

November 16-17, 2024
Thirty-Third 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

November 9-10, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,116.00
Loose	\$	602.30
Subtotal	\$	5,718.30
School Fund	\$	3,555.00
Building Fund	\$	760.00
Other	\$	285.00
Subtotal	\$	4,600.00
Grand Total	\$	10,318.30

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

Mon., Nov. 18, Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday, November 19, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Nov. 20, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int.: George Roth)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm Booster Club

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

Thursday, November 21, Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 22, St. Cecilia

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Mearl/Laura Kinsel)

Saturday, Nov. 23, St. Clement I, St. Columban,

Bl. Miguel Augustin Pro

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Joseph/Zola Klingler)

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

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

(Barry/Erin(Sparks) Bergbower)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 28:11-16,30-31 Mt 14:22-33

Tues.: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Lk 19:1-10

Weds.: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

Th.: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

Fri.: Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

Sat.: Rv 11:4-2 Lk 20:27-40

Sun.: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-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

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 23 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Alice Addis, Glenda Spiker, Linda Hemrich
Servers: Halle Wagner & Bailey Meinhart
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Tammy Page
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, November 24 @ 7:00 am

Lector:
EM: Mark/Janet Vahlhing, Lori TeVault
Servers: Tyler Spiker
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, November 24 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kristine Probst
EM: Ryan Probst, Annie Ochs, Ginger Robins,
Nikki Earnest
Servers: Dominic Ochs & Dylan Earnest
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

The November Monthly Cleaning Crew will meet to clean the church on **Saturday, Nov 16th** at 9:00 am. Thanks for your help!!

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. 20th – St. Cecilia; The Capital Sins/Virtues
Nov. 27th – Lead Lay Ministries at Thanksgiving Mass
Be MAGNANIMOUS!!

**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. 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 Tools You Can Use:

- 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.
- E-Mail contribution acknowledgements and access to your contribution statements. You might have noticed that you received an acknowledgement for last weekend’s contributions. This is not a spam e-mail, but an email from the parish confirming your donation and email address.
- The new software will also generate our monthly lay minister schedules and the schedules will have a new look.
- Online parish calendar: visit our website at www.stthomasnewton.net for the link.
- Online forms for registering as a new parish family and for a baptism available on the church’s website.
- 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!!

Happy Anniversary, Gary and Mary Blank as they celebrate 50 years!! They will be married for 50 years on November 28th and will be celebrating with an Open House on **November 30th** at the Newton KC Hall from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Family and friends welcome! They look forward to celebrating with you!!

The St. Thomas bleachers in the parish center were inspected and re-aligned. It is VERY important to keep kids/adults OFF of the bleachers when they are pushed in! This is what has led to a \$600 bill. The gentleman from the bleacher company emphasized how bad it is for our bleachers to be climbed on/sat on when they are pushed in. ALSO, when we pull the bleachers out or push them back in, it is very bad for them to be done unevenly. If you are helping, please make sure there is equal force on both sides. Thanks to all those who use the parish center for taking care of the bleachers to ensure that they last us a long time!

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

St. Mary
5:30 pm; Wednesday, November 27th
St. Thomas
7:00 pm; Wednesday, November 27th
St. Thomas CYO leading lay ministries

St. Cecilia, Pray for Us!

Eastern Europe Pilgrimage with Fr. Dean

Three of us from St. Thomas Parish went on Fr. Dean's recent trip to Poland, Budapest (Hungary), Austria (Vienna) and the Prague (Czech Republic). Each day of the trip Fr. Dean and Fr. Michael Berndt celebrated mass, often in centuries-old churches, with our group of 43 people.

We toured Poland, the beautiful homeland of our own Fr. Pawel. We visited the site of the Second Black Madonna, known as the Queen of Poland. We went to Wadowice, the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul II. We had mass in the church across the street from the childhood home of the Pope. We visited and prayed at the Shrine of Divine Mercy where St. Faustina is entombed.

In stark and unforgettable contrast, we also toured the barracks and gas chamber at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There seem to be no words to explain how and why such a place could ever have existed.

From Poland we went on to Budapest, saw Hero's Square and had an evening cruise on the Danube, viewing the beauty of the city under lights.

Next we went to Vienna, Austria where we toured the beautiful city, as well as a palace. In the evening, we enjoyed a very special restaurant and had a wonderful dinner. Of course we did some shopping in each of these places, sampling the specialties in each locale.

Our final country was the Czech Republic where we visited the city of Prague. We had mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious which contains the Infant of Prague statue. We did lots of walking, which was typical of each city we visited.

The three of us, Alice Addis, Theresa Volk, and Rita Kocher thoroughly enjoyed the trip. For each of us the trip was a learning experience. We realized that we knew very little about the history of this region. Each of these countries has enjoyed a time of rebuilding after WWII and then in the last 35 years, since their release from Communist rule.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Annie Beverlin, 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.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

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 of Paradisus Dei.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

SCRIP for the holidays. If you are thinking gift cards for the holidays why not make it a SCRIP card! SCRIP Cards are available to popular and local retailers and are used just like a gift card...only the school gets a percentage back. It's a win, win! Contact the school office to purchase your cards. Happy shopping!

Confirmation/First Holy Communion Saturday, December 7th

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Springfield

Fr. Pawel is inviting students to be recognized at the Masses that weekend. This is not mandatory. Fr. Pawel is simply asking that you attend one of the Masses that weekend, and he will be glad to recognize the Confirmandi/First Communicants.

Please also make sure that your child has had the opportunity to make his/her First Reconciliation. Reconciliation times are available at the scheduled times throughout the week or by appointment.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast The Presentation in the Temple

All Men are welcomed. Gather at the St. Anthony Parish Center for hot **Breakfast ready after 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30AM**, and concluding at 7:30. More info: contact the parish office or Dan Woods danwoodsface@gmail.com.



11 DAY MAGESTIC GERMANY PILGRIMAGE

FRANFRURT ♦ COLOGNE ♦ HANOVER ♦ POTSDAM ♦ BERLIN ♦ NUREMBERG ♦ ROTHEMBERG ♦ MUNICH
OBERAMMERGAU ♦ LINDAU ♦ LAKE TITISEE ♦ THE BLACK FOREST ♦ HEIDELBERG ♦ MAINZ

APRIL 21 - MAY 1, 2025

Hosted by

FR. R. DEAN PROBST

\$4599 FROM ST. LOUIS

(Air/land tour price is \$3979 plus \$620 gov't taxes/airline surcharges)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Fr. R. Dean Probst
Tel: (217) 494-6326 (cell)
Email: rdprobst@gmail.com

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life at St. Anthony in Effingham on Nov. 18. Rosary 6:00 pm/Mass 6:30 pm.



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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

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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 18th, St Rose Philippine

Tuesday, November 19th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

6:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR/Hospitality Hour

Thurs., Nov. 21st, Pres. of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8;30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Angela Geltz+)

Friday, November 22nd, Saint Cecilia

Saturday, November 23rd, St Clement I

Sunday, November 24th, 34th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dory & Dolly Koelker+)

St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of November 10, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,960.00

Loose 164.00

Total \$ 2,124.00

St Mary’s Church Tithe

September Tithe Income \$57,179.00

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

Worship Committee – will be meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.. If anyone wants to join us, they are welcome.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m.
November 24, 2024

Ushers: Tony Strutner, Phil Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Blake Frohning/Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearer: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling, Lora Semple

Ministers for Thanksgiving Mass
November 27, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Tony Strutner, Phil Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Ellie Ochs/Charlee Ochs

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl, Maynard Kaufman, Janet Hartrich

Hospitality Hour – Parents please feel free to join us while your children are in PSR classes. Anyone from the parish may join us. We are presently doing a Bible study on Galatians. Great conversation and fellowship!

Prayers

There are four of our youth who are preparing for Confirmation and receiving their First Holy Communion. Let us keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive these sacraments, on December 7th.

Alivia Hartrich

Gavin Semple

Clay Frohning

Jolene Ochs

Area Events

11/17/24 – Sainte Marie American Legion Unit 932 – Walking Tacos – 5-7pm

11/27/24 – Mass for Thanksgiving – 5:30 p.m.

11/30/24 – Whoville – Sainte Marie Community Club