

July 13-14, 2024

Fifteenth 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.

St. Thomas School Office:

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 6-7, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,907.00
Loose	\$	617.00
Subtotal	\$	6,073.00
School Fund	\$	885.00
Peter's Pence	\$	55.00
G.I.F.T	\$	200.00
Building Fund	\$	600.00
Subtotal	\$	1,740.00
Grand Total	\$	10,264.00

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$54,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,421.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 15, St. Bonaventure

Tuesday, July 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 17, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Charles E. Dhom)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cleaning Church

Thursday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Eucharistic Min./Lector Review

Friday, July 19, Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Don & Bradley Schmidt)

Saturday, July 20, St. Apollinaris

8:00 am – Noon NCHS Football Car Wash -
Church Alley

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Connie Bruemmer)

Sunday, July 21, 16th Ordinary Sunday

Linda leaves for vacation – Office closed July 22-26

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Jake & Virginia Ochs)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Is 1:10-17

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues.: Is 7:1-9

Mt 11:20-24

Weds.: Is 10:5-7,13b-16

Mt 11:25-27

Th.: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19

Mt 11:28-30

Fri.: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8

Mt 12:1-8

Sat.: Mi 2:1-5

Mt 12:14-21

Sun.: Jer 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

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

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, July 20 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Nichole Mulvey

EM: Amanda Baltzell, Gerald/Denisse Ochs,
Wade Ochs

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, July 21 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jamie Shamhart

EM: Eliza/Lucy Bierman, Pam Francis

Servers: Bailey Francis & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, July 21 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Renee Gier

EM: Dylan Gier, Helen/Leo/Adam Weber

Servers: Jennelle Hinterscher & Lauren Gier

Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins

Baby Bottle Project. Thanks to Janeth Hartrich and her helpers for collecting the bottles, taking them to the bank to be counted and delivering our donation to the Newton Family Life Center. This year St. Thomas collected \$2,001.42. Thank you for your donation of spare change! It does truly make a difference!



Thank you to the St. Thomas/St. Mary's parishioners for hosting the Honey-Do Ministry breakfast for volunteers this past **Wednesday, July 10.** The

donations of breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, biscuits/gravy, scrambled eggs, milk, juice and fruit were very appreciated by all who enjoyed them! Thanks to Fr. Pawel for starting off the day with devotion and prayer. Congratulations to the Honey-Do Ministry for celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year!! They assisted more than 40 families this past week!! Our parishes are proud to be a part of this ministry that helps so many in our community!

Family Life Center Banquet – September 12th at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. St. Thomas would like to host a table if we have parishioners interested in reserving a seat at the table. Please call the parish office, 618-783-8741, if you are interested. All monies raised from our efforts will go to the Newton Family Life Center.

The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$7,635.00.** This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Fridays of each month. 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.

A new parish software is coming. We just wanted you to know because an online giving page is included and will provide an easy way to make your donations online. This software will help our parish office streamline parish data, so that parish roster information, contribution data and statements, and organizing volunteers/lay ministers can all be accessed in one place. We will keep you updated, so once the software goes live, you will have immediate access to all that the software will have to offer.

Congratulations on 70 years!! A card shower is being



planned for **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frohning**, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 7. Cards may be sent to them at 101 S. Gregory, Apt. 5, Newton, IL 62448. They will appreciate hearing from their friends and family. Let us help them celebrate!

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review. Fr. Pawel would like to meet with **ALL** Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan on attending one of the following Thursday evenings at 5:45pm:

- July 18th
- July 25th
- August 1st

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

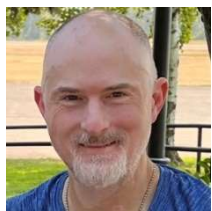
WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick:

Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Thank You, Deacon Scott Sparks...



for joining us last weekend. He is the son of Tony and Sue Sparks.

Deacon Scott was ordained a permanent deacon on June 8, 2024 at Incarnate Word Parish of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO.

Congratulations, Deacon Scott! Our parishes enjoyed celebrating Mass with you.

Please be sure to contact Fr. Paul if you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Deacon. Being a Deacon is a faith-filled way to assist our Bishop and Priests, proclaim the Gospel, and assist at the Altar. Fr. Paul would be glad to help you learn more about this opportunity!

FORMED/Amen App. St. Thomas' FREE gift to you. Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Step #1 – Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space.

Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or visit signup.formed.org then enter 62448.

Step #3 – Open your gift to experience thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas, Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so much more on the Amen App.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners in church. Please share any FORMED resources that you have used and have positively affected your prayer and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

St. Michael Church, Sigel is having their annual church picnic at the park! Sunday, July 21st. 11:00 am - 11:00 pm. Come join us for a day full of fun! Visit our Facebook page Fourparishes for more details!

Catholic Heart Work Camp is HERE & NOW Milwaukee, WI; July 7-12, 2024



Participants: Jackson Baltzell, Alani Bergbower, Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Allison Brummer, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Brenly Francis, Lauren Gier, Allie Hermann, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Wade Ochs, Claire Probst

Adults: Fr. Dean Probst, Jill Bierman, Paul Bierman, Sheryl Brummer

A special thanks to our participants and chaperones!



Procession to Adoration



Program Sharing

Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! – On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

The Holiest Adventure: Father/Son Edition – Join dads and sons for an experience of exciting activities, as well as mass, adoration, and delicious food!

Date: August 10, 2024; **Location:** Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; **Who:** For any fathers with their son(s) in grades 4-10; **Meals:** Lunch and dinner provided; **Cost:** \$50 per father/son pair. \$10 per additional son; **Time:** 10A.M. – 6P.M.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday

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Monday, July 15th, St Bonaventure

Parish Office Closed July 16-18

Tuesday, July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Barnes+)

Wednesday, July 17th, Weekday

Thursday, July 18th, St Camillus de Lellis

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

Friday, July 19th, Weekday

Saturday, July 20th, St Apollinaris

Sunday, July 21st, 16th Sunday in Ord Time

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

Rest in Peace- Ethel Zwilling mother of
Nancy (Alan) Ochs and Marvin (Elaine) Zwilling, may
they find comfort and peace in our prayers.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 21, 2024

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Jacob Kaufmann,
Kelby Ochs

Servers: Henry Zumbahlen/Max Ochs

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Bruce Boehl Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff,
Ben Ochs, Jeanne Johnson

July Schedule.

July 16 – 18 – Parish Office will be closed

July 21st – St Joseph Stringtown Picnic – 11:00 a.m. –
7:00 p.m. – Smorgasbord lunch 11-2p.m.

July 24th – Finance Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

July 28th – Blue Grass/Ice Cream in the Bend

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of July 7, 2024

Envelopes \$ 3540.00

Loose 257.00

Sub Total \$ 3797.00

Haiti 150.00

Peter Pence 25.00

Total \$3967.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

May Tithe Income - \$33,606.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,361.00

Mark your calendars!

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

September 1, 2024

Our parish picnic is coming up and this year we are
seeking donations of **themed baskets** valued at \$50 or
more. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! If
you would like to donate a basket, please contact -

Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or

Becca.ochs@gmail.com.

Dime Toss – Time to start going thru those glasses for
the dime toss. Clean items may be brought to the
Parish Office during regular hours, or left on the front
porch of the rectory.

Raffle Tickets – Are now available in the church,
please pick up your packet and sell those tickets, lots
of cash prizes and who does not like cash!! Tickets sell
- \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.

Thank you for your donations!!

More updates coming soon!!