

July 22-23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of The Weeds

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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 15-16, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 4,663.00
Loose	\$ 815.00
Subtotal	\$ 5,478.00
G.I.F.T.	\$ 1,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
School Fund	\$ 455.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,575.00
Grand Total	\$ 7,053.00

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$63,116.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,312.00

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf -Office Closed

5:30 pm (Int: Jerry Hargis)

Tuesday, July 25th, St. James

8:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 26th, Sts. Joachim & Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Mass (Int: Jim Ed Wright)

9:00 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

Thursday, July 27th, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Fri., July 28th, Weekday

8:30 am Mass – (Int: Betty Marshall)

Sat., July 29th, Sts. Martha & Lazarus

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

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

Sunday, July 30th, 17th 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, July 29 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: **Need a Volunteer**

E.M.: Brad/Kaitlyn Ochs, Mark Bolander, Glenda Spiker

Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, July 30 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Karen Winn

EM: Gery Ochs, L. Hemrich, Erica Johnson, B.Phillips

Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Paul Bierman Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Laney Hemrich

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, July 30 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kelly Iffert; Sadie Iffert

EM: Brad Ochs, John Bower, Matt Bower, Renee Gier

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Kassie Pitcher

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Margaret Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here
and so far the total collected is **\$8,670.00**. This
important annual collection for our parish will help with
the repair of the Church lighting system insurance
deductible. Thanks for your support.

St. Thomas School Family Agreements.

Please call the parish office this *final* week to schedule.

St. Thomas School Registration.

- July 25th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm
- July 26th from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Registration will take place in the St. Thomas Parish Center meeting room. Please contact the school office if you need to make other arrangements. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

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!

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.



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.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42
Tues.:	2Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Weds.:	Ex 16:1-5,9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Th.:	Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b	Mt 13:10-17
Fri.:	Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:18-23
Sat.:	Ex 24:3-8	Jn 11:19-27
Sun.:	1Kgs 3:5,7-12 Rom 8:28-30	Mt 13:44-52

A Message from Fr. Paul Luczak... I would like to thank all who supported Fr. Pawel Jurkowski's mission. I am personally grateful for the kindness he experienced in Newton and St Marie. It gives good testimony about the faithful who are present in our churches. This coming weekend the collection basket for his mission will still be available for those who missed the opportunity to support his mission. We will also publish his sermon next week so everyone can get familiar with the message he prepared for us. Once again thank you very much for your donations and generous hearts.

A Note to 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.

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2023



Thank you for your service in Huntingburg, IN last week!! **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.



**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)

This Eucharistic Congress will be a spiritually uplifting and motivating event featuring talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM, Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, and Dr. Scott Hahn. It also includes Catholic vendors, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, a showing of the documentary *God is Alive Incredible stories of faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*, and a showing of *The Chair*, which highlights the beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield and the history of the diocese. The day culminates with the very essence of the Year of the Eucharist, the Mass, with an arena full of Catholics eager to hear the Word of God and receive Jesus present in the holy Eucharist.

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.

Newton Family Life Center News!

The Newton Family Life Center has had a very successful 1st year thanks to the generosity of the community and specifically the parishioners of St. Thomas. New clients come every month, a new ultrasound machine is coming soon and they're renovating their garage to create more room for parenting classes. *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.

Message of the Pope for World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Vatican has released Pope Francis' eagerly anticipated message for the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, set to be commemorated on the 23rd of July, the fourth Sunday in July—a date near the liturgical celebration of St. Joachim and St. Anne.

Initiated by Pope Francis in 2021, this significant day seeks to shine a spotlight on the invaluable role played by grandparents and the elderly in society. It serves as a reminder that they should not be forgotten and encourages younger generations to dedicate quality time to their elders, listening and embracing the wisdom they must impart.

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PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, July 24th, St Sharbel Makhluf

Tuesday, July 25th, St James the Apostle

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George Dallmier+)

7:00 pm – PICNIC MEETING

Wednesday, July 26th, Sts Joachim and Anne

Thursday, July 27th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

Friday, July 28th, Weekday

Saturday, July 29th, Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Sunday, July 30th, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday July 25th at 7:00 pm

The Bend Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 30, 2023

4841 N 2125th St

Oblong, IL

Starts at 3PM

Free Will Donation for delicious homemade ice cream!

Flat Mountain will be playing 3-5pm

Porkburgers, chips and drinks for sale

Rain or Shine – Bring Lawn Charis

Sponsored by the Bend Community Club

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of July 16, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1753.00

Loose 107.00

Sub Total \$ 1860.00

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TOTAL \$ 1955.00

St Mary's Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$10793.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1079.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – July 30, 2023

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson, Tony Strutner

Servers: Daniel Uebinger, Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple, Rose Gangloff, Lisa Ochs

186th Annual Pre-Labor Day Church Picnic



Sunday, September 3, 2023

St Mary's in Sainte Marie

Dinner 3-6pm

Food & Games 3-7pm

Big Ticket Raffle

Quilt Raffle

Beer Garden 3-9pm

Local Band SOCO' a little southern comfort 6-9pm

Fun for the whole family!!