

where two or three are
gathered together...

I am there
Matthew 18:19-20

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5-6th, 2020

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10 am Sunday

5:30 pm Wednesday and 8:30 am Friday

Reconciliation: 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

4:30 pm -5:00 pm Wednesdays

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday

Reconciliation: 7:30-8 am Tuesday & Thursday

WELCOME

to the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton,
and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.
If you would like to become a member of either parish,
please call the particular parish office.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8	Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31	Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13	Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27	Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22	Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7	Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35



Please pray for the Sick, especially Norman Kocher and George Dalmeier, Rose Ann Kerner, those undergoing surgery, for police officers and military personnel, for our government, and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

If special need for prayers for someone this week, please call the parish office. Names of those listed for past months have been listed in the Book of Requests.

Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's

Parents are to return from baptismal preparation class (or obtain from parish office and fill out) the Baptismal information sheet, and the Godparent/Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office before scheduling a date for the baptism of infant. Call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule the date of baptism.

For **Anointing of the Sick** before surgery or in severe illness, or in danger of death for the **last rites and apostolic pardon**, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

Websites: Be sure to visit your parish's website for bulletins, ministry schedules, and much more!

Victim Assistance Contact Information:
Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased
Monday, Sept 7: Weekday; Labor Day
Office closed

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
11:00 am Mattoon Deanery Clergy (Sullivan, IL)
6:30 pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Preparation

Wednesday, Sept. 9: St. Peter Claver
2:00 pm The Chosen (Film Series: Episode 3)
3:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass (Int: George Kerner+)
6:30 pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Preparation

Thursday, Sept. 10: Weekday
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
7:00 pm St. Thomas Parish Council

Friday, Sept. 11: Weekday
8:30 am Mass (Int: Denise Hahn+)

Saturday, Sept. 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation
3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, Sept. 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)
10:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule Sept. 12-13th

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey; Karen Buerster
E.M.: Glenda Spiker & Wanda Kocher
Server: Allie Hermann
Musician: Tammy Page
Cantor: Ellen Einhorn

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Katie Shamhart; Jamie Shamhart
E.M.: Helen Weber & Paul Bierman
Server: Katie Bierman
Musician: John Johnson
Cantor: Lucy Bierman

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Renee Gier
E.M.: Matt Bower & Dee Bower
Server: Carson Brewer
Musician: Vicki Mullen
Cantor: JoBeth Geier

Congratulations: Confirmation and First Communion



Blake Bierman,
son of Paul & Nikki Bierman,
and brother of
Katie, Nathan, Kyle & Kody.
7:00 am Mass Sunday, August 23.

And

Nathan Beals,
son of Adam & Jessica Beals ,
and brother of
Audrey, and Emily
4:30 pm Mass Saturday August 29



The Next St. Thomas Pre-Baptismal Class

will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 am. Participants will meet in front of church under the awning. Thank you to Sheryl Brummer and Jamie Shamhart for coordinating these classes for all of our expectant parents!

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 29 th – 30 th Collection	
Envelopes	\$5,373.00
Loose	\$70.00
Subtotal	\$5,443.00
School Fund (4)	\$255.00
Building Fund(4)	\$160.00
Subtotal	\$415.00
Grand Total	\$5,858.00



Join us for St. Thomas' Cash Bingo.
Seating available for 50 players. The next bingo of the school year will be held on **Friday, Sept. 18th, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**

Don't miss out on the chance to win the Lightning round. **MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!!!** All Proceeds for St. Thomas School. -License # BL-52238

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 Picnic Update.

A group of KC parishioners have volunteered to provide a chicken dinner Sunday, October 11th in cooperation with the Annual Picnic. A pick-up/dive-thru opportunity for getting dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Newton, IL. People will be able to purchase raffle tickets at the Church before/after the Masses and at the dinner that day. The drawing will be held that afternoon. The raffle will be very similar to last year in that tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100 for a 1025R John Deere tractor with choice of tiller or mower OR \$10,000 cash. 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Jasper Country/Newton Police Department. The picnic committee appreciates your support and patience as they continue to work out the details for this year respecting health regulations concerning the Covid-19 virus.

Prayer/Support for Our Police Officers

Our parish is dedicated to supporting our police men and women and those who protect our community and county. The St. Thomas Parish Council unanimously recommended that 10% of all proceeds from the parish picnic raffle go to support our Newton and Jasper County police personnel. During the month of September, our St. Thomas School students will reflect on the virtue of courage and have chosen to honor our Police in our prayer at Mass.

THE CHOSEN,

a series about the greatest story ever told,
the Gospel of Jesus,
will be available for viewing

Episode 2 this week

(episode 4 was shown last Wednesday!)

**2:00 pm Wed. afternoons in St. Thomas Church,
and 9:00 am Tuesday at St. Mary's Church.**

Catholic Charities' 2020 Spaghetti Lunch sponsored

by Joe's Pizza & Pasta. The event will be held on Sunday, September 13, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Effingham Event Center. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children. If you would like to purchase 20+ tickets, they are \$7 each. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support.

DIRECTION: St. Anthony Catholic Bible Study: The 'Bible timeline-Old Testament' is 6:30-8:00 pm beginning Thursday, Sept. 10 at St. Anthony parish center. Call 217-347-7129 to order the workbook. \$40 covers all handouts & videos.

THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP.

This fall will be a great time of growth for our Diocese and Parishes as we bring to life the Synod and move towards a greater awareness and commitment of discipleship and stewardship in our Diocese among our parishioners. This fall we are transitioning from the Annual Catholic Services Appeal to Parish Tithing. The Synod asks all of us to consider the gift of tithing. With our parishes' tithing support, the Diocese will be able to provide resources for missions and other services which parishioners rely on including ministry support.

- The Parish Tithing Goal is 10%, which is a reduction from the previous ACSA calculation of 11.5%.

The Season of Stewardship will be developed in phases over the next three years. Stay tuned for future information.

Training for TRIBUNAL Advocates –

Are you interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates? The Tribunal has a great need for such in the Mattoon Deanery, especially in this area. Training will be held on October 1 and 3rd (First session pick either Thursday OR Saturday) and the second session on October 22, and 24th (pick either Thursday OR Saturday) at Christ the King Parish, 1920 Barberry Dr. Springfield, IL, from 10:00 AM- 2:30 PM. Both sessions are Thursday and Saturday. Training is free but Pre-Registration is necessary. Contact the Tribunal at 217-321-1119 to register prior to September 28. Note for more information: For more information about the Advocate Ministry, Ask Fr. Dean who is a Judge on the Tribunal 217-494-6326.

Memorial Service for Aborted Children

Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at gravesites and memorial sites dedicated to honor aborted babies for the 8th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, September 12. Prayer services at these sites will commemorate the more than 61 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join in the memorial service at the Teutopolis KC Memorial to the Unborn in front of the Seminary Towers on

Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM

and please honor social distancing among non-family. Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.

St. Mary's Parish News

Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann Richard Ochs Aaron Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann Bruce Boehl Fr. Dean Probst

Pastoral Council:

Becca Ochs, Chairman
2-year term: David Ochs, Lora Ochs, Lora Semple
3-years: Tim Keller, Angie Kocher, Maria Zumbahlen
Fr. Dean Probst, Maynard Kaufmann, Richard Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation:

St. Mary's: 7:30 am – 8:00 am Tuesday & Thursday
8 – 9 am Saturday: St Thomas Church
3:30 pm – 4 pm Saturday: St. Thomas

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of August 30,2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1630.00
Loose	35.00
Sub Total	1665.00
Haiti	50.00
Grand Total	\$ 1715.00

Ministers for September 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Ben Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen,
Norbert Ochs

Server: Ethan Griffith

Lector: Claire Griffith/Becca Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Frohning



PICNIC TO GO: The time is NOW!! We will be having our Ste. Marie Style Chicken Picnic-to-go!! On **September 5th**, from **4pm-7pm** you can drive thru the parking lot and take dinner home with you! The

Farm Bureau Ice Cream truck will also be here serving up their delicious ice cream!! Hope to see you there!

FARMERS MARKET: The Sainte Marie Farmers Market will be held each Saturday morning at the Picquet Park, from 8am-noon, with the last one being Saturday, October 10th. Come out and join us and support your local vendors who bring their goods to the market!

This Week in our Parish

Monday, September 7th, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. - Rosary
8:30 a.m.- No Mass – (Int: Leonard Ochs+)
9:00 a.m.- The Chosen (Episode 2) in Church
11:00 am – 2 pm Mattoon Deanery Clergy Mtg
(St. Columcille Church, Sullivan, Illinois)
6:30 pm Confirm/First Comm. Prep at St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 9th, St Peter Claver

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas Church
6:30 pm Confirm/First Comm. Prep at St. Thomas

Thursday, September 10th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass:(Int: Bill Schwartz+)

Friday, September 11th, Weekday

8:30 a.m. – Mass at St. Thomas Church.

Saturday, Sept. 12th, The Most Holy Name of Mary

4:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Church

Sunday, Sept. 13th, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

ATTENTION: St. Mary's PSR CLASSES:

This year **only** classes will be held at home with parent supervision and using the provided textbook. The student is responsible for reading the text and answering questions at the end of each lesson. These questions will be turned in at the end of the month (each month students will turn in 4 lessons). Parents or students can pick up their textbook on Sundays after Mass on September 13th, 20th or 27th. Thank you!

ANNIVERSARY WISHES: Jerome & Jeannette Kocher will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on September 14th, cards and well wishes maybe sent to them at their home.

Mr & Mrs Jerome Kocher
15624 E 850th Ave
Newton, IL 62448

What a wonderful testament of love and faith!
Happy Anniversary Jerome & Jeannette!!!

Mark Your Calendars.

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m.