

October 5-6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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 & 10.00 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 28-29, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,466.00
Loose	\$	370.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,836.00</b>
School Fund	\$	345.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>345.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,181.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church August Tithe**

August Tithe Income – \$38,430.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,843.00

**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**

**Mon., October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary**

**6:30 pm** Angels meeting in parish center

**Tuesday, October 8, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary’s

**Wednesday, Oct. 9, St. Denis; St. John Leonardi**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int.: Myrtle Radke)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

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

**Thursday, October 10, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary’s

**2:00 pm** Newton Care Center Mass

**Friday, October 11, St. John XXIII**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

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

(Int. Gerald “Sam” Medernach)

**Saturday, October 12, Weekday**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas

(Int.: Liv/Dec of Rita Schafer Family)

**Sunday, Oct. 13, 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**4:00 -7:30 pm** St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic

**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

(Int. Joseph/Eunice Schackmann)

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

**11:00 am** OCIA at St. Thomas

**This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37**

**Tues.: Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42**

**Weds.:Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Lk 11:1-4**

**Th.: Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13**

**Fri.: Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26**

**Sat.: Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28**

**Sun.: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30**

**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, October 12 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector:

EM: Wade Ochs, Gerald/Denisse Ochs, Mark Bolander

Servers: Carter Barthelme & Emmalin Finley

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

**Sunday, October 13 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Sarah Hemrich

EM: Paul/Katie Bierman & Mark/Janet Vahling

Servers: Nathan Bierman & Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

**Sunday, October 13 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Sue Sparks

EM: Matt Bower, Renee/Dylan Gier, Dennis Weber

Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Lauren Gier

Gift Bearers: John Bower Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

**October Cleaning Crew** reporting for duty on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.** Thanks to all of the volunteers that help take care of our church!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas  
November 1, 2024**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for the 8:30 am All-School All Saints 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!

**Happy Birthday, Ladora Long!** Ladora will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 7<sup>th</sup> and would love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 8568 North 1400<sup>th</sup> Street, Newton, IL 62448

**You're invited** to join us for an Open House as we celebrate **Betty Wakefield's 100 Birthday.**

**Date:** Sunday, October 13

**Time:** 1:00- 4:00 pm

**Location:** West End, Newton, IL

Please send your birthday wishes to:

Betty Wakefield, 101 S. Gregory Dr, Apt 31, Newton, IL 62448

**St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic  
October 13, 2024; 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**St. Thomas Picnic Worker's List** available in the gathering space. Be sure to sign up to help out when you can. Thanks!

**St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets** are available in the gathering space if you haven't already had a chance to pick them up. This year the envelopes are not labeled with parishioner addresses in an effort to save time and money. Feel free to pick up as many envelopes or booklets of tickets as you need. We have had a great response to the raffle already with tickets coming in from NAPA, the Fall Festival and as a result of the Catholic Times Ad. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job getting the word out there!!

**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.

**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 out 😊

**Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.**

**Quilt Raffle tickets also available for purchase.  
(Selling quilt raffle tickets after each Mass next weekend!)**

**10% of proceeds benefit - Newton Fam. Life Center  
BYOB**

**St. Thomas CYO** Looking Ahead to another Great Year! **41** students gathered this past Wednesday evening to share in prayer, planning and fellowship. Jenny and Linda are always so proud of this group each and every year and are excited to get "Back to the Basics." We look forward to seeing this group of 13 freshmen, 7 sophomores, 12 juniors, and 9 seniors, so far, again next week!

**A Special Thank You!** Rita Donnelly would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and wishes. She was grateful for all that remembered her as she remembered most of you! She received over 100 birthday cards for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a special gift!

## 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:



Susanne Schackmann, Betty Bickers and Family, Carol Schafer, Chris Wendt, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, 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.

### **This Week on FORMED:**

#### **The Catholic Parent:**

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

#### **The Martyrs | Littlest Saints**

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith? Follow us on social media by visiting [www.LittlestSaints.com](http://www.LittlestSaints.com).

#### [Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible](#)

#### **The Gospel According to Matthew**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). St. Matthew's Gospel is often called "The Catechist's Gospel" because it contains many of the stories and teachings of Christ that we know and love. The Gospel of Matthew is truly the story of the good news.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

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

### **Respect Life Sunday - Sunday, October 6**

#### [Newton](#)

1:45 pm – Prayer Service;

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square

[Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, IL](#)

1:30 pm – Prayer Service

2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive

**OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** will be meeting on Sundays at St. Thomas Church at 11:00 am. See ya there! Contact 618-783-8741 to learn more!

### **A Sincere and Heartfelt Message from Fr. Pawel**

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your incredible generosity and kindness that I have experienced. Your thoughtful gifts and the beautiful appreciation cards from your children and our St. Thomas School students have truly touched my heart.

It is inspiring to witness the love and support that flows within our parish communities. Your generosity not only uplifts my spirit but also strengthens my mission.

Thank you for your kindness and all good gestures that show your love. Your kindness makes a difference!

With gratitude and blessings,  
PL

### **A Message from Fr. Pawel**

The month of October is especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Rosary prayer. For many Catholics it carries significant importance in their spiritual life and daily routine because it is more than a simple sequence of prayers; it is a powerful tool for meditation, reflection and connection with God and Mary the Mother of Jesus.

In its core, the Rosary invites individuals to contemplate the life of Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries. Each mystery offers an opportunity to reflect on crucial events in salvation history, helping people to grow in their understanding of faith and deepening their relationship with God. This meditative aspect of the Rosary transforms a routine prayer into a deeply enriching experience. It is strengthening our faith; through the Rosary Mary intercedes for those who pray, and it unites believers in one prayer.

The Rosary is a powerful tool and prayer that brings numerous graces to those who embrace it. Whether prayed alone or in community, its importance lies in its ability to deepen faith, cultivate peace, and foster a closer relationship with Mary and Jesus. Let the month of October that is dedicated to the Rosary stand as a month of hope and a pathway to spiritual growth.

#### ***Listed below are opportunities to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October:***

**St. Mary's** –Every Sunday morning at 8:00 am before 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon

**St. Thomas**- every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon at St. Mary's

### **Confronting a Woke World**

**Due to busy October schedules this Faith Formation Series has been cancelled.** Feel free to check out this series of 7 videos on your own or contact the St. Thomas Parish Office for more information.

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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, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Hunzinger Family+)

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, St Denis & Companions**

**6:30 p.m. - PSR**

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Dec. of Ben/Rosa Ochs fam.+)

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, St John XXIII**

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**12:00 pm Rosary noon at front entrance of church**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Oscar & Marcella Strutner+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of September 29, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,055.00

Loose 46.00

**Total \$ 1,201.00**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**September Tithe Income \$15,918.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,1591.00**

**Thank you** – The family of Deane Ochs would like to thank Fr. Dean Probst for the wonderful mass, to the musicians for leading us in song. To the ladies of the parish for the great meal and desserts. It was all so very much greatly appreciated.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 13, 2024**

**Ushers:** Ethan Matson, Owen Ochs, Alex Kaufmann

**Servers:** Henry Zumbahlen/Wade Schackman

**Lectors:** Ashtyn Ochs/Nancy Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Roger & Sherrie Hemrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janet & Tony Hartrich  
Jeanne Johnson

**Rosary** – With October being the month of the Rosary, we will be saying the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. before mass, if you would like to lead the rosary on a Sunday, please contact Marie Wagner.

At **12:00 noon on October 12** people across the nation will be gathering to pray the rosary. We will be praying the rosary here at St Mary's outside the front entrance of the church. With rosary in hand, we will pray the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

**PSR** – Our religion teachers who so graciously are giving of their time and talent to teach for this year are:

**K** – Beth Hartrich

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Amber Frohning & Julie Shamhart

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Kayla Semple

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Marie Wagner

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** – Nancy Ochs

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Jenna Ochs

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Lora Semple

**High School** – Becca Ochs

And not forgotten is a young lady who works with the youth of our parish, doing special projects – Sarah Boehl. Thank you all!!

**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.