

Second Sunday of Lent Feb. 27th-28th, 2021



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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 am Sunday

5:30 pm Wednesday and 8:30 am Friday

Reconciliation: 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

4:30 pm -5:00 pm Wednesdays

St. Thomas School Office:

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Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155.

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule March 6th-7th

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Karen Buerster

E.M.: Mary Frichtl & Erica Johnson

Server: Hayden Mulvey

Musicians: N. Mulvey/K. Ochs/E. Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Steve Rubsam

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Lily Bierman; Laney Hemrich

E.M.: Mark & Janet Vahling

Server: Lucy Bierman

Musicians: Five For One

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Brian Bierman; Kelly Iffert

E.M.: Dennis Weber & Sara Mette

Server: Kylie Higgs

Musicians: Patsy Leffler/Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Monday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

4:30 pm RCIA-Full Communion Instructions-Rectory

6:30 pm RCIA-Full Communion Instructions-Rectory

Wednesday, March 3, St. Katharine

8:30 am Mass for the St. Thomas School Only

(Int.: Tom Shamhart+)

3:00 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Confessions at St. Thomas

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Wilbert Blank+)

6:30 p.m. CYO (preparing for Stations of the Cross)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm St. Thomas Pastoral Council

Friday, March 5, Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer

8:30 am Mass (Int: Estelle Kennedy+)

2:30 pm Stations of Cross St. Thomas School ONLY

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm KC Hall Carry-Out Fish Fry

Saturday, March 6, Lenten Weekday

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation/Penance

8:00 am – 4 pm Pre-Cana at St. Mary's

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation/Penance

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

6:00 pm Eucharist Bible Study at St. Mary's

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 20th-21st, 2021 Collection

Envelopes	\$4,243.00
Loose	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$4,443.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,130.00
Special Collections	\$225.00
School Fund	\$630.00
Subtotal	\$1,985.00
Grand Total	\$6,428.00

St. Thomas Parish Community Tithe 2020

(formerly ACSA)

Goal: \$65,364.00

Paid: \$22,046.00

Balance: \$43,318.00

Pledged: \$14,496.00

Prayerfully consider how you can contribute. There is no task at hand that we cannot handle when we all work together. Thanks for your support!

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School graduate for all they have given back to the school community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award must:

- Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 or more years
- Have made contributions to society that reflect the values instilled in them while attending St. Thomas School

Those wishing to nominate someone for this award should include the following information about their nominee: Name; Address and Phone Number; Educational background and Occupation; Accomplishments; Other information that makes them worthy of this award

Past honorees include: Martha Hildebrand, Terry Lidy, Anna McCullough, Father Dan Bergbower, Patsy Leffler, Laurel Kerans, Millie Jansen, Frank Rubsam, Wanda Kocher, Deacon Larry Miller, Mark Bolander, Mike Yager, Robert Worcester, Paul Brummer, John Miller, Mary McDonald, Debbie Matson, Phil Benefiel, Peggy Mammoser, Joanie Weber, Shelah Bergbower, Dottie Benefiel, Vicki Mullen, Rose Ann Kerner, Tony Zuber, and Gene Schackmann.

St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the *Exceptional Service Award*. Nominees for this award are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School and/or St. Thomas Parish. The nominee does not have to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our school and/or parish.

Nomination should include the following:

- Name, address and phone number of nominee
- List or narrative of the services he/she provides for St. Thomas School and/or Church
- Any additional information you would like to include.

Previous honorees include: Jewell Bauman, Judy McClure, Mark Hartrich, Sara Frichtl, Alice Addis, Charlie Schackmann, Jack Shedelbower, Dee Bower, Harold Bolander, Verna Bergbower, Lee and Sue Volk, Norma Beavers, Marilyn Rubsam, Wayne Savageau, Rita Kocher, Gary and Joyce Johnson, Denisse Ochs, Rose Ann Kerner, Sue Dickerson, Pete Pasero, Sarah Hemrich,

Nominations will be accepted for both awards through April 9th in the school or church office, or can be mailed to: St. Thomas School, 306 W. Jourdan, Newton, IL 62448

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish Info:

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.

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:

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 12:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15; 18-20	Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17	1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

St. Mary's/St. Thomas Eucharist Bible Study.

The Eucharist is the source of our Catholic Faith, but do we really understand its true meaning? Join us this lent for a group discussion as we strive to better understand and appreciate this great gift. Discussions will be held on the following dates:

- 6 PM March 7, 2020 @ St. Mary's parish center
- 6 PM March 14, 2020 @ St. Thomas parish center
- 6 PM March 21, 2020 @ St. Mary's parish center

All St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners are welcome. Join us and bring a friend!

All are welcome!

During the Season of Lent:

Mass will be offered at 5:30 pm Monday evenings at St. Mary's with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) available before and after mass: 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. and after Mass until finished.

PRE-CANA Scheduled at St. Mary's:

A Pre-Cana Conference is required by Diocesan policy for the celebration of a Catholic wedding. St. Mary's Parish annually hosts a Pre-Cana for benefit of parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas and is open to attendees from other parishes.

For those preparing for marriage this year, St. Mary's will be hosting a Pre-Cana class on March 13, 2021. Pre-registration is necessary; Cost is \$50. Contact St. Mary's parish office at 618-455-3155 for more information. Registration deadline: March 4th, 2021.

FASTING

Pope Francis reminds us of fasting that the Lord desires as stated in the book of Isaiah:

“This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.” Pope Francis: fast from hurting words and say kind words; fast from pressures and be prayerful; fast from grudges and be reconciled; fast from bitterness and be filled with joy.”



Please pray for the Sick, especially Deana Schaffer, Tim Hayes, Mark Tauber, Chris Goedde, Virginia Degand, James Kocher, Wanda Sydor, Jacob Briggerman,

Mary Jo Walden, Cletus Westendorf, Jeff Ward and George Dallmier; those undergoing surgery; for police officers and military personnel; for our government; and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

If special need for prayers for someone this week, please call the parish office. Names of those listed for past months have been listed in the Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace. Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Tom Shamhart** and **Robert Bennett**.

Baptism

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.

Attend a pre-baptismal class during the pregnancy period so not to delay scheduling of baptism.

The next pre-baptismal class will be held on March 7th at 9:00 am at St. Thomas Church. Please contact the St. Thomas parish office at 783-8741 to register. Additional classes will be held on the first Sunday of every other month including May, July, Sept., & Nov.

St. Thomas CYO will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the parish center to prepare for the Stations of the Cross to be presented at 7:00 pm. The students will present the Stations of the Cross on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in church:

- March 3rd – Everyone's Way of the Cross
- March 17th – Walking Stations
- March 24th – Living Stations

Rite of Election

Bryar French, a St. Thomas third grade student celebrated the Rite of Sending Forth at the 10 am Mass Sunday, February 21. He attended the Rite of Election that afternoon. Bishop Paprocki declared Bryar elected to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

FULL-COMMUNION in the CATHOLIC FAITH

If you are interested in joining in the full-communication of faith with the Catholic Christian Church, you are welcome to attend inquiry sessions held at the rectory (501 W. Jourdan Street, Newton, IL). These sessions will lead to the possible reception of Confirmation and Holy Communion on Easter Sunday.

A new group is meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Join them or call Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 for other possibilities or further information. Another group completing instructions meets at **6:30 pm** Tuesday.

Mission Trip 2021: Cumberland, Maryland

June 12-18, 2021.

The group includes the following youth:

Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Dylan Gier, Aleah Higgs, Grant Ochs, Kaitlin Ochs, Seth Ochs, Madison Phillips, Logan Weber, Luke Weber, Elise Wright, Emily Probst, Veronica Griffith, Jenna Ochs, Alex Kaufmann, Kelby Ochs, Owen Ochs, and Paige Zumbahlen.

and Adults: Jill Bierman, Lora Ochs,

Mike Hartrich, Ted Weber

and Priest: Fr. Dean Probst

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP is MARCH 7!

LENTEN REGULATIONS : Updated!

1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.
2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

NOTE: Health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However,

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!

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8:00 am – 9:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Church

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NOTE: Please read inside bulletin for information that pertains to both St. Mary and St. Thomas Parishes. No need to type twice information for both parishes!

Sacraments:

Masses: 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 7:30 am – Tuesday and Thursday

Or as scheduled or by request

Available: St. Thomas Church 4:30–5 pm Wednesdays

And 8-9 am and 3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays

Ministers for 8:30 am – March 7, 2021

Ushers: Marvin Zwilling, Roger Hemrich

Server: Brianna Zwilling

Lector: Ethan Zwilling/ Ron Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister: Janet Hartrich

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of February 17- 21,2021

Envelopes	\$1075.00
Loose	163.00
Sub Total	\$1238.00
Haiti	135.00
Central/East Europe	150.00
Total	\$1523.00

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 1st, Lenten Weekday

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:30 p.m. Mass: (Int: Roy Hartke+)

Tuesday, March 2nd, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m.- Mass: (Int: Fidelis & Lorene Kuhl+)

Wednesday, March 3rd, St Katharine Drexel

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, March 4th, St Casimir

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

Friday, March 5th, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, March 6th, Lenten Weekday

8-9 am & 3:30 - 4:00 pm Confessions at St. Thomas

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Sunday, March 7th, 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

6:00 pm Eucharist Bible Study

MARCH MINISTERS: The list for the March ministries is located at the entrances of the church.

CALENDARS: There are a few Catholic Calendars available at the entrances of the church. Please only take one per family.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next blood drive to be held at the St Mary's parish center will be on Tuesday, March 2nd, from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

Appointments are RECOMMENDED to make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, put in the zip code 62459 and you should be sent to donation site.

St. Mary's Drive-Thru Brunch

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8 – 11AM

DRIVE-THRU BRUNCH: It is getting closer, don't forget to drive-thru and get a delicious breakfast., next Sunday, March 7th. Workers, please make sure to check your schedule!! Hope to see you in the drive thru line!!!

ACSA UPDATE: Our 2020 assessment was set at \$20,033.00 for St Mary's as to date we have had \$3,868.00 paid in pledges, leaving \$16165.00 still due. Please consider contributing to ACSA – you can either drop in the collection marked ACSA or send it directly to the diocese. Any unpaid amount will have to come from the general operating fund.