

November 9-10, 2024

Thirty-Second 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**

November 2-3, 2024 Collection

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| Envelopes                           | \$        | 10,248.00        |
| Loose                               | \$        | 919.75           |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>\$</b> | <b>11,167.75</b> |
| School Fund                         | \$        | 1,612.00         |
| Building Fund                       | \$        | 450.00           |
| Other                               | \$        | 625.00           |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,687.00</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                  | <b>\$</b> | <b>13,854.75</b> |
| <b>PushPay Credit Card/ACH(Oct)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,402.55</b>  |

**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**

**Fr. Pawel on retreat this week**

**Mon., Nov. 11, St. Martin of Tours; Veteran's Day**

**No School; Office Closed**

**Tuesday, November 12, St. Josaphat**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** **NO** Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

**8:30 am** Class Mass (Int.: Charles E. Dhom)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

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

**Thursday, November 14, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

**8:30 am** **NO** Mass at St. Mary's

**NO** Mass at Newton Care Center

**6:30 pm** Finance Council Meeting

**Friday, Nov. 15, St. Albert the Great**

**7:30 am – 8:15 am** Adoration

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Int. Barb Rauch)

**Saturday, Nov. 16, St. Margaret of Scotland;**

**St. Gertrude**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass at St. Thomas (John/Edith Miller Fam.)

**Sunday, November 17, 33<sup>rd</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 (Therese Bruemmer)

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

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

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Ti 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6

**Tues.:** Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10

**Weds.:** Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19

**Th.:** Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25

**Fri.:** 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

**Sat.:** 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

**Sun.:** Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

**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.

***Thank you, Veterans!***

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, November 16 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Aubrey Bergbower

EM: Brad/Kimberly/Kaitlyn Ochs, Wanda Kocher

Servers: Emmalin Finley & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Randy & Linda Hemrich

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, November 17 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Becky Shamhart

EM: Sarah Hemrich, Gery Ochs, Jamie Shamhart,  
Brenda Phillips

Servers: Avery & Addison Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Craig Shamhart Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, November 17 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Julie/Kylie Higgs, Matt Bower, Dylan Gier

Servers: Levi Gier & Abbie Ginder

Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

**Birthday Wishes:**

**Dottie Benefiel** 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.

**Norma Beavers** celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. She would still love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to 2045 N. 1300<sup>th</sup>, Newton, 62448.

**Help Us Celebrate Walter Urfer's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

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

**Date:** Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Location:** St. Thomas Parish Center

*Birthday wishes can be sent to:*

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

**Thank you so much for being a part of Betty Wakefield's 100th birthday celebration!** Her heart is full from all the kind words, warm hugs, many cards, and cherished memories shared on such a special day. Reaching this incredible milestone was made all the more meaningful by the love and joy of family and friends. Your presence and thoughtful gestures truly touched her heart, and we are deeply grateful.

With sincere appreciation, Keith, Sharon and Marla

**The November Monthly Cleaning Crew** will meet to clean the church on **Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** 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. 13<sup>th</sup>** – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; The Virtues

**Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Cecilia; The Capital Sins

**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** – Lead Lay Ministries at Thanksgiving Mass  
Linda also wanted to thank the NCHS FCA group for inviting her to speak at their meeting this past Wednesday morning. It is so inspiring to see so many high school youth actively living out their faith!

**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 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](http://www.stthomasnewton.net) for the link.
- 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!!

# 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.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

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

**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!

**Welcome, Fr. Dean and Fr. Jayke!** Fr. Dean and Fr.



Jayke will be celebrating Masses with us this Wednesday and Friday as Fr. Pawel is gone this week on a retreat. Thanks

to both of them for filling in. And, a big thank you to Fr. Jayke for joining us for CYO this past Wednesday. All of us had something to learn about the Sacraments! We are blessed to have both Fr. Dean and Fr. Jayke right up the road!!

## **DeColores retreat weekends:**

This is just a shout out to the many men and women from our parishes who are attending and assisting with the upcoming DeColores retreats.

***Thank you for being good stewards of your faith!!***

## **Confirmation/First Holy Communion**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Springfield

Fr. Pawel is inviting students to be recognized at the Masses that weekend if they would like to celebrate this special time with their parish family. 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. Students can make their First Reconciliation at any of the scheduled times throughout the week or by appointment.

This is an exciting time for these students, so please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these Sacraments.

## **Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life to Pray and Give Thanks for the Gift of Life**

at St. Anthony in Effingham on Monday November 18. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will follow in the parish center. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

## **SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast – The Nativity**

This week, we enter into the third Joyful Mystery - the Nativity of Our Lord. MEN, come join us as we walk with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. 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](mailto:danwoodsface@gmail.com).



November 2-3, 2024

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)

Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

(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 11<sup>th</sup>, St Martin of Tours

Veterans Day

**Fr Pawel on Retreat**

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, St Josaphat

**No Mass**

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, St Frances Xavier

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Weekday

**No Mass**

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, St Albert the Great

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, St Margaret of Scotland

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George & Hilda Dallmier Margie Townsend+)

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of November 1-3, 2024**

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| Envelopes        | \$ 735.00          |
| Loose            | 443.00             |
| <b>Sub Total</b> | <b>\$ 1,178.00</b> |

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| All Saints   | 260.00             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 1,438.00</b> |

**St Mary’s Church Tithe**

**September Tithe Income \$57,179.00**

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

There will **NOT** be Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> due to Fr Pawel being on retreat.

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 17, 2024**

**Ushers:** Tony Strutner, Phil Ochs, Jacob Kaufmann

**Servers:** Max Ochs/ Reed Kistner

**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/Mike Hartrich

**Gift Bearer:** Kevin & Teresa Ochs

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Elfrieda/Maynard Kaufmann, Ben Ochs

**Veterans Appreciation**

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

Lord God, Almighty Father,  
creator of mankind and author of peace,  
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid  
for the liberty we possess,  
we ask you to bless the members of  
our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.  
May they ever experience your firm support,  
gentle love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading  
them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise,  
now and forever. Amen.

**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.

**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.

**Prayers** – for the families of those who have passed away in the past year – **Jeff Kirts, Angela Geltz, Melvarose Ochs, John Barthelme, Joseph Zuber, Gary Griffith, Steve Ochs, LaVaun Nix, Deane Ochs, Jane Zwilling**, may those who have gone before us reap the reward of everlasting life, in the glory of our Lord and Savior.