

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12th-13th, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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St. Thomas Parish / School Staff:

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Dawn Meinhart

PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

RCIA Coordinator: Jan Schackmann

Scheduling/Celebration of Sacraments

Anointing of Sick: Administered upon request due to serious illness or injury, or prior to hospital visit. Anointing of the Sick also takes place during the Masses held in October and February.

Baptism: Infants/Toddlers: During Weekend Mass with Fr. Dean Probst. The Pre-Baptismal Instruction is required of parents. Baptism is the first sacrament and entrance to the church's other sacraments.

Baptism: Adults: At Easter Vigil following the Catechumenate.

Marriage: Scheduled only after initial meeting with the Pastor to assure conformity with Church.

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Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

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Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.

MASS SCHEDULE

	St. Thomas	St. Mary
Saturday:	5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 & 9:00 a.m.	
Tuesday *	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday		8:30 a.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.	
Holy Days	As scheduled in the bulletin.	

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Tuesdays *	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.

*except Third Tuesday of the Month

Or as scheduled by request.



As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Dear Parishioners:



The Christmas Season ends/Ordinary Time begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary (from Latin "ordinal" or counted) is the counted weeks of the Liturgical Year between the various seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves– at God's service in & through the Church."

At the recent St. Thomas pastoral council meeting kudos was expressed regarding the CYO for their diligent service regarding the liturgical environment, helping to take down and put away the Christmas decorations as well as their previous service in getting out and setting up the decorations. St. Thomas school is devoted to making good stewards of our students teaching them to be of service to the Church, the community and one another.

The youth of both parishes are also very involved with the liturgical ministries through choir, cantoring, serving, ushering, lectoring and as Eucharistic Ministers. We are grateful for their witness as servants in God's vineyard.

Thanks also to those who stayed after the 4:00 pm Mass last Saturday to help put away the Christmas decorations at St. Mary Church.

MARCH FOR LIFE

This week youth and adults will be traveling to Washington, D.C. for the Right to Life March on Friday. The Effingham Deanery group from the Diocese will be leaving from Sacred Heart Church in Effingham with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. I have been asked to bless the group with prayer upon their departure. Numerous students from our two parishes are taking part in this journey to give voice to the unborn for the protection of life. The Youth participating from our two parishes are: Will Ochs, Eli Weber, Kaitlyn Ochs, Elizabeth Volk, Madeline Hemrich, and Alexis Bell from St. Thomas parish and Miranda Ochs and Jenna Ochs from St. Mary's parish.

The Annual Right to Life Breakfast is this Sunday, January 13th at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium from 7 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Rolls & Homemade Breads, Drinks...Free Will Offering. Thanks for supporting our youth from the area parishes that are attending this year.

On Friday morning, St. Thomas School will have their own March for Life following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. You are welcome to come and join us as we symbolically join with those making the long distance march for life.



Recently Baptized into Christ's Death and Resurrection:

Letty Rae Scott. She was baptized on the feast of Epiphany, January 6. She is the daughter of Trevor and Keeley (Kerner) Scott.

Denisse Ochs hired to be the St. Mary's Parish Office Manager. With the recommendation of the St. Mary's Pastoral Council, Denisse had agreed to the position, staying on from the temporary one. I am grateful to her for her willingness to continue her service to the parish of St. Mary following the unfortunate illness forcing the retirement of long-time Office Manager, Judy Wagner. I am grateful for her almost 10 years of doing everything for the parish. We continue to offer our prayers for Judy's health improvement.

This week I will be attending various meetings at the Diocesan Chancery Office in Springfield, IL. These include a meeting of the Vicars Forane (the Deans of each of the 7 geographical Deaneries in the Diocese) with the Bishop; the Presbyteral Council, and the Tribunal. I am grateful that the Meetings get bunched together so that trips to Springfield are held to a minimum.

ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Those we remember in our prayers:



The Parish Book of Requests, Residents in Health Care Facilities, Coletta Ochs, Judy Wagner, Beth Lawler and Family, Marilyn (Dhom) Zumbahlen, and Theresa Leohr.

The Pre-Baptismal class at St. Thomas will now be held every other month on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass). **The next class will be held Sunday, March 3.** The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless already attended one within past 3 years.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6	Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12	Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18	Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14	Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5,11	Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16	Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5	Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

St. Thomas Parish News

Disciples' Stewardship

Collection January 5-6, 2019

Envelopes (191)	\$7,898.00
Loose	\$348.00
Subtotal	\$8,246.00
School Fund (18)	\$560.00
Solemnity of Mary(7)	\$80.00
Latin America (1)	\$5.00
Catholic Times (5)	\$70.00
First Offering(19)	\$146.00
Subtotal	\$861.00
Grand Total	\$9,107.00

“Step Forward in Faith Together” Campaign

Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014)	\$1,184,064.58
Grand Total Pledges Collected	\$3,422,274.88
Balance to be Paid	\$90,422.56



Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

Lectors:

5:30 p.m. Karen Buerster
7:30 a.m. S. Hemrich/M. Hemrich
9:00 a.m. Brian Bierman

Gift Bearers:

Randy Woodard
 Gary Johnson
 David May

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Lora Phillips, Madison Phillips, Marilyn Schafer, Mary Lynn Carroll, Chuck Einhorn, Gerald Ochs
7:30 a.m. Paul Bierman, Mary Frichtl, Pete Pasero, Louis Ochs, Allison Weber, Brenda Phillips
9:00 a.m. Jason Bierman, Nikki Earnest, Gery Ochs, Linda Mertens, Seth Weber, Matt Bower

Musicians/Cantors:

5:30 p.m. Guitars
7:30 a.m. Patsy Leffler/Katie Shamhart
9:00 a.m. Patsy Leffler/Jeff Finley

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Cole Phillips
 Alex Ochs
7:30 a.m. Katie Shamhart
 Allison Brummer
9:00 a.m. Gabby Meinhart
 Emma Rauch

Ushers:

Brad Ochs
 Nick/Randy Hemrich
 Maurice Ochs

This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

Monday, Jan. 14, Weekday

6:15 p.m. boys basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 15, Weekday

Fr. Dean – Deans' Mtg, Presbyteral Council & Tribunal

5:00 p.m. Rosary

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. volleyball, here w/5th grade afterwards

Wednesday, Jan. 16, Weekday

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

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

6:15 p.m. Boys basketball – 8th grade night

6:30 p.m. CYO/PSR

6:30 p.m. RCIA at Rectory

Thursday, Jan. 17, St. Anthony

3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Stang Arts

5:00 p.m. volleyball, here, with 5th grade at 4:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18, Weekday

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* Dorothy Woods+)

9:15 a.m. St. Thomas School March for Life

10:30 a.m. Villas of Holly Brook Mass

4:00 p.m. volleyball, here

7:00 p.m. Bingo – Lightning -\$3,500.00

7:00 p.m. Effingham Area Decolores Mass

Saturday, Jan. 19, Weekday

9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Volleyball Invitational

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.*: Mary Ann Kocher+)

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: For the Parish+)

9:00 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: Eric Fehrenbacher+)

10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)

10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)

Finance Council Midyear Fiscal Report.



The Finance Council is encouraged by the increased attendance at all the masses. Along with that, the weekly church support has continued to increase. Please keep up the good work. Also, a St. Thomas School Tuition Fund has been established and donations to that fund can be made at any time to assist families with a financial need. Next, the balance of the Church Building loan is now at \$90,422.56. In the past year tremendous strides have been made to pay this loan in full. Our goal is to make this our final year. Thank you to all of you for even making this possible. Our parish is demonstrating stewardship at its finest.

St. Thomas Parish & School News

St. Thomas' Annual Wine Tasting – You're Invited!

This event featuring wines from around the world will be held on **Saturday, January 26** at 6:30 p.m. at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. **Your \$10.00 minimum per adult donation will go towards the new church capital campaign.** Sparkling grape juice will be available for children and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Sponsored by Donnewald Distributing Co., Knights of Columbus and Friends of St. Thomas.

PEW AND PARKING SPOT TRIVIA NIGHT

RAFFLE: We will be raffling off a reserved pew and parking spot for the Easter 2019 and Christmas 2019 mass of your choice at the St. Thomas Trivia Night on Feb. 2nd. Tickets will be sold the evening of the Trivia Night which means **YOU NEED TO BE ON A TEAM OR WORKING THAT EVENING** to win! Tickets will be \$1 each. The winner will be able to choose their parking spot at whichever mass they attend. A front pew will be reserved as well. Sign up to play FUN trivia by calling the school office, 783-3517.

The Booster Club would like to ask for volunteers to co-chair the cinnamon/hot roll baking for the Soup Supper. They are also looking for volunteers to chair the dining room committee next year. Parishioners are welcomed to help in these roles. It's nice to shadow the current chairpersons to help with the transition the following year. Thanks for considering how you can help!

Congratulations! Charlie & Jan Schackmann are celebrating 50 Years of Marriage! Their children are holding an open house on Sunday, January 27 from 1-3PM in the St. Thomas Parish Center to celebrate this milestone. Stop by and give them your blessing!

Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot – Feb. 3rd. Please note that the Hoop Shoot has been moved from January 20th to February 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas Parish Center. For girls and boys ages 9-14 years old. Winners advance to district contest. Good luck and see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Letty Scott**, daughter of Trevor and Keely(Kerner), who was recently baptized at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome them into our parish families.

Way to Go SAINTS!

Congratulations to the 52 students at St. Thomas School that made "A" or "B" Honor Roll this past Quarter. The students (and parents) can tell you that this is no easy task. Keep up the great work and hope to see all of you and a few more on the list next Quarter 😊

St. Thomas School **TRIVIA NIGHT** AND LIVE AUCTION

When?

Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Trivia begins at 7:30 p.m.

What?

FUN trivia questions!
Silent auction and games including dead or alive, heads and tails, and MORE!

Where?

St. Thomas Parish Center
306 W. Jourdan St.
Newton, IL

Who CAN Come?

Everyone over the age of 21! Cost for a team of 8 is \$140.00 before 1/22/19 (\$160 after)

Pulled pork + chips available for free will donation.
Drinks + other concessions available for purchase.

Call Dawn Meinhart at 618-783-3517 to sign up your team!

Register Early and save!

PosterMyWall.com

DO YOU HAVE ANY?

- Unopened bottles of wine... Please drop off at school or church offices for the wine pull at the trivia night.
- 1/2 gallon and 1-gallon containers with lids...the soup supper committee would appreciate the donation of these items for Soup Supper on Feb. 24th.
- 5-gallon containers with lids are also needed for the soup supper.

2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2018 Goal = \$47,581.00

Pledged: \$14,735.00 Paid: \$13,115.00

Rest in Peace. As a parish family let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathy Steber**, Russell Brewer's sister. May she be in the loving arms of our Savior!

The St. Thomas Angels would like to thank the school staff and students for their donation of \$618 from the Christmas wreath raffle. Their generosity will allow the Angels to continue their outreach to parishioners and community members. May God bless you all in this New Year.

St. Mary's Parish News

Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann Judy Wagner Richard Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann Bruce Boehl Fr. Dean Probst

Pastoral Council: Eileen Ochs, Chairman

Becca Ochs Richard Ochs Elaine Zwilling
Katie Farley David Ochs Lora Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)
8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 3:15 p.m. Saturday or by request

Ministries for Next Week 4:00 p.m. January 19th, 2019

Ushers: George Kirts, Norbert Ochs, Elmer Ochs

Servers: Owen Ochs, Emma Kocher

Lector: 7th & 8th Grade

Gift Bearers: 7th & 8th Grade

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Boehl, Richard Ochs,
Nancy Zwilling

Annual Catholic Service Appeal Update:

Goal	\$ 17,599.00
Pledged	\$ 4,379.00
Paid	\$ 4,079.00
Balance	\$ 13,520.00

Please consider contributing to the annual ASCA appeal. If you have already contributed, Thank You for your donation.



THANK YOU: The Family Life Committee would like to thank all who supported the January monthly raffle. Thanks to Nancy Ochs for providing the prize, and congratulations to Florence Kocher who was the winner.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 14th, Weekday

Tuesday, January 15^h, Weekday

Fr. Dean in Spgfld for 3 different Diocesan meetings.
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

Wednesday, January 16th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, January 17th, St Anthony

8:00 a.m.- Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Hartrich+)

Friday, January 18th, Weekday

10:30 a.m. – Mass at Villas of Holly Brook

Saturday, January 19th, Weekday

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Freda Swisher+)

Sunday, January 20th, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of January 5, 2019

Envelopes (34)	\$ 1,100.00
Loose:	\$ 245.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,345.00

Solemnity of Mary (3)	\$ 115.00
Catholic Times (1)	\$ 16.00
1 st Offering (10)	\$ 50.00
Grand Total	\$ 1,526.00



PRE-CANA: The next Pre-Cana class is March 16, 2019 at St Mary of the Assumption Church. We have a limited number of couples, so an early registration is recommended. For more information please contact the St Mary's Parish office at 618-455-3155.

SAINTE MARIES AMERICAN LEGION POST

#932: We will be starting up our walking tacos again on Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 4-7 PM. Cost will be \$6.00, children 5 and under are free. Please come out support your local American Legion!!

AREA & DIOCESAN NEWS



St. Thomas Parish is hosting the Effingham Area Decolores Community Mass on Friday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Just a reminder...our parking lot will be very busy that evening due to a

volleyball game and bingo taking place that night as well. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass in the gathering space.

BIBLE STUDY: Fr Bill Rowe will continue his Bible study sessions on Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 PM. The subject of the first session of this liturgical year Cycle C will be the Evangelist Luke. Many of the Gospel reading in Mass for this year will be from Luke's writings. Who was Luke, when did he write his Gospel, to what community did he address his writings and for what purpose and the lessons for our modern mixed up world of today do they contain? Another informative and enlightening session coming up, all welcome, bring a guest and /or a fellow parishioner.

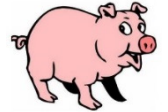
MASS FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: Will be held at St Francis Church, Teutopolis on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7 p.m. with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. January 22nd is a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and in penance for acts of abortion. All are welcome to attend on this 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please also offer prayers and sacrifices throughout the day.

AARP to Offer Free Tax Assistance at St. Thomas Parish Center. After providing tax services in Effingham for three years, AARP's Tax Aide Program will now provide services at the St. Thomas Parish Center on Mondays from 8:45-3:45 beginning February 11. **There is no charge for this service, but an appointment is required.** For more information see: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents. **Please call the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618/783-8741 for a required appointment.** We appreciate St. Thomas allowing us to use their facility. All low to moderate income taxpayers are welcome – particularly senior citizens! For more information about AARP's Tax Aide Program, contact Wayne Savageau at 783-8170 or at wesavageau@gmail.com. A flyer that includes more information is on display in the case at the main entrance of church.

Newton Knights of Columbus **4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY #1554** **ANNUAL RAFFLE**

- **1st Prize - Smokin Brothers Grill & ¼ Cow**
The Smokin Brothers "20" Little Brother BBQ Grill is ready to travel, take it anywhere easily on the go camping and tailgate. It is the perfect size for any family that wants to start mastering backyard cooking techniques. It allows you to smoke, bake, grill and sear with the heavy duty porcelain grids. The Smokin Brothers Digital dial control features a cool down cycle when finished grilling. Weight 100 lbs. with 370 sq. inches cooking surface.
Retail: \$799.00

- **2nd Prize - ½ Hog**



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$5 per Ticket or 5 Tickets for \$20

Drawing Held: (Need NOT Be Present to Win)
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Merchant Stag Night
Knights of Columbus Hall

Grill Donated and Meat Processed
Courtesy of Hartrich Meats
Ste. Marie, IL ♦ 618-455-3172
Additional Door Prizes on Drawing Night!

Holy Cross Church of Wendelin's Blood Drive. The Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. It will be held in the Parish Center at Holy Cross Church of Wendelin.

A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held at St. Isidore Parish, St. Aloysius Hall on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to attend a workshop close to home. Please call 217-925-5788 to register.

Catholic Charities Presents - Deutsches Fest

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Place: Teutopolis Banquet Hall

Order of the evening:

- 5:30 PM Cocktail Social
- 6:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM Program, Vineyard Award Presentation, & Raffle
- 8:30 -11:00 Dance

Single Ticket Price: \$45.00

CALL CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR TICKETS!!!

Credit card donations accepted.

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