

July 31st – Aug. 1st, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 9:30 am Sunday
 8:30 am Wednesday and Friday
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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 24th – 25th, 2021 Collection

Envelopes	\$6,314.00
Loose	\$1,425.10
Subtotal	\$7,739.10
Bldg Fund	\$265.00
School Fund	\$325.00
G.I.F.T.	\$50.00
Subtotal	\$640.00
Grand Total	\$8,379.10

St. Thomas Parish Community Tithe 2020
 (formerly ACSA)

Goal:	\$61,816.00
Paid:	\$37,751.00
Balance paid by church:	\$24,065.00

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Linda out of the office this week

Monday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

6:30 pm Angels Meeting

Tuesday, August 3, Weekday

8:00 am -1:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

5:30 pm Monthly Church Cleaning

6:00 pm Protecting God's Children

Wednesday, August 4, St. John Vianney

7:15 – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass (Int: Holly Kocher+)

9:00 am Rosary

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm St. Thomas School Registration

Thurs. Aug.5, Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (St. Thomas Rectory)

Friday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

7:15 – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Mass(Int: Ed & Emma Zumbahlen Family+)

Saturday, August 7, St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

Amy Bierman wedding

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, August 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For Our Parish)

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

Beginning August 1, the above listed times will be the schedule for times of Masses on Sunday.

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 7th @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Ellen Einhorn

E.M.: Madison Phillips & Lora Phillips

Server: Wade Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey/Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, August 8th @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Amy Hartrich; Nicholas Shamhart

E.M.: Paul Bierman & Jamie Shamhart

Server: Nathan Bierman

Musicians: John Johnson/Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, August 8th @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Tracey Bower; Kelly Iffert

E.M.: Nikki Earnest & Julie Higgs

Server: Jackson Baltzell

Musicians: Vicki Mullen/JoBeth Geier

Greeters/Ushers: Pat Mammoser

St. Thomas Parish/School

The Confirmation/First Communion Mass will take place this Saturday, 11:00 a.m., July 31, 2021 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Spfld.

Candidates are to be at the Cathedral Atrium that day at 10:00 am Saturday. Family/friends welcome.



Congratulations to all of the St. Thomas youth scheduled to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion this Saturday. Please keep them in

your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith. Those **scheduled** to receive these sacraments from our Bishop:



Carissa Barthelme	Alex Keller
Jace Bergbower	Kelby Iffert
Adalyn Borgic	Kinsley Kerner
Jase Cochran	Tristan Lingafelter
Audrey Earnest	Drayden Ochs
Brady Francis	Emery Ochs
Emrey Frichtl	Lena Patterson
Lee Fritchley	Wyatt Pitcher
Samuel Frohning	Claire Schackmann
Ariannah Gagliano	Avery Shamhart
Jack Geier	Austun Urfer
Audrey Ginder	Logan Vogt

Jack Weber

At each of the 4 parish Masses in which families have signed up to attend, the fully initiated youth will walk in procession and sit with family in designated seat and come forth when called to receive Holy Communion under both forms (Precious Body and Blood of Christ). Some are spending weekend in Springfield and will be recognized the following weekend.

WELCOME! St. Thomas School is excited to **announce** that **Ethan Osborne** and **Alicia Buerster** will be joining our teaching staff! Both will begin full-time positions in January. **Ethan** will be teaching Social Studies to our 6th-8th graders starting out part-time this fall. **Alicia** continues her student teaching this fall and then be full-time in the 5th grade classroom. We are excited to have these St. Thomas and NCHS alumni join our team! A BIG thank you to Sue Volk and Joyce Hartrich for helping us out in 5th grade until Alicia can join us. We also thank the teachers and Heather Wakefield for helping out until Ethan can join us full-time. We are blessed to have such a talented and hard-working staff!!

St. Thomas' G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection. A total of \$9,580.00 has been collected so far for parish improvements. Thank YOU!!



BAPTIZED into the CHURCH as children of God on Saturday, July 24, 2021 were brothers: **Logan Joseph Weiler & Marshall Ray Weiler**, sons of Daniel and Sarah (Zumbahlen) Weiler. Their older sister is Annalea.

Godparents for Logan are Brent & Regina Walker; for Marshall are Lucas Zumbahlen and Madeline Hemrich.

St. Thomas Parish is hosting a Protecting God's Children session on Aug. 3rd at 6:00 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center. All new school families and parish volunteers that are directly involved with our youth are required to attend if you haven't already. To register call the school or parish offices.

NOTICE!

St. Thomas PSR will be joining forces with St. Mary's PSR this fall. St. Thomas families interested in registering for K-8th grade PSR need to register their child(ren) on August 11th at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas School. Registration forms are available in the gathering space. PSR will then meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's in Ste. Marie. A start date will be announced at a later date.

St. Thomas CYO will again be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Jenny Fritchley, Lori Rauch and Linda Hemrich are excited about having the youth back this fall! Keep watching the bulletin for a start date and other helpful information to get your student CYO ready.

The St. Thomas Angels Group will be having their next meeting on **August 2 at 6:30 pm** in the parish center. They will provide wine and snacks to show their appreciation for all of the hardworking Angels. Also, they are once again providing funeral dinners for those families interested in this ministry. For more info, please contact Sue Dickerson at 618-783-3427.

The St. Thomas July & August Monthly Cleaning Crews are meeting on Tues., Aug. 3rd at 5:30 pm in church to resume the monthly cleanings. Those reporting for duty are:

July: Caroline Matson, Kathy Miller, Shirley Woodard, Ben & Jill Bierman, Bobette Martin, Alison Weber, Diane Farley & Ken and Karen Buerster

Aug: Mary Jane & Joe Bierman, Cindy Frohning, JoAnn Bergbower, Linda Harvey, Julie & Lindsey French, Lindsay Vogt, Julie Higgs, Laura or Dennis Weber, Roger & Carole Bass & Patsy Leffler

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, you are still more than welcome to come and help!

Thanks to all of our Church care-taker volunteers!

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

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13	Mt 14:22-36
Wed.	Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a, 34-35	Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13	Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14	
	2 Pt 1:16-19	Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8	
	Eph 4:30-5:2	Jn 6:41-51



Please pray for the Sick, especially Teresa Hartrich, Bruce Fisher, Don Ochs, Evelyn Kocher, Mona James, Karen Shamhart, Margaret Prentice, Evelyn McCreery, Monica Murphy, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer, James Kocher, Mary Jo Walden, Jacob Briggerman, Jeff Ward, and George Dallmier; and those intentions listed in Book of Requests.

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**.

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, Sept. 5 at 8:45 am at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas parish office: 618-783-8741. **The final class for 2021 will be held on the first Sunday of November.**



Fr. Mark Fortner, SCJ concelebrated the Thursday, July 22, 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's. He was a novice in the Sacred Heart Monastery in Ste. Marie, in 1961-1962. He returned to visit the town and former monastery, thanks to Jane & Norbert Ochs.

NOTE from Charlie Delano

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sad to announce that this will be my last Sunday at St. Thomas and St. Mary's. I will be traveling back home for a family reunion in Springfield and our summer seminarians gathering before returning to St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

I want to thank everyone for welcoming me into the parish and into your homes. I never expected to come to Jasper County but I wouldn't want to trade my time here for anything. Thanks to the many people who dropped off different sweets or meals for us at the rectory. I would also like to thank the many people who invited me over to their homes or welcomed me in other ways.

This summer was full of new experiences. At the County Fair, I walked a cow for the first time, although I'm fairly sure the kids just wanted to see what would happen. I enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School at Bishop Creek, assisting with the confirmation retreat taking a group to St. Meinrad, chaperoning/working at Catholic Heart Work Camp in Nashville, and making home visits here in each parish. This is to say nothing of cards with Father Dean. I was told that we can have fun but we play to win!

Thank you for everything this summer. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers as I return to the seminary at St. Meinrad for my next year of studies.

In Christ,
Charlie Delano

Note: Alex McCullough expressed his thanks for his time with us this summer at last weekend Masses.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 1. Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15. Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54. Ephesians 4:17, 20-24. John 6:24-35.

More Than Manna, More Than Bread and Fish.

During the Exodus, the Lord rained down bread (manna) each day to feed those in flight. Jesus shifts the conversation from bread from heaven to true bread, by saying: "I Am the bread of life." What looks like bread is more than bread. More than we can imagine!

What do I believe Communion to be?

Why do I believe this?

Why do I come in procession each Sunday to eat this bread, this Communion, this Christ?

Dive Deep - Two brothers. One vocation. A sit down with the Trummer brothers - Fathers Michael and Chris Trummer, two brothers from Effingham County. Their stories to the priesthood are pretty incredible and they involve a funny story. Dive Deep sits down with the Trummer brothers. Go to www.dio.org/podcast to listen and subscribe.



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8:00 am – 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 – 4:30 pm Saturday
at St. Thomas Church

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ST. VALENTINE CHURCH: Mass to remember the
35th Anniversary of the last Mass at the church will be
offered at 5:30 pm Tuesday. It will be followed with a
meal provided by the Bend Community Club.
Please bring a lawn chair for your convenience.

PICNIC UPDATES:

RAFFLE TICKETS: Are available in the back of
church, they can be picked up at any time. Extra tickets
are located on the table.

DIME TOSS: Glasses and glass mugs are needed for
the dime toss those can be brought to the parish office
during regular hours: Tuesday – Thursday 8 am – 3 pm.
They can also be left on the front porch of the rectory.

BASKET STAND: This year, there are only going to be
approximately 15 large baskets. If anyone would like to
donate a basket, part of a basket or make a donation,
please call Kate Kaufmann (618-843-2358).

CAKE STAND: This year we will be giving away more
than just cakes. We are asking for donations of cakes,
cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies,
etc. There will be some cake boxes available in the back
of church, starting next weekend, but we encourage you to
use disposable containers with a lid. Happy Baking!!

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 2nd, St Eusebius of Vercelli
Tuesday, August 3rd, Weekday
7:15-8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
7:30 – 7:45 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. - Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Barbara (Wagner) Ochs+)
5:30 p.m. - Mass at the Bend:
35th Anniversary: St. Valentine Church's last mass.
Wednesday, August 4th, St John Vianney
Thursday, August 5th, Weekday
7:15-8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
7:30 – 7:45 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Martin Kocher Family+)
Friday, August 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday, August 7th, Saint Sixtus II
Sunday, August 8th, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of July 25, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 645.00
Loose	117.00
Sub Total	\$ 765.00
Haiti	35.00
Total	\$ 797.00

Ministers for 8:30 am – August 8, 2021

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Semple

Server: Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Claire Griffith/ Ron Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister: Lora Semple

PSR: It's that time of year when we need to begin
thinking about religion classes for this fall.

**All grades K-12 need to fill out the registration
forms**, which will be available at the entrances of the
both St Mary's and St Thomas church. Drop the
registration form and fee into the collection basket or
return to the parish office at St Mary's. Also, please
give some thought to being a religion teacher this fall –
if interested call Denisse at the office or contact Marie
Wagner (618-754-3388). Deadline for registration is
August 22, 2021.

MEMORIAL MASS of Christian Burial will be held
2:00 pm Friday, August 13th, for **Joan (Radke) Rans**,
formerly of Sainte Marie, IL. Msg. James Buerster will
be presiding at the Mass at St. Mary's. Following Mass
the cremains will be interred in St. Mary's Cemetery.
A dinner will be held St Mary's parish center. Joan's
sons, Max and Eric would like to meet and visit
relatives and friends of their mother.