

November 26-27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent



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 7:30-8:00 am
 w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am
Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 and upon request at reasonable time.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 19-20, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,432.00
Loose	\$	1,350.00
Subtotal	\$	6,782.00
All Saints/Thanksgiving/Justice&Hope	\$	445.00
Building Fund	\$	55.00
School Fund	\$	820.00
Subtotal	\$	1,320.00
Grand Total	\$	8,102.00

St. Thomas Church October Tithe

October Tithe Income – \$33,573.00
 10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,357.00

This Week in Our Parish

Thursday, Nov. 24, THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30 am Mass (For Our Parish+) Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria
Office Closed
8:30am Mass (Mearl & Laura Kinsel+)

Saturday, Nov. 26, Weekday
8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)
9:00 am-9:00pm Pictorial Directory Sessions

Sunday, Nov. 27, First Sunday of Advent
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas w Baptism
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas
9:00 am-9:00 pm Pictorial Directory Sessions

Monday, Nov. 28, Advent Weekday
5:30 pm Mass (Rose Dewhirst+)

Tuesday, Nov. 29, Advent Weekday
7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am
8:30 am Mass (Marilyn Fritchley+)
6:00 pm OCIA Instructions for Adults

Wednesday, Nov. 30, St. Andrew
7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am
8:30 am All School Mass (Tom Donsbach+)
9:00 am Rosary Group
4:00 pm RCIA for Children Mtg
5:30 pm Youth Choir
6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's; Jr. High PSR @
 St. Thomas; St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, December 1, Advent Weekday
8:30 -11 am Reconciliation at St. Anthony Church
5:30 pm Mass (Barry and Erin(Sparks) Bergbower+)

Friday, December 2, Advent Weekday
7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 7:55 am
8:30am Mass (Keith French+)
9:30 – Noon Pastoral Visits to Homebound
7:00pm Bingo – Lightning \$850.00

Saturday, December 3, St. Frances Xavier
8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)
 Rite of Acceptance/Welcome for OCIA

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Special Intention)
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas
9:00 am-5:00 pm Pictorial Directory Sessions

St. Thomas School Dates to Remember

Nov. 29 – 6:00 pm Boys B-ball, here vs Cumberland
Dec. 1 – 6:00 pm Boys B-ball, here vs Oblong
Dec. 2 – Bingo – Lightning \$850.00



BAPTISM: William Paul Few, infant son of Joshua and Lauren (Lybarger) Few, was baptized Sunday, Nov. 20. Godparents are Zach and Helen Weber.

St. Thomas Pictorial Directory. A HUGE thank you to all the ladies that helped with the sign in at the recent photo sessions. We have been able to update our parish roster with lots of new phone numbers and a few addresses!! Next photo sessions will be held:

- Saturday, November 26 from 9:00 am- 9:00 pm (Full)
- Sunday, November 27 from 9:00 am-9:00 pm (Full)
- Sunday, December 4 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (space is limited)

The next **pre-baptismal class** will be held this **Sunday, January 8 at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish office. **Baptisms are scheduled during Mass** so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church, the family of God.

Remember: SCRIP Cards make holiday shopping easy! Don't forget about the school's **SCRIP card program** for your holiday purchases. SCRIP cards will be available after Masses starting Thanksgiving weekend – Dec. 18th. The last day to place an order for Christmas will be Dec. 12th.

Sound System Update: Steve Nelson spoke to the Bose rep and they provide no ETA on the processor unit. It may be January! The rep mentioned that they are no longer having issues with component supply but need enough work force to assemble products.

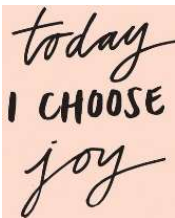
PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES: At the recent meeting, the idea of providing simply two major fund raisers be held, one in the Fall (October) and one in the Winter/Spring. The idea is to combine the Fall HarvestFest and Soup Supper into one. Let your views be known to the Pastoral Council and/or School Board by January 10, 2023.

St. Thomas School 4th Annual Trivia Night & Live Auction
Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ 50/50 ~ Heads/Tails ~ Food ~ Wine Pull
Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
 ~ **Doors open at 5:00 pm** ~ Space is Limited!
 Cost to play: \$160/ team of 8 adults over 21 (Must be on a team to play)
Pulled Pork & Chips available for a free-will donation. Beverages available for purchase.
Questions: Contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at St. Thomas School 618-783-3517

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MINISTRIES for December 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Masses: 6:30 pm Vigil (Dec.7) 8:30 am & 12:10 pm Dec. 8th
And Christmas Vigil: December 24 4:30 pm Vigil and 11 pm Late-Night Christmas Day: 8:30 am
Sign up through Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office 618-783-8741. Thanks for volunteering.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, December 3 @ 4:30 pm
 Lectors: Lori TeVault; Emma Rauch
 E.M.: Matt Baltzell, Kim Zuber, Denisse Ochs, Mark Bolander
 Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Isaiah Bergbower
 Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
 Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
 Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster
Sunday, December 4 @ 7:00 a.m.
 Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Tony Weber
 EM: Paul Bierman, Sheryl Brummer, Dena Rauch, Becky Shamhart
 Servers: Adison Shamhart & Madilyn Brummer
 Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
 Musicians: Five For The One
 Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman
Sunday, December 4 @ 10:00 am
 Lectors: Aleah Higgs; Sue Sparks
 EM: Julie Higgs, Marge Horton, Dennis Weber, Nikki Earnest
 Servers: Joslynn Pitcher & Cassie Pitcher
 Gift Bearers: Bob Bower Family
 Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl
 Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

St. Thomas CYO – Thanks to all of the high school youth who participated in the Thanksgiving Mass. We appreciate your help as Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers and Ushers. We also want to thank you for sticking around to help change out the missals! CYO will **meet again 6:30pm Wednesday evening** in the St. Thomas Parish Center.



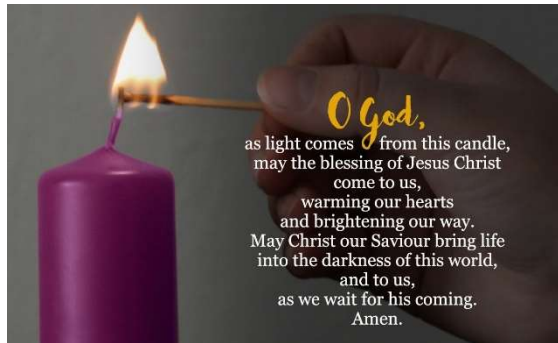
St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

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 member of either parish,
please call the particular parish office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! ADVENT begins



the New
Liturgical
Year.
Advent
Booklets
are
available
in the
Church
foyer

for prayer during the Advent Season.
2023 Calendars also available.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Lynn Schafer,
Virginia Ochs, Vicky Yager, Bob Helregel,
Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, Mike
Hall, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary
Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva
Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare
facilities & in our Book of Requests.



This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
Tues.: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
Weds.: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The rite of acceptance/welcome is scheduled for 4:30
pm Saturday, December 3. We hope to welcome 3
adults and 3 youths into the **catechumenate** leading to
baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2023

is planned for July 9-14, in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Those signed up include:

Adults: Jason Bierman & Rose Gangloff

Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick
Bierman, Alex Gier, Kylie Higgs, Alayna
Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory
Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Adam Weber

**If you want to attend or the group to attend: Adults
and Youth, please turn in your applications.**

March for Life, Washington, D.C. –

January 18-22, 2023

A meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 4th** at
8:00 am at St. Thomas Church for all those who have
signed up to attend the March for Life in January.
Participants will complete the registration form, make
their deposit, provide a copy of insurance, and discuss
room assignments.

Those attending from St. Thomas include:

Adults: Paul Bierman, Jenny Fritchley, Linda
Hemrich, Beth Ochs

Youth: Katie Bierman, Allison Brummer, Cameron
Davis, Caroline Frohning, Will Fritchley,
Alex Gier, Laney Hemrich, Lexi Ochs,
Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs,
Emma Rauch, Adam Weber

Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA)

Christmas Food Basket Project. As they have in the
recent past, they are asking for monetary donations
only...**no** food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO
Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help
with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 9th
and 10th. The JCMA appreciates your help and efforts
to make sure that this very beneficial service for our
community can still happen! Call 618-783-2226 to
learn more about how you can get involved.

St. Thomas School Trivia Night. Start getting your
team of 8 together for **Trivia Night** on Feb. 11th! If
you would like to donate silent/live auction items or
sponsor a round, etc. just let the school know. It's a fun
evening to be a part of whether you play or work!
Team registration forms available in the St. Thomas
Church gathering space.

A Walk Through Christmas Past & Present

Get into the spirit of Christmas by coming to the 2022
St. Isidore CCW Christmas Walk on Sunday,
December 4th. Holiday home tours and walk will be
held from 1:00 pm-4:30 pm. The Immaculate
Conception Hall will be open from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm
with raffle drawings beginning at 5:00 pm.

Ticket Prices: Adults \$10.00; 8-12yr olds \$5.00

*All proceeds benefit the Mattoon Deanery Seminarians
and Operation Santa (a military organization)*

R U Interested in a trip to the Holy Land?

Fr. Dean is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and
possible stop in Rome, perhaps March 21-31. If you
have an interest, please contact him at
rdprobst@gmail.com or 217-494-6326.

More information next week.

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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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

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

This Week in our Parish

Thanksgiving, November 24: 8:30 am Mass

Sunday, November 27: 8:30 am Mass

(Int: George & Hilda Dalmier+ 70th Wedding Anniv.)

Monday, November 28th, Advent Weekday

Tuesday, November 29th, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Gina Rennier+)

Wednesday, November 30th, St Andrew

6:30 pm - PSR

Thursday, December 1st, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

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

Friday, December 2nd, Advent Weekday

9:30 am – Noon: Pastoral Communion Visits

Saturday, December 3rd, St Francis Xavier

Sunday, December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent

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

Ministers for 8:30 am – December 4, 2022

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, Randy Reis, George Semple

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs/Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/ Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Kaufmann,
Janet and Tony Hartrich,

Ministries List the December ministries list are available at the entrances of the church.

Sign up for **6:30 pm Holy Day, December 8th.**

There will be sign-up sheets beginning next week for the **Christmas masses: 4:30 pm Dec. 24th and 8:30 am Dec. 25.** Please sign up soon, but no later than **December 14th,** so this can be listed in the bulletin.

Thank you for sharing of your time and talent!!

St Mary's Pictorial Directory Update: Jennifer from Jafa Photo will be doing the photo sessions. Dates are going to begin with

Sunday, January 8th 10am – 6pm

Monday, January 9th 1pm – 9pm.

The second session for pictures is:

Sunday, February 5th 10 am – 6pm

Monday, February 6th 1pm – 6pm. Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes.

Sign-up will begin soon!! Families will have the option to purchase a jump drive for \$35.00 which includes their entire photo shoot. If you do not wish to have your photo taken you can submit a photo and pay for your directory at the cost of \$25.00 **You will receive a free directory if you have picture taken for the directory.** Jennifer recommends intergenerational photo shoots for families that would include grandparents, etc. So that grandparents do not have to purchase a separate jump drive, their photos would be included on the family's jump drive.

Information will be updated as it is available.

If you would be interested in helping with the development of the directory, please call the parish office.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of November 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1422.25
Loose	115.00
Sub Total	\$ 1537.25
Haiti	95.00
Total	\$ 1632.25

St Mary's Church October Tithe

September Tithe Income - \$7,246.00

10% Monthly tithe to Diocese - \$725.00