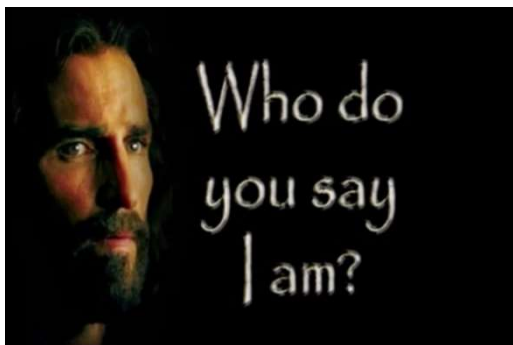


September 14-15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller**

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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**

September 7-8, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,017.00
Loose	\$	166.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,183.00</b>
School Fund	\$	395.00
Building Fund	\$	160.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>555.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,738.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church July Tithe**

July Tithe Income – \$60,198.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,020.00

**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**

**Fr. Pawel at Priest's Convocation this week**

**Mon., Sept. 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

**6:30 pm** Angels meeting

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, St. Robert Bellarmine;**

**St. Hildegard of Bingen**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, Weekday**

**8:30 am** No Mass – Communion Service

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:10 pm** Faithful Voices

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir Practice

**Thurs., Sept. 19, St. Januarius**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**2:00 pm** – Newton Care Center Mass

**Friday, Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon &**

**Paul Chong Ha-sang**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** All-School Mass

**10:30 am** Mass at the Villas of Holly Brook

**Saturday, Sept. 21, St. Matthew**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Lester/Pauline Ochs & Bernard/Marie Ochs)

**Sunday, September 22, 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday;**

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

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

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Dave Worman)

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

**4:00 pm** Gigantic Garage Sale Set-up

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** 1Cor 11:17-26,33 Lk 7:1-10

**Tues.:** 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Lk 7:11-17

**Weds.:** 1Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35

**Th.:** 1Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50

**Fri.:** 1Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3

**Sat.:** Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Mt 9:9-13

**Sun.:** Wis 2:12,17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

**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

**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:  
Saturday, September 21 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lynn Wilson  
EM: Ramon Kocher, Gerald/Denisse Ochs, M. Bolander  
Servers: Brooks Hermann  
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family  
Musicians: Five For the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, September 22 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower  
EM: Paul/Katie Bierman, Jamie Shamhart, L. Hemrich  
Servers: Nathan Bierman & Blake Bierman  
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family  
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart  
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, September 22 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Sue Sparks  
EM: Tony Sparks, Sara Mette, Dee Bower  
Servers: Lane Zumbahlen  
Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson  
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**BAPTISM: Congratulations, Alfie Few,** infant son of Joshua and Lauren (Lybarger), who was baptized September 1, at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. His Godparents are Shad and Marcia Street.

**St. Thomas Faithful Voices & Youth Choir:**

We are starting up a Faithful Voice Choir for Sunday Morning Mass. This is to encourage adults and kids to come up and help to lead the music. We will practice the music for each Sunday.

**Faithful Voices** will start Sept. 11 at 5:10-5:30 PM

**Youth Choir** will start Sept. 11 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Contact Debbie Matson 618-553-1472 or Vicki Mullen 618-562-8215 for details. Hope to see you there!!

**PSR Registration Time:** Please pick up a registration form (in entranceway of each parish church) to register your child/ren for our parish school of religion classes. A link to the form was also emailed to St. Thomas families. **Classes will begin on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Parish Center starting with Mass at 6:00 pm.**

**St. Thomas CYO... Let's Get Started!** Jenny and Linda welcome all High School Freshman – Seniors to join us for CYO. **We will meet on September 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie for Mass at 6:00 pm** to kick off our season! Regular sessions will start on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Bring your ideas for games/activities at the St. Thomas Harvest Picnic!!

**St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic**

**St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!**

Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church's meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

**Game Prizes Wanted!** CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide **1** dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

**Desserts Wanted.** Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

**Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.  
10% of proceeds will benefit the  
Family Life Center – Newton  
BYOB**

**Happy Birthday, Rita (May) Donnelly!!** Rita will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup> and would love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 210 College St., Schulenburg, TX 78956.

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas  
October 4, 2024**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am 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 of the month** Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

**40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life  
Wednesday, Oct. 16** at St. Thomas immediately following Mass until 2:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. Sign-up available in the gathering space!



**Come Learn About Our Ugandan Mission Trip.** A group of area parishioners including two young adults from St. Thomas participated in a recent

mission trip to Uganda. They will have a presentation about the trip on **Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024 at 1:00 pm** at St. Aloysius Hall, Bishop Creek. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



### Please pray for the Sick:

Betty Bickers and Family, Carol Schafer, Chris Wendt, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Grant Wagy, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** William Tell Percy, Jr. – Mrs. Vicki Will's (Wenthe) dad

### What's Trending on FORMED:

**Dive deeper into the teachings of the Church with this informative and engaging content on Formed:**

#### *Lectio: God*

Join Augustine Institute professor Dr. Elizabeth Klein for a careful study of Scripture in who God is and how to share this truth with others. This dynamic program combines in-depth biblical study with insightful questions, personal reflections, and an explanation of common misunderstandings. With *Lectio:God*, Fr. Pawel invites you to strengthen your faith in one true God, who is a communion of the three divine Persons.

#### *In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood*

This documentary explores the nature and theology of the priesthood. With commentary and insights from numerous priests, the film dives into the importance of prayer, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to Our Lady, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of missionary zeal. Gain a deeper understanding of the priesthood and learn what it really means to act "In Persona Christi" with this remarkable production.

#### *Source & Summit/Augustine Institute Bible Conference*

This collection of talks offered by the Augustine Institute opens the door to understanding Vatican II's teaching regarding the source and summit of our Christian faith: The Eucharist. Each lecture reveals how the Eucharist is present throughout Scripture. With informative presentations led by Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Tim Gray, and Dr. Mary Healy, this series is a great tool to keep the Eucharistic revival efforts going!

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

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

### St. Thomas School's Corner

Do you save cans and want a place to "recycle" them? St. Thomas School has a cage on the southeast corner of the building where you can put bags of cans. The school uses the money from the cans for lawn mower gas, postage and other small expenditures that come up. Thanks in advance for your support!

**St. Thomas School is made up of wonderful families who are prioritizing their children's faith formation by sending them to a Catholic school.** It takes much sacrifice and sometimes they need a little help. If you'd like to help anonymously, please feel free to put a donation in an envelope marked School Families. The money will be dispersed when needed after consideration by the assistance committee. Thank you!

**OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup> with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie at 6:00 pm.** If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) or 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

**Save the Dates: September 26<sup>th</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**  
More details to follow.

### Respect Life Sunday

**Life Chain 2024 on Sunday, October 6**

**1:30 pm – Prayer Service**

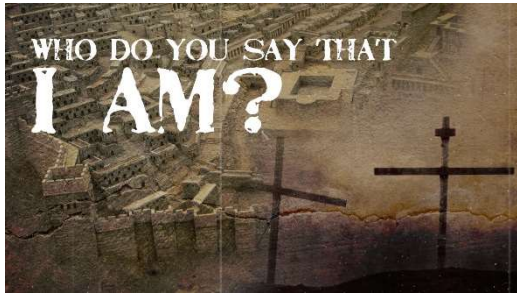
**Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, IL**

**2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive**

- A Christian Witness against the killing of pre-born children
- Help us line Keller Drive in Effingham – prayerfully, peacefully and legally – with crowds of pro-life Christians (we won't be lining up on Fayette St. this year due to construction, only Keller Drive)
- Bring your family and friends to help make this a successful pro-life event.
- Signs will be furnished.
- Refreshments will be served following the event at the parish center.
- For further information, please call Karla Slifer, Coordinator at 217-690-5282.

The Life Chain is a church and family event, not a rally or political extravaganza. Participants are to respect all other pedestrians, including those who oppose the chain and show only respect to motorists who indicate other sentiments. If standing is a problem, lawn chairs are welcome. All denominations are invited and urged to attend! ***Carpooling available from St. Thomas!***

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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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, September 16<sup>th</sup>, St Cornelius & Cyprian**

**Fr Pawel at Priest Convocation all week**

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Bellarmine**

**No Mass**

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Satin Januarius**

**No Mass**

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon  
 & Paul Chong Ha-sang**

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Saint Matthew**

**Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 25th Sunday in Ord. Time**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Gary Griffith+)**

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
 Collection for the week of September 8, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 2,570.40
Loose	158.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2728.40</b>
Capital Improvement	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,768.40</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**  
**July Tithe Income \$11,977.00**  
**10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,198.00**

**Prayer for Life** – Our parish will soon be participating in the annual “Prayer for LIFE”, on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Adoration will begin at 7:15 a.m. – there will be an opportunity for reconciliation until 8:15 a.m. with mass to follow at 8:30 a.m., the closing will be held at noon. Please take this time to be in prayer to end abortion in our nation.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 22, 2024**

**Ushers:** George Semple, Marvin Zwilling, Bob Barthelme

**Servers:** Daniel Uebinger/Reed Kister

**Lectors:** Ron Zwilling/ Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tony Hartrich, Elfrieda Kaufmann, Lora Semple

**Thanks!!!**

To the picnic committee for all their work to make the 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day picnic a success. To all those who worked behind the scenes, we could not have done it without you.

For the donations for the baskets stand, desserts for the dinner and cake stand.

As they say it take a village to make it work!!

**“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor” Ecclesiastes 4:9**

**Joint PSR classes will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm.** Registration forms are at the entries of both St. Mary and St Thomas churches. St Thomas has also emailed a link to the form digitally. There is a \$15.00 registration fee. **Please complete the form and return to the parish offices, place in the collection baskets by September 15.** **We are in need of a Sixth Grade teacher.**

We look forward to beginning classes!!

**Parents** – We will once again offer the hospitality room for the parents who bring their children to the PSR classes at St Mary's on Wednesday nights this year. We offer prayer, fellowship, talk about current events and how we as Catholics can help each other live and be catholic. We may get out our Bibles and study the Word while your children are studying their faith. Please consider joining us to grow in your faith as your children grow in theirs. Consider it your PSR class. Little ones are welcome also. Rose Gangloff will be leading us.