

May 11-12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord



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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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

May 4-5, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,691.00
Loose	\$	258.00
Subtotal	\$	7,949.00
School Fund	\$	1,655.00
Building Fund	\$	490.00
Other	\$	70.00
Subtotal	\$	2,215.00
Grand Total	\$	10,164.00

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

Monday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, May 14, St. Matthias

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 15, St. Isidore

8:30 am All-School Graduation Mass (Doug Frichtl)

8th Grade Graduation practice following

6:00 pm Spring Concert

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 17, Easter Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Levi Slifer)

Saturday, May 18, St. John I

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Charles E. Dhom)

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Jessica Spiker)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

St. Thomas 8th graders attending with

Graduation Ceremony at 11:00 am

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Tues, May 14 – Last Parent Packet w/Registration
 Packet for 2024-2025

10:00am/2:00pm Pre-K Graduations

Weds, May 15- All-School Graduation Mass

8th Grade Graduation Practice

6:00 pm Spring Concert

Thurs, May 16 - 8th Grade Class Trip

AR Bowling party

2:00 pm Kgarten Graduation

Fri, May 17 - Survivor Day! Bring your lunch!

Sun, May 19 - 11:00 am 8th Grade Graduation

(8th Graders will attend 10:00 am

Mass) All are welcome! Congrats!!

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Weds.: Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Th.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sun.: Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 2-13

Jn 20:19-23

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 18 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Luke Zuber
EM: Brad/Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Ramon Kocher
Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, May 19 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Caroline Frohning
EM: Lucy Bierman, Amy Hartrich, Gery Ochs,
Sarah Hemrich
Servers: Will Hartrich & Isaiah Bergbower
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, May 19 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Renee Gier
EM: Charlie Schackmann, Brad/Annie Ochs,
Nick Bierman
Servers: Jack Weber & Alivia Bierman
Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

ST. THOMAS FINANCE COUNCIL & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

A special thank you to Katie and Anthony from the Diocese who visited our councils this past Wednesday. They did an overview of our Parish Vitality Study and were very complimentary of our parish and community. We ask you to join us in prayer as our councils continue to pray about the needs of our parish and the best direction for our Centennial Campaign. Areas of focus for this campaign could include efforts to improve outreach and opportunities for faith formation/support, improvements to our school/church campus, establishing/maintaining 3 months of available funds for operating the church and school and the consideration of the long-term viability of our parish. With God's grace, we continue to move forward!

St. Thomas Youth Choir Spotlight Getting to Know Our Youth Choir Members

Name: Kinsley Kerner
Parents: Pam & Brandon Francis
How long have you been in choir? 3 years
Why do you like being in choir? I love to sing as a group and with my friends.
What is your favorite season? Christmas
What is your favorite song to sing? Rain Down
Have you done anything special with your music?
I do solos and Cantor.

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.

Background Check and Training Updates. An email was recently sent out 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 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, 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.

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

FORMED/AMEN App. If you are currently using this resource, please consider making a donation to help St. Thomas cover the cost of the subscription. Thanks so much for helping us out, so that we can continue to offer it to our parishes.

Pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, Budapest & Vienna with Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Michael Berndt, Oct. 14-25, 2024. Cost is \$3197/person. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 phone/text or rdprobst@gmail.com for a complete brochure or any questions. There are 12 spaces left for the group.

Congratulations, Graduates!!
We are proud of you and keep you in our prayers!

8th Grade Graduates from St. Thomas School & Our Parishes

<i>Carter Barthelme</i>	<i>Audrey Beals</i>
<i>Cheyenne Bedwell</i>	<i>Beau Bennett</i>
<i>Alani Bergbower</i>	<i>Blaine Bergbower</i>
<i>Brooke Bergbower</i>	<i>Adria Bierman</i>
<i>Anna Bierman</i>	<i>Nathan Bierman</i>
<i>Jenna Brewer</i>	<i>Madilyn Brummer</i>
<i>Malorie Buerster</i>	<i>Emma Evans</i>
<i>Brenly Francis</i>	<i>Quincy Fulton</i>
<i>Avery Geier</i>	<i>Lauren Gier</i>
<i>Evan Holder</i>	<i>Lane Holder</i>
<i>Kaleb Iffert</i>	<i>Bentli Knicley</i>
<i>Grayson Lingafelter</i>	<i>Lilly Long</i>
<i>Dana Michels</i>	<i>Maleah Miller</i>
<i>Oliver Ochs</i>	<i>Kassie Pitcher</i>
<i>Olivia Sornberger</i>	<i>Tyler Spiker</i>
<i>Kaleb Utley</i>	<i>Aaron Volk</i>
<i>Raylie Wall</i>	<i>Curtis Weber</i>

Newton Community High School Graduates from Our Parishes

<i>Evan Baltzell</i>	<i>Elley Bennett</i>
<i>Brayden Bergbower</i>	<i>Kye Bergbower</i>
<i>Gus Bierman</i>	<i>Carson Brewer</i>
<i>Carson Brown</i>	<i>Dylan Gier</i>
<i>Megan Hartrich</i>	<i>Aleah Higgs</i>
<i>Kyle Kocher</i>	<i>Alaina Kuhl</i>
<i>Mackenzie Miller</i>	<i>Grant Ochs</i>
<i>Kelby Ochs</i>	<i>Seth Ochs</i>
<i>Madalyn Rauch</i>	<i>Katie Shamhart</i>
<i>Gracie Smithenry</i>	<i>Grant Tarr</i>
<i>Wade Tarr</i>	<i>Dalton Wagner</i>
<i>Jacob Weber</i>	<i>Luke Weber</i>
<i>Mathew Wilson</i>	<i>Austin Winn</i>
<i>Paige Zumbahlen</i>	<i>Wade Zumbahlen</i>



The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!

Please be sure to stop in the gathering spaces of our parish churches to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton. Thanks!

Parishioners Experience Pilgrimage with Fr. Dean

Ginger Robins, Marilyn Shafer, Sue Sparks and Danny Kerner from St. Thomas Parish along with Dan Schalasky from St. Mary's Parish and 39 other adventurers from around the state and Kentucky traveled on a Pilgrimage to France and Italy in April led by none other than, Fr. Dean Probst.

We flew to France and started our pilgrimage at Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Bernadette. What a beautiful story and location to experience the Blessed Mother's presence. From there we traveled to Carcassone, France. The greatest fortress city in Europe. It truly was like walking back in time to a medieval city, complete with walls around it. And did you think that the Popes have always been in Rome? In the 1300's the Popes did not feel safe in Rome so they built the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, France, and the Popes resided there from 1309 -1377 when they made their return to Rome! From there we traveled to Nice, France. It was there that we saw one of the most beautiful churches of our pilgrimage! We then crossed over into Italy and started our travels in Florence. Our first visit was to the Academia where we saw the famous statue of David, sculpted by Michelangelo. We also visited the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, built in 1434, and considered the fourth largest church in the world!! We all know about St. Francis of Assisi. We were able to walk where he walked, see what he wore and see the small church where he actually saw and heard the words of Jesus calling him to a life of poverty. Along with him, was the conversion of St. Clare, who also was called to a life of poverty. We actually were able to see the incorrupt body (meaning her body did not decay and is still intact) of St. Clare. Both St. Francis and St. Clare lived in the 12th century. We then finished our traveling by spending 3 unforgettable days in the Eternal City of Rome! The highlight of Rome was our Papal Audience with Pope Francis!! What a Blessing to be in the presence of our Faith Leader on earth. Of course, we were then able to visit and tour the Vatican Museum, the famous Sistine Chapel to see the amazing ceiling and wall paintings of Michelangelo. We visited the four Basilicas in Rome, including St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major. It was in St. Peter's that the incorrupt body of Pope John XXIII was seen. We attended mass every day in small chapels within the many basilicas, cathedrals, and churches that we visited.

Did we walk a lot? You bet we did. Was it worth it? You bet it was! What a Blessing it was to travel with 44 devout Christians and experience the spirituality of all. If you ever get a chance to travel on a pilgrimage, please take the opportunity to do so. You will not regret it.

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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 13th, Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, May 14th, St Matthias

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Lavere & Esther Keeney+)

Wednesday, May 15th, St Isidore

Thursday, May 16th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Fr Pascal+)

Friday, May 17th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 18th, St John I

Sunday, May 19th, Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Oscar & Marcella Strutner+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – May 19, 2024

Ushers: Marvin Zwilling, Bob Barthelme,
Tony Strutner

Servers: Henry Zumbahlen/Avery Ochs

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Bruce Boehl Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs,
Elaine Zwilling, Rose Gangloff

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 May 5, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2738.00

Loose 208.00

Sub Total \$ 2946.00

Home Mission 20.00

Ascension 10.00

Total \$ 2976.00

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 Grad Breakfast June 2, 2024 after Mass

Graduation is getting close and we would like to honor
all graduates,

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.**

Happy Mother's Day

to all our Mothers, Grandmothers,
Godmother's, Aunts, and those who play a
Mother's role in the lives of those they touch.
We wish you all a wonderful and blessed day!

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