

February 26th-27th, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 5th-6th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,718.00
Loose	\$	672.00
Subtotal	\$	6,390.00
Catholic Times	\$	20.00
Building Collection	\$	245.00
School Fund	\$	440.00
Subtotal	\$	705.00
Grand Total	\$	7,095.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$53,866.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,387.00

St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements

are available only by request. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 28, Weekday

Tuesday, March 1, Weekday

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

1:45 pm Burning of Palms for Ashes (St. Thomas)

6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory

Weds., March 2, Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Communion Service w Ashes (St. Mary's)

8:30 am All-School Mass w distribution of Ashes

9:15 am Rosary Group

10:30 am Communion Service w Ashes (Villas)

Noon Communion Service w Ashes (St. Thomas)

2:00 pm Communion Service w Ashes (Helia NCC)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Communion Service w Ashes (St. Thomas)

Thurs., March 3, St. Katharine Drexel

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

Pastoral Visits to Homebound

7:00 pm St. Thomas Pastoral Council

Friday, March 4, St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer

7- 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP

8:30 am Class Mass (Gerald & Rosella Hemrich+)

9:30 am – 2:00 pm Pastoral Visits to Homebound

2:30 pm St. Thomas School Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm KC Hall Fish Fry – CYO assisting

7:00 pm Bingo – Lightning \$5,000.00

Saturday, March 5, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

9:15 am & 2:00 pm Parent/Youth Prep. Session for

Confirmation/First Communion (St. Thomas)

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

Sunday, March 6, First Sunday of Lent

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)

8:45 am Pre-baptismal Class

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

OCIA Rite of Sending

2:30 pm Rite of Election at the Cathedral, Spgfld

St. Thomas CYO Important Dates to Remember:

Weds., March 2nd meet at 6:30 pm in the parish center to finish preparing for Ash Wednesday.

Fri., March 4th – 4:30 pm Working KC Hall Fish Fry

Weds., March 9th – Meet at 6:30 pm:

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Fri., March 11th - 4:30 pm Working KC Hall Fish Fry

Weds., March 16th – Meet at 6:30 pm:

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat., March 19th – Volunteers to work FLC breakfast

Wednesdays, March 23rd & 30th meet at 6:30 pm to practice Living Stations

Wednesday, April 6th – Present Living Stations

St. Thomas Soup Supper
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2022

Games available until 2:30 p.m.

BIG RAFFLE at 3:00 p.m.

CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE UNTIL 3:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 5 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Madison Phillips; Beth Ochs

E.M.: Wanda Kocher, Mark Bolander, Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs

Servers: Maria McVicar & Brooke Farley

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Elise Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 6 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Lori TeVault; Becky Shamhart

EM: Eliza Bierman, Helen/Leo Weber, Dena Rauch

Servers: Lucy Bierman; Katie Bierman

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Five For The One

Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Nick Hemrich

Sunday, March 6 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: John Bower; Elley Bennett

EM: Marissa Bower, Gery Ochs, Tony Sparks, Julie Higgs

Servers: Bristol & Jarrett Pitcher

Gift Bearers: Doug Iffert Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School graduate for all they have given back to the school community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award must:

Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 + years

Have made contributions to society that reflect the values instilled in them while attending

St. Thomas School

St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the *Exceptional Service Award*. Nominees for this award are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School and/or St. Thomas Parish.

Note: This nominee does not have to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our school and/or parish.

For more info: call the school office at 783-3517.

Deadline for Nominations for both awards is April 8, at the school or church office.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this week: **March 2**. It is a traditional day of Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence. Pope Francis has designated it as a day of prayer and fasting for Peace in the World, especially in Ukraine.

The distribution of Ashes will be available during the following prayer services:

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7:00 am Communion Service (St. Mary's)

8:30 am St. Thomas School Mass (St. Thomas)

10:30 am Communion Service (The Villas)

12:00 Noon: Communion Service (St. Thomas)

2:00 pm Communion Service (Helia Healthcare)

5:30 pm Mass (St. Mary's)

7:00 pm Communion Service (St. Thomas)

MARCH 1: NOTE: Please **BRING OLD PALMS** to St. Mary's Church by Tuesday 9:30 am

St. Thomas Church by Tuesday 12:00 noon.

in order for them to be burned into Ashes at the Tuesday afternoon Prayer Service.

LENTEN REGULATIONS : Updated!

1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

NOTE: Health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However,

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal !

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sun.: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Welcome into the Catholic Church

Cecilia Jo Will

The daughter of John & Cassie (Gouchenouer) Will, was baptized during Saturday Mass February 19, 2022 at St. Thomas. Sponsor was Alex Will. Elizabeth Will was a Christian Witness.



Mykelti Mae Finley

The daughter of Jeffrey and Kristie (Lahey) Finley, was baptized on Sunday, February 20, 2022. The Sponsor was Julie Warfel. Brian Ridlen was a Christian Witness.

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. A Godparent-Sponsor must be a participating Catholic. A non-Catholic can serve as a Christian witness but everyone present is a witness. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

Holy Communion Preparation Session 2

Parent/Youth Meetings are scheduled for **9:15 am & 2 pm March 5**, at St. Thomas Church. **Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation
Parents of Second Grade Students are to attend a Sacramental Preparation session either:

6:30 pm Wednesday March 9 at St. Mary's
or 6:30 pm Thursday March 10 at St. Thomas
for their child to receive their First Reconciliation, Sacrament of Penance on during the Lenten Season. This preparation is for enrollment for celebration of Confirmation/First Communion next November.

A Sacrament of Penance Service is scheduled For: Wednesday, March 23 at St. Thomas.
and Thursday, March 24 at St. Mary's.

Just a reminder that with Easter and mowing seasons quickly approaching, **Christmas decorations will be removed at New and Old St. Peter Cemeteries.** Please also note that all ground decorations need to be removed including anything that can get in the mowers path. Thank you for your cooperation!

PRE-CANA DEADLINE March 1, 2022:

St Mary's Pre Cana session will be held on March 12th, at the St Mary's Parish Center. You can register by going on our website, www.stemariechurch.org and using the registration form, or call the St. Mary's parish office: 618-455-3155.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Jessica Spiker, Diane Bunton, Catherine Ochs, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Bruce Fisher, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** Carol Jean "CJ" Mitchell

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 receive either of these opportunities, please call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors. Catholic Scholars Program Eastern Illinois University

The EIU Newman Center started a program called the Catholic Scholars program 3 years ago. This program allows students to take theology courses at the Newman Center and receive college course credit and a scholarship. The program consists of 6 classes, so a student takes one 12-week class each semester for 3 years. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship for taking the class (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. The program has classes that look at the Church, Christ, the sacraments, the Bible, and moral life. EIU is the only state university in the country that offers a program like this and 3 of our St. Thomas parishioners are already participating in this program. More details will be shared at CYO.

Please support the **Catholic Charities collection** to be taken up next weekend March 12/13. Bishop Paprocki notes that Catholic Charities is the hand/feet of Christ.

Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from 7:30-10:30, Saturday, March 19. Please contact Brian Bierman at 217-821-1217 if you can help work the breakfast.

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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 Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As scheduled by request and
available 8 – 9 a.m. Saturdays at St. Thomas

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Monday, February 28th, Weekday

Tuesday, March 1st, Weekday

7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration w MP at 7:30 am
and *Rosary at 8:00 am*

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Vincent & Louise Keller+)

Ash Wednesday, March 2, Prayer, Fast & Abstinence

7:00 am Communion Service w Ashes (St. Mary's)

8:30 am All-School Mass w/ distribution of Ashes

Noon Communion Service w/ Ashes (St. Thomas)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Communion Service w Ashes (St. Thomas)

NO PSR

Thursday, March 3rd, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration w MP at 7:30 am
and *Rosary at 8:00 am*

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Joan Will+)

10:00 – 2 pm Pastoral Communion Visits

Friday, March 4th, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 5th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:15 am & 2:00 pm Parent/Youth Prep. Session for
Confirmation/First Communion (St. Thomas)

Sunday, March 6th, First Sunday of Lent

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

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The distribution of Ashes will be available throughout the day during Communion Services-check the daily schedule. **BRING OLD PALMS** to Church by **Tuesday 9:30 am March 1.**

Ash Wednesday Ministers - 5:30 p.m.- March 2

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Randy Reis

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frohning

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 6

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Randy Reis

Servers: Avery Ochs/ Ellie Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

Eucharistic Minister: Ben Ochs

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of February 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$	800.00
Loose		<u>240.00</u>
Sub Total	\$	1040.00
Haiti		<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$	1145.00

FAMILY LIFE: Are you looking for a project to help others this Lent? The Family Life committee will have plastic eggs at the back and side doors with names of the homebound inside. Take an egg home and "adopt" the person (or persons) listed and remember them during Lent. You can do prayers, cards, calls, visits, door drop-offs or whatever you feel is appropriate.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual **St Mary's Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd 8am – noon.**

Donations Needed for Brunch Items – Monetary donations can be put in envelope in regular collection marked Brunch, or dropped off at the drop box on door of parish office. Money needed for Ham, Coffee, Tea, Fruit (fresh, frozen, canned) or the actual fruit items can be brought to the parish center the evening before or the morning of.

Donations of cinnamon rolls and other sweet breads which can also be brought the evening before or the morning of the brunch.

Thanks to: Nancy Zwilling and Marie & Judy Wagner for donating the biscuit mix. Hartrich Meats for the sausage. Maynard & Elfrieda & Paul & Kate Kaufman for donating the milk and juice.