

April 13-14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



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

April 6-7, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,477.00
Loose	\$	257.00
Subtotal	\$	8,734.00
Easter	\$	1,180.00
School Fund	\$	920.00
Building Fund	\$	795.00
Other	\$	230.00
Subtotal	\$	3,125.00
Grand Total	\$	11,859.00

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$38,370.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,837.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday

10:30 am Evelyn McCreery Funeral

Tuesday, April 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday

Illinois March for Life - Springfield

8:30 am Class Mass (Charles E. Dhom)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's

St. Thomas CYO meeting in church to clean

Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Norbert Klingler)

Saturday, April 20, Easter Weekday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Eugene Menke)

Sunday, April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Jessica Spiker)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Tues, April 16 – **4:00 pm** track at St. Anthony Invite

Weds, April 17- **8:30 am** Class Mass

Thurs, April 18– **4:30 pm** Track at Cumberland

Fri, April 19 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

READ Book Distribution

Sat, April 20 - **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** Daddy/Daughter

Dance

Sun, April 21 - Garage Sale Set-up begins

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 6:8-15

Jn 6:22-29

Tues.: Acts 7:51-8:1a

Jn 6:30-35

Weds.: Acts 8:1b-8

Jn 6:35-40

Th.: Acts 8:26-40

Jn 6:44-51

Fri.: Acts 9:1-20

Jn 6:52-59

Sat.: Acts 9:31-42

Jn 6:60-69

Sun.: Acts 4:8-12

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Jn 10:11-18

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:

Saturday, April 20 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Nichole Mulvey
EM: Mark Bolander, Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Lori TeVault
Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, April 21 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Caroline Frohning
EM: Jill, Eliza, Lily Bierman, Pam Francis
Servers: Kinsley Kerner & Brady Francis
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Lindsey Spiker
Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich; Nick Hemrich

Sunday, April 21 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower
EM: Matt Bower, Marissa Bower, Sara Mette,
Julie Higgs
Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Avery Geier
Gift Bearers: John Bower Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

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

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

A Special Thank You to the St. Thomas Angels group for their donation of \$1,000.00 to the Catholic Heart Work Camp/Mission Trip that is taking place this summer. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will help cover the cost of snacks, van rental, etc. Thanks for all that you do to support our youth, school, church and community!!

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!

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

Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

CARD SHOWER

Matilda Hemrich will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on April 28th. Please help her celebrate by sending Birthday wishes to:

104 N Church St
Newton, IL 62448

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:

Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Rest in Peace: Evelyn McCreery

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
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.

FORMED/AMEN App. It is time to renew our subscription. If you are currently using this resource, please consider making a donation to help St. Thomas cover the cost of the subscription. Just drop your donation in an envelope marked "FORMED" in the collection basket. You can also just drop it off at the church office or in the drop box located outside by the main entrance doors of church. Thanks so much for helping us with the cost of this resource, so that we can continue to offer it to the parishioners 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 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!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.** Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 19th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing Mass.

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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

Sale will be held at the St. Thomas Parish Center

Specials announced during the sale!!

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (seasonal), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and **furniture with prior approval.**

Cannot accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear, motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint, spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

Drop donations off April 22nd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm & April 23rd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund

Don't forget about the St. Thomas School SCRIP program. They have some local gift cards as well as gift cards that can be used in Effingham. Amazon cards are available, too! They make great gifts and can be used for regular personal shopping.

Eucharistic Revival Award – The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has created a new patch award for Scouts of all ages to help us on our journey through the Eucharistic Revival. By learning about the Eucharist and participating in various spiritual experiences, Scouts can earn the main Eucharistic Revival patch and up to eight additional rockers to circle the main patch. For more information about how to earn these awards, please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email scouting@dio.org.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

- **8/2/2024 – 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**
- **9/27/2024 – 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO**
- **10/11/2024 – 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL**

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church



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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, April 15TH, Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 16th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Donald Ochs+)

6:30 p.m. – **Building & Grounds Meeting**

Wednesday, April 17th, Easter Weekday

6:30 p.m. – PSR

6:30 p.m. – **Finance Council Meeting**

Thursday, April 18th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

Friday, April 19th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 20th, Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 21st, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Vincent & Lorna Mae
Boehl+)

St Mary's PSR

The last class for this year's PSR will be held on
April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 21, 2024

Ushers: Maynard Kaufmann, George Semple,
Jacob Kaufmann

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/ Henry Zumbahlen

Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/ Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ochs,
Janet Hartrich, Elaine Zwilling

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of April 7, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 2065.00

Loose 274.00

Sub Total \$ 2339.00

Easter Collection 10.00

Seminary 20.00

Rice Bowl 4.00

Total \$ 2373.00

St Mary's church Tithe

February Tithe Income - \$8,148.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$815.00

Thank You:

The family of Gary Griffith would like to thank everyone for the prayers and generosity shown to us during Gary's illness and funeral. Special thanks to Fr Pawel for the beautiful service, Julie Warfel for the music, to the ladies who took care of the meal after the funeral, Jason & Lisa Meyer & staff from Meyer Funeral Home, and to all those behind the scene to make the service run smoothly. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

-Anita, Cynthia, Claire, Veronica & Ethan

Blood Drive - St Mary's parish will be hosting a
American Red Cross blood drive on:

**Monday, April 22, 2024
2-6pm in the parish center.**

Thank you: Norman Boehl has agreed to continue the
mowing at St Valentine Hall and Cemetery.