

**January 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Baptism of the Lord**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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 Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

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

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

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

**PSR Coordinator:** Pete Pasero

**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

**Reconciliation:** 8-9 am and 3:30 - 4 pm Saturdays

**St. Thomas School Office:**

**St. Thomas School Principal:** Jill Bierman

**School Secretary:** Lori Smith

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

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$11,011.00
Loose	\$148.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,159.00</b>
Special Collections	\$ 200.00
Children's Home	\$ 60.00
First Offering	\$ 402.00
Building Collection	\$ 450.00
School Fund	\$1,702.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,814.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,973.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church November Tithe (formerly ACSA)**

November Tithe Income - \$42,895.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,290.00

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, January 10, Weekday**

**Deadline for St. Thomas Pastoral Council Nominees**

**Tuesday, January 11, Weekday**

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

**Weds., January 12, Weekday**

**7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour**

**7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Joe & Brad Bergbower+)

**9:15 am** Rosary

**2:00 pm** Mass at Newton Helia Care Center

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**6:00 pm** OCIA at Rectory

**6:30 pm** PSR at St. Mary's

**6:30 pm** CYO

**Thurs., January 13, St. Hilary**

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

**Friday, January 14, Weekday**

**7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour**

**7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Vera Hall+)

**Saturday, January 15, Weekday**

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

**3:30 – 4:00 pm** Sacrament of Penance at St. Thomas

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

**Sunday, January 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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)

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 15 @ 4:30 pm**

**Lectors:** Laney Hemrich; Mike Hartrich

**E.M.:** Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Kaitlyn Ochs, Emma Rauch

**Servers:** Jackson Baltzell & Need 1

**Gift Bearers:** Ronnie & Patti Ochs

**Musicians:** Five For the One

**Greeters/Ushers:** Chris Rauch

**Sunday, January 16 @ 7:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Amy Hartrich; Becky Shamhart

**E.M.:** Jill Bierman, Eliza Bierman, Sheryl Brummer,  
 Nicholas Shamhart

**Servers:** Aaron Volk & Madilyn Brummer

**Gift Bearers:** Brian Brummer Family

**Musicians:** Vicki Mullen

**Greeters/Ushers:** Doug Long

**Sunday, January 16 @ 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Brian Bierman; Kelly Iffert

**E.M.:** Charlie/Jan Schackmann, Julie Higgs, Marge Horton

**Servers:** Haley Ochs & Halle Wagner

**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Ginger Robins

**Musicians:** Patsy Leffler/Jeff Finley

**Greeters/Ushers:** Mike Gier Family

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

If you are willing to serve on the Pastoral Council of St. Thomas Church, or to nominate someone, please give your name or nominee's name to Fr. Dean and/or Linda Hemrich by January 10, 2022. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

### St. Thomas School and Parish welcome new staff in the New Year.

Welcome **Ms. Alicia Buerster** to 5th grade! Alicia is a St. Thomas, NCHS, and EIU graduate who did her student teaching with Jasper Unit #1. She will be a wonderful addition to our staff and family!

Welcome **Mr. John Miller** in 8th grade/Social Studies. After retiring from Jasper Unit #1 14 years ago, we are excited to have him joining us as a teacher in the classroom. Thanks, John, for sharing your passion for teaching with our students and staff.

We also wish **Mr. Osborne** the best as he continues his work with the state. He has many great qualities to share! **Mrs. Volk** who has also been a huge help this past semester is enjoying a well-deserved break as she and Lee head south for the winter. We are so blessed to have all of this experience and dedication in one building! Looking forward to what we can achieve in this new year.

### St. Thomas CHURCH and Hall Upgrades!

An anonymous donor is purchasing a new commercial oven/stove for the parish center. The present one will be given to Newton Knights of Columbus. We are grateful to the anonymous donor to provide our Angels' Group and Funeral Dinners committee with this gift.

**Sound System:** The Finance Council has approved purchasing a new sound system for St. Thomas Church with alterations in location of speakers and mixer board for wireless microphones. Music Makers of Galesburg, IL who helped Fr. Al Kemme to remedy system in Little Flower Church, Springfield, will be doing the work. The cost is approx. \$21,000, of which anonymous donors have already provided for half the cost. If you would like to make a restricted donation for this upgrade, please mark an envelope Sound System with your donation. Thanks. Note: Equipment must be ordered and received before its implementation. Hopefully, installed by Holy Week!

**St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements** are available at the beginning of the new year by request only. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to receive a copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish

### 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.

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

<b>Mon.:</b>	<b>1 Sm 1:1-8</b>	<b>Mk 1:14-20</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 Sm 1:9-20</b>	<b>Mk 1:21-28</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20</b>	<b>Mk 1:29-39</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>1 Sm 4:1-11</b>	<b>Mk 1:40-45</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a</b>	<b>Mk 2:1-12</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19,10:1</b>	<b>Mk 2:13-17</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11</b>	<b>Jn 2:1-11</b>

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Bruce Fisher, Don Ochs, Margaret Prentice, Evelyn McCreery, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.  
**Rest in Peace** Wanda Matson, James Matson's mom.

**For 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 have you or a family member receive either of these opportunities for the healing mercy of God in Christ, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

**The Family of Rosella Hemrich** would like to thank all those who supported them in any way during Rosie's passing. All of the cards, flowers, food and prayers were appreciated more than you will ever know. A special thank you to Fr. Dean for the wonderful homily celebrating Rosie's life and to the ladies of the parish for the delicious funeral meal. Your many acts of kindness will never be forgotten

The next **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled 8:45 a.m. Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

**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. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

### **Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation**

Parent Meetings are scheduled for 9:15 am & 2 pm February 5, and March 6 at St. Thomas Church.

**Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

**Confirmation/First Communion** is scheduled for **Saturday Nov. 5, 2022**, for our present 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**PASTORAL COMMUNION VISITS:** TBD in rescheduling due to colds/allergies, influenza A, and covid positive tests. Hopefully this week!

### **Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)** June 12-16, 2022

**NOTE: The following are presently registered:**

**Youth:** Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Caroline Frohning, Kylie Higgs, Aleah Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Kaitlyn Ochs, Grant Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright, Ethan Griffith, Alex Kaufmann, and Kelby Ochs.

**Adults:** Mike Gier, Lauren Few, Also: 1 Adult Male and 1 Adult Female TBD for chaperones.

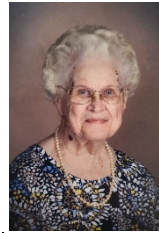
**Priest:** Fr. Dean Probst

### **Area Right to Life Information:**

**Springfield March for Life** is Friday January 21, 2022. The ADULT and YOUTH registration and information paper is in the entrance of church. Mass with Bishop Paprocki at Cathedral at 10AM, March to the Capitol and back. Leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. More important details in the registration paper. Deadline **Jan 10**. Questions? Call Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056

**Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast** will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. There will be a quilt and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to **volunteer to help** please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

**You're Invited. The Angels would like to invite you to St. Thomas' annual Wine Tasting event!** It will take place on Saturday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton KC Hall. There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various alcoholic drink baskets taking place at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there! *Quilt raffle tickets will be sold after each of the weekend Masses in the coming weeks.*



**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Adeline Miller** on January 27, 2022! We would love to shower her with cards to help her celebrate this milestone birthday. Please send all birthday greetings and well wishes to:

Attn: Adeline Miller Villas of Hollybrook,  
101 S. Gregory Drive, Room 41, Newton, IL 62448

### **An Update From the Family Life Center** **Linda Spindler, Development Director** **(217) 342-5433**

Thank you for your continued support of making the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse a mission for you and this community. We need your help on two current projects!

First of all, Schmidt Auctions has been awesome to partner with us to do an online auction for the Newton Family Life Center! *The online auction will run from March 19th - April 2nd.* We are hoping to gather up some local donations in Newton and Effingham to have a great selection of items for people to bid on. **We need a team of 3 or 4 people from the Newton area** willing to work together to gather donations in Newton and Olney. We need to get started right away as the **items need to be at the Family Life Center by February 24th.**

Second, we tentatively have a **Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 19th in Newton** to help with the Moving forward in HOPE campaign to fund the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse! We would like your help for this as well.

*Please prayerfully consider how you can help with one or both of these projects. You can email or call Linda Spindler at the Effingham FLC office if you can help!*

**9 Days for Life Novena:** Join others from across the country in praying this annual novena, January 19-27, 2022. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: [www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup)

**Grow your marriage!** - The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience between husbands and wives. It will be held March 18-20, 2022, at the Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield, IL. There is a \$100 application fee. Apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) by Jan. 17. If questions, please call Terry or Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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 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 – 7:45 am Liturgy of Hours: Morning Prayer  
 8:00 am – Rosary                      8:30 am – Holy Mass  
**Reconciliation:** As scheduled or by request and  
 8 – 9 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Collection for the week of January 2, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 2450.00
Loose	59.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2509.00</b>
First Offering	79.00
Catholic Children Home	110.00
Solemnity of Mary	605.00
Christmas Offering	140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3443.00</b>

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- January 16, 2022**

**Ushers:** Kelby Ochs/Norbert Ochs  
**Servers:** Charlee Hartrich/Ashtyn Ochs  
**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/Ethan Zwilling  
**Gift Bearers:** Bob & Carolyn Barthelme  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Norman Boehl

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours  
 8:00 a.m.- Rosary  
 8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Paul Harris & Family+)  
**7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. – PSR**

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, St Hilary**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours  
 8:00 a.m. – Rosary  
 8:30 a.m. Mass (Int.: Margaret Haupt Hackenmueller)

**Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:00-8:00 pm Cash Bingo Night in Parish Center**

**Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Sunday, January 16th, 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time**

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



The Family Life Committee would like to invite everyone to their Annual Cash Bingo Night

**Friday, January 14, 2022 – 6-8p.m.**

At St Mary's Parish Center. \$1.00 per card for a series of 3 games - \$1.00 for each blackout game. We will be selling drinks, and free popcorn will be provided.

**PRECANA:** St Mary's Pre-Cana session will be held March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the St Mary's Parish Center. You can register by going on website, [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org) and using the registration form, or call the parish office –618-455-3155. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

**THANKS:** To those who gave so generously, we sent 1275.00 to the Catholic Charities Office for the Tornado Relief Collection.

**Mattoon Deanery Council Announcement.** Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting on: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. At The Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 320 N 21<sup>st</sup> Mattoon, IL. I'm sure we have many talented ladies which would like to contribute to the SDCCW Convention. Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell, President of Mattoon Deanery Council at [jscrاندell@yahoo.com](mailto:jscrاندell@yahoo.com) with any questions.