

October 19-20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth 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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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING**

October 12-13, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,065.00
Loose	\$	732.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,797.00</b>
School Fund	\$	700.00
Building Fund	\$	505.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,205.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,002.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church August Tithe**

August Tithe Income – \$38,430.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,843.00

**St. Thomas Online Giving:** Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church's website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., October 21, Weekday**

**10:00 am** Petronilla Volk Funeral

**Tuesday, October 22, St. John Paul II**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 23, St. John of Capistrano**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int.: Jerry Gilmore)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Cancelled - Youth Choir

**6:00 pm** Booster Club Mtg

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

**Thursday, October 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**Friday, October 25, Weekday**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Int. Petronilla Volk)

St. Thomas School Mission Party

**Saturday, October 26, Weekday**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (Joseph/Zola Klingler)

Oblong Spooktacular Parade – Saints march

**Sunday, Oct. 27, 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Alfonsina Schmidt)

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

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

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessing and Brunch following Mass

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

**11:00 am** OCIA at St. Thomas

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Eph 2:1-10

**Lk 12:13-21**

**Tues.:** Eph 2:12-22

**Lk 12:35-38**

**Weds.:** Eph 3:2-12

**Lk 12:39-48**

**Th.:** Eph 3:14-21

**Lk 12:49-53**

**Fri.:** Eph 4:1-6

**Lk 12:54-59**

**Sat.:** Eph 4:7-16

**Lk 13:1-9**

**Sun.:** Jer 31:7-9;

**Heb 5:1-6;**

**Mk 10:46-52**

**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

**St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2025 Schedule.**

February 2, June 1, and October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

## St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

### Saturday, October 26 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson  
EM: Lori TeVault, Lori Rauch, Matt/Amanda Baltzell  
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Brooke Farley  
Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs  
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs  
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

### Sunday, October 27 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Katie Shamhart  
EM: Theresa Volk, Linda Hemrich, Brenda Phillips,  
Gery Ochs  
Servers: Aaron Volk & Bailey Meinhart  
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family  
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker  
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

### Sunday, October 27 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kylie Higgs  
EM: Helen, Leo, Adam Weber, Julie Higgs  
Servers: Jack Weber  
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson  
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus



**BAPTISM: Congratulations, Allison Schackmann,** infant daughter of Eric & Sharon (Blievernicht) and **Mason Walters,** infant son of Connor and Nichole (Schackmann), who were baptized September 29, at St. Thomas Church. Allison's Godparents are Connor and Nichole Walters and Mason's Godparents are

Eric & Sharon Schackmann. May God continue the good work begun in them.

**Ladora Long** would like to thank everyone who sent cards, visited and called her on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Everyone's birthday greetings and well wishes were greatly appreciated!

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

St. Thomas Parish welcomes Matt & Lea Creadore, and Katie, Eric, Simon, & Sutton Helm as they begin preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this process to become members of the Catholic Church. Thanks to Debbie Matson and Anne Ochs for joining the OCIA team.

## First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas November 1, 2024

You are invited to join St. Thomas for the 8:30 am All-School All Saints Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration. **The remaining Fridays** Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

## St. Thomas 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic

I would like to express my gratitude for all the volunteers who helped and worked at our picnic to make it successful. Many thanks for your incredible hard work and dedication at our recent picnic! Your enthusiasm and teamwork made the day a resounding success. From setting up to serving food and cleaning up, each of you played an important role in creating a welcoming and joyful atmosphere and making our picnic successful. Your efforts made the event enjoyable for everyone and brought us a sense of community that we all cherish. I am truly grateful for your time and commitment. It wouldn't have been the same without you! Your work makes you great among others. Thank you once again for making the picnic a wonderful experience.

With Blessings,  
Fr. Paul

### Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Eric Beals	\$500.00
Gail Bierman	\$1,000.00
Monica Kramer	Gator
Carol Bracken	Quilt

*We will share this year's profit as soon as all of the figures have been finalized.*

**St. Thomas CYO** would like to thank the parishioners for the donations of drinks, chips, candy and snacks for the prizes that were handed out during the games at the picnic. Your donations make the games even more fun!! Thanks also to the CYO parents for all the cookies for the Cookie Walk. As always, the Cookie Walk was a big hit and your cookies were delicious (yes, there was some taste testing going on...LOL.) CYO appreciates your support and was glad to help!!

*Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm*

**The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>,** 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, please call Sue at 618-783-3533 or e-mail [angelss@frontier.com](mailto:angelss@frontier.com). Please RSVP to Sue as soon as possible. Congratulations!!

# St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.

## Please pray for the Sick:



Vickie Kocher, Marlene Harris, Susanne Schackmann, Carol Schafer, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Fonda Fear, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Delorse Johnson, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

## **A Prayer for Laity Sunday**

Loving God, thank you for the many caring, committed laity, who share their faith and labor in love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. In your name, we pray. Amen.

## **Trending on FORMED:**

### **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

### **Restless Heart**

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. The stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

*Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.*

**The St. Thomas School Trivia Night** committee met last week and plans have begun to make the 6th one the best yet! It takes everyone's help, so if parishioners are interested in lending a helping hand, please start saving those bottles of wine and thinking about what you can do to contribute to the live or silent auction. Do you have a talent/hobby/business that might be a great addition to the auction? Let the school or parish offices know!

## **A Message from Fr. Pawel**

The month of October is especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Rosary prayer. For many Catholics it carries significant importance in their spiritual life and daily routine because it is more than a simple sequence of prayers; it is a powerful tool for meditation, reflection and connection with God and Mary the Mother of Jesus.

In its core, the Rosary invites individuals to contemplate the life of Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries. Each mystery offers an opportunity to reflect on crucial events in salvation history, helping people to grow in their understanding of faith and deepening their relationship with God. This meditative aspect of the Rosary transforms a routine prayer into a deeply enriching experience. It is strengthening our faith; through the Rosary Mary intercedes for those who pray, and it unites believers in one prayer.

The Rosary is a powerful tool and prayer that brings numerous graces to those who embrace it. Whether prayed alone or in community, its importance lies in its ability to deepen faith, cultivate peace, and foster a closer relationship with Mary and Jesus. Let the month of October that is dedicated to the Rosary stand as a month of hope and a pathway to spiritual growth.



*Listed below are opportunities to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October:*

**St. Mary's** –Every Sunday morning at 8:00 am before 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon

**St. Thomas**- every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon at St. Mary's

**St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont invites you to attend their Annual Chili Supper** on Sun., Oct. 27. Serving times are from 4:00 - 7:00pm in the church basement. Cost is free-will donation. Carry outs available. **Menu:** Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Pulled Pork Sandwich or Hot Dog, Desserts & Drinks.

**This October, the Catholic Church in the United States is renewing the National Catholic Mental Health Campaign (NCMHC).** The entire Church in the United States is encouraged to pray a **Novena for Mental Health** in solidarity with Catholics across the country from **October 10 to October 18 each year**, beginning on World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) and concluding on the feast of Saint Luke the Physician (Oct. 18), the patron saint of health care. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health-novena> to sign up. *St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental health, pray for us.*

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Laity  
Sunday

### St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

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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

7:30am–8:15am 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 21<sup>st</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, St John Paul II**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dolores Brockett+)

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, St John of Capistrano**

6:30 p.m. - PSR

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, St Anthony Mary Claret**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Deane Ochs+)

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

6:00 p.m. - Boldrey/Griffith Wedding rehearsal

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

1:00 p.m. – Boldrey/Griffith Wedding

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**

**Time**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donald Ochs+)

### **St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures Collection for the week of October 13, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 3,245.40

Loose 261.00

**Total \$ 3,506.40**

### **St Mary's Church Tithe**

**August Tithe Income \$15,918.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,1591.00**

### **Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 27, 2024**

**Ushers:** Ethan Matson, Owen Ochs, Alex Kaufmann

**Servers:** Reed Kistner/Blake Frohning

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearer:** Bruce Boehl Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling



**Rosary** – With October being the month of the Rosary, we will be saying the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. before mass, if you would like to lead the rosary on a Sunday, please contact Marie Wagner.

### **Prayer Campaign for LIFE**

Our pro-life prayer campaign continues as we pray and fast until the final day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please include in your prayers all employees of crisis pregnancy centers. Specifically, the Family Life Centers in Newton and Effingham needs our prayers. They believe all human life is sacred from the time of conception. They provide options counseling and practical support to women and families facing and unplanned pregnancy. The Family Life Center is on the front lines of the Pro-life movement in our region

### **Area Events**

**10/20/24** – St Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar – Olney, IL – Serving 11am – 1:30 pm

**10/27/24** – Tri-Parish CYM Fall fundraiser breakfast Stringtown Parish Center – serving 8am – 10:30 am. Benefit 2025 Mission Trip

**11/3/24** – Sainte Marie American Legion Unit 932 Auxiliary – Fall Harvest Stew – Serving starts at 4pm. Dine in or Carryout.

**11/3/24** – St Joseph Stringtown Blood Drive – St Joseph Parish Hall – Olney, IL 7am – 11:30 am.