

March 23-24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

March 9-10, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,552.00
Loose	\$	789.00
Subtotal	\$	5,341.00
School Fund	\$	937.00
Other	\$	140.00
Subtotal	\$	1,077.00
Grand Total	\$	6,418.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$70,274.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$7,027.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 25, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am All-School Mass (Jim & Dan Smithenry)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's

7:00 pm St. Thomas CYO meeting at St. Mary's for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper;**
followed by Adoration until 10 pm
(Intention: Religious Vocations)

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

6:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

Monday, April 1st, Easter Monday

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas

No Mass on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3

This Week at St. Thomas School

Tues, Mar. 26 – **4:30 pm** Track Meet, here

Weds, Mar. 27– **8:30 am** All-School Mass

Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Thurs, Mar. 28– Mon, April 1 - **No School**

Tuesday, April 2 - **School Resumes**

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tues.: Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Weds.: Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Th.: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Fri.: Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat.: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Readings

Sun.: Easter Sunday Mass During the Day

Readings

Save the Dates: St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Holy Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 pm

Lectors: David Sydor
EM: Jill Bierman, Jason/Jenny Bierman, Matt Bower
Servers: Adria Bierman, Alivia Bierman
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers:
12 for feet washing:

Good Friday, March 29 @ 6:00 pm

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Jill Bierman
EM: Tony Sparks, Ginger Robins, Dee Bower, Lori TeVault
Servers:
Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers:

Holy Saturday, March 30 @ 7:30 pm

Lectors: Ginger Robins; Luke Zuber
EM: Paul Bierman, Kim Zuber, Linda Hemrich
Servers: Nathan Bierman, Blake Bierman
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers:

Easter Sunday, March 31 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Lori TeVault
EM: Jill Bierman, Ginger Robins, Jamie Shamhart
Servers:
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Katie Shamhart
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, March 31 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: John Bower
EM: Dee Bower, Matt Bower, Kelly Iffert
Servers:
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Vicki Mullen, Debbie Matson, Youth Choir
Greeters/Ushers:

Please be sure to sign up for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Ministries. Sign-up by calling the parish office or by using Ministry Scheduler Pro. Thanks for participating during this special time for our Church!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

Sun, Mar. 24, Palm Sunday, 6:30 pm Living Stations
(meeting at church at 5:30 pm)

March 27, Living Stations 7:00 pm at St. Mary's

April 3rd & 10th, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm

April 17th, Cleaning Church, meet in church 6:30 pm

April 24th, LAST CYO! Pizza and Bowling: Meet at Parklanes 6:30 pm

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for preparing another delicious meal for our priests during the penance service. Dee your generosity and dedication in serving delicious food to our clergy are truly admirable. Your skills made our penance service dinner taste heavenly! and if the way to man's heart goes through the stomach then you probably have a direct line (connection) to heaven with those meals. Thank you for feeding not just our bodies but also our souls with your amazing cooking. *Fr. Paul*

St. Thomas Lent/Easter Décor. If you would like to contribute to our annual decor fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope marked "décor." *Please have all names submitted to the Parish Office by noon on March 25th.*

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES
Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in the Pastoral Council and who have submitted names for nominees. Fr. Pawel will use a similar method as used in the past and all the names of the willing servants will be placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Fr. Pawel will be in touch with those who are chosen after Holy Week and the Easter Holiday. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship Centennial Campaign

Our councils continue to work on a plan that will ensure a healthy future for our school, parish and Diocese. Please keep our parish, school and Diocese in your prayers as we continue to work on finalizing the best plan for a future campaign and its goal.

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:

Cathy Dasenbrock, Connie Brooks, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Terry Rickman, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, 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.

Holy Week Schedule:

Mar. 24th Palm Sunday: Regular Weekend Schedule

Mar. 28th Holy Thursday:

5:30 pm at St. Mary's Adoration following

7:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

**Need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed*

Mar. 29th Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

3:00 pm at St. Mary's

6:00 pm at St. Thomas

Mar. 30th Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

7:30 pm at St. Thomas

Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

Apr. 1st Easter Monday:

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas

****No Masses on April 2nd & 3rd**

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming

to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Have you checked out FORMED for Lent? Don't miss this **free resource** of valuable Catholic Christian materials for **movies, books, and other educational programs, etc.** To gain access:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

The Grace of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE

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

Come share God's joy and mercy.

St. Thomas and St. Mary's are once again sending a group of young people and chaperones to Catholic Heart Work Camp. This summer they will be headed to Milwaukee, WI in July to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our own country. *If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of the trip, please feel free to put it in the offering or give it to Linda in the office.* The campers have to pay for part of their trip, but there are other costs to consider. Thank you for supporting these amazing young people on their mission to serve.

Volunteers needed to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook.

Both St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners are invited to help with this very important ministry. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

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

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21

– This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics who will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.**

Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

Palm Sunday



“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Project Rachel: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.



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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, March 25th, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26th, Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

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

Wednesday, March 27th, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 p.m. – PSR

7:00 p.m. – Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28th, Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Vocations)

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Saturday, March 30th, Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday

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

PSR classes will start at 6:30 p.m. beginning
Wednesday, March 27th, and the rest of the year. The
older students will be doing the living stations at
7:00 pm and all the PSR classes will attend.

Needed: Someone to mow beginning this season, at St
Valentine. It would include the church grounds,
cemetery and around the hall. If you are interested in
this, please call the office. If you have further
questions, you can contact the office.

Holy Week Ministers Needed

Holy Thursday – 5:30 p.m. –

Ushers – 3, - Need Volunteers

Servers – Charlee Hartrich, Blake Frohning, Ellie Ochs

Lectors – Beth Hartrich, Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers – Jeff & Lisa Ochs family

Eucharistic Ministers – Rose Gangloff, Lora Semple,

Lisa Ochs

12 people for the foot washing – Need 9 volunteers

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. -

Ushers – 3 – Need Volunteers

Servers – 2 – Need Volunteers

Lectors – 2 – Rose Gangloff/ Need 1 Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister – 1 Need Volunteer

If you are attending these services and can help in
anyway, please call the office or e-mail the church.

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 27th – Living Stations - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday – Holy Thursday Services - 5:30 p.m.

Friday – Good Friday services – 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass – March 31st – 8:30 a.m

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – March 31, 2024

Ushers: Kelby Ochs, John Uebinger, Roger Hemrich

Servers: Wade Schackmann, Charlee Hartrich

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Lora Ochs

Gift Bearers: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Maynard Kaufmann, Elaine
Zwilling, Lisa Ochs

Easter Décor – Names must be turned in by March
27th to be listed in the bulletin.

Living Stations: Pleas join us on Wednesday, March
27th at 7:00 p.m. as our parish youth reenact Jesus’
journey and death on the cross. We hope that you
leave with a greater understanding of the pain and
suffering Jesus went through to die for us. All are
welcome!

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of March 17, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1490.00

Loose 218.00

Sub Total \$ 1708.00

Haiti 100.00

Catholic Charities 195.00

Total \$2003.00

St Mary’s Church Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$8,148.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 815.00