

January 15th-16th, 2022
 Second 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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Jan. 8th-9th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,975.00
Loose	\$	281.00
Subtotal	\$	6,256.00
Ophans	\$	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	72.00
Catholic Times	\$	725.00
First Offering	\$	204.00
Building Collection	\$	65.00
School Fund	\$	1,005.00
Subtotal	\$	2,121.00
Grand Total	\$	8,377.00
Tornado Relief (total collected)	\$	1,183.00

St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements are available by request only. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 17, St. Anthony
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

Tuesday, January 18, Weekday
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., January 19, Weekday
 7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
 7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Frank Yager+)
 9:15 am Rosary
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's
 6:30 pm CYO

Thurs., January 20, St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
 6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory

Friday, January 21, St. Agnes
 7:00 – 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
 7:30 am-7:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:30 am Meeting at Effingham KC Hall for March for Life in Springfield
 8:30 am All-School Mass (Int: Teresa Hartrich+) followed by mini March for Life in church parking lot
 7:00 pm. Bingo – Lightning \$4,950.00

Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
 3:30 – 4:00 pm Sacrament of Penance at St. Thomas
 4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, January 23, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ecumenical Sunday
 7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)
 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Lectionary "Mass for Peace & Justice"
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6,810 1Cor 12:12-30
 Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21

Please pray for the Sick, especially Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghasst, Bruce Fisher, Don Ochs, Margaret Prentice, Evelyn McCreery, Seth Weber, Deana Schafer; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 22 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Karen Buerster; Nichole Mulvey
E.M.: Nikki Earnest, Ramon Kocher, Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis

Servers: Dylan Earnest & Ava Earnest

Gift Bearers: Garrett & Rebecca Finn

Musicians: Tammy Page

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, January 23 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Karen Winn

E.M.: Brenda Phillips, Erica Johnson, Linda Hemrich, Amy Hartrich

Servers: Nathan Bierman & Katie Bierman

Gift Bearers: Paul Bierman Family

Musicians: Lily & Lucy Bierman, Katie Shamhart and Laney Hemrich

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, January 23 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Sue Sparks; John Bower

E.M.: Dee Bower, Kristine Probst, Renee Gier, Tony Sparks

Servers: Jarrett Pitcher & Bristol Pitcher

Gift Bearers: Bob Bower Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen/Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier Family

GETTING READY FOR LENT/EASTER!

Lent is 6 weeks and is 6 weeks away!

Lent is a time of returning back to the Lord with all our heart, not our garments.

Are you interested in returning to the faith of the Catholic Church?

Are you interested in sharing in the fullness of the Catholic faith given to us in Christ

by receiving His Body & Blood in Holy Communion?

Instructions to do this are being formulated during these weeks leading to Lent and reception into the Sacramental Life of the Catholic faith.

Contact the parish offices or Fr. Dean (217-494-6326) to sign up for the instructions.

St. Thomas School and Parish welcome new staff in the New Year.

Welcome **Ms. Alicia Buerster** to 5th grade! Alicia is a St. Thomas, NCHS, and EIU graduate who did her student teaching with Jasper Unit #1. She will be a wonderful addition to our staff and family!

Welcome **Mr. John Miller** in 8th grade/Social Studies. After retiring from Jasper Unit #1 14 years ago, we are excited to have him joining us as a teacher in the classroom. Thanks, John, for sharing your passion for teaching with our students and staff.

St. Thomas CHURCH and Hall Upgrades!

An anonymous donor has purchased a new commercial oven/stove for the parish center. The present one will be given to the Newton Knights of Columbus. We are grateful to the anonymous donor for giving our Angels' Group/Funeral Dinners committee this gift.

Sound System: The Finance Council has approved purchasing a new sound system for St. Thomas Church with alterations in location of speakers and mixer board for wireless microphones. Music Makers of Galesburg, IL who helped Fr. Al Kemme to remedy system in Little Flower Church, Springfield, will be doing the work. The cost is approx. \$21,000, of which anonymous donors have already provided for half the cost. If you would like to make a restricted donation for this upgrade, please mark an envelope Sound System with your donation. Thanks. Note: Equipment must be ordered and received before its implementation. Hopefully, installed by Holy Week!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish 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 participating member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.

For Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery.

The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin.

To have you or a family member receive either of these opportunities for the healing mercy of God in Christ, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

The next **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled 8:45 a.m. Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741.

Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's: Please call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule a baptism after returning filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church family.

PASTORAL COMMUNION VISITS: TBD in rescheduling due to colds/allergies, influenza A, and covid positive tests. Hopefully this week!

Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation

Parent Meetings are scheduled for 9:15 am & 2 pm February 5, and March 6 at St. Thomas Church.

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for **Saturday Nov. 5, 2022**, for our present 2nd graders.

Mission Trip 2022: Champaign, IL (FULL)

June 12-16, 2022

NOTE: The following are presently registered:

Youth: Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Caroline Frohning, Kylie Higgs, Aleah Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Kaitlyn Ochs, Grant Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright, Ethan Griffith, Alex Kaufmann, and Kelby Ochs.

Adults: Mike Gier, Lauren Few, Also: 1 Adult Male and 1 Adult Female TBD for chaperones.

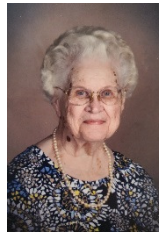
Priest: Fr. Dean Probst

Area Right to Life Information:

Springfield March for Life is Friday, January 21, 2022. **Those attending include:** Linda Hemrich, Laney Hemrich, Emma Rauch, Mallory Ochs, Caroline Frohning, Elley Bennett, Cameron Davis, Hadley Zumbahlen, Aleah Higgs, Drew Earnest, Nick Bierman and Jason Bierman. The day will include Mass with Bishop Paprocki at Cathedral at 10AM, March to the Capitol and back. Leaving Effingham Events Center (KC hall) on charter bus at 7:30am and returning 4:00pm. Please remember to bring a sack lunch and your donation of diapers for the Family Life Center.

Effingham Area Right to Life Breakfast will be January 16, 2022 at the Teutopolis Banquet (KC) Hall from 7AM to 12:30PM with inside dining. Sausage, eggs, sweet breads, drinks will be served. There will be a quilt and 50/50 raffle. For donations of cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and to **volunteer to help** please text Susan Vogt 217-663-2084.

You're Invited. The Angels would like to invite you to St. Thomas' annual Wine Tasting event! It will take place on Saturday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton KC Hall. There will be a quilt raffle, as well as an auction of various alcoholic drink baskets taking place at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Come out and enjoy wines from around the world, specialty drinks, and delicious hors d'oeuvres! Hope to see you there! *Quilt raffle tickets will be sold after each of the weekend Masses in the coming weeks. A 50/50 raffle will also be held that evening with proceeds benefiting the Newton Family Life Center.*



Happy 100th Birthday, Adeline Miller on January 27, 2022! We would love to shower her with cards to help her celebrate this milestone birthday. Please send all birthday greetings and well wishes to:

Attn: Adeline Miller Villas of Hollybrook,
101 S. Gregory Drive, Room 41, Newton, IL 62448

An Update From the Family Life Center Linda Spindler, Development Director (217) 342-5433

Thank you for your continued support of making the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse a mission for you and this community. We need your help on two current projects!

First of all, Schmidt Auctions has been awesome to partner with us to do an online auction for the Newton Family Life Center! *The online auction will run from March 19th - April 2nd.* We are hoping to gather up some local donations in Newton and Effingham to have a great selection of items for people to bid on. We **need a team of 3 or 4 people from the Newton area** willing to work together to gather donations in Newton and Olney. We need to get started right away as the **items need to be at the Family Life Center by February 24th.**

Second, we tentatively have a **Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 19th in Newton** to help with the Moving forward in HOPE campaign to fund the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse! We would like your help for this as well.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with one or both of these projects. You can email or call Linda Spindler at the Effingham FLC office if you can help!

9 Days for Life Novena: Join others from across the country in praying this annual novena, January 19-27, 2022. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

Grow your marriage! - The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience between husbands and wives. It will be held March 18-20, 2022, at the Villa Maria Conference Center in Springfield, IL. There is a \$100 application fee. Apply at wwme.org by Jan. 17. If questions, please call Terry or Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Masses: 8:30 am SUNDAY,

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 am – 7:45 am Liturgy of Hours: Morning Prayer
 8:00 am – Rosary 8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As scheduled or by request and

8 – 9 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

Ministers for 8:30 a.m.- January 23, 2022

Ushers: Kelby Ochs/Norbert Ochs
Servers: Ellie Ochs, Brianna Zwilling
Lectors: Becca Ochs/ Rose Gangloff
Gift Bearers: Bruce Boehl Family
Eucharistic Minister: Richard Ochs

THANKS: To those who gave so generously, we sent 1275.00 to the Catholic Charities Office for the Tornado Relief Collection.

St. Mary's Youth Group will host their annual Lasagna Dinner on February 19 at 5:00 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Center. Purchasing a ticket includes lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drink as well as some entertainment!

- Adults (12 and up) \$8.00
- Children (3-11) \$4.00

Come enjoy a night out where we serve you! Contact a youth group member or Sarah (618)-562-8745 to purchase a ticket. Find us after Mass each week too!

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Monday, January 17th, St Anthony

Tuesday, January 18th, Weekday

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Herman & Emma Copper

Family+)

Wednesday, January 19th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, January 20th, St Fabian & St Sebastian

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Urban, Dolores & Linda

Kocher+)

Friday, January 21st, St Agnes

Saturday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sunday, January 23rd, 3rd Sunday in Ord. Time

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

THANKS: The worship committee would like to Thank all those who helped with the Christmas Décor, it was greatly appreciated. A special Thanks to our high school group who brought it all down and put it all away. Thank You for your stewardship of time and talent!!!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of January 9, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2610.00
Loose	120.00
Sub Total	\$ 2730.00
First Offering	30.00
Catholic Times	260.00
Catholic Children Home	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	54.00
Total	\$ 3094.00

PRECANA: St Mary's PreCana session will be held on March 12th, at the St Mary's Parish Center. Registration has begun. You can register by going on our website, www.stemariechurch.org and using the registration form, or call the parish office – 618-455-3155. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

Mattoon Deanery Council Announcement. Parish ladies are encouraged to attend a convention planning meeting on: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. At The Immaculate Conception Parish Center located at 320 N 21st Mattoon, IL. Please contact Jody Secondino-Crandell at jscrandell@yahoo.com with any questions.