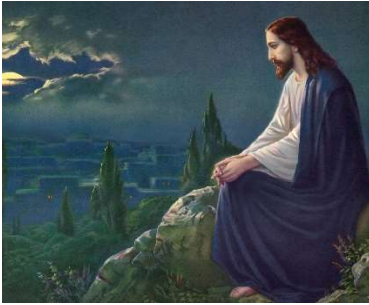


February 3-4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

February 4, June 2, and October 6 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area at St. Thomas Church. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

January 27-28, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,791.00
Loose	\$	278.00
Subtotal	\$	7,069.00
Catholic Times	\$	136.00
School Fund	\$	130.00
Other	\$	262.00
Building Fund	\$	50.00
Subtotal	\$	578.00
Grand Total	\$	7,647.00

St. Thomas Church November Tithe

November Tithe Income – \$48,400.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,840.00

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Feb. 5, St. Agatha

6:30 pm Angels Meeting – meeting in church

Tuesday, Feb. 6, St. Paul Miki

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Feb. 7, Weekday

8:30 am Class Mass (Chuck & Patty McCreery)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:00 pm School Board

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, Feb. 8, St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

6:00 pm Joint Finance/Pastoral Councils meeting

Friday, Feb. 9, Weekday

8:30 am All-School Mass (Grace Kerner)

Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Scholastica

8:00 am- 9:00 am Confessions

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass - (Int: Rita Schafer)

Sunday, Feb. 11, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick/World Marriage Day

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Edward Dhom)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

10:30 am – 2:00 pm St. Thomas Soup Supper

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, Feb. 5 – **6:00 pm** Volleyball, here, vs Sigel with "C" game at 5:15 pm
 8th bball sectionals at Pana SH

Tues, Feb. 6 – **6:00 pm** Volleyball, here, vs St. John's with "C" game at 5:15 pm

Weds, Feb. 7 - **6:00 pm** School Board

Sat, Feb. 10 - 6th grade bball tment at Sigel

Sun, Feb. 11 – **10:30 am – 2:00 pm** Soup Supper

St. Mary of the Assumption Pre-Cana - March 9th, 2024. For more information contact 618-455-3155.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Tues.: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13

Weds.: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23

Th.: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30

Fri.: 1 Kgs 11:29-32,12-19 Mk 7:31-37

Sat.: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10

Sun.: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
 Mk 1:40-45

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, February 10 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: David Sydor
EM: Gerald/Denisse Ochs, Brad/Kimberly Ochs
Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

Sunday, February 11 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Nikki Bierman
EM: Sheryl Brummer, Amy Hartrich, Paul Bierman,
Lori TeVault

Servers: Blake & Nathan Bierman
Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, February 11 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs
EM: Julie Higgs, Sara Mette, Brad/Annie Ochs
Servers: Claire Schackmann & Avery Geier
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Vicki Mullen
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Attention St. Thomas Ushers:

St. Thomas has resumed passing the collection basket in the pews during the offertory. We will again need 4 ushers as we have in the past. If you are listed as the usher for the month, please find 3 ushers to assist you.

Collection of Gifts

Once the Universal Prayers/Mass Petitions are read, this is the signal for the ushers to proceed down each aisle in unison to the front pews of the Church with reverence to the altar and bow/genuflect. When everyone has been seated, the ushers, will start the collection by passing the baskets through the pews moving towards the back of the Church. The Ushers will then combine the collection into the large basket provided in the Usher's room. **The Ushers and Gift Bearers will meet at the Baptismal Font and take the collection and gifts up together.** The collection will be handed to the Priest. After Mass, the Ushers will take the collection back to the Usher's room, secure it in the bags and place in the safe.

Thank you for helping us make this a smooth transition!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

February 14, 7:00 pm attend Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday, Feb. 23, 4:15 pm Working KC's Fish Fry
February 28, 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
March 13, 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Rosary
Sun, Mar. 24, Palm Sunday, 6:30 pm Living Stations
March 27, Living Stations at St. Mary's
All are welcome to join CYO throughout Lent for the various spiritual Ways of the Cross.

***Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship
Centennial Campaign***

The St. Thomas Finance and Pastoral Councils will have a joint meeting on **Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 pm** in the parish center. The councils will review the results of the Centennial Campaign Survey. The results of the survey will help the councils prioritize the needs of the parish and those needs will be taken into consideration when deciding how to proceed with the campaign. Thanks so much to all of the parishioners who participated in the survey. We greatly appreciate your input and look forward to sharing the results of the survey with all of you! We are excited to share each step of the campaign with you as it progresses and how it will benefit both our parish and Diocese! Visit <https://dio.org/centennial/#:~:text=The%20Centennial%20Campaign%20recognizes%20and,every%20parish%20in%20the%20diocese> by copying this link in your browser to learn more about this Diocesan wide campaign.

St. Thomas 2023 Contribution Statements

St. Thomas Contribution Statements are available. Please stop by or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to receive a copy. School families should have received their statements in their parent packets accompanied by their Tuition Tax Credit statement. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Silk Purse Volunteers needed to support Newton's Family Life Center. Any help including sorting clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work any day, any hours.

Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F & 10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

Save the Date: February 24, 2024

St. Thomas School Trivia Night

My dear parish family,

I'm deeply saddened to share the news that I recently lost my baby brother, to a sudden and unexpected death. He never married nor had children, which in hind sight, is a blessing. There hasn't been a day that I have not cried thinking about him, the wonderful memories I have of him, and just how much I will miss him. My family and I could use all the prayers we can get as we try to move forward and prepare for our lives without him. He knew no stranger and loved unconditionally; no strings attached. Also, please pray for his soul. I thank you from the bottom of my broken heart.

Love, David Sydor

Brett Allen Sydor; August 12, 1973 - January 16, 2024

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.



A Message from Fr. Paul

I recently had a fantastic trip to Glenwood Springs that can be described in a few words: great, amazing and awesome. Fusion of skiing and relaxing in the hot springs created the perfect combination.

Glenwood Springs' amazing landscapes provided a stunning background for thrilling skiing experiences. The fresh and cold mountain air, powdery snow, and easy slopes made every moment on the hill unforgettable.

After an exciting day on the slopes, the soothing hot springs eased the pain of every fall on the hill. Immerse yourself in the warm, mineral-rich waters surrounded by the snowy mountains—a serene contrast to the adrenaline-pumping ski adventures. Hot springs provided the perfect relaxation, melting away any stress and pain and leaving a sense of youthfulness. Glenwood Springs is truly a gem for those seeking a memorable winter getaway, offering a unique combination of thrilling outdoor activities and blissful moments of relaxation in the natural hot springs. It is the place that I highly recommend for winter vacations.



Best Regards,
Fr. Pawel



Please pray for the Sick:

Fonda Fear, Terry Rickman, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Alex Koebele, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Ray Kautz, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Janet Brooks, Patti Ochs' mom

The Newton Family Life Center will be holding their **annual online auction** to be launched on March 9th. If your family or business would be willing to donate an item (or cash to go towards an item), please call or text Renee Gier at 217-821-0872. Items need to be submitted by mid-February please. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important community resource!

St. Thomas Soup Supper

February 11, 2024
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MENU:

Chili & Vegetable Soup (made same day)
Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches
Pie, Desserts & Drinks

*Face Painting *Games *Cake Spin *Basket Stand
*Baked Goods *Instant Winner

Quilt Raffle

Quilt Raffle to Be Held at 2:00 p.m.

CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE UNTIL 2:00 p.m.

Games available until 2:00 p.m.

Fundraiser benefits St. Thomas Church and School

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Eastern Europe. Please support this collection that is endorsed by Bishop Paprocki. The collection will take place on Ash Wednesday,. For more information about the collection, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Lent begins **ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 14!**

Please bring your old palms to the churches to be burned to ashes to mark our repentance by Friday, February 12. Distribution of Ashes is done in a liturgical service which are scheduled as follows:

8:30 am All-School Mass at St. Thomas Church

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

7:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Church (Please sign up for lay ministries on Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact the parish office at 618-783-8741)

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow.

St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7th grade students – adults that are interested in attending. Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056 to reserve your seat by March 16.

February 3-4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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, February 5th, St Agatha

Tuesday, February 6th, St Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Lorraine”Johnnie” Ochs+)

Wednesday, February 7th, Weekday

6:30 a.m. – PSR

7:15 p.m. – Youth Group

Thursday, February 8th, St Jerome Emiliani

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

Friday, February 9th, The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 10th, St Scholastica

**Sunday, February 11th, Sixth Sunday Ordinary
 Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish+)

St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of January 28 ,2024

Envelopes	\$ 1088.00
Loose	119.00
Sub Total	\$ 1207.00
Haiti	25.00
Catholic Time	52.00
Church in Latin America	35.00
Total	\$ 1319.00

St Mary’s Church Tithe

December Tithe Income – \$16293.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1629.00

Save The Date

February 11 – Bend Valentine Breakfast – 8am- Noon

February 19 – American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 3 – Annual St Mary’s Brunch

March 9 – PreCana Session at St Mary’s

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – February 11, 2024

Ushers: Paul/Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith

Servers: Blake Frohning/Max Ochs

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Tony & Janet Hartrich

**Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff,
 Elfrieda Kaufmann, Elaine Zwilling**

Collection of Offertory – Attention Ushers - We

will resume taking up the collection as in the past, beginning on **February 4, 2024**. This will be done after the Petitions, as in the past the ushers will take the baskets and go by the pews for the collection and then return to the back of the church and combine the collection into a large basket. **It will then be carried forward with the gifts which will be located at the back of church.** After mass, the ushers will take the collection back to the reconciliation room and put it in a bag and place it in the safe, or give to auditors.

ST. MARY’S BRUNCH UPDATE

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8 a.m. – Noon

Menu:

Sausage Links & Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Breads & Fruit, Juice, Milk & Coffee
Donations are needed for 2 hogs, ham, milk, orange juice, coffee, fruit and baked goods
Be sure to check the workers list.

Bend Community Club Breakfast

Sunday, February 11, 2024; serving 8am – Noon
 St Valentine Hall in the Bend
 Adults \$10 – Children 3-10 -\$5