

May 15th – 16th, 2021
Ascension of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church

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PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

Office Hours: 7:30 -11:30 am & 1:00- 4:00 p.m. M-F
Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 9:30 am Sunday
 5:30 pm Wednesday and 8:30 am Friday
Reconciliation: 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
 4:15 – 4:45 pm Wednesdays

St. Thomas School Office:

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School Secretary: Lori Smith
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Victim Assistance Contact Information:
 Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
 Call 217-321-1155.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

May 8th-9th, 2021 Collection

Envelopes	\$5,661.00
Loose	\$136.00
Subtotal	\$5,797.00
Bldg Fund	\$10.00
School Fund	\$490.00
Parish Tithe	\$1,700.00
Subtotal	\$2,200.00
Grand Total	\$7,997.00

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased
Monday, May 17, Easter Weekday
Tuesday, May 18, St. John
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Last Day of School: have a blessed and safe summer!
 3:15-4:30 pm Joe's Pizza Pick-Up (Last Names I-Z)
 7:00 pm Catholic Heart Workcamp Attendees Mtg
Wednesday, May 19, Easter Weekday
 4:15-4:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Rosary
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Ed Dhom+)
 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
 10am-2pm Offices Closed 2021-22 Calendar Planning
 7:00 pm CHWC Attendees Mtg at St. Mary's
Friday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes
 8:30 am Mass (Int: Henry Kocher+)
Saturday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia
 8:00 am – 8:45 am Reconciliation (Confessions)
 3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)
 4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)
Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday
 7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)
 8:15 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)
 9:30 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time
St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 22nd @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Madison Phillips
E.M.: Brad & Kim Ochs
Server: Peyton Willenborg
Musicians: Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, May 23rd @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Becky Shamhart
E.M.: Mark & Janet Vahling
Server: Katie Bierman
Musicians: John Johnson/Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, May 16th @ 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Logan Weber; Brian Bierman
E.M.: Renee Gier & Julie Higgs
Server: Haley Ochs
Musicians: Vicki Mullen/Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

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St. Thomas Parish Community Tithe 2020	
(formerly ACSA)	
Goal:	\$61,816.00
Paid:	\$36,051.00
Balance:	\$25,765.00

And the Award Goes To...

St. Thomas Exceptional Service Award. We are pleased to announce that **Ruth Kerner** was recently named the recipient of the St. Thomas Exceptional Service Award. Congratulations, Ruth! It is well deserved! Thank you for the many hours you have given to our parish. The award was presented to Ruth by Fr. Dean at this past weekend's Sunday morning 9:30 am Mass.

St. Thomas Distinguished Graduate Award. We are pleased to announce that **Tammy Page** was recently named the recipient of the St. Thomas Distinguished Graduate Award. Congratulations, Tammy! Tammy does so much including being a member of the music ministry team. The award was presented to Tammy by Fr. Dean at the Saturday evening 4:30 pm Mass.

St. Thomas is very fortunate to have so many parishioners like Tammy and Ruth who are willing to give of their time behind the scene or on the scene. Thanks to them both for all that they have done and continue to do!



**Congratulation Graduates!!
We are so PROUD of you!!**



**St. Thomas Parish 8th Grade
Graduates**

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| Nick Bierman | Weston Bierman |
| Brennan Bigard | Landen Blake |
| Lain Burgener | Drew Earnest |
| Brooklyn Ely | Bailee Frichtl |
| Caroline Frohning | Laura Kuhl |
| Makayla McVicar | Gabby Meinhart |
| Marli Michl | Alex Ochs |
| MaeKenna Ochs | Mallory Ochs |
| Cole Phillips | Jessica Spiker |
| Elias Weber | Blake Zumbahlen |



St. Thomas Parish NCHS Graduates

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| Dale Bierman | Madison Blake |
| Logan Brewer | Parker Brown |
| Collin Dossey | Avery Howard |
| John Johnson | Madison Phillips |
| Cameron Stark | Eli Weber |
| Logan Weber | |

Joe's frozen pizza pick up will be Tuesday, May 18th for families with last names stating with I-Z. Pick-up will be after school 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Please make arrangements as we will not be able to "hang on" to anyone's orders. They are frozen and will need to be delivered. Thanks again for going above and beyond & thank the Cucinella's by patronizing their restaurant!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish

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.

Mass times are:

- St. Thomas: 4:30 pm Saturday,**
- 7:00 am & 9:30 am Sunday**
- St. Mary's: 8:15 am Sunday**

For **Anointing of the Sick** before surgery or in severe illness, or in danger of death for the **last rites and apostolic pardon**, call Fr. Dean Probst **217-494-6326**.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

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| Monday: | Acts 19:1-8 | Jn 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 20:17-27 | Jn 17:1-11a |
| Wednesday: | Acts 20:28-38 | Jn 17:11b-19 |
| Thursday: | Acts 22:30,23:6-11 | Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday: | Acts 25:13b-21 | Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday: | Acts 28:16-20,30-31 | Jn 21:20-25 |
| Sunday: | Acts 2:1-11 | Gal 5:16-25 |
| | | Jn 20:19-23 |

Please pray for the Sick, especially Don Ochs, Evalyn Kocher, Mona James, Karen Shamhart, Margaret Prentice, Norman Kocher, Evelyn McCreery, George Roth, Monica Murphy, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer, James Kocher, Mary Jo Walden, Jeff Ward, Jacob Briggerman, and George Dallmier; for police officers & military personnel; and listing in Book of Requests.



PLEASE notify the Parish Offices to be included in the Prayers for the Sick.

Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's:

Parents are to return filled-out Baptismal information sheet from the preparation class (or obtain from parish office), and the Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office before scheduling a date for the baptism of infant. Then call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule the date of baptism.

The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, July 4 at 8:45 am at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas parish office: 618-783-8741. **Additional classes will be held on the first Sunday of September, & November.**

SAVE DATE: Mass with Picnic at the Park, July 4! Plans are underway for Mass, Picnic lunch and fun.

Welcome back Jayke White this weekend! He has been assigned to the Cathedral in Springfield for his summer assignment. **Deacon Paul Lesupati** has returned to his home in Kenya for a vacation before he begins his transitional diaconate assignment at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mattoon, IL.

Seminarians Charlie Delano from Wood River, IL and **Alex McCullough**, from Mattoon, IL will be coming to our parishes this summer. They will attend the Catholic Heart Workcamp in July. Charlie plans to arrive May 22 and Alex the following week.

4:40 for seminarians - Six months ago, the diocese launched a campaign called 4:40 for 40 Seminarians. We invited the entire diocese to pray a Hail Mary every day at 4:40 so that, with the help of Mary, we can have 40 men answer the call to be a seminarian for our diocese. If you have been faithfully praying every day, thank you! If you are just hearing about this, we invite you to jump on board. May is the month of Mary and we know with her help, anything is possible!
PRAY BIG!



You're Invited! Please join in the celebration of Fr. Dean's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination. An Open House will be held on **Sunday, May 30** from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

The **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** collection is a second collection. Consider adding to your tithe by supporting this cause which provides for Communications about our faith. Announcements about the pandemic, the return of the public celebration of Mass, what safety precautions would be in place in our churches, and how we would keep our schools open for in-person learning, what time Masses would be, and the end of the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass are some of the important announcements the diocese, parishes, and schools have communicated this year. Over the past year, our diocese has been able to build upon the popular "Hey, Father!" and "Motivational Monday" video series; "Dive Deep," the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois; broadcasting LIVE Masses and ordinations from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; making the coverage in Catholic Times only local; and helping parishes establish online giving web pages. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Support the collection and build community.

A busy Weekend!!

Welcome Fr. Dominic Rankin, nephew of Mark & Janet Vahling, here Saturday to officiate the wedding of Kaitlin Rae Vahling and Gavin Andrew Steckler. **We welcome Collin Ochs** as a member of the Catholic Church through baptism scheduled for the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. **Welcome Fr. Adam Pritchard**, HSHS-St. Anthony Chaplain to offer the 8:15 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Ste. Marie this weekend. This allows Fr. Dean to offer the **St. Thomas Catholic School 8th Grade Graduation Mass at 11:00 a.m.**, following the 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

REST IN PEACE.... Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Barry Harmon**, former pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, and **Trinity Powers**, the granddaughter of Jim Nix and great granddaughter of LaVaun Nix.

CATHOLIC HEARTWORKCAMP MEETING

Various application forms of individuals were due on May 1 to CHWC. As school concludes, two meetings are scheduled to collect the information necessary and provide information to families of first-time attendees. All adults and youth (under 18) along with a parent need to attend either one of the scheduled meetings:
7:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Thomas Church
Or 7:00 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Church
Copy of Medical insurance card necessary.

St. Thomas is sponsoring the Blood Drive on WEDNESDAY June 9 at the KC Hall from 1 to 6. The Angels group will have homemade cookies, all donors will receive a T-shirt and all donors can enter to win a swim pass at the Newton Aquatic Center. To register please go to redcrossblood.org.

The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!! Please be sure to stop by the gathering space to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Effingham. Thanks!

The Sessions of Instruction for the July 31, 2021 Confirmation/First Holy Communion at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL is completed.

For those who missed this preparation group, another instruction period will be offered this Fall. Please call the parish office to register your third-grade child.

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Sacraments:

Masses: 8:15 a.m. – Sunday,

8:30 a.m. - Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: Available at St. Thomas Church

8:00 -9:00 am Saturdays

4:15 – 4:45 pm Wednesdays



St. Mary's Parish NCHS Graduate
Jacob Kaufmann

St. Mary's Parish 8th Grade Graduates

Ethan Griffith

Landen Kirts

Emma Kocher

Owen Ochs

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8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m.- Mass: (Int: Linda Zuber+)

7:00 p.m. CHWC Attendees Mtg at St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 19th, Easter Weekday

4:15-4:45 p.m. Confessions at St. Thomas

Thursday, May 20th, St Bernadine of Siena

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Clarence Keller+)

9:30 a.m. Parish Office Closes for Staff Meeting
to plan 2021-22 Parish Calendars

7:00 p.m. CHWC Attendees Mtg –St. Mary's

Friday, May 21st, St Christopher Magallanes

& Companions

Saturday, May 22nd, Saint Rita of Cascia

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8:15 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of May 9, 2021

Envelopes \$ 1275.00

Loose 115.00

Sub Total \$ 1390.00

Mission Appeal 6.00

Total \$ 1396.00

Ministers for 8:15 am – May 23, 2021

Ushers: George Kirts, Norbert Ochs

Server: Brianna Zwilling

Lectors: Lora Ochs/Rose Gangloff

Eucharistic Minister: Maynard Kaufmann

BLOOD DRIVE: A big thanks to all who came out and gave at the blood drive, we had 20 productive units given. Thanks to Prairie Farms and Hartrich Meats for their donations. The next blood drive will be held on June 28th, at the St Mary's Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE:

St Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic

3 pm – 9 pm Saturday, September 4, 2021

Serving Ste Marie Style Chicken Meal 3 pm – 7 pm

Beer Garden, DJ, Bingo, Kids Games,

Basket Stand, Quilt Stand, Raffle and 50/50

Updates to follow.