

April 9th-10th, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

Eucharistic Adoration 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

April 2nd-3rd, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,923.00
Loose	\$	102.00
Subtotal	\$	9,025.00
Other Special Collections	\$	60.00
CRS	\$	143.00
Building Collection	\$	547.00
School Fund	\$	1,682.00
Subtotal	\$	2,432.00
Grand Total	\$	11,457.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$42,928.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,293.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 11, Monday of Holy Week

6:00 pm Lenten Evening Mass (St. Mary's)

Tuesday, April 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary's)

6:30 pm Chrism Mass Springfield

Wednesday, April 13, Wednesday of Holy Week

7- 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w **7:30 am MP**

8:30 am Class Mass (Gerald & Rosella Hemrich+)

9:15 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Mass at Helia Newton Care Center

5:30 pm Youth Choir

7:00 pm St. Thomas CYO Meeting at St. Mary's

7:00 pm St. Mary's Living Stations of the Cross

Parish Office Closed during Easter Triduum

Thursday, April 14, Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

5:00 pm at St. Mary's **7:00 pm** at St. Thomas

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after each Mass.

Night Prayer/Conclusion of Adoration

9:00 pm at St. Mary's **10:00 pm** at St. Thomas

Friday, April 15, Good Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer/Office Readings - St. Thomas

The Passion of our Lord

3:00 pm at St. Mary's **7:00 pm** at St. Thomas

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

8:30 am Morning Prayer/Preparatory Rites

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday

The Mass of the Resurrection

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)

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming dates

April 13th – 7:00 pm Living Stations at St. Mary's

April 20th – 5:30 pm Mass w/ Recognition of Seniors followed by Adoration until 7:00 pm

April 27th – 6:30 pm Last CYO meeting – cleaning church and end of year party

St. Thomas Lent/Easter Décor. If you would

like to contribute to our annual decor fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope marked "décor." We will publish a list of names to use as a prayer sheet during this Easter Season. **Please have all names submitted to the Parish Office by noon on April 11th.**

We wish you a happy retirement, Dan! Dan

Schackmann, our parish custodian, will be finishing up his time with us next week. As a parish family let us join together in wishing Dan well as he begins this next chapter of his life. Thank you for your 20 years of dedicated service!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Lectors: David Sydor; Nikki Bierman
E.M.: Paul Bierman, Jason/Jenny Bierman, Dee Bower
Servers: Katie Bierman, Nathan Bierman
Gift Bearers: Blake, Kyle and Kody Bierman
Musicians: Youth Choir
Greeters/Ushers: Jim & Ginger Robins
Oils: Isaiah Bergbower, Kelly Knicley, Linda Mertens

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Lectors: Nikki Bierman, Kelly Iffert, Ginger Robins,
E.M.: Emma Rauch, Denisse Ochs
Servers: Raylie Wall & Nathan Bierman
Musicians: Tammy Page & Debbie Matson

Holy Saturday, April 16 @ 8:00 pm

Lectors: Nikki Bierman, Sara Bergbower,
Sue Sparks, Karen Buerster
E.M.: Paul Bierman, Jason & Jenny Bierman,
Servers: Katie Bierman, Nathan Bierman,
Adria Bierman
Gift Bearers: Kelly Knicley & Isaiah Bergbower
Musicians: Five for the One

Easter Sunday, April 17 @ 7:00 a.m.

EM: Sheryl Brummer, Madeline Hemrich,
Linda Hemrich,
Servers: Allison & Madilyn Brummer,
Musicians: John Johnson, Lily Bierman,
Laney Hemrich
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich

Easter Sunday, April 17 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Kelly Iffert & Renee Gier
EM: Dee Bower, Jill, Eliza & Lily Bierman
Servers: Alex Gier, Lauren Gier,
Musicians: Youth Choir
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert



St. Thomas CYO Presents: Second Annual Egg the Yard

Families who sign up will have 25 religious/toy themed filled eggs scattered on their own lawn, or a friend's lawn, for a fun Easter surprise. Serving Jasper County only. Delivery will take place on the late evening of Saturday 4/16. This fundraiser will directly support the St. Thomas CYO. Please call 618-783-8741 to have a yard "egged."

25 Religious/Toy Themed Filled Eggs = \$25.00

Just a reminder... Funeral dishes can be picked up in the front entrance of the parish center. Please stop by to pick up your dish(es) at your first opportunity. Thank you!

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 28th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 29th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 30th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Specials announced during the sale!!

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (seasonal), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and furniture with prior approval.

Cannot accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint or spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

Drop donations off April 25th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
& April 26th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's
Technology/Improvement Fund

St. Thomas School job openings:

Art Music/Band

Assistant Cook Custodian

Please contact the school office 618-783-3517 to learn more about these opportunities and for information.

St. Thomas School Fundraisers. The **Joe's pizza/sauce** orders are due on Monday. An order form is available on a table in the gathering space. Be sure to stop by after Mass this weekend to place your order. **Laundry detergent** and **trash bags** fundraisers are also coming up soon, so be sure to find a student if you are interested in ordering these handy household supplies. Thanks for your support!

Attention Family Life Center Supporters

KC Hall is hosting a Fish Fry for the Family Life Center on 4/8/22 from 4:15 - 7:00 pm or until the fish is consumed. 8-10 volunteers will be needed to help assist at the fish fry. Baked goods are also requested.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for a \$250 Hartrich Meats gift certificate at the conclusion of the fish fry Friday, April 8, at the KC Hall. \$5 raffle tickets for the Hartrich's gift certificate are available at each parish.

If you are unable to attend these activities and still want to support the mission, you can donate here:
[www:secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/?e=22521](http://www.secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/?e=22521).

The Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 8:00 pm at the Newton KC Hall. The main topic of the business meeting that evening will be replacing the roof of the Newton KC Hall. All members interested in sharing their input are encouraged to attend the meeting.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

Is this Week Holy or Simply Called Holy Week?

From the early centuries of Christianity, Christians have gathered to honor the Holy Sacrifice of the Cross with the Eucharistic Assembly with absolute fasting on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. In Jerusalem they gathered at Golgatha, the place of the cross to honor the Cross of Christ and celebrate the Last Supper, uniting the Sacrifice with the Sacrament.

Holy Week begins with the Gospel of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the Blessing of Palms waved as the people wanted to make Jesus their king. Palm Sunday is also Passion Sunday as the Passion of the Lord is proclaimed from the Synoptic Gospels, Luke's this year.

The Easter Triduum "three days" begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday**. I have been given special permission by the Bishop to celebrate this liturgy in both parishes. It celebrates the Institution of the Eucharist, Christ's Body and Blood and the Sacrament of Holy Orders (Priesthood) with Jesus saying "This is my Body,... This is my Blood... Do this in memory of me." John's Gospel gives us the account of the Lord calling us to service as He washed the feet of his disciples.

Good Friday is the Passion of our Lord proclaimed by the evangelist John in which Jesus ascends this throne of the cross. "We adore thee O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world." When someone in the family dies, the world seems to stop for the survivors. On this day, when we honor Jesus' death for the forgiveness of our sins, will this day be any different? How will it be Holy? How will we acknowledge Christ as our Lord? The liturgy calls us to venerate the cross and be united with our Lord in Holy Communion. We are to fast and abstain from meat on this day.

The dark day of the Lord in the tomb gives rise to our fasting on this day, **Holy Saturday** until we bless the new fire of the Paschal Candle, Proclaim the Lord's Resurrection and bless the new water for the baptism of new disciples, confirming them in faith and sharing with them the Lord in Holy Communion. It is the Easter Vigil, the greatest liturgy of the Catholic faith.

The Holy Week culminates on **Easter Sunday** with the Mass of the Resurrection. May we live new lives focused on Jesus as we renew our promises of faith.

Christians could learn from our Jewish and Islam brothers and sisters who observe strict prayer and fasting during their respective high feast days of Passover and Ramadan. We schedule all kinds of non-religious activities to cloud our calendars! Fr. Dean

PLEASE Note: Both Parish Offices are closed Holy Thursday thru Easter Monday. For any pastoral need, please contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

St. Mary's @ 5:00 pm

St. Thomas @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

St. Mary's @ 3:00 pm

St. Thomas @ 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil; Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

St. Thomas @ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

St. Thomas @ 7:00 am

St. Mary's @ 8:30 am

St. Thomas @ 10:00 am

Please take some time to see how you can take part in Holy Week and experience the Holy Triduum.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14

1Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: (1) Gn 1:1-2:2

(3) Ex 14:15-15:1

(5) Is 55:1-11

Rom 6:3-11

Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Luke 24:1-12

THE CHRISM MASS in which Bishop Paprocki will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and Bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Infirm will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. These oils are then brought to the various parishes and religious communities for use in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick. During the Masses of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Oils are presented to the parishes to be placed in the Ambry. At the Mass of Chrism, the clergy of the Diocese are invited to renew their ordination promises.

You are most welcome to attend the Mass.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Karen Shamhart, Flo Barker, Pat Mammoser, Doug Mammoser, Steve Mammoser, Mike Gibson, Dave Geltz, Jessica Spiker, Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities and those in our Book of Requests.

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am SUNDAY,

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 Morning Prayer-8 am Rosary-8:30 am Holy Mass

Reconciliation: During Holy Week:

Monday 6:30-7:00 pm & **Wednesday** 5:30 – 6:30 pm

This Week in our Parish

Monday, April 11th, Monday of Holy Week

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Blood Drive

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Deceased Priest of Diocese+)

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday, April 12th, Tuesday of Holy Week

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

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer – 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donald Ochs+)

Wednesday, April 13th, Wednesday of Holy Week

5:30 – 6:30 pm Sacrament of Penance

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations by Youth Group

Thursday, April 14th, Holy Thursday--Office Closed

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer – 8:00 am – Rosary

5:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper (Vocations)

Adoration after Mass until night prayer at 9pm

Friday, April 15th, Good Friday

3:00 pm – The Lord's Passion

Veneration of Cross until 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 16th, Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm at St. Thomas

Sunday, April 17th, Easter Sunday

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of April 3, 2022

Envelopes	\$	935.00
Loose		<u>77.00</u>
Sub Total	\$	1012.00
Catholic Relief		220.00
Other Donations		<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$	1252.00

Living Stations of the Cross: The Youth Group will be presenting the Stations of the Cross this Wednesday **April 13th at 7 PM** Come pray this powerful drama of the Lord's passion! **PSR—come to the Living Stations** The 6:30 pm Classes will resume on **Apr. 20th.**

Ministers for Holy Thursday– April 14 - 5:00 pm

Ushers: Norbert Ochs, George Kirts

Servers: Brianna Zwilling, Ellie Ochs, Wyatt/Levi Ochs

Lectors: Beth Hartrich, Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

EM's: Tony Hartrich, Elfrieda Kaufmann,
Bridget Kaufmann

Ministers for Good Friday-April 15 – 3:00 pm

Ushers: Norbert Ochs, George Kirts

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs, Avery Ochs

Lectors: Rose Gangloff, Becca Ochs,
Nicholas Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Ochs

Ministers: 8:30 am EASTER Sunday April 17, 2022

Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Marvin Zwilling

Servers: Brianna Zwilling, Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Becca Ochs, Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

EM's: Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling, Maria Zumbahlen

BLOOD DRIVE: St Mary's will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, April 11th from 2:00 – 6:00 pm, you can register at redcrossblood.org.

PICNIC NEWS!! Thanks to all who came to the picnic meeting a few weeks ago. It was decided the picnic will be on **Sunday, September 4th**, starting at **3pm** featuring Ste Marie Style Chicken and the local band SOCO – a little southern comfort. Games, raffle, bingo and more!! Mark your calendars!!

THANK YOU!!

BRUNCH: A Big Thank You from the Brunch committee to all the workers and for the donations! It was a great success. We served 468 meals and made a profit of \$3400.00. Thanks also to the Brunch committee: Beth Hartrich, Amy Frohning, Jeanne Johnson and Jill Kistner. Thanks for making it happen!

St Mary's Youth Group wants to thank everyone for their generous donations to their bake sale at the brunch last Sunday. They raised over \$350 for the Catholic Heart Work Camp. Everyone that donated food, money and time is appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

Family Life Thanks to those who took part in the light Lenten meal. Donations of approximately \$183 will be sent to the Rice Bowl Collection. A special thanks to PSR who worked/sacrificed to make a donation! Good job everyone in reaching out to help others!