

November 2-3, 2024
Thirty-First 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 26-27, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,570.00
Loose	\$	1,455.00
Subtotal	\$	8,025.00
School Fund	\$	245.00
Building Fund	\$	270.00
Other	\$	203.00
Subtotal	\$	718.00
Grand Total	\$	8,743.00

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$55,519.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,552.00

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

National Vocations Awareness Week

Mon., November 4, St. Charles of Borromeo

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in parish center mtg room

Tuesday, November 5, Weekday

No School – Election Day

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 6, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int.: Kimberly English)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm School Board

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

Thursday, November 7, Weekday

6th Grade Vocations Day at St. Anthony

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 8, Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Norbert Klingler)

Saturday, Nov. 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Liv/Dec of Rita

Schafer Family)

Sunday, November 10, 32nd Ordinary Sunday;

Stewardship Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Libby McGuinnis)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Phil 2:1-4 Lk 14:12-14

Tues.: Phil 2:5-11 Lk 14:15-24

Weds.: Phil 2:12-18 Lk 14:25-33

Th.: Phil 3:3-8a Lk 15:1-10

Fri.: Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 16:1-8

Sat.: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/ 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Sun.: 1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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, November 9 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Glenda Spiker
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Lexi Ochs
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, November 10 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Sara Bergbower
EM: Jill, Eliza, Gus Bierman, Theresa Volk
Servers: Alani & Jace Bergbower
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, November 10 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Sue Sparks
EM: Helen, Leo, Adam Weber, Tony Sparks
Servers: Jack & Curtis Weber
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher
Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

A Birthday Wish to Dottie Benefiel for she will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Wednesday, November 13th. Help her celebrate by sending birthday wishes and cards to: c/o 601 S. Van Buren, Newton, IL 62448. Please keep Dottie in your prayers.

Help Us Celebrate Walter Urfer's 100th Birthday

You're invited to join Walter's family for an Open House as they celebrate his 100th birthday.

Date: Sunday, November 10th

Time: 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Birthday wishes can be sent to:

1182 North St. Hwy 130, West Liberty, IL 62475

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

OCIA meets every Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Come and join us if you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary parish offices.

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Nov. 6th – St. Charles Borromeo; The Sacraments

Special guest – Fr. Jayke White as we Celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week

Nov. 13th – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; The Virtues

Nov. 20th – St. Cecilia; The Capital Sins

Nov. 27th – Lead Lay Ministries at Thanksgiving Mass

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Shares their Annual Harvest Picnic's Success**



Pictured: Tracey Bower (St. Thomas Pastoral Council Member) and Fr. Pawel Luczak present a check for \$3,000.00 to Mary Hovis and Renee Gier representing the Newton Family Life Center.

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
December 6, 2024**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Lord. What a gift it truly is to be in His presence and to be mindful of all of the many ways that He is always with us. It is a sacrificial offering of love to commit to a specific time during Adoration, so we have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. This will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration.

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

PushPay Software...getting closer! As many of you are aware, St. Thomas has been transitioning to a new software. **Be sure to check out how you can give online by visiting the church's website and clicking on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship.**

An important note to lay ministers: The new software will also generate our monthly lay minister schedules and the schedules will have a new look. The month of November will be a trial run. We sent the November schedule out through Ministry Scheduler Pro and also mirrored that schedule in PushPay, so you should have received two e-mail notifications about your November ministries. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we try out the new scheduling. Of course, we are hoping it is a smooth transition! An App is also on the way and then you will be able to make contributions, update your profile and see your schedule all at your fingertips! We are excited about all of the many things this software has to offer!!

In Remembrance. Please keep *Eunice Schackmann, Therese Bruemmer, Doug Frichtl, Ray Kautz, Virginia Ochs, Evelyn McCreery, Glenn Frichtl, Art Rauch, and Petronilla Volk* who all passed away this past year in your prayers that having gone before us in faith they are brought speedily to behold God for ever. Please also pray for their families.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Dave Geltz, Charles Sroka, Vickie Kocher, Marlene Harris, Susanne Schackmann, Carol Schafer, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, 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.

Trending on FORMED:

Pope John Paul II

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

Mysteries of the Rosary | Paradisus Dei

The Mysteries of the Rosary is a four-part film series hosted by Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei. The series began out of Mark Hartfiel's desire to deepen his spiritual life as a father and husband, which included taking steps to protect his family from evil. Saint Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times," and Hartfiel took that to heart, ultimately becoming convicted to pray the ancient prayers of the Rosary daily. It was through his daily Rosary that the idea came to him to create and film a series that takes viewers right to the Holy Land, right where these Mysteries actually happened.

The St. Thomas School Trivia Night. If parishioners are interested in helping, please start saving 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 can be a great addition to the auction? Let us know!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a population of over 1.1 million inhabitants, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has tens of thousands of people in our midst living in poverty. These men, women and children seldom make the headlines. However, their needs are real and deserve our prayer, action, and financial support.

Our annual Diocesan Collection for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be taken the weekend of November 23-24, 2024. This collection gives Catholics an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to those who suffer and lack basic human necessities. All funds donated during the DCJH collection are granted to organizations that give realistic hope to the poor to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Like all Catholic ministries, the DCJH grant program reaches out to the broader community, without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. This campaign seeks to address the Gospel command to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25), and also address the systemic injustices that contribute to poverty.

Please give generously to this DCJH collection and, when possible, reach out in service and solidarity to those organizations that help the poor among us. May God bless you and reward you with peace, joy, and hope,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Confirmation/First Holy Communion Retreat

Sat., Nov. 2nd at St. Thomas

8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Our parishes welcome Sister Clementia and Fr. Rankin from the Diocese as they provide this retreat for our 3rd graders as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. All St. Thomas and St. Mary 3rd graders are expected to attend.

This is an exciting time for these students, so please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these Sacraments which will take place on Saturday, December 7th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

Note: Please have all registration, questionnaire and sponsor paperwork returned to your parish office by **Friday, Nov. 8.** If you have any questions contact Linda 618-783-8741 or Denisse 618-455-3155. Thanks!!



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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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(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, November 4th, St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, November 5th, Weekday

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Deceased of the Parish+)

Wednesday, November 6th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

7:15 – Youth Group

Thursday, November 7th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

Friday, November 8th, Weekday

Sat., Nov. 9th, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday, November 10th, 32nd Sunday of Ord.Time

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs+)

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of October 27, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 915.00

Loose 175.00

Sub Total \$ 1,090.00

All Saints 10.00

World Mission 20.00

Total \$ 1,120.00

St Mary’s Church Tithe

September Tithe Income \$57,179.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$5,718.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 10, 2024

Ushers: Tony Strutner, Phil Ochs,
Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Wade Schackmann/Avery Ochs

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearer: Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Hartrich, Jeanne Johnson, Bridget Matson

Veterans Appreciation

The Family Life committee will be serving donuts after Mass on November 10th to everyone to honor the Veterans from our parish. All are welcome to enjoy!

Memorial Mass

will be held on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. To honor those of our parish who died in the past year. All are welcome to attend mass.



Prayer for Life Campaign – As we come to the end of the campaign, we prayed that people would realize abortion is not about children who “might” come in to the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb. We prayed for wisdom and strength for all who struggle with end-of-life issues. Let us continue to pray for all employees of crisis pregnancy centers. They provide options for counseling and practical support to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Family Life Center is on the front lines of the pro-life movement in our region.

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be available on Sunday, November 03, 2024. The Museum, located behind St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, is housed on the second floor in the former Franciscan Novitiate building. An elevator is available for visitors who have difficulty with stairs. A collection of articles used by the early pioneers of the area and the Franciscan Friars can be viewed.

Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Museum is open on the first Sunday of the months April thru November from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., except holidays. For more information go to the parish website: www.stfrancischurch.com or to the town website at www.Teutopolis.com and click on “Our Community”; or call (217) 961-6404 ext. 236.

Area Events

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

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