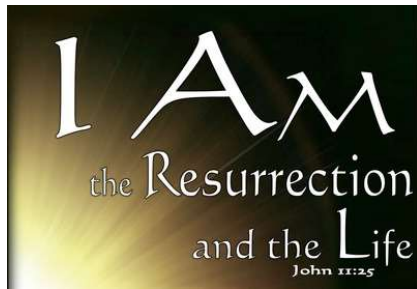


April 5-6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

March 29-30, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,479.00
Loose	\$	1,043.00
Subtotal	\$	7,313.00
School Fund	\$	395.00
Building Fund	\$	75.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	579.00
Special Collections	\$	448.00
Subtotal	\$	1,497.00
Grand Total	\$	9,019.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$62,190.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,219.00

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

Monday, April 7, St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 am- 6:00 pm Garage sale drop-off

6:30 pm Angels group meeting in church

Tuesday, April 8, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am- 6:00 pm Garage sale drop-off

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Linda Poggenpohl)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

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

Thursday, April 10, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Garage Sale Opens

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, April 11, St. Stanislaus

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Garage Sale Continues

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Jessica Spiker)

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm KC's Fish Fry(Newton Family Life Center)

Sat., April 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am – 11:00 am Last Day Garage Sale

9:00 am I Thirst: Lent Book Discussion – meeting at St. Thomas in parish center meeting room

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the Parish)

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Rosella Hemrich)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Chuck, Evelyn, Patty McCreery)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

6:30 pm CYO Living Stations of the Cross

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:12-20

Tues.: Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

Weds.: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42

Th.: Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

Fri.: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

Sat.: Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Sun.: Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

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.

June 1 and October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 12 @ 4:30 pm

OCIA Readings at each Mass

Lector: Beth Ochs; Lori TeVault

EM: Kim Zuber, Kaitlyn Ochs, Mark Bolander, Wanda Kocher

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, April 13 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Becky Shamhart; Sara Bergbower

EM: Jamie Shamhart, Pam Francis, Mark/Janet Vahling

Servers: Brady Francis & Kinsley Kerner

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Julie French, Lucy Bierman, Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, April 13 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Ginger Robins; Brian Bierman

EM: Sara Mette, Becky Parker, Lisa Geier, Tony Sparks

Servers: Will Mette & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Jim & Ginger Robins

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2025

Bowling Green, KY; June 29-July 5

Thank you so much to all who supported the Texas Road House fundraiser. So far it looks like the youth have made around \$2,500.00 to support their mission trip this summer. Items will be available for pick up soon! We'll keep you posted!

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

April 9th – Dress Rehearsal for Living Stations – (will run a little late)

Sunday, April 13th @ 6:30 pm Living Stations

April 16th – Attend Living Stations at St. Mary

April 23rd – Clean Church/Service Night

April 30th – End of year celebration

Congratulations, Josie Vogt, for being selected as an IESA Scholar Attitude Award Winner. Your parish family along with IESA applauds you for being chosen as an individual who exhibits superior standards and positive character! Josie will be honored at the IESA Celebration of Excellence on April 29th. Way to go, Josie!

What are the Scrutinies in the OCIA?

These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect (those who have not been baptized) from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (*OCIA*, 141). The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good. Three Scrutinies are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday's of Lent, after the homily. The Scripture readings for the Scrutinies are: the Gospel story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well for the 1st Scrutiny, the Gospel story of the Healing of the Man Born Blind for the 2nd Scrutiny, and the Gospel story of the Raising of Lazarus for the 3rd Scrutiny. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.

In order for the entire parish community to participate in the Scrutinies with our elect, we are celebrating all Masses the last two weeks.

The readings on those Sundays will be taken from Year A, so please use the Breaking Bread to find the "Optional Year A Readings for Use With the OCIA."

If you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic faith or are thinking about becoming Catholic, classes are ongoing throughout the year. Please call 618-783-8741, or check us out online at www.stthomasnewton.net for more information. It's never too late to join us!

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

May 2, 2025

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

Easter Décor

Our beautiful Easter decorations are made possible through your gifts to the Easter Décor Fund. If you'd like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, please place your gift in the collection basket in a plain envelope marked "Easter Décor." Please include a note with names of those to be remembered. A prayer list will then be published to help us remember all those who have gone before us. Please have your gift turned in by April 14 at Noon.

St. Stanislaus, pray for us!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Danny Miller, Connie Brooks, Belinda Kuvicki, Carson French, Matilda Hemrich, Brenda Zuber, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Delorse Johnson, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

St. Thomas Parish Fish Fry – April 4th **Serving from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm (or until sold out)** **Newton KC Hall**

Parishioners are asked to provide a dessert. If you would like to volunteer to help at the fish fry please contact the parish office 618-783-8741. Desserts can be dropped off at the parish office that morning or the KC Hall that afternoon. Thanks for your support!

"I Thirst" Lent Book Discussion. Join us as we walk with Saint Mother Teresa throughout the season of Lent with I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa. All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings throughout Lent. Contact 618-783-8741 to learn more.

LENTEN Reconciliation Services:

A Special thank you to the following priests for being available for confessions this past Thursday:

Fr. Pawel, Fr. Dean Probst, Fr. Dennis Koopman, Fr. John Titus, Fr. Rafal Pyrchla, and Fr. Michael Berndt Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

Holy Week Schedule: April 17- April 20

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

5:00 pm at St. Mary Adoration following

6:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

5:00 pm at St. Thomas

6:00 pm at St. Mary

Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

The Council of Catholic women in the Mattoon Deanery have selected supporting the EIU Newman Center as their annual Mission Project. If you would like to send a financial gift to support their Mission Project, donations can be sent to MDCCW, Attn: Lori Creek, 719 N. McClellan St., Sullivan, IL 61951. Your support will help the EIU Newman Center create a space in their basement for students to gather in study, small groups, game night, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Catholic young adults.

A Celebration of Life for Cathy Dasenbrock will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at 6:00 pm at the Newton KC Hall. Mike, Chris, Yosha and family want to invite all of you to remember and honor Cathy. Live music will be part of the celebration of Cathy's beautiful life. They hope you will join them.

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 10th -11th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 12th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Specials announced during the sale!!

Drop donations off April 7th -8th, 8 am - 6 pm

All proceeds benefit

St Thomas School technology and improvements

Illinois March for Life Follow-up...All participants that recently traveled from our area on the Bales Bus to the March for Life in Springfield with Diann Ruholl were asked to donate an additional \$5.00.

The extra \$5 that everyone donated, plus the extra donations totaled **\$625.00. WooHoo!!** This donation helps support the mothers and their babies so that they can continue to have a good quality of life.

More specifically, the money will be used to purchase beef, hamburger patties, and fish filets. This will ensure that mothers have access to good nutrition and deliver healthy babies.

Thank you for your support of the babies, mothers and their families.

April 5-6, 2025



Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Mary of the Assumption

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

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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, April 7th, St John Baptist de la Salle

Tuesday, April 8th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donald Ochs+)

Wednesday, April 9th, Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross/PSR

Thursday, April 10th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Darrell Ochs+)

Friday, April 11th, St Stanislaus

Saturday, April 12th, Lenten Weekday

Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of March 30, 2025

Envelopes \$ 893.00

Loose 188.00

Sub Total \$ 1,081.00

Catholic Relief Services 95.00

Total \$ 1,176.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

February Tithe Income \$8,030.00

10% Tithe to Springfield - \$803.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 13, 2025

Ushers: Jake Semple, Ethan Matson, Alex Kaufmann

Servers: Clay Frohning/Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/ Rose Gangloff/
Mike Hartrich

Gift Bearers: 2nd Grade PSR Students

E M's: Amy Frohning, Elaine Zwilling, Bridget
Matson

Ministers –We are in need of ministers for Holy Week

Holy Thursday – April 17- 5:00 p.m.

Servers – Max Ochs – 2 needed

Lectors – 3

Gift Bearers –

Eucharistic Ministers – Lora Semple – 2
needed

Good Friday – April 18th – 3:00 p.m.

Ushers - 3

Servers – Ellie Ochs, - 1 needed

Lectors – Becca Ochs, Ron Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister – 1

If you can help with any of these ministries, please
e-mail or call the office.

Children's Choir -Anyone who would like to join St
Mary's Children's Choir is welcome. Children should
be in at least 1st grade. The choir will be singing on
Easter at the 8:30a.m. Mass. Please contact Sarah Boehl
at 618-562-8745 if your child would like to participate.

PSR. On April 16th, PSR will begin **6:15 p.m. the
students are to meet in the parish center.** The parish
is invited to the Living Station being presented by the
youth of the parish at **7:00 p.m.**

Celebration of Life – The family of Tom Schwartz
would like to invite you to attend a celebration of Life
in memory of Tom on April 12th, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
at the Tuscan Hill Winery, Effingham, IL.

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at St
Mary's Parish Center will be Monday, April 21st – if you
would like to register on-line, please contact Nancy
Zwilling – 618-783-9249 for the link to do so.

Events

4/13/25–Living Stations–St Thomas CYO – 6:30 pm

4/16/25 – Living Stations by St Mary PSR – 7:00 pm

4/17/25 – Holy Thursday Services – 5:00 p.m.

4/18/25 – Good Friday Services – 3:00 p.m.

4/20/25 – Easter Services – 8:30 a.m.

4/21/25 - Blood Drive – St Mary's - 2pm – 6pm

**6/1/25 – Graduation Breakfast – St Mary's Parish
Center – after 8:30 a.m. mass. More info to come.**