 10, St. Lawrence

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., August 11, St. Clare

7:40 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int: John Frohning)

Sat., August 12, St. Frances de Chantal

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs)

Sunday, August 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time

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

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Estelle Kennedy)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 12 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Beth Ochs

E.M.: Glenda Spiker, Kim Zuber, Alice Addis,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 13 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Amy Hartrich

EM: Pam Francis, Theresa Volk, Linda Hemrich,
Becky Shamhart

Servers: Aaron Volk & Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Randy/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, August 13 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kelly Iffert

EM: Marissa Bower, Ryan Probst, Renee Gier,
Jenny Bierman

Servers: Drew Iffert & Dylan Earnest

Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Claire Schackmann

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

Thank you! A special thanks to Ben Bierman and Chris Hildebrand for trimming the tree in the front yard of the Rectory!

Welcome, Mrs. Finley!! We would like to take this time to welcome Kristie Finley to St. Thomas School. She will be the 5th grade homeroom teacher, and we are excited to add her to our staff and school family! We also want to thank Jeff, Micah, Maura, Marley, Madden and Mykelti for sharing her with us☺

St. Thomas Calling Tree for Funeral Dinners.
Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to be added to the calling tree. All are welcome to participate and your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
Funeral Dinner Dishes can be picked up in the parish center at any time! We greatly appreciate your help getting the parish center kitchen better organized before the school year begins. Thank you!!

Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...Fr. Paul will resume Adoration on Friday's starting August 4th from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Beginning in September, Adoration on the First Friday will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon. The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am. Please consider joining us for this very prayerful way to begin your day.

A Note to St. Thomas Lectors: Starting in August we will be going back to only having **one Lector** at each Mass. Unfortunately, it is getting more and more difficult to schedule two lectors at each Mass, so believe that going back to one lector will help with scheduling. The lector, much as before, will still bow at the Altar and then go up to the Ambo for the First Reading. Then, will sit next to the server, wait for the Responsorial Psalm to be sang and will return to the Ambo for the Second Reading. After the Second Reading, the lector will return to their seat in the pew until the Prayers of the Faithful are to be read. Thanks for your patience as we make this change and remember that when participating in a ministry to dress church appropriately. **Please contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.** Participation in the ministries is an honor and vital to our parishes, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to take an active role in Mass.

Mass Intentions. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes will begin scheduling Mass Intentions on the weekend. Please keep in mind that one Mass each weekend at St. Thomas will be designated for the parish family and one Mass once per month will be designated for the parish family at St. Mary's. Also, Easter and Christmas Masses as well as other special holidays will be designated for the parish family in an effort to remember all of our deceased loved ones on those special days. Thanks again for your patience as we make this adjustment.

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Visiting the Homebound and Communion Calls. Please contact the St. Thomas and/or St. Mary parish offices if you would like to be added to the list for home visits and receive Holy Communion. Please also contact our offices if you know of someone that would like to receive Holy Communion who cannot make it to Mass. Fr. Paul would like to update our lists so that we can reach out and share Holy Communion with all who would like to receive.
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St. Peters' Cemetery reminder: Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower and causing problems. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be cleaned up and removed. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

Congratulations, Pastor Steve Willis, on your retirement! Pastor Steve Willis has been a part of and served our community for 40 years. He has been a great resource for our parishes, and he will be missed. We wish him all the best as he moves to live closer to his family. Many blessings to him and his family!

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:

Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Keith Long, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley,

Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Patty McCreery

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tues.:	Nm 12:1-13	Mt 14:22-36
Weds.:	Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35	Mt 15:21-28
Th.:	2Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Fri.:	Dt 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28
Sat.:	Dt 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20
Sun.:	1Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Rom 9:1-5	Mt 14:22-33

St. Thomas School Presents
Our 11th Annual DUCK RACE 2022
Sunday, August 20th

11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic Center

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

1st place duck: \$600.00; 2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

Only 500 ducks will be sold!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

NOTE: LUCKY BLUE DUCK--\$25 gift certificate

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 618-783-3517

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 after each Mass starting July 1st – August 6th. Ducks can also be purchased at St. Thomas School and Church, Peoples State Bank and the Medicine Shoppe.



Eucharistic Congress

At the BOS Center in Springfield, IL

October 28, 2023

Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Mass at 4 p.m.

(Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held at St. Thomas)

St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will be taking a Bales Bus to the Eucharistic Congress for all those who have signed up at St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes. There are 56 seats on the bus and as of the publishing of this bulletin we have 20 people signed up to attend. If you would like to ride the bus please contact the St. Thomas parish office ((618) 783-8741). In order to help cover the cost of the bus there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. We hope that our parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to taking a full bus representing our parishes to Springfield. There is also the potential to stop on the way home for a bite to eat. Let's make a day of it!

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way.

- St. Thomas has 92 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested in attending.
- St. Mary's has 33 tickets and a sign-up sheet is available in the back of church.

Installation Mass for Fr. Pawel Luczak

On September 2, 2023 at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas, our parishes will officially welcome Fr. Paul as Bishop John Paprocki will install him as the pastor of both St. Thomas and St. Mary Parishes. A meal will follow the Installation in the St. Thomas Parish Center as St. Thomas and St. Mary parishes join together to celebrate Fr. Paul as our new pastor. Please be watching your email next week for a sign-up through Sign-Up Genius. We would appreciate it if you could **sign-up by Sunday, August 27th**, to help us determine how to plan. In the meantime, please keep Fr. Paul and all priests in your prayers as they adjust to their new assignments and responsibilities.

Newton Family Life Center News!

The Newton Family Life Center has scheduled a presentation to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about their services, to share data on current numbers and what's coming in the future. YOU are invited to attend!

Date: Monday, August 7th (6:00 – 6:30pm)

Where: St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room

Enjoy cookies and learn more about the Newton Family Life Center! If you feel moved to bring a donation, the center can always use baby wipes and diapers (size 1 and 2). Please come show your support!

AND...

Mark your Calendars for Aug. 12th at 7:00pm at The West End Reception Hall for an opportunity to support the Newton Family Life Center. Everyone who came out to support this fundraiser last year for the Newton Family Life Center had a great time, so they wanted to do it again! The night will feature the local band A Little SoCo, and the Fried Green Tomato's Food truck. The fundraising goal is \$7,000.00 and all ages welcome to join in on the fun! Door prizes, card raffle and 50/50 will be available for chances to win!

Just one more thing...

The Annual Family Life Center Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 14th at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. If you would like to host a table of 7 please call 217-342-5433 by August 7th to confirm your reservation. All proceeds will benefit your local Family Life Center location.

SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us for

**Newman Night
November 4, 2023!**

We will remember our past,
celebrate our present, and
ensure our future!

EIU University Ballroom



July 29-30, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

Monday, August 7th St Sixtus & Companions

Tuesday, August 8th, St Dominic

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Urban, Dolores & Linda Kocher+)

Wednesday, August 9th, St Teresa Benedicta

Thursday, August 10th, St Lawrence

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Sam & Linda Zuber+)

Friday, August 11th, St Clare

Saturday, August 12th, St Jane Frances De Chantal

Sunday, August 13th, 19th Sunday in Ord.Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Judy Wagner+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of July 30, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1073.00

Loose 108.00

Sub Total \$ 1181.00

Mission Appeal 570.00

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TOTAL \$ 1901.00

St Mary's Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$24,601.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$2,460.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – August 13., 2023

Ushers: Bob Barthelme, Owen Ochs, Phil Ochs

Servers: Avery Ochs/Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich, Lisa Ochs

With Sincerest Appreciation – Fr Pawel Luczak

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the thoughtful and generous basket I received from the wonderful parish community of St Mary's. It was a heartwarming gesture that truly touched me. The selections of gifts in the basket were so thoughtful and each item was fitting for me and seemed to reflect the support I receive.

Being a pastor to a new parish can be both exciting and challenging, and your gesture has made coming here much smoother for me. Your generosity and thoughtfulness have shown me that I am joining a loving and caring community, and I have no doubt that I can feel at home here. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for contributing to this heartwarming gift.

Our parish is blessed to have such a compassionate and giving congregation, and I feel fortunate to be a part of it. May our journey through faith not omit challenges but lead us directly to the light of Christ and may the bond between us grow stronger with each passing day.

- Fr. Pawel

PICNIC UPDATES

Sunday, September 3 starting at 3pm. Ste Marie Style Chicken dinner, the local band SOCO – a little southern comfort. Games, raffle and more

EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS, are available in church, many great prizes, so sell those tickets!!

DIME TOSS: Glasses and glass mugs are needed. Items can be dropped off on the porch of the parish office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800.

CAKE STAND AND DESSERTS – This year we are going to have desserts available with the chicken dinner. We are asking each family to provide **2 desserts for the dinner.**

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be used in the **cake stand.** We encourage you to use disposable containers with lids. **Please be sure to mark what is in the container. Please bring to parish center on Saturday or after mass on Sunday**