

May 25-26, 2024
The Most Holy Trinity



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.

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 18-19, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,618.00
Loose	\$	397.00
Subtotal	\$	10,015.00
School Fund	\$	765.00
Building Fund	\$	110.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	396.00
Retired Priests	\$	506.00
Subtotal	\$	1,777.00
Grand Total	\$	11,792.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$56,126.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,613.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury;

Memorial Day

Office Closed

10:00 am - Mass at Mt. Calvary

Tuesday, May 28, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm Young adult evening prayer w/School Sisters of Notre Dame

Wednesday, May 29, St. Paul VI

8:30 am Mass (For All Newly Ordained to the Priesthood)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, May 30, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 31, The Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (For Infants who are Sick and Their Parents and All who Care for Them)

Saturday, June 1, St. Justin

First Saturday at St. Mary's

No Reconciliation

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

Sunday, June 2, Corpus Christi

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Denise Hahn)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Liv & Dec of Joe and Eunice Schackmann Family)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Have a fun and safe summer!!

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1 Pt 1:3-9	Mk 10:17-27
Tues.: 1 Pt 1:10-16	Mk 10:28-31
Weds.: 1 Pt 1:18-25	Mk 10:32-45
Th.: 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12	Mk 10:46-52
Fri.: Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-56
Sat.: Jude 17, 20b-25	Mk 11:27-33
Sun.: Ex 24:3-8	Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26	

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 Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, June 1 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lori TeVault
EM: Lori Rauch, Kim Zuber, Glenda Spiker,
Ramon Kocher
Servers: Halle Wagner & Brooke Farley
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, June 2 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Carol Bough
EM: Jill, Eliza, Gus & Lucy Bierman
Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Alani Bergbower
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, June 2 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower
EM: Helen, Leo, Adam Weber, Charlie Schackmann
Servers: Lincoln Probst & Audrey Beals
Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anne Kuhl
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffiert

Congratulations!

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award:

Congratulations, **Sue Sparks**, for receiving this award. Thank you for your many years of service to our parish and Angels Group! This is well-deserved!!

St. Thomas Parish Exceptional Service Award:

The recipient of this award this year is **Linda Mertens!** Congratulations, Linda!! All that you do is greatly appreciated, especially the time that you spend with the residents at the Newton Care Center. Thank you for spending time with those residents and keeping them connected to their faith and church community!

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: Electa Meyer

Parents: Jason & Lisa

How long have you been in choir? 3 years

Why do you like being in choir? I love to sing, so church choir is perfect for me to share my love of Jesus!

What is your favorite season? Christmas

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

Have you done anything special with your music?

Christmas Solo on the Square, Song with Emma & Ella(The 3 E's), currently in Olney Central College's Choir Class and participated in OCC's summer musical, *The Music Man*.

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 & 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:

Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, 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, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

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!

BLOOD DRIVE- The St. Thomas Angels group is sponsoring a Blood drive Noon – 5:30 pm; **Thursday June 6** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Homemade desserts and free refreshments will be provided. All presenting donors receive a Tetris and Red Cross shirt while supplies last! Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. A flyer with additional information is posted in the display case in the main entrance of St. Thomas Church. Thank you!!

Young Adult Evening Prayer
Young adults age 18+ are invited to online evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Tuesday, May 28** at 7 p.m. CT. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-28-24/.

Mark Your Calendars!
Saturday, August 3, 2024

Three Postulants including Taylor Smith of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George will be received into the Novitiate. Two Sisters will also be making their First Vows and three Sisters will be making their Final Vows. You are invited to join them on **Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL** as they take these next steps on their journey. Please pray for them as they continue to hear God's voice calling them to this vocation.

Position Available. St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, a K-8 elementary school in Newton, IL, is *seeking a qualified Elementary Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.* Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and completed application to Principal Jill Bierman via email jillbierman@stthomassaints.com or via mail to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, Attention Jill Bierman, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL. The application can be found on our web site www.stthomassaints.com. Any questions can be directed to the above email.

Thank you Brianna Waldhoff for your 9 years of service at St. Thomas School as our 3rd Grade teacher. Also, thank you for the time you spent preparing our students for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. You will be missed!

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!

First Masses of Thanksgiving: Sunday, May 26th
2:00 pm Reverend Alex McCullough's First Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

3:00 pm Reverend Jayke White's First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Boniface, Edwardsville

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.

Uganda Mission Trip Fundraiser.

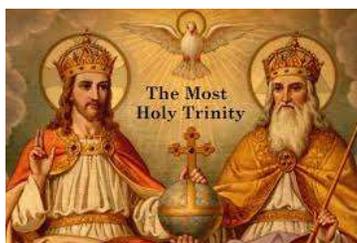
Support St. Thomas School Graduates, Kaitlyn Ochs and Lily Bierman as they invite you to Bishop Hall in rural Dieterich on **Saturday, June 8th.** Starting at 7:00, A Little Southern Comfort will be playing, drinks will be available, 50/50 drawing, etc. Free will donation at the door. All of the profit goes to a mission trip to Uganda this summer. Kaitlyn and Lily are part of the group going to help finish a Catholic Church and work in a Catholic School. All are welcome!

You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. **BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Go to dio.org to learn more and register!

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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Pray For Us!



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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 27th, St Augustine

Tuesday, May 28th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Viola Keller+)

Wednesday, May 29th, St Paul VI

Thursday, May 30th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mildred Schmidt+)

Friday, May 31st, Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Saturday, June 1st, Saint Justin

**7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoration &
Reconciliation**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Our Beloved Deceased+)

Sunday, June 2nd, Corpus Christi

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Joe Zuber+)

Graduation Breakfast after mass

Family Life Graduation Breakfast

June 2, 2024 after Mass

All graduates are welcome to attend!

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

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

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 2, 2024

Ushers: Owen Ochs, Ethan Griffith,

Alex Kaufmann

Servers: Reed Kistner/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple, Lisa Ochs, Ben Ochs

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of May 19, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2880.00

Loose 149.00

Sub Total \$ 3029.00

Haiti 90.00

Catholic Communication 40.00

Total \$ 3159.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

April Tithe Income - \$19,990.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,999.00

This poem was found in a file cabinet in the church office.

A Good Day

Take each day and what happens
as part of his plan.

Be cheerful and smile

for each day is a new day.

Given to us by the one who knows best.

With love and patience, He shows us the way.

We are His adopted children and heirs
of heaven for eternal rest.

What we have He has given to us and

it is our work to do all for

Him and our fellow man.

-Written by Mildred Helregel

Baby Bottle

The Newton Family Life Center baby bottles are available in church, please take one and fill it with coins or dollar bills and return on Father's Day. This is a great fundraiser for the **Newton Family Life Center.**

PICNIC RAFFLE –Work is beginning on the raffle for this year's picnic. If you or 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.