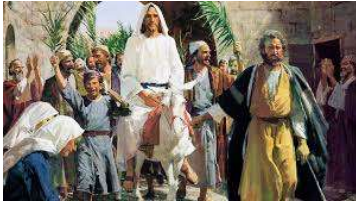


April 12-13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

April 5-6, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,178.00
Loose	\$	145.00
Subtotal	\$	9,323.00
School Fund	\$	1,780.00
Building Fund	\$	605.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00
Catholic Charities	\$	105.00
Subtotal	\$	2,510.00
Grand Total	\$	11,833.00
March Pushpay online giving	\$	4,436.35
ACH payments	\$	2,246.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$62,190.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,219.00

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

Thank you Fr. Dean for assisting with Holy Week!

Monday, April 14, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

6:30 pm Chrism Mass - Springfield

Wednesday, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Kristen Probst-Living)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary

7:00 pm St. Thomas CYO – St. Mary Living Stations

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday

5:00 pm Mass at St. Mary; Adoration following Mass; Benediction at 8:00 pm

6:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas; Adoration following Mass; Benediction at 9:00 pm

Friday, April 18, Good Friday

5:00 pm Service at St. Thomas

6:00 pm Service at St. Mary

Sat., April 19, Holy Saturday

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

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Tues.: Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Weds.: Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:15-25

Th.: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 8:51-59

Fri.: Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat.: Easter Vigil Readings

Sun.: Easter Sunday Readings

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.

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

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas-May 2, 2025

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ 6:00 pm

Lector: David Sydor

EM: Paul/Katie Bierman, Marissa Bower, Ginger Robins

Servers: Blake & Kyle Bierman, Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Gerald & Denisse Ochs

Musicians: Patsy Leffler

Greeters/Ushers:

Good Friday Service, April 18 @ 5:00 pm

Lector: Nikki Bierman; David Sydor

EM: Marissa Bower, Dee Bower, Ginger Robins,
Becky Shamhart

Servers:

Musicians: Tammy Page & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers:

Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 7:00 pm

Lector: Sarah Hemrich; Ginger Robins

EM: Jason/Jenny/Nick Bierman, Becky Parker

Servers: Alivia Bierman

Gift Bearers: OCIA

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Lori TeVault

EM: Brooke Woods, Becky Shamhart, Jamie Shamhart,
Jill Bierman

Servers:

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler, Lily Bierman, Lucy Bierman,
Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Linda Hemrich, Dee Bower, Matt Bower,
Dennis Weber

Servers: Will Hartrich

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Youth Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus

A special thank you to the St. Thomas Angels Group for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the Catholic Heart Work Camp! Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help ease the cost of the trip for our campers and parish!

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 13th @ 6:30 pm Living Stations

April 16th – 7:00 pm Attend Living Stations at St. Mary

April 23rd – Clean Church/Service Night

April 30th – End of year celebration

OCIA: As a parish family, let us continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors, and teachers as they make this spiritual journey together. Be sure to welcome them and be a source of support along their journey.



Catechumens: Colin Creadore, Lea Creadore, Matthew Creadore, Aaron Helm, Simon Helm, Sutton Helm, Bryar Marlow

Candidates: Katie Helm, Katelyn Larson, Will May

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

If you are willing to serve on the St. Thomas Pastoral Council, or would like to nominate someone, please give your name or nominee's name to Fr. Pawel and/or Linda Hemrich by April 25, 2025. Fr. Pawel will use a similar method as used in the past and all the names of the willing servants will be placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Fr. Pawel will be in touch with those who are chosen at the beginning of May. A special thank you to **Lori TeVault, Jeff Higgs and Becky Shamhart** who are completing their terms on the council and for their willingness to serve!

Mark Your Calendars - All are welcome!

April 25, 2025 - St. Thomas Church - 7:00 pm

Ultreya Mass celebrating the DeColores Community
Confessions 6:30 pm; Reception following Mass

Congratulations, Alice Addis, for being selected as this year's Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Women of Distinction Award recipient. Thank you, Alice, for your years of service to our parish and community! Alice will receive this honor at the SDCCW luncheon on June 21st.

Easter Décor

Our beautiful Easter decorations are made possible through your gifts to the Easter Décor Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Décor." Please include a note with names of those to be remembered. A prayer list will be published. Please have your gift turned in by April 14 at Noon.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Danny Miller, Connie Brooks, Belinda Kuvicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Rosemary Bergbower

Newton Family Life Center Fish Fry – April 11th

**Serving from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm (or until sold out)
Newton KC Hall**

"I Thirst" Lent Book Discussion. Join us as we walk with Saint Mother Teresa throughout the season of Lent with *I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa*. All are invited to join us. *We will have our final session this Saturday morning and will meet in the School's computer lab.* It has been a pleasure reading this book together as a part of our Lenten journey! Contact 618-783-8741 to learn more.

Jasper County Honey Do Ministries is making plans for the 2025 work week. The 2025 work week will be July 14-18. It is not too early to start making plans to help. If you feel like you could benefit from the services provided during this week, applications are available in the parish offices and need to be returned to Quincy Vanderhoof by June 1. Contact your parish office to learn more about how you can help including assisting with the breakfast that we will provide for volunteers that Wednesday morning on July 16.



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon! If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic

faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

Interested...Communion Service and Rosary at Villas of Holly Brook. Please contact the offices of St. Thomas (618)783-8741 or St. Mary (618)455-3155 if you would be interested.

A Message from Fr. Pawel

As we enter Holy Week, the most sacred time in our liturgical year, we are called to walk with Jesus through His final days—His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. For us Catholics this is not just a series of events from the past, but a living celebration of God's great love for us.

Holy Week invites us to stop, reflect, and draw near to the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. It is a time to renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and become deeply attached to Him.

I encourage everyone to take part in the beautiful liturgies of this week—from Palm Sunday through Chrism mass on Tuesday to the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). Let us come together as a community, united in prayer and hope, as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

May this Holy Week be a time of grace and transformation for each of us.

Fr. Pawel

Holy Week Schedule: April 17- April 20

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

5:00 pm at St. Mary Adoration following

6:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

5:00 pm at St. Thomas

6:00 pm at St. Mary

Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

On FORMED

The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. Fr. Robert Spitzer, a Jesuit scientist and scholar on the Shroud of Turin offered some amazing facts about the Shroud. We also talked about the infamous carbon dating claims (they've been scientifically debunked). If you've ever wondered how seriously we can take the Shroud of Turin, you have to see this episode!

The Council of Catholic women in the Mattoon Deanery have selected supporting the EIU Newman Center as their annual Mission Project. If you would like to help, donations can be sent to MDCCW, Attn: Lori Creek, 719 N. McClellan St., Sullivan, IL 61951. Thank you for your support.



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St. Mary of the Assumption

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E-mail: stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com

Website: www.stemariechurch.org

Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

(email/text: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

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, April 14th, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, April 15th, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ephraim & Vi Kapper+)

Wednesday, April 16th, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:15 p.m. – PSR – meet in parish center

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 17th, Holy Thursday

5:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Vocations)

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday

6:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th, Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 20th, Easter Sunday

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of April 6, 2025

Envelopes \$ 2,980.00

Loose 240.00

Sub Total \$ 3,220.00

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Catholic Relief Services 20.00

Special Collections 70.00

Total \$ 3,230.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

February Tithe Income \$8,030.00

10% Tithe to Springfield - \$803.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 20, 2025

Ushers: Jake Semple, Ethan Matson, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Reed Kistner/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Becca Ochs/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Janet Hartrich,
Lisa Ochs

Holy Week Ministers

Holy Thursday – April 17th - 5:00 p.m.

Ushers – **need volunteers**

Servers – Blake Frohning, Henry Zumbahlen,
Charlee Hartrich

Lectors – Brianna Zwilling, Beth Hartrich,
Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers – Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers – Lora Semple, Lisa Ochs,
Norman Boehl

Good Friday – April 18th – 6:00 p.m.

Ushers – **need volunteers**

Servers – Ellie Ochs, Max Ochs

Lectors – Nancy Ochs, Becca Ochs, Ron Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister – Elfrieda Kaufmann

Children's Choir -Anyone who would like to join St Mary's Children's Choir are welcome. Children should be in at least 1st grade. The choir will be singing on Easter at the 8:30a.m. Mass. Please contact Sarah Boehl at 618-562-8745 if your child would like to participate.

PSR. On April 16th, PSR will begin **6:15 p.m.** the **students are to meet in the parish center.** The parish is invited to the Living Station being presented by the youth of the parish at **7:00 p.m.**

American Red Cross Blood Drive – to be held at St Mary's Parish Center will be held on Monday, April 21st -2pm – 6pm. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Nancy Zwilling – 618-783-9249, she will give you the link to do so.

Events

4/13/25 –Living Stations–**St Thomas CYO – 6:30 pm**

4/16/25 – Living Stations by **St Mary PSR – 7:00 pm**

4/17/25 – **Holy Thursday Services – 5:00 p.m.**

4/18/25 – **Good Friday Services – 6:00 p.m.**

4/20/25 – **Easter Services – 8:30 a.m.**

4/21/25 - **Blood Drive – St Mary's - 2pm – 6pm**

6/1/25 – **Graduation Breakfast** – St Mary's Parish Center – after 8:30 a.m. mass. More info to come.

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