

July 27-28, 2024
Seventeenth 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

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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 20-21, 2024 Collection

Will be reported next weekend with the
July 27-28, 2024 weekend collection.

Thanks for your understanding!

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$50,181.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,018.00

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 29, Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9:00 am – 11:00 am St. Thomas Band Camp

Tuesday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

9:00 am – 11:00 am St. Thomas Band Camp

Wednesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am Mass (James Leahy)

9:00 am Rosary Group

9:00 am – 11:00 am St. Thomas Band Camp

Thursday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori

Home Visits

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

9:00 am – 11:00 am St. Thomas Band Camp

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Eucharistic Min./Lector Review

Friday, August 2, Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli &

Peter Julian Eymard

First Friday; Adoration after Mass until Noon

8:30 am Mass (Norbert Klingler)

Saturday, August 3, Weekday; First Sat. at St. Mary's

Fr. Jim Flach celebrating Mass at St. Thomas

10:00 am Reception into the Novitiate at St. Mary's
Church, Alton, IL

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Keith Long)

Sunday, August 4, 18th Ordinary Sunday

Fr. Dean Probst celebrating Masses

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Phil Kuhl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Jer 13:1-11 Jn 11:19-27 Lk 10:38-42

Tues.: Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43

Weds.: Jer 15:10,16-21 Mt 13:44-46

Th.: Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

Fri.: Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:13:54-58

Sat.: Jer 26:11-16,24 Mt 14:1-12

Sun.: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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

Card Shower - Mary Evelyn Dhom will celebrate her 93rd birthday on July 29th, she would love to receive cards! They may be sent to – Mary Evelyn Dhom
101 S Gregory St Apt 27
Newton, IL 62448

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 3 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lori Rauch

EM: Denisse Ochs, Ramon Kocher, Emma Rauch

Servers: Halle Wagner

Gift Bearers: Randy Hemrich Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 4 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jill Bierman

EM: Eliza, Gus, Lily Bierman, Lori TeVault

Servers: Alani Bergbower & Jace Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Mark Vahling Family

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, August 4 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Ryan Probst

EM: Marissa Bower, Dee Bower, Kelly Iffert

Servers: Audrey Earnest & Dylan Earnest

Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As The Family Life Center prepares for their upcoming fundraising banquet held September 12th at the Keller Convention Center; they would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption! This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations.

NOTE: St. Thomas would like to host a table if we have parishioners interested. Please call the parish office, 618-783-8741, to reserve your seat. All monies raised go to the Newton Family Life Center.

The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$8,135.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!



Congratulations, Hudson John Mammoser, the son of Nick & Kate (Nuelle) Mammoser, who was recently baptized last Sunday morning at St. Thomas.

Godparents are Jared Yager and Katie Mette. May God continue the good work begun in him!

Non-Discriminatory Policy. St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

A new parish software is coming. The Diocese will be sunsetting its use of Acceptiva as the online payment processor for parishes, **effective September 1**. St. Thomas Parish currently receives online offertory gifts via the Diocesan Acceptiva account and is taking the first steps in transitioning to the new diocesan wide online processor, PushPay, to ensure our parishioners can maintain their online offertory. The new giving link is available on our website, www.stthomasnewton.net.

Give it a try!

Congratulations on 70 years!! A card shower is being



planned for **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frohning**, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 7. Cards may be sent to them at 101 S. Gregory, Apt. 5, Newton, IL 62448. They will appreciate hearing from their friends and family. Let us help them celebrate!

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review. Fr. Pawel would like to meet with **ALL** Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan on attending this Thursday, August 1st, at 5:45pm if you have not yet had a chance to attend.

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:

Wyatt Young, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, 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.



**St. Thomas School Presents
Our 12th Annual DUCK RACE 2024
Sunday, August 18th
11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic
Center**

Free swimming following until noon

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:

St. Thomas School or Church, Peoples State Bank,
Medicine Shoppe

Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517

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Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or visit signup.formed.org then enter 62448.

Step #3 – Open your gift to experience thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas, Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so much more on the Amen App.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners in church. Please share any FORMED resources that you have used and have positively affected your prayer and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Be sure to check out the Diocese's website <https://dio.org/catholic-times/they-prayed-they-worshipped-they-witnessed/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield/> for pictures, videos and posts about this historic event that many of our parishioners were able to witness locally!

Fr. Tolton Religious Award – Our local Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting has created a new patch award for Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton! The award requirements are patterned after similar programs from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and Scouts of any national program may earn the award. Details are online at dio.org/scouts/.

The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. This year it is July 28.

Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 -- "Do not cast me off in my old age" -- as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

As the Catholic Church prepares for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on prayer, which is why he chose the prayer of an elderly person from the Psalms for the theme, the Vatican said in a statement released Feb. 15.

"By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness," the statement said.

A Message from Fr. Paul

Respecting the Sanctity of the Eucharist Celebration

The Eucharistic celebration holds a central place in Catholic life. It is a celebration that reminds us about Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the altar of the cross and embodies the true presence of Jesus Christ among believers feeding them with his divinity. Within this context the principles of courtesy and respect are expected from participants of the Eucharistic celebration.

Unfortunately one of the often overlooked aspects of respect during the Eucharistic celebration is the prohibition against chewing gum. Code of Canon law (Canon 919.1) tells Catholics that they are to abstain from all food and drink (with the exception of water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion. The reason, of course, is to remind us how special the Eucharist is, nourishing us for eternal life. It is something different from regular food or drink that we consume.

Chewing gum - simply saying is breaking that fast and it is a reason to NOT receive Holy Communion. The act of receiving the Eucharist is a moment of profound significance, symbolizing our communion with Christ and the Church. Engaging in behaviors like chewing gum during this time expresses a lack of reverence for the sacredness of the moment and it also expresses lack of respect for the received body of Christ.

It is important to be mindful of our actions within the church that they always express and foster a sense of reverence and respect for the divine nature of place and moment. Let us remember to observe guidelines of courtesy and respect, by doing so we not only honor the sanctity of the Eucharistic celebration but also deepen our personal faith and relationship with Christ.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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, July 29th, Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Tuesday, July 30th, St Peter Chrysologus

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

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

Wednesday, July 31st, St Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday, August 1st, St Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Fr Joseph O'Reilly+)

HOME VISITS

Friday, August 2nd, St Eusebius of Vercelli

Saturday, August 3rd, Weekday

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Adoration & Reconciliation

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

Sunday, August 4th, 18 Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Beavers+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 4, 2024

Ushers: Nicholas Zwilling, John Uebinger,
Roger Hemrich

Servers: Avery Ochs/Wade Schackmann

Lectors: Ethan Zwilling/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Frohning, Lora
Semple, Elaine Zwilling

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures Collection for the week of July 14, 2024

Envelopes \$ 932.00

Loose 248.00

Total \$ 1,180.00

Collection for week of July 21, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,678.00

Loose 143.00

Sub Total \$ 1,821.00

Haiti 146.00

Total \$ 1,967.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

June Tithe Income - \$9,980.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$998.00

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review:

Fr Pawel would like to meet with ALL Eucharistic ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan to attend on of the following meetings –
August 1st – 5:45 p.m. – St Thomas Church
August 8th - 5:30 p.m. – St Mary's Church

Mark your calendars!

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

September 1, 2024

Our parish picnic is coming up and this year we are seeking donations of **themed baskets** valued at \$50 or more. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! If you would like to donate a basket, please contact -
Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or
Becca.ochs@gmail.com.

Dime Toss – It is time to go thru those glasses for the dime toss. Clean items may be brought to the Parish Office or left on the front porch of the rectory.

Raffle Tickets – Are now available in the church, please pick up your packet and sell those tickets, lots of cash prizes and who does not like cash!! Tickets sell - \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.