

February 11th - 12th, 2023
Sixth 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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am

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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 4-5, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,401.00
Loose	\$	535.00
Subtotal	\$	6,936.00
Other	\$	113.00
Building Fund	\$	95.00
School Fund	\$	270.00
Subtotal	\$	478.00
Grand Total	\$	7,414.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$51,270.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,127.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 13, Weekday

5:30 pm Mass (Gary Rubsam+)

Tuesday, February 14, Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius

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

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting at Rectory

Wednesday, February 15, Weekday

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

8:30 am Class Mass (Keith French+)

9:00 am–2:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament with Benediction at 2:40 pm

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Diocesan Tribunal Court

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas PSR/CYO

Thursday, February 16, Weekday

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

8:30 am Mass (Betty Marshall+)

4:00 pm OCIA for Youth (Church Conference Room)

Friday, February 17, Seven Holy Founders

of the Servite Order

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

8:30 am All-School Mass (Edward Dhom+)

Saturday, February 18, Weekday

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

With Baptism for Gennell Frida Ochs

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time

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 Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, February 18 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Luke Zuber

E.M.: Kimberly/Kaitlyn Ochs, Gerald/Denisse Ochs

Servers: Alayna Ochs & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: William Fritchley

Musicians: Five For The One

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, February 19 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Karen Winn; Nikki Bierman

EM: Gery Ochs, Jill/Eliza/Lily Bierman

Servers: Nathan Bierman & Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Ben Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Brenly Francis

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, February 19 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Renee Gier; Elley Bennett

EM: Kelly Hemrich, Sara Mette, Brad/Annie Ochs

Servers: Beau Bennett & Oliver Ochs

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Jim & Ginger Robins

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Welcome Dennis Weber, Tracey Bower and Mark Bolander to the Pastoral Council. The names of the willing servants were placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all those who currently serve including Theresa Ochs, Kevin Vogt, Michaela Finley, Jeff Higgs, Becky Shamhart, and Lori TeVault. Thanks to outgoing Chairperson Paul Bierman, Melany Bierman, and Kelly Hinterscher for your prayerful participation and examples of stewardship in our parish.

New Sound System Installed: Steve Nelson and Musicmaker.com, Galesburg, Illinois, installed the new sound/speaker system. New batteries have been installed in our hearing assistance equipment kept in the Usher's Room cabinet drawer. They have been checked for sound quality which is good.

Note: The old speakers/amps were donated to the Jasper County/Newton Community High School Music Department.

NOTE: A new microphone without on/off button for the Ambo is ordered, along with 2 stand-up mics for the choir to replace the recording studio microphone.

The Newton KC'S February Stag will be February 21, 2023, 7 pm @ the KC Hall. This is the annual Barneyfest which has been titled BarneyGras this year. The March Stag will be the 2nd Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Eric Weber will prepare the meal, which will coincide with the first games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

St. Thomas School Trivia Night is THIS weekend! The committee has been working so hard! We could use a few more bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you are working, let me know if you see any issues. If you are playing, bring your wallet and be ready to have a lot of fun! It's going to be a great night raising money for our school!

The Angels would like to sincerely thank all those who were involved in organizing the Wine Tasting to make it such a success. **The profit made was \$4,910.71** and congratulations to **Elizabeth Bower** who won the quilt. Our thanks to auctioneer Randy Bierman, Donnewald Distributing/Julie Buhnerkempe, KC Hall, Duane Yager, Judy McClure, Glenda Spiker, Shirley Schuetter, Karen Long, Ryan Slattery, Wad It Up, those who donated food and auction baskets, those who worked the event and all who attended and anyone else who contributed in any way to the success of this annual event. Thank you all so very much!

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.

This weekend Fr. Paul will have the full weekend schedule as Fr. Dean will be vacationing, going to Oklahoma City for the interment of Blessed Stanley Rother, American priest martyr in his new to be dedicated Shrine. His casket will be on display for veneration on the evening/morning of February 12/13 at the Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Shirley



Woodard, Amanda Tomm, Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15,25	Mk 8:11-13	
Tues.:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10	Mk 8:14-21	
Weds.:	Gn 8:6-13,20-22	Mk 8:22-26	
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13	Mk 8:27-33	
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9	Mk 8:34-9:1	
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7	Mk 9:2-13	
Sun:	Lv 19:1-2,17-18	1 Cor 3:16-23	Mt 5:38-48

PreCana will be held at St Mary's Parish Center on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Registration needs to be turned in by March 3, 2023. This is limited to 20 couples, so please register early. You can find the registration form on our website - stemariechurch.org, or by calling the parish office. – 618-455-3155.

Sunday February 12th, Valentine Breakfast at St Valentine Hall in the Bend. Serving 8 am –12 pm. Price is \$10 for Adults; \$5 for 3-5 year olds.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry Soup Supper.

St. Isidore Youth Ministry is hosting their annual soup supper on Sunday February 26, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish center in Bishop Creek. The menu includes Chili, chicken noodle soup, sauerkraut soup, sandwiches and dessert. There will also be a basket raffle.

Lent begins ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 22!.

Please bring your old palms to the churches to be burned to ashes to mark our repentance by Monday February 20. Distribution of Ashes is done in a liturgical service which are scheduled as follows:

7:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Church, Newton

10:30 am Liturgy of Word Service, Villas of Holly Brk

12:10 pm Liturgy of the Word Service, St. Thomas

2:00 pm Liturgy of Word Service, Newton Care Ctr.

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie

6:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas Church, Newton

Note: Pastoral Visits with Distribution of Ashes will be scheduled as requested. Call the parish office if desired to receive pastoral visit on Ash Wednesday.

The Lenten Liturgy Weekday Schedule At St. Thomas, Newton

Monday: Mass at 5:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 am Mass

8:00 am Adoration/Benediction at 9 am

Weds.: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am

8:30 am Mass

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm Stations of Cross/Rosary

Thursday: 12:10 pm Mass

Friday: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am

8:30 am Mass

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

At St. Mary's, Ste. Marie

Tuesday: Rosary at 8:00 am Mass at 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday: Rosary at 8:00 am Mass at 8:30 am

Come join one of the many opportunities for Prayer each week during Lent: Morning Prayer, Adoration, Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Stations of the Cross!

Our Catechumens: Brianna (Clayton) Ochs, Jessica (Trevor) Ochs, and Emma Evans, Alexis Evans, and Hayden Evans, daughters of Guardians Josh and Debra Ochs, and Austin Pericho, are preparing for the Rite of Sending Forth, on Sunday, February 26 at the 10:00 am Mass. From the testimony of their sponsors, and affidavit of the parish they will be sent to the Diocesan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL for the Rite of Election. Their Bishop Paprocki will pronounce the Catechumens elected to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at their home parishes. Let us pray for them on their journey of faith. The Season of Lent is for their spiritual formation/preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Congratulations to Charlie Delano who is to be installed as an Acolyte for the Diocese. Charlie is a Seminarian at St. Meinrad Theological Seminary. He spent a summer in our parishes as a pastoral associate and returns periodically especially during the summer months. Once installed in the ministry of the Acolyte, Charlie will be able to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharistic Liturgy as a Eucharistic Minister/Server. Keep Charlie and all Seminarians in your prayers as they continue their journey to the priesthood.

De Colores Spring Weekends...Look No Further

* **The Men's Weekend**, March 16-19;

Lay leader: Scott Kastl 217-343-8206

knightsrk2009@gmail.com

* **The Women's Weekend**, March 23-26;

Lay leader, Carol Toney 217-821-7607

caroltoney52@gmail.com

Enjoy a spiritual uplifting retreat during Lent!

J&J Gaming is sponsoring Effingham Catholic Charities Trivia Night on March 4, 2023 at the Effingham Event Center in Effingham, Illinois. Doors open at 6 PM and trivia will begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$360 for a team of 8 or individual tickets are \$50 each. Persons purchasing an individual ticket will be placed with others to make a team of 8. Tickets will be sold on Facebook at Effingham Catholic Charities Events Page, on cc.dio.org, or at the door. This is a beach themed event, so feel free to wear your favorite tropical attire. Food will be provided for a free will donation and drinks are available to purchase.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday March 18th, 2023

Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217)

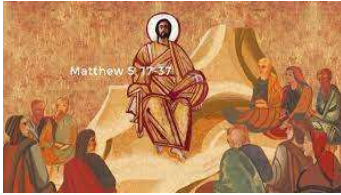
To volunteer your service or to provide a baked good.



March for Life Springfield will be held March 21st. The March will start with a 10:00 am Mass

at the Sangamon Auditorium at U of I Springfield campus. March with rally and speakers will take place at noon at the state capitol. A bus is being rented to provide transportation. Text Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 for a seat. More information to follow!

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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: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month

At St. Thomas Church 8-9 am & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, February 13th, Weekday

Blood Drive 2pm-6pm

Tuesday, February 14th, Sts Cyril & Methodius

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Harley, Lena & Larry Kirts+)

Wednesday, February 15th, Weekday

6:3 pm - PSR

Thursday, February 16th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

Friday, February 17th, Weekday

Saturday, February 18th,

Sunday, February 19th, 7th Sunday in Ord. Time

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

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – February 19, 2023

Ushers: Jake Semple, Bob Barthelme, Norbert Ochs

Servers: Charlee Hartrich, Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs, Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Theresa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs, Lora Semple

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, mass will be at 5:30pm, there will be no PSR that night, but the students should attend mass.

We will need Ministers for that evening mass. If you can help please call the office or e-mail to let us know.

We will need:

Ushers, Servers, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Eucharistic ministers.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of February 5,2023

Envelopes	\$ 738.00
Loose	88.00
Total	\$ 2037.00

St Mary's Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – 10196.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1020.00

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, February 13th, from 2pm – 6pm. All Donors are welcome.

Brunch Update: The annual St Mary's brunch will be held on **March 5th, 8am – Noon**. Donations are still needed for brunch items.

Thanks to Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann & Paul & Kate Kaufmann for the donation of the milk and juice. George & Lora Semple and Ron & Nancy Zwilling for donating the biscuit mix. Phil & Becca Ochs for donating 2 hogs.

Monetary donations can be put in an envelope and dropped in the regular Sunday collection.

We are still in need of donations for the ham and coffee. We need of plenty of fruit and baked goods of sweet rolls, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls and sweet breads. So get those recipe books out!

The Parish Center will be open on Saturday, March 4th, from 10am – Noon for delivery of fruit and baked goods.

Family Life Raffles: will return beginning in February. They will be held the first Sunday of every month. Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold before mass that day. March prize will be tickets for St Mary's Brunch on 3/5. Money is used for family life activities. Anyone interest in donating a prize such as home baked goods or gift certificates etc., please contact Lora Semple 618-783-9256 or Donna Boehl 618-562-3556.