

May 18-19, 2024  
**Pentecost Sunday**



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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

**Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich**

**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:** 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

June 2, and Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

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

May 11-12, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,906.00
Loose	\$	260.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,949.00</b>
School Fund	\$	380.00
Building Fund	\$	95.00
Other	\$	318.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>793.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,959.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church March Tithe**

March Tithe Income – \$39,791.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,979.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, May 20, Blessed Virgin Mary,**

*Mother of the Church*

**Tuesday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia**

**8:30 am** Mass (Taylor Smith and all Sisters &

Postulants)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**Thursday, May 23, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, May 24, Weekday**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Ella James)

**Saturday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable;**

*St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*

*No Reconciliation unless by appointment*

*Missionary Coop Appeal Weekend*

**10:00 am** Ordinations to the Priesthood at the  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

**2:00 pm** Asif/Swingler Wedding

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (George Brummer)

**Sunday, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity**

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

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

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Roscoe Miller)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**2:00 pm** Reverend Alex McCullough's First Mass of  
 Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception,  
 Mattoon

**3:00 pm** Reverend Jayke White's First Mass of

Thanksgiving at St. Boniface, Edwardsville

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

Mon, May 20 – Park & Play Day(Bring your lunch)

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> AR Bowling Reward

6:00 pm Sports Awards Night

Tues, May 21- Teacher's Institute

**Have a fun and safe summer!!**

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Gn 3:9-15,20

**Jn 19:25-34**

**Tues.:** Jas 4:1-10

**Mk 9:30-37**

**Weds.:**Jas 4:13-17

**Mk 9:38-40**

**Th.:** Jas 5:1-6

**Mk 9:41-50**

**Fri.:** Jas 5:9-12

**Mk 10:1-12**

**Sat.:** Jas 5:13-20

**Mk 10:13-16**

**Sun.:** Dt 4:32-34,39-40

**Rom 8:14-17**

**Mt 28:16-2**

**School is out for SUMMER!!**

### St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

**Saturday, May 25 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Nichole Mulvey  
EM: Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis  
Servers: Brooks Hermann  
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family  
Musicians: Tammy Page/Kaitlyn Ochs  
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, May 26 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower  
EM: Mark/Janet Vahling, Brenda Phillips,  
Jamie Shamhart  
Servers: Avery Shamhart & Addison Shamhart  
Gift Bearers: Becky Shamhart Family  
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman  
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

**Sunday, May 26 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Marissa Bower  
EM: Dee Bower, Marge Horton, Dennis Weber  
Servers: Beau Bennett & Oliver Ochs  
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson  
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

### *Congratulations!*

#### **St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award:**

Congratulations, **Sue Sparks**, for receiving this award. Thank you for your many years of service to our parish and Angels Group! This is well-deserved!!

#### **St. Thomas Parish Exceptional Service Award:**

The recipient of this award this year is **Linda Mertens!** Congratulations, Linda!! All that you do is greatly appreciated, especially the time that you spend with the residents at the Newton Care Center. Thank you for spending time with those residents and keeping them connected to their faith and church community!

### **ST. THOMAS FINANCE COUNCIL & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

A special thank you to Katie and Anthony from the Diocese who visited our councils this past Wednesday. They did an overview of our Parish Vitality Study and were very complimentary of our parish and community. We ask you to join us in prayer as our councils continue to pray about the needs of our parish and the best direction for our Centennial Campaign. Areas of focus for this campaign could include efforts to improve outreach and opportunities for faith formation/support, improvements to our school/church campus, establishing/maintaining 3 months of available funds for operating the church and school and the consideration of the long-term viability of our parish. With God's grace, we continue to move forward!

### St. Thomas Youth Choir Spotlight



#### **Getting to Know Our Youth Choir Members**

**Name:** Emmalin Finley  
**Parents:** Patrick & Leah Finley  
**How long have you been in choir?** 2 years

**Why do you like being in choir?** I like to sing!

**What is your favorite season?** Christmas

**What is your favorite song to sing?** 10,000 Reasons

**Have you done anything special with your music?**

I have done a solo for Christmas, and I am taking a youth choir class at Olney Central College.

**Background Check and Training Updates.** An email was recently sent out to St. Thomas Parishioners in regards to updating background checks/trainings if necessary. Thanks to everyone who already completed the **background check updates/trainings** through CMG. If you have already completed the updates because you are a St. Thomas School Family, you do not have to complete the process again! If you have any troubles, try creating a new account. If you continue to have difficulty give the St. Thomas parish office a call.

**IN MEMORY.** Following the St. Thomas School graduation this Sunday, **the tree planted behind the church in Jessica Spiker's honor and memory will be dedicated to her.** All are invited to attend to share in this special ceremony.

### **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:**

Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION**

**Regularly:** 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas  
(Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's)  
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas  
**OR** by appointment

**BLOOD DRIVE-** The St. Thomas Angels group is sponsoring a Blood drive Noon – 5:30 pm; **Thursday June 6** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Homemade desserts and free refreshments will be provided. All presenting donors receive a Tetris and Red Cross shirt while supplies last! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. A flyer with additional information is posted in the display case in the main entrance of St. Thomas Church. Thank you!!

**Young Adult Evening Prayer**  
 Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Tuesday, May 28** at 7 p.m. CT. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/5-28-24/](http://ssnd.org/events/5-28-24/).

**Position Available.** St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, a K-8 elementary school in Newton, IL, is *seeking a qualified Elementary Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.* Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and completed application to Principal Jill Bierman via email [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com) or via mail to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, Attention Jill Bierman, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL. The application can be found on our web site [www.stthomassaints.com](http://www.stthomassaints.com). Any questions can be directed to the above email.

**Uganda Mission Trip Fundraiser.**  
 Support St. Thomas School Graduates, Kaitlyn Ochs and Lily Bierman as they invite you to Bishop Hall in rural Dieterich on **Saturday, June 8th.** Starting at 7:00, A Little Southern Comfort will be playing, drinks will be available, 50/50 drawing, etc. Free will donation at the door. All of the profit goes to a mission trip to Uganda this summer. Kaitlyn and Lily are part of the group going to help finish a Catholic Church and work in a Catholic School. All are welcome!

**You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage,** coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. **BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Go to [dio.org](http://dio.org) to learn more and register!

***Congratulations, Graduates!!***  
***We are proud of you and***  
***keep you in our prayers!***  
***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates from St. Thomas***  
***School & Our Parishes***

<i>Carter Barthelme</i>	<i>Audrey Beals</i>
<i>Cheyenne Bedwell</i>	<i>Beau Bennett</i>
<i>Alani Bergbower</i>	<i>Blaine Bergbower</i>
<i>Brooke Bergbower</i>	<i>Adria Bierman</i>
<i>Anna Bierman</i>	<i>Nathan Bierman</i>
<i>Jenna Brewer</i>	<i>Madilyn Brummer</i>
<i>Malorie Buerster</i>	<i>Emma Evans</i>
<i>Brenly Francis</i>	<i>Quincy Fulton</i>
<i>Avery Geier</i>	<i>Lauren Gier</i>
<i>Evan Holder</i>	<i>Lane Holder</i>
<i>Kaleb Iffert</i>	<i>Bentli Knicley</i>
<i>Grayson Lingafelter</i>	<i>Lilly Long</i>
<i>Dana Michels</i>	<i>Maleah Miller</i>
<i>Oliver Ochs</i>	<i>Kassie Pitcher</i>
<i>Olivia Sornberger</i>	<i>Tyler Spiker</i>
<i>Kaleb Utley</i>	<i>Aaron Volk</i>
<i>Raylie Wall</i>	<i>Curtis Weber</i>

**Pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, Budapest & Vienna** with Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Michael Berndt, Oct. 14-25, 2024. Cost is \$3197/person. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 phone/text or [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com) for a complete brochure or any questions. There are 12 spaces left for the group.

**NATIONAL**  
**Eucharistic Pilgrimage**  
**MONSTRANCE HAND-OFF**  
 Bishop Thomas John Paprocki  
 Bishop Michael McGovern  
**July 8**  
 1 PM  
 Ss. Peter & Paul  
 Collinsville

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**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, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, St Christopher Magallanes**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene/Maxine Hartrich+)

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> St Rita**

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Herman Zwilling+)

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, St Bede the Venerable**

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, The Most Holy Trinity**

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

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – May 26, 2024**

**Ushers:** Marvin Zwilling, Bob Barthelme,  
Tony Strutner

**Servers:** Wade Schackmann/Daniel Uebinger

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/Mike Hartrich

**Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning,

Elfrieda Kaufmann, Maynard Kaufmann

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

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

**Graduates:** To all those graduating from PreK thru college, our prayers are with you as you move forward to the next adventure. Let your dreams be bigger than your fears, your actions louder than your words, and your faith stronger than your feelings

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of May 12, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1260.00

Loose 319.00

**Sub Total \$ 1579.00**

Home Mission 20.00

Ascension 50.00

**Total \$ 1649.00**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**March Tithe Income - \$30,950.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,095.00**

**Family Life Graduation Breakfast**

**June 2, 2024 after Mass**

Graduation is getting close and we would like to honor  
all graduates,

Those graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School,  
College, Trade School and any other graduates.

Please call the parish office and give us the names of  
graduates to be listed in the bulletin.

**If your family will be attending the  
breakfast, please let us know the number  
attending by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, either by calling the  
office, or notifying  
Lora Sample**

**Baby Bottle**

The Newton Family Life Center baby bottles are  
available in church, please take one and fill it with  
coins or dollar bills and return on Father's Day. This  
is a great fundraiser for the **Newton Family Life  
Center.**

**PICNIC RAFFLE** –Work is beginning on the raffle  
for

this year's picnic. If you any individual or business  
would like to donate to the picnic raffle this year's  
please call the parish office or Elaine (618) 843-0800  
by

May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you donated last year, you will be