19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8-9, 2026

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

August 1-2, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	$	5,587.00
Loose	$	765.00
Subtotal	**$**	**5,984.00**
Annual School Fund	$	815.00
Centennial Campaign	$	1,214.00
Subtotal	**$**	**605.00**
Grand Total	**$**	**10,378.00**
July Online Giving	**$**	**5,611.93**
July ACH Giving	**$**	**2,196.00**

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, August 10, St. Lawrence
Teacher's Institute – No Student Attendance

Tuesday, August 11, St. Clare
Welcome Back Students, Teachers and Staff
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8:30 am Mass (Int. Jerry Gilmore)
9:00 am Rosary

Thursday, August 13, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe
7:30 -8:15 am Adoration
8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Petronilla Volk)

Saturday, August 15; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(not a Holyday of Obligation this year)
8:00 - 9:00 am–Reconciliation
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Ronnie Ochs)

Sun., August 16, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Art Rauch)
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
9:35 am Rosary
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the Parish)
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas
11:00 am Duck Race at Newton Aquatic Center

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Tues.: Ez 2:8-3:4	Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Weds.: Ez 9:1-7;10:18-22	Mt 18:15-20
Th.: Ez 12:1-12	Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri.: Ez 16:1-15,60,63	Mt 19:3-12
Sat.: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2 Lk 11:27-28	1 Cor 15:54b-57
Sun.: Is 56:1, 6-7 Mt 15:21-28	Rom 11:13-15,29-32

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule. October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review. Fr. Pawel would like to meet with **ALL** Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes. Please plan on attending **Sunday, August 9th after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas.**

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 15 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Nichole Mulvey
EM: Wade Ochs, Denisse Ochs, Lori TeVault
Servers: Lillian Green, Jack Schumacher
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, August 16 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Carol Bough
EM: Pam/Brenly Francis, Brenda Phillips, Theresa Volk
Servers: Brady Francis, Audrey Earnest, Elizabeth Brummer
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, August 16 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Renee Gier
EM: Dylan/Lauren Gier, Adria/Nick Bierman
Servers: Dominic Ochs, Claire Schackmann, Maura Weber
Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

BAPTISM: Congratulations, Rose Marie Probst,

infant daughter of Justin & Kristen (Slifer) Probst, who was recently baptized at St. Thomas. Godparents are Riley Probst and Clarissa Slifer. May God continue the good work begun in her!

St. Thomas School Receives Maxine E. Spitler Foundation Award

St. Thomas School recently received a monetary award from the Maxine E. Spitler Foundation in the amount of $4,992.00. The award will be used to purchase 13 ASUS Chromebooks for 5th-8th grade students. Thank you, Mrs. Jill Bierman, St. Thomas School Principal, who submitted the grant request!

Pizza Man Building Update. Thanks to the TIF grant and the previous generosity of a parishioner, the Pizza Man building was properly and safely removed. Thanks also to Matt Wilson for helping us remove the building and clean up the property as we continue to move forward with the plans for this property. At this time, the property will be maintained and developed so that it can be used for additional parking.

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
August 7, 2026

Please join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. A sign-up sheet is available. **Remaining Fridays of the month** Adoration is 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

Sound System/Hearing Aids WiFi Password:
LetmehearGod

Non-Discriminatory Policy

St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

Grand Prize is a side x side or $15,000 cash
Second Prize $1,000; **Third** $500
Raffle Tickets available soon

Thank you to the Don and Glenda Spiker family for the Mary statue that they painted and donated and added to the Jessica Spiker memorial located in the church yard. What a beautiful way to honor and remember Jessica.

Mother Mary, pray for us!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you

Please pray for the Sick

Charles Schafer, Nancy(Alan) Ochs, Jon Webb, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Belinda Kubicki, Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

September 3rd & 4th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

September 5th 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Specials announced during the sale!!

Drop donations off Monday, August 31st, & Tuesday September 1st, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. *All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund*

St. Thomas is hosting and invites you
Mattoon Deanery
Council of Catholic Women Meeting
Saturday, August 8, 2026
"School Daze"
Mrs. Bierman will be giving a tour of the school immediately following the 8:30 am Mass
Welcoming all Working Women!
Come and see what the MDCCW is all about!
Honoring Our 2026
Women of Distinction Recipients
Presenter: Kim Higgins
"Sing Praises to the Lord!"
7:45 – 8:30 Registration; 8:30 Mass
Lunch, Meeting and Drawings
to follow in parish center
(NOTICE: 50/50 Raffle replaces white elephant gift)
Bring a new friend – get 5 tickets
Bring 5 Kleenex travel tissue packets – get 1 raffle ticket

Catholics: Do you know our most important book after the Holy Bible?

It's the **Catechism of the Catholic Church!** Come study with us every Thursday beginning **September 10th at the St. Anthony Parish Center.** Both morning and evening sessions will be offered, 9:15 am and 6:30 pm. The "Foundations of Faith", series will help us discovering the truth, beauty, and wisdom of the Catholic Faith teachings through the **Catechism.**
Please call the St. Anthony Office to register at 217-347-7129 by **Aug 31st**. Questions? contact Kate Weber at 217-821-3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com

The Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life…

to Pray for the Protection of All Life will be held at St Mary's in Shumway on **Tuesday August 18th**. Praying the rosary will begin at **6:00 pm.** Fr Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the **6:30 pm** Mass. A business meeting will follow in the lower level with refreshments being served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

Is your marriage ready for a boost?

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. Upcoming weekend experiences are available.
10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL
12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

St. Thomas School Presents
Our 14th Annual DUCK RACE 2025
Sunday, August 16th
11:00 a.m. at the
Newton Aquatic Center
Free swimming following until noon for those who have a duck in the race.

Ducks can be purchased for $5.00 at:
St. Thomas School or Church & Peoples State Bank
Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!
1st place duck: $600.00
2nd place duck: $250.00
3rd place duck: $100.00

***ONLY 500 DUCKS SOLD!**

BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!
DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517
Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK to win a $25 gift certificate to a local business.

Featured on FORMED

Kenny: The True Story of Msgr. Ken Leone
Discover the inspiring true story of Msgr. Ken Leone, a beloved Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Denver, whose deep faith and joyful witness transformed countless lives. Kenny is a powerful Catholic documentary that explores his remarkable priestly vocation—marked by love for God, personal sacrifice, and unwavering hope in the face of suffering. Experience the joy, trials, and evangelical zeal that defined his life and ministry.

Into Great Silence
Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready. Gröning, sans crew or artificial lighting, lived in the monks' quarters for six months—filming their daily prayers, tasks, rituals and rare outdoor excursions. This transcendent, closely observed film seeks to embody a monastery, rather than simply depict one—it has no score, no voiceover and no archival footage. One of the most mesmerizing and poetic chronicles of spirituality ever created, INTO GREAT SILENCE dissolves the border between screen and audience with a total immersion into the hush of monastic life. More meditation than documentary, it's a rare, transformative theatrical experience for all.

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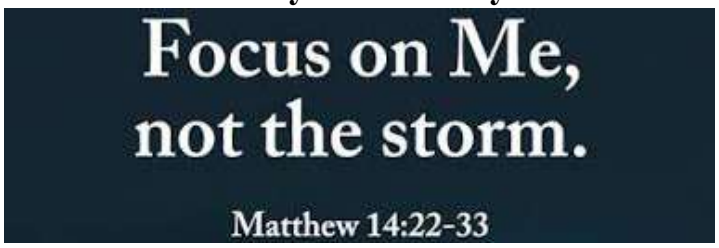

St. Mary of the Assumption

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

First Saturday of the Month
7:30-8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration/Reconciliation
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 10th, St Lawrence
Tuesday, August 11th, St Claire
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John O'Malley+)
Wednesday, August 12th, St Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday, August 13th, Sts Pontian & Hippolytus
8:00 p.m. – Rosary
8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dolors Brockett+)
Friday, August 14th, St Maximillian Kolbe
Saturday, August 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish)
6:30 p.m. – Feast Day Celebration
Sunday, August 16th, 20th Sunday in Ord Time
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Bernard, Marie, Ron & Norbert Ochs+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of August 2, 2026

Envelopes/online collection	$	2,410.00
Loose		239.00
Total	**$**	**2,649.00**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary's will celebrate our feast day on **August 15th, after a Saturday Mass at 5:30 pm**. Please join us for fellowship and a meal following the Mass in the parish center. All are welcome! Let us join together to celebrate our feast day!!

A sincere thanks to Rose Gangloff for preparing beautiful fresh flowers for our altar. Your time, care and generosity help make our church and altar a more beautiful place to worship and remind us to offer our very best to the Lord. We are grateful for your dedication and service to our parish. As always, fresh flowers look better than artificial ones and are a sign of love, care and reverence for the house of God.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 16, 2026
Ushers: Bob Barthelme, George Semple, Jake Semple
Servers: Elanor Roberts/Kennadi Ochs/ Max Ochs
Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Claire Lindemann
Gift Bearers: Ben & Nancy Ochs
E Ms: Tony & Janet Hartrich, Bridget Matson

Picnic Update

Join us for the 189th Annual St Mary's Church Picnic on Sunday, September 6th. Enjoy delicious food, games, raffles, live music by SOCO, Homewood Grill ice cream, and fun for the whole family!

Basket Stand is made possible entirely through donated baskets and items. We invite individuals, families, friends, or organizations to donate a gift basket or other item. Don't want to put one together on your own? Join forces with family or friends to create a basket together. Thank you for helping make our Basket Stand a success! Please contact Becca Ochs with any questions.

Cake Stand, pans and cake boxes are available in the church, we encourage each family to provide 2 cakes and also dessert of the dinner.

Dime Toss – Glasses can be dropped off at the parish office/ or call Kayla Kocher- 618-804-9318 for pick up.

50th Anniversary Open House

Please join Ron & Nancy Zwilling in celebrating their 50th wedding Anniversary at an open house Being held on Saturday, August 8th From 2-4pm; St Mary's Parish Center
Everyone is Welcome!