

July 6-7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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 29-30, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,460.00
Loose	\$	613.00
Subtotal	\$	6,073.00
School Fund	\$	225.00
Peter's Pence	\$	385.00
G.I.F.T	\$	1850.00
Building Fund	\$	152.00
Subtotal	\$	2,612.00
Grand Total	\$	8,685.00

St. Thomas Church May Tithe

May Tithe Income – \$54,210.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,421.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, July 8, Weekday

Tuesday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 10, Weekday

8:30 am Mass (Kathryn Dhom)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, July 11, St. Benedict

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

First Fri., July 12, Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Lorraine Ochs)

Saturday, July 13, St. Henry

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

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

Sunday, July 14, 15th Ordinary Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Renee Ochs)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Mike Mulvey)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Hos 2:16,17c-18,21-22

Mt 9:18-26

Tues.: Hos 8:4-7,11-13

Mt 9:32-38

Weds.: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12

Mt 10:1-7

Th.: Hos 11:1-4,8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

Fri.: Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Sat.: Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sun.: Am 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

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 removed. Thank you for your cooperation!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, July 13 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs

EM: Alice Addis, Mark Bolander, Lori TeVault,
Matt Baltzell

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, July 14 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Sara Bergbower

EM: Gus Bierman, Sheryl/Allison Brummer,
Janet Vahling

Servers: Madilyn Brummer

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, July 14 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman

EM: Nikki Earnest, Marge Horton, John Bower,
Becky Parker

Servers: Dylan & Ava Earnest

Gift Bearers: Brian

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Anna Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Jim Robins



Visit to St. Francis of the Martyr St. George.

Mallory Ochs, Lauren Gier, Mary Scheidemantel, Linda Hemrich and Rita Kocher were especially grateful for the opportunity to

visit the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George including Taylor Smith this past Tuesday. The Sisters gave them a tour of the grounds which was followed by midday prayer and lunch. It was a beautiful day and a prayerful experience that won't soon be forgotten.

Breakfast



time

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. *Thank you for your support again this year!!*

St. George & St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for Us.

The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$7,435.00**. 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. Thank you!

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Fridays of each month. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Lord. What a gift it truly is to be in His presence and to be mindful of all of the many ways that He is always with us. 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.

A new parish software is coming. We just wanted you to know because an online giving page is included and will provide an easy way to make your donations online. This software will help our parish office streamline parish data, so that parish roster information, contribution data and statements, and organizing volunteers/lay ministers can all be accessed in one place. We will keep you updated, so once the software goes live, you will have immediate access to all that the software will have to offer.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

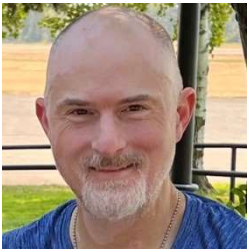
WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



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.

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the parish offices at 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary).



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.

Deacon Scott was ordained a permanent deacon on June 8, 2024 at Incarnate Word Parish of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO. Congratulations, Deacon Scott! 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!

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE THANK YOU! The 50th Day of Prayer for Life on June 19th, hosted by St. Francis Church, was a beautiful event! Special thanks to our opening Mass presider, Fr. Juan Carlos Ruiz, OFM, and to our closing Mass presider, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, along with concelebrants Fr. John Titus, Fr. Dominic Rankin, Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, Fr. James Flach, Fr. Dean Probst, Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Braden Maher, Fr. Michael Berndt, Fr. David Beagles, Fr. Adam Prichard, Fr. Seth Brown, Fr. Hyland Smith, Fr. Troy Niemerg and Fr. Alex McCullough, and to Deacon Ryan Kehoe, who assisted Bishop Paprocki. We also thank all prayer leaders of holy hours, musicians, sacristans, seminarian, servers, Fourth Degree KC Honor Guards, lectors, CCW, volunteers and all who came to pray. Please remember to continue to pray that the dignity and sacredness of ALL human life be upheld in our nation and world!

FORMED/Amen App. St. Thomas' FREE gift to you. Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Step #1 – Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space.

Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or visit signup.formed.org then enter 62448.

Step #3 – Open your gift to experience thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas, Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so much more on the Amen App.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners in church. Please share any FORMED resources that you have used and have positively affected your prayer and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

Catholic Heart Work Camp is Almost Here! Milwaukee, WI; July 7-12, 2024

HERE & NOW

Participants: Jackson Baltzell, Alani Bergbower, Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Allison Brummer, Maddie Brummer, Cameron Davis, Ava Earnest, Lauren Gier, Allie Hermann, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Wade Ochs, Claire Probst

Adults: Fr. Dean Probst, Jill Bierman, Paul Bierman, Sheryl Brummer

A special thanks to our participants and adult chaperones!

Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! – On September 22 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

How to stay in love and have a beautiful marriage – Marriage, raising kids, navigating life, and knowing the intentions of your spouse is difficult and messy! How should you navigate it all so you can stay madly in love with your spouse and have a beautiful marriage? Dive Deep is pleased to talk to Beth Sri, a Catholic speaker and author and mother of 8 children. She serves as the Denver chapter coordinator for Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic ministry for adult children of divorce. She is also the co-author with her husband of the award winning book, "The Good, The Messy and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life." Go to 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.

The Holiest Adventure: Father/Son Edition – Join dads and sons for an experience of exciting activities, as well as mass, adoration, and delicious food!

Date: August 10, 2024; **Location:** Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; **Who:** For any fathers with their son(s) in grades 4-10; **Meals:** Lunch and dinner provided; **Cost:** \$50 per father/son pair. \$10 per additional son; **Time:** 10A.M. – 6P.M.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

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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, July 8th, Weekday

Tuesday, July 9th, St Augustine

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Richard Hunzinger+)

Wednesday, July 10th, Weekday

7a.m. – Honey-Do Breakfast

Thursday, July 11th, St Benedict

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Joe Zuber+)

Friday, July 12th, Weekday

Saturday, July 13th, St Henry

Sunday, July 14th, 15th Sunday in Ord Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: David & Betty Zwilling+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 14, 2024

**Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Jacob Kaufmann,
Kelby Ochs**

Servers: Wade Schackmann/Reed Kistner

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Mike Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Tony & Martha Strutner

**Eucharistic Ministers: Lora Semple,
Amy Frohning, Elaine Zwilling**

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**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of June 30, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 878.00

Loose 153.00

Sub Total \$ 1031.00

Retired Priest 50.00

Total \$1081.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

May Tithe Income - \$33,606.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,361.00

July Schedule

July 10th – Honey Do Ministers Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

July 16 – 18 – Parish Office will be closed

July 25th – Finance Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thank you- To those who donated the 16 units of blood that were collected at the last blood drive, also to Hartrich Meats for donating snacks, and to those who helped to work. Next blood drive: August 19, 2024

Mark your calendars!

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

September 1, 2024

Our parish picnic is coming up and this year we are seeking donations of themed baskets valued at \$50 or more. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! If you would like to donate a basket, please contact - Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or

Becca.ochs@gmail.com.

Thank you for your donation!! More updates soon!!

Jasper County Honey Do Ministry – St Mary's/ St Thomas will be providing breakfast for the volunteers on **Wednesday, July 10th**. Please deliver breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, and etc to the Grace United Methodist Church in Newton, **by 7:00 a.m.**

Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile project!!