

May 4-5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

June 2, and 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

April 27-28, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,523.00
Loose	\$	332.00
Subtotal	\$	6,855.00
School Fund	\$	200.00
Building Fund	\$	30.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	515.00
Subtotal	\$	745.00
Grand Total	\$	7,600.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$39,791.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,979.00

This Week in Our Parish
Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, May 6, Easter Weekday

4:00 -7:00 pm Glenn Frichtl Visitation

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in parish center mtg room

Tuesday, May 7, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

11:00 am – Glenn Frichtl Funeral
 (Visitation 10:00 -10:30 am)

Wednesday, May 8, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Mike Mulvey)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, May 9, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School (James Leahy)

Saturday, May 11, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (For all Beloved Moms)

Sunday, May 12, Ascension of the Lord;

Mother's Day

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For all Beloved Moms)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For all Beloved Moms)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, May 6 – 4:30 pm Track Meet, Here

Weds, May 8- Class Mass
 1st Grade to Terre Haute Children's
 Museum

Thurs, May 9 - K-garten walking field trip

Fri, May 10 - State Track Meet – Go Saints!!
 7:00 pm NCHS Graduation

Sat, May 11 - State Track Meet – Go Saints!!

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 16:11-15 **Jn 15:26-16:4a**

Tues.: Acts 16:22-34 **Jn 16:5-11**

Weds.: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 **Jn 16:12-15**

Th.: Acts 18:1-8 **Jn 16:16-20**

Fri.: Acts 18:9-18 **Jn 16:20-23**

Sat.: Acts 18:23-28 **Jn 16:23b-28**

Sun.: Acts 1:1-11 **Eph 1:17-23** **Mk 16:15-20**

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 11 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lynn Wilson
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Gerald/Denisse Ochs
Servers: Halle Wagner & Jackson Baltzell
Gift Bearers: Ronnie and Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, May 12 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Carol Bough
EM: Jill/Eliza/Gus Bierman, Theresa Volk
Servers: Tyler Spiker & Aaron Volk
Gift Bearers: Craig Shamhart Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, May 12 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower
EM: Tony Sparks, Helen, Leo, Adam Weber
Servers: Avery Geier & Abbie Ginder
Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

A Special Thank You to all of our new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors!! It is wonderful to add new names to our schedules!!

Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Rauch, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Lucy Bierman, Kylie Higgs, Aleah Higgs, Gus Bierman, Dylan Gier, Allison Brummer, Katie Bierman, Nick Bierman

Lectors: Lori Rauch, Lucy Bierman, Kylie Higgs, Lynn Wilson, Carol Bough, Marissa Bower

ST. THOMAS FINANCE COUNCIL & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

A joint meeting will be held on **May 8 at 1:00 pm** in the gathering space of the church. Katie Price from the Diocese will be joining us to discuss the results of the Parish Vitality Study that was submitted at the beginning of the year. We look forward to the discussion that will take place to help us determine how to next proceed with the Diocesan Centennial Campaign that will benefit both the Diocese and our Parish.

St. Thomas Saints finishing the school year strong! Congratulations to all of the students who were recently recognized for their participation in the annual **Catholic Daughters of America** Arts contest and for winning the **Vape Free Campaign Contest**. The school was also the recipient of the **Illinois Elementary School Association's Division N Sportsmanship Award!** Thank you to all of these students for their hard work and to all who support them! **Saints PROUD!**

THANK YOU, Sue Dickerson, Alice Addis, and David Sydor for your many hours of service at the Villas of Holly Brook. We welcome **Kristen Probst** as a new volunteer to help with the Rosary at the Villas. **THANK YOU, Kristen!** We also want to thank **Linda Mertens** who visits, prays the Rosary and takes Holy Communion to the residents of the Newton Care Center. **We would not be able to continue this very important ministry without their help!!**

We would STILL like to add to our list of volunteers to help with the Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

OPEN HOUSE

Inis (Kistner) Probst turns 90 on May 1st! Birthday wishes can be sent to: 101 S. Walnut St., Newton, IL 62448; An open house will be held on May 11 at the Newton KC Hall from 6:00 -8:00pm.

St. Thomas Youth Choir Spotlight

Getting to Know Our Youth Choir Members



Name: Jennelle Hinterscher
Parents: Kelly & Jennifer

How long have you been in choir? 5 years

Why do you like being in choir? I like being in choir because I get to hang out with my friends and just sing songs.

What is your favorite season? Christmas

What is your favorite song to sing? 10,000 Reasons

Have you done anything special with your music? Solos at church, cantoring at church & Frozen Jr. Musical

Background Check and Training Updates. An email was sent out last week to St. Thomas Parishioners in regards to updating background checks/trainings if necessary. Thanks to everyone who already completed the **background check updates/trainings** through CMG. If you have already completed the updates because you are a St. Thomas School Family, you do not have to complete the process again! If you have any troubles, try creating a new account. If you continue to have difficulty with the updates give the St. Thomas parish office a call.

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale...WOW!! This year the gross profit of the sale was \$8,309.04!! Thanks to all of the volunteers that make this happen twice a year! Thanks to everyone for your support!

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:

Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** Glenn Frichtl

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

FORMED/AMEN App. It is time to renew our subscription. If you are currently using this resource, please consider making a donation to help St. Thomas cover the cost of the subscription. Just drop your donation in an envelope marked "FORMED" in the collection basket. You can also just drop it off at the church office or in the drop box located outside by the main entrance doors of church. Thanks so much for helping us with the cost of this resource, so that we can continue to offer it to the parishioners of our parishes.

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called "our national Emmaus moment," after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.**
Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 19th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

Congratulations, Deacon Charlie Delano on your recent Transitional Diaconate Ordination. We are excited to have Charlie with us this weekend as he will celebrate Mass with Fr. Paul.



One thing I have learned in my discernment.

"Once you start asking God how to serve Him, you never know where He will take you. My time in seminary has been beyond anything I could have imagined or desired." –
Deacon Charlie

Please keep in your prayers:

**Deacon Alex McCullough
&
Deacon Jayke White**

as they both announce their *Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Presbyterate* that will be held on May 25, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. It cannot be said enough what an honor it has been for our parishes to be a part of their journey to the priesthood!

May God grant that these two young men live in You and for You, and we ask that You protect and comfort them. Bless them in all that they do. Amen.

A Farmer's Prayer

"Lord, bless the land You've given me,
and may I always know,
as I tend each crop and creature,
You're the One who helps them grow.
Grant me strength and wisdom;
please protect me from harm.
Thank You for Your gracious gift –
The blessing of a farm."

- Farmer's Prayer-Kobin Fogle

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

This is my command:
LOVE EACH OTHER
John 15:17

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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

This Week in our Parish

Monday, May 6th, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 7th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

Wednesday, May 8th, Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 9th, Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Pat Reis+)

Friday, May 10th, St John of Avia

Saturday, May 11th, Easter Weekday

**Sunday, May 12th, Sixth Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – May 12, 2024

Ushers: Marvin Zwilling, Bob Barthelme,
Tony Strutner

Servers: Ellie Ochs/ Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/Nicholas Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Randy & Mary Sue Reis

E M: Tony/Janet Hartrich, Jeanne Johnson

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of April 28, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1008.00

Loose 138.00

Sub Total \$ 1146.00

Home Mission 55.00

Haiti 45.00

Total \$ 1246.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

March Tithe Income - \$30,950.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,095.00

ST. MARY'S Family Life

Graduation Breakfast

June 2, 2024 after Mass

Graduation is getting close and we would like to honor all graduates including those graduating from 8th grade, High School, College, Trade School and any other graduates. Please call the parish office and give us the names of graduates to be listed in the bulletin. **If your family will be attending the breakfast, please let us know the number attending.**

PSR

The final class of PSR for this year was Wednesday evening.

It was an exciting evening with students competing with trivia questions on topics covered in classes this year. There were six groups and the winning team was the Archangels. A big thanks to all the religion teachers – Beth Hartrich, Donna Boehl, Kayla Semple, Nancy Ochs, Kelly Iffert, Becca Ochs, Marie Wagner, and Sarah Boehl. Thank you to the Family Life committee for providing refreshments.

PICNIC RAFFLE – Work is beginning on the raffle for this year's picnic. If any individual or business would like to donate to the picnic raffle this year please call the parish office or Elaine (618) 843-0800 by May 24th. If you donated last year, you will be contacted soon.