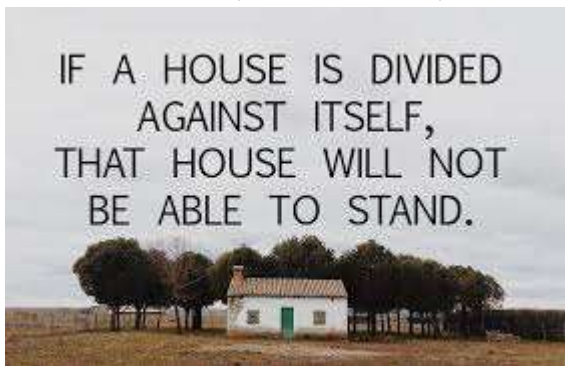


June 8-9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak**

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**Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller**

**Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich**

**Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson**

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:**

**St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman**

**School Secretary: Lori Smith**

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**Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.**

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**

June 1-2, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	9,403.00
Loose	\$	1,515.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,918.00</b>
School Fund	\$	977.00
Building Fund	\$	515.00
G.I.F.T	\$	850.00
Other	\$	75.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,417.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,335.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church April Tithe**

April Tithe Income – \$56,126.00

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

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, June 10, Weekday**

**Tuesday, June 11, St. Barnabas**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, June 12, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Mike Mulvey)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**Thursday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**6:30 pm** Finance Council Meeting

**Friday, June 14, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Annie Probst)

**Saturday, June 15, Weekday**

**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, June 16, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;**

**Father's Day**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (For All Dads)

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (For All Dads)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: 1 Kgs 17:1-6**

**Mt 5:1-12**

**Tues.: Acts 11:21b-26,13:1-3**

**Mt 5:13-16**

**Weds.: 1 Kgs 18:20-39**

**Mt 5:17-19**

**Th.: 1 Kgs 18:41-46**

**Mt 5:20-26**

**Fri.: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16**

**Mt 5:27-32**

**Sat.: 1 Kgs 19:19-21**

**Mt 5:33-37**

**Sun.: Ez 17:22-24**

**2 Cor 5:6-10**

**Mk 4:26-34**

**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

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

**St. Peters' Cemetery reminder:** Please no ground decorations during mowing season in order to prevent issues with decorations being in the path of the mower and causing problems. Also note that decorations that have been on display for an extended period of time will be cleaned up and removed. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

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

Lector: Lynn Wilson  
EM: Brad/Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Wanda Kocher  
Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs  
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family  
Musicians: Five for the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, June 16 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Nikki Bierman  
EM: Paul/Katie Bierman, Lori TeVault,  
Becky Shamhart

Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman  
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Lucy Bierman  
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

**Sunday, June 16 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Ginger Robins  
EM: Tony Sparks, Dennis Weber  
Servers: Josie Vogt & Claire Schackmann  
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley  
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffiert

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

**Name:** Leah Weber  
**Parents:** Dennis & Laura  
**How long have you been in choir?** 2 years  
**Why do you like being in choir?** I love music and I also take piano lessons.  
**What is your favorite season?** Easter  
**What is your favorite song to sing?** Risen  
**Have you done anything special with your music?**  
Solo

**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. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

**Just a Reminder...St. Thomas Angels Group** will not meet in July due to busy summer schedules. See you on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.!

**A St. Thomas Pastoral Council meeting has been scheduled for June 18 at 6:00 pm.** Items for discussion will include Mass in the Park and the Harvest Picnic. A special thanks to the members who have completed their terms, and we welcome all the newly selected members!

**The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) collection is here** and so far the total collected is **\$850.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thanks 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:**

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



**The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!**

Next weekend is Father's Day...Please return your baby bottles filled with spare change. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Newton.

**Save the Dates:**

**Jasper County Honey-Do Ministry - July 8-12, 2024**  
St. Thomas/St. Mary's hosting breakfast for volunteers on **Wednesday, July 10**. Please drop off breakfast items by 7:00 am at the Grace Methodist Church. Breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, etc. will be graciously accepted. Thank you for your support again this year!!

**Family Life Center Newton needs you!**

We are looking for a volunteer to commit to working 9-5 every Monday and another volunteer for every Tuesday 9-5. You will greet clients and donors when they arrive at the center, be trained to answer the phone and schedule appointments, and also perform other light office jobs at times.

We also are looking for an advocate 9-5 on Monday and Tuesdays to work directly with our clients. This is a paid position. You will be trained to work with our parents and parents to be, offering options, education, and advocacy.

If you would love volunteering or working for a Christian, pro-life ministry, please send your resume to [director@familylifepcc.org](mailto:director@familylifepcc.org)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



**Attention CYO youth:** Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office if you are interested in visiting the Sisters in Alton on **July 2**. Visit will include a tour at 10:00am followed by midday prayer at 11:30am and a picnic lunch on the grounds.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stthomassaints.com). Any questions can be directed to the above email.

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**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. Kaitlyn and Lily are part of the group going to help finish a Catholic Church and work in a Catholic School. All are welcome! All proceeds benefit the trip.

**WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE** – 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](http://dio.org) to learn more and register!

**100 Not Impossible Catholic Trivia Questions**



How well do you know our faith, the history of the Church, the sacraments, the bible, Catholic tradition, and more? Take the test! Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://youtube.com/diospringfield) or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



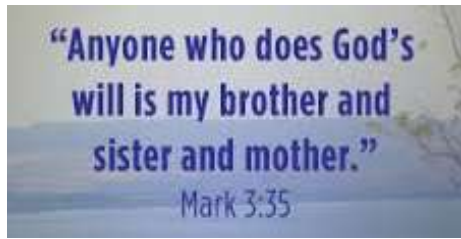
**Called and Sent** – Join other high school students in our diocese for a 4 day/3 night retreat from **July 14-17** at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. Encounter Jesus in a new, deep, and meaningful way. Have loads of fun and enjoy the beautiful views at this lakeside retreat house. To register, go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). For questions, contact Daniel Heffernan at [dheffernan@dio.org](mailto:dheffernan@dio.org).

**St. Isidore Parish Totus Tuus & Bible School**

Registration for Summer 2024  
Registration forms available at church  
**COST**  
St. Isidore Parishioner: \$10/part., \$30/family (max)  
Non-Parishioner: \$15/participant, \$45/family (max)  
**2024-25 7<sup>th</sup> grade – High School**  
June 9-13; 6:15pm -8:00pm  
**2024-25 Kgarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
June 10-June 14; 8:45am-2:30 pm

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)

Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

**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**

**7:30 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, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, St Barnabas**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Viola Keller+)

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Saint Anthony of Padua**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sam & Linda Zuber+)

**Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Eleventh Sunday in Ord Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John O'Malley+)

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**Mark your calendars**

June 17 – Blood Drive @ St Mary's 2 – 6pm

June 18 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6p.m.

June 20 – Picnic Committee Meeting – 7pm

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 16, 2024**

**Ushers:** Owen Ochs, Ethan Griffith,

Alex Kaufmann

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/Wade Schackmann

**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/ Ethan Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Norman Boehl,  
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 June 2, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 2213.91

Loose 237.00

**Sub Total \$ 2450.91**

Retired Priest 25.00

Capitol Improvement 25.00

Mission Appeal 500.00

**Total \$ 3000.91**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**April Tithe Income - \$19,990.00**

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



**Baby Bottles** – Please return them the weekend of June 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be baskets available in church. All donations will be given to the Newton Family Life Center.

**World Day of Prayer Service on Program in 1989**

**Quiet Moments**

**Quiet moments**-how refreshing. Just to meet with God above, drawing from His store of riches, basking daily in His love.

**Quiet moments** – let me linger and in silent waiting prayer. Gather strength for coming duty, cast on Him my every care

**Quiet moments** – help me find them, Lord, in midst of hurried ways: Fill me with your calm assurance and peace in place of worried days.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. If you donated last year, you will be contacted soon.

**Picnic Committee Meeting – June 20<sup>th</sup> -7pm**