

February 8-9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary



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

Feb. 1-2, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$	10,711.00
Loose	\$	1,057.00
Subtotal	\$	11,768.00
School Fund	\$	1,700.00
Catholic Times	\$	16.00
Building Fund	\$	380.00
Church in Latin America	\$	96.00
Subtotal	\$	2,192.00
Grand Total	\$	13,960.00

St. Thomas Church December Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$60,411.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,041.00

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

Mon., February 10, St. Scholastica

Tues., February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes;

World Day of the Sick

8:00 am Rosary at St. Mary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, February 12, Weekday; Lincoln's Bday

8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Philip Kuhl)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm St. Thomas School Pre-Registration

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

Thursday, February 13, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, February 14, Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Charles E. Dhom)

Saturday, February 15, Weekday

8:00 am -9:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Marian Consecration reflection/prayer

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

6:30 pm St. Thomas School Trivia Night

Sunday, February 16, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Dorothy Woods)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Doug Frichtl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

Tues.: Gn 1:20-2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

Weds.: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17

Mk 7:14-23

Th.: Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

Fri.: Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

Sat.: Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

Sun.: Jer 17:5-8 1Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

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 the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, February 15 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Nichole Mulvey
EM: Linda Hemrich, Alice Addis, Wander Kocher,
Ramon Kocher
Servers: Emmalin Finley & Halle Wagner
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch/Randy Hemrich

Sunday, February 16 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Amy Hartrich
EM: Sheryl/Allison Brummer, Pam Francis,
Theresa Volk
Servers: Brady Francis & Will Hartrich
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, February 16 @ 10:00 am

Lector:
EM: Dee Bower, Julie/Kylie Higgs, Jason Bierman
Servers: Alivia Bierman
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Maverick Joseph Pilman, infant son of Marcus & Alicia(Ochs) Pilman, who was baptized last Sunday morning at St. Thomas Church. Godparents are Clayton Ochs and Megan Pilman. May God continue the good work begun in him.

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

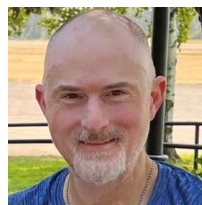
Feb. 12th – Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Feb. 19th – Taking a look at the Bible
Feb. 26th – Continue discussion on Bible reading plans
Mar. 5th – Attend Ash Wednesday Mass
Mar. 12th – Planning Stations of the Cross
Mar. 19th – Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Mar. 26th – Planning Stations of the Cross
April 2nd – Stations of the Cross Rosary at 7:00 pm
April 9th – Dress Rehearsal for Living Stations
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

New Offertory Envelopes. Please notice the new offertory envelopes. St. Thomas has switched envelope companies not only to save money, but the new envelope provider works closely with our new software making address updates and other changes very easy! Nothing else has changed other than the new look!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
March 7, 2025**

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



Welcome, Deacon Scott Sparks

Please join us in welcoming Deacon Scott Sparks to our parishes this weekend. He is the son of Tony and Sue Sparks. Our parishes look forward to 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!

St. Thomas School will be holding a kindergarten and new student informational pre-registration night on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025. The evening will begin with a parent meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. Whether your intention is to send your child(ren) to St. Thomas or you just have questions, please feel free to attend. No commitment is expected. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierman at 618-783-3517 or by email at jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

St. Thomas Church Cleaning Crew is reporting for duty on **Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 am.** Please consider helping even if you are not scheduled to volunteer this month. All help is greatly appreciated! Thanks to all who take care of our church!!

The Newton Family Life Center would like to thank St. Thomas Parish for its support in 2024. The total donated to the Newton FLC this year totaled \$5,037.93. These funds were raised through the baby bottle project and the Harvest Picnic. Our partnership allows the FLC to empower and equip mothers and fathers and be a source of support and encouragement.



*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
pray for us.*

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



Please pray for the Sick:

Mike Lustig, Matilda Hemrich, Annie Beverlin, Brenda Zuber, Charles Sroka, John Probst, Donna Boehl, Vickie Kocher, Carol Schafer, Jim and Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Delorse Johnson, Ted and Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Coming Soon to FORMED:

Foretold: Sign up to receive these videos during Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lent>.

Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of “bad news,” many people no longer believe in the Providence of God, nor trust that he has a plan for us.

Maybe this is you. Perhaps you think God doesn't have a plan for you and your family. Join Dr. Sean Innerst in Foretold, a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. What was promised in the biblical story came to pass through Jesus, his apostles, and the Church. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in Foretold.

How to Lent: Sign up to receive these prior to Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lent>.

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season. **Coming to Formed February 12.**

Zack and Yalla: Enter into the exciting world of Zack and Yalla! Join Zack and his playful sheep, Yalla, as they embark on an incredible journey in Formed's newest kids show! With a mix of heartwarming moments and delightful escapades, this show promises to captivate young hearts. Don't miss the joyous adventures that await in this charming new series on Formed!



Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Join St. Thomas, St. Mary and area parishioners as we prepare for Marian Consecration. If you are interested in joining them on this spiritual journey, join in **this Saturday morning**, Feb. 8th at 9:00 am. The reflection and prayer will be held in the St. Thomas's parish center meeting room. Call 618-783-8741 to learn more. Informational flyers are available at each parish.

Join us for the annual Illinois March for Life in Springfield on **March 25, 2025**. A bus is rented for your convenience to leave Effingham Events Center (KC hall) at 7:30am and return at 4:30pm. This includes Holy Mass with Bishop Paprocki, the Rally at the Capitol at 12noon and the March at 1pm. Bring a sack lunch. Open to Jr Hi thru Adults. Pray, kneel, sit, and **STAND UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE**. Cost \$20. Deadline for registration is March 1. For information contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056.

Mark Your Calendars - All are welcome!

April 25, 2025 - St. Thomas Church - 7:00 pm
Ultreya Mass celebrating the DeColores Community Confessions 6:30 pm; Reception following Mass

The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their annual online auction to be launched on March 15th at their annual breakfast – St. Thomas Parish Center. If your family or business would be willing to donate an item (or cash to go towards an item), please call or text Renee Gier at 217-821-0872. Please submit items by mid-February. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important community resource!

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 15th, 2025 Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Sausage, Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs!
Serving: 7:30am-10:30am
Location: St. Thomas Parish Center
Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217) if you would like to help cover the cost of hog processing.

Interested...Communion Service and Rosary at Villas of Holly Brook. Please contact the offices of St. Thomas (618)783-8741 or St. Mary (618)455-3155 if you would be interested in distributing Holy Communion and praying the Rosary with the residents of the Villas in Newton on Fridays at 10:30 am or on Sunday mornings. Please help us continue this ministry!

St. Thomas Annual Wine Tasting Results Coming Soon. Be sure to stay tuned for next weekend's bulletin.



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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, February 10th, St Scholastica

Tuesday, February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

Wednesday, February 12th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, February 13th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Herman & Ethel Zwilling+)

Friday, February 14th, St Cyril & Methodius

Saturday, February 15th, Weekday

Sunday, February 16th, 6th Sunday of Ord.Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Jeff Kirts+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of February 2, 2025

Envelopes \$1,160.00

Loose 156.00

Sub Total \$ 1,316.00

Latin America 20.00

Haiti 25.00

Total \$ 1,361.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

December Tithe Income \$6,646.00

10% Tithe to Springfield - \$664.00

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – February 16, 2025

Ushers: Geoge Semple, Maynard Kaufmann,
Nicholas Zwilling

Servers: Henry Zumbahlen, Reed Kistner,
Gavin Semple

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

E M's: Rose Gangloff, Elaine Zwilling, Ben Ochs

St Mary's Brunch

Sunday March 2, 2025; 8am – Noon

Plans are under way for the annual brunch, donations are needed for ham, biscuit mix, coffee, fruit and baked goods, or money to purchase the above items.

Thanks to Mike & Sherry Hall for the donation to help with expenses.

To donate you can contact the parish office or any of the following committee members –

Bridget Matson - 618-783-1547

Kate Kaufmann - 618-843-2358

Maria Zumbahlen - 618-554-2093

Amber Frohning - 618-783-1033

Celebration – On February 22, 2025 the Family Life Committee would like to celebrate all couples of St Mary's Parish who have been married **40 years or more**. We invite those who will celebrate a **40+ year** anniversary in 2025 to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the parish center. **Please RSVP to the parish office 618-455-3155, or by e-mail to the church, or Martha Kirts at 618-562-6278.**

Stewardship reflection –

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom Shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Events

2/9/2025 – Valentine Breakfast – St Valentine Hall in the Bend – 8am – Noon

2/22/2025 – 40 + year Wedding Anniv. Celebration
St Mary Parish Center 6:00 p.m.

2/27/2025 – History of Ste Marie & the Dark Bend-
Sainte Marie American Legion – 2pm

3/2/2025 – St Mary's Annual Brunch 8am – Noon

3/8/2025 – PreCana Session – St Mary's Parish Center
– 8:30 a.m. – 3pm - Registration due by February 20, 2025