

October 14-15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Oct. 7-8, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,607.00
Loose	\$	547.00
Subtotal	\$	8,154.00
Building Fund	\$	120.00
All Saints	\$	20.00
Prop. Of Faith	\$	10.00
School Fund	\$	1,070.00
Subtotal	\$	1,220.00
Grand Total	\$	9,374.00

St. Thomas Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$37,737.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,774.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Oct. 16, Sts Hedwig/Margaret Mary Alacoque

Tuesday, Oct. 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Oct. 18, St. Luke

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Chuck & Patty McCreery)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm OCIA

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

Thurs., Oct. 19, Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's;

Friday, Oct. 20, St. Paul of the Cross

No School

8:30 am Mass (Int: Louis & Mildred Bierman)

Saturday, Oct. 21, Weekday

8:00 am-9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Rose Ann Kerner)

Sunday, Oct. 22, 29th Sunday in Ord. Time;

World Mission Sunay

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

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int: Elizabeth Schackmann)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, October 21 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs

E.M.: Kimberly/Kaitlyn Ochs, Ramon Kocher,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Alayna Ochs & Lexi Ochs

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, October 22 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Mark Vahling

EM: Janet Vahling, Theresa Volk, Brenda Phillips,
Pam Francis

Servers: Alani Bergbower & Aaron Volk

Gift Bearers: Andy Bergbower Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Brenly Francis

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, October 22 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower

EM: Jenny Bierman, Kristine Probst, Sara Mette,
Matt Bower

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Jason Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier



St. Thomas CYO Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm St. Thomas Parish Center.



Thanks to all of our CYO youth for working the games at this year's picnic. We had a great time and appreciate all of the cookies, chips, soda and water that were donated to help us out!!

Because Sundays are not enough!!
So proud of this group!

The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50th (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15th, for those who have been married 50 years or more. Fr. Pawel will give a marriage blessing at the 10:00 am Mass. Brunch will be served immediately following Mass in the St. Thomas parish center. If anyone didn't get an invitation, they can call Kay at 618-843-8249 or e-mail kayochs@hotmail.com. Please RSVP to Kay by October 8th. Congratulations!!

St. Thomas Cleaning Crews are reporting for duty on **Tuesday, October 24th at 8:30 am.** August, September and October volunteers are asked to help. These volunteers will be notified but all volunteers are welcome!

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon: 6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Martinsville
Tues: 6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Flora
2/3 field trip
Weds: Class Mass
3:30-7:30 pm P/T Conferences
Thurs: 6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Palestine
3:30 -7:30 pm P/T Conferences
Fri: No School

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) – Welcome **Jordan Hartigan** and **Jaleena Hemrich** to the OCIA process. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey and continue to grow in the Catholic faith!

Happy Birthday, Betty Wakefield! Betty is celebrating her 99th birthday on October 21 and she would love to hear from her church family and friends with a call or card. Betty continues to inspire all those around her! Betty can be contacted at:
101 S. Gregory Dr. Apt 31, Newton, IL 62448 **OR**
618-783-3362

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:

Richard Hippler, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, 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; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: *Kimberly English*, Charles Sroka's granddaughter, and *Mary Erlene Hall, Bill Mulvey & Wayne Stark*

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32
Tues.: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41
Weds.: 2Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9
Th.: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54
Fri.: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7
Sat.: Rom 4:13,16-18 Lk 12:8-12
Sun.: Is 45:1,4-6 1Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

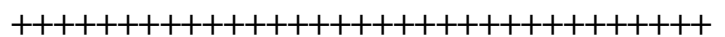
St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic

Wow! What a great day blessed with good weather, great food and even better fellowship. Thanks to the Pastoral Council for organizing this year's picnic. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made this picnic a success again this year!! We couldn't do it without the support of all of you!! We will share this year's profit as soon as all of the figures have been finalized.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

- Leslie Werkowski \$500.00
- Adam Knicley \$1,000.00
- Michelle Varvil \$15,000.00
(Jackie Tauber's daughter)

See you again next year!



Congratulations to the St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale Committee for another amazing garage sale. Great bargains for all ages could be found and the seasonal décor bargains were awesome! The profit made from the Fall Garage Sale was \$10,815.44. WOW!! Thanks for all of the donations!! See you in the spring!

**Eucharistic Congress Itinerary
October 28, 2023**

- 7:45 am** Meet in St. Thomas Church parking lot and board the Bales bus
- 8:00 am** Bales Bus leaves for the Bank of Springfield (BOS) Center, Springfield, located at 1, Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL
- 10:30 am** Doors Open, Marketplace open
- 11:00 am – 3:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration; Screenings, Speakers; Concession Stands and Marketplace
- 4:00 pm** Mass
- 5:30 pm** Approximate leave time to head to 1905 Brewery in Assumption
- 6:30 pm** Approximate arrival at 1905 Brewery in Assumption
- 8:00 pm** Leave Assumption and head back to St. Thomas Church

Detailed Schedule of the day

- **10:30 a.m.:** Doors open, family room open, Catholic Marketplace open (both in lower level)
- **11 a.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration and Confession available in basement (both end at 3:30 p.m.), concession stands open
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.:** Screening of documentary, *God is Alive | Stories of incredible faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*
- **12:50 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.:** Dr. Scott Hahn presentation
- **1:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.:** Screening of *The Chair*, video that highlights the history of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and Bishop Paprocki's journey to Springfield
- **2:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.:** Father Chase Hilgenbrinck presentation
- **2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.:** Father Denis Robinson, OSB presentation
- **3:10 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.:** Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM presentation
- **4 p.m.:** Mass

Note: You can come and go as you please throughout the day ☺

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Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...
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.

Pastor Appreciation

Thank you Fr. Pawel for jumping right in and making St. Thomas and St. Mary your home! Thank you for all that you have done since you have started your ministry in our parishes.



Fr. Pawel participates in the Homecoming Parade collecting candy for the St. Thomas School students.



Fr. Pawel participates with parishioners in the Life Chain around the Newton Square.

We know that with God as your guide you will continue to lead us and shepherd us in His right paths. Let us keep Fr. Pawel and all priests in our prayers, that they be filled with the light of Christ and shine for all to see.

7th Annual Wave of Light
Sunday, October 15, 2023 7:00 PM
 Sam Parr State Park - White Oak Area

Please arrive by 6:45, name additions can be sent in advance or added that evening.

Join the Jasper County Pregnancy and Infant Loss Group as a wave of candle light fills the area as the names of those that are remembered are read.

If you are unable to attend we welcome the addition of names to be read. If you have not suffered a loss we encourage you to attend to support those who have.

Family Life Center Newton seeks two advocates to work with our clients one-on-one.

If you love the idea of helping clients choose life for their babies, helping moms and dads prepare for the birth of their child, and assisting parents to be the best parents they can be, then consider one of the following positions:

- *One advocate Monday through Thursday, 9-5.
- *One advocate part-time Monday and Tuesday, 9-5, occasionally filling in on other days.

Both positions occasionally require evening or weekend hours based on events or speaking opportunities. Anyone interested should send their resume to director@familylifepcc.org

The St. Thomas Funeral Dinner Calling Trees have been updated. Those who participate on a calling tree will be receiving a letter that includes an updated listing of the members of your tree. Thanks so much for participating in this very important ministry for our parish.

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Few Are Chosen

Matthew 22:1-14

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

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, October 16th, St Hedwig, St Margaret
Mary**

Tuesday, October 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, October 18th, St Luke

6:30 p.m. – PSR – meet in church for Rosary

6:30 pm – Finance Council

Thursday, October 19th, St John de Brebeuf

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Oscar & Marcella Strutner+)

Friday, October 20th, St Paul of the Cross

6:00 p.m. – New Servers Training

Saturday, October 21st, Weekday

Sunday, October 22nd, 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

Rosary before Mass

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

Rosary

Since October is dedicated to the holy rosary,
we will be praying the rosary before the Sunday
morning masses. Please plan to attend early to join us!

PSR: If you have not filled out the registration form
and paid for PSR, please do so as soon as possible

Starting, Wednesday, October 4th, and thru the month
of October, all classes will meet in the church for the
rosary before class begins.

Annual Intellectual Disability Benefit Breakfast

Sponsored by Teutopolis Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 7am – Noon

All proceeds are used locally.

Teutopolis Banquet Hall

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of October 8, 2023

Envelopes \$ 663.00

Loose _____ 85.00

Sub Total \$ 748.00

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Total \$ 798.00

St Mary's Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$10840.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1084.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 22, 2023

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Daniel Uebinger/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich,
Rose Gangloff

Blood Drive – The next American Red Cross Blood

Drive will be held at St Mary's Parish Center on

Monday, October 23, 2023 from 2pm – 6pm. Come
out and give the gift of Life.

Rest in Peace – Mary Erlene Hall, mother of Mike &
Sherry Hall of St Mary's parish. May God show them
the power of his love and comfort.

Congratulations

Mr. & Mrs. Connor & Dava (Tarr) Webster

who were united in marriage, October 7th, at St Mary's

Best wishes on this wonderful journey

as you build your new lives together.

St Joseph Church – Olney Smorgasbord & Bazaar

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Lunch will be served 11am – 1:30 pm

Adults - \$12 and Children (8 and under) \$8

Meal: Pork loin, chicken & noodles, baked beans

Corn, mashed potatoes, roll & dessert

All are welcome for food, fun and friendship.