

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19th-20th, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst
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.



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Parish Staff:

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller
Office Manager: Denisse Ochs
PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner
Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.

MASS SCHEDULE

| | St. Thomas | St. Mary |
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| 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

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| 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.

Bulletin Sponsor:



March for Life 2019



Dear Parishioners:



MARRIAGE is the description of God's relationship to his people. Isaiah, as did many of the prophets, spoke frequently of Jerusalem as a person, specifically, a woman which the builder and creator (God) shall marry. Isaiah was speaking about the city of Jerusalem, but more importantly the people of that city and all believers, suggesting the intimate relationship between God and his faithful. It is a bond like that of human marriage that is more than a creator/creature relationship. Marriage, which Jesus sanctified by working his first miracle at the wedding in Cana, is to reflect the everlasting bond of fidelity and love between God and his people.

A **Pre-Cana** is the formal process of instructions for those preparing for marriage. We host a Pre-Cana, directed by Joe & Mary Jane Bierman, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Ste. Marie, IL. This year it is on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Call the parish office 618-455-3155 to register for it.

The subject of marriage calls us to reflect upon the laws of the Church regarding marriage. By God's design, marriage is between a man and a woman, ordered to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. It is an exclusive consortium (partnership) of life bonded until death of one of the spouses.

A Catholic is to be married by a priest (or deacon) before two official witnesses (generally designated as the maid or matron of honor and the best man). This is known as the Form of Marriage. Permission is granted to allow for mixed religion marriage and a dispensation of form of marriage may be granted to allow for the wedding to take place in the church of the non-Catholic spouse and officiated by the clergy of that community of faith. Note: The preparation for the permission and/or dispensations and instruction for marriage is still done through the Catholic parish of the Catholic party.

When the marriage is properly celebrated between two baptized persons, it is known as a sacramental marriage. A sacramental marriage can be ended only by death of a spouse or a declaration of nullity by the church. A degree of nullity is a Church Tribunal establishing the fact that something was missing in the marriage that prevented it from truly be a marriage as intended by God and the Church. A marriage between a baptized person and a non-baptized person that ends in divorce can be dissolved by the Petrine Privilege of the Faith in which the baptized person is granted the privilege of entering into a sacramental marriage.



Welcome into the Church through baptism:

Jacob Anthony Holland.

He is the third son of Dan and Lisa (Smithenry) Holland. Jacob's two rothers, Henry and Brody, helped introduce him to the Church. His Godparents are Brian Brummer and Lori Porter.

MARCH FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS:

The Youth participating from our two parishes were: 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. Thanks to your witness to the protection of life.

ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

CONFIRMATION/FIRST RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (restored order of sacraments):

Bishop Paprocki will be here April 24 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation primarily for those in the 3rd thru 5th grades, and those older who have not yet been confirmed in faith. The date for the restored order of the sacraments of initiation to be realized in our parishes will be 2:00 p.m. December 8, 2019. Those who are presently in the second grade will be Confirmed and receive their Holy Communion for the first time at that Mass. Bishop Paprocki will be here to officiate.

Those we remember in our prayers:

Residents in Health Care Facilities, Coletta Ochs, Judy Wagner, Beth Lawler Family, Marilyn (Dhom) Zumbahlen, Betty Ochs, Theresa Leohr, Fr. Jerry Bunse, Fr. Ken Rosweg, OFM. and those in Book of Intentions.



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 parents previously attended session in recent years.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

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| Monday: | Heb 5:1-10 | Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | Heb 6:10-20 | Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wednesday: | Heb 7:1-3,15-17 | Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thursday: | Heb 7:25-8:6 | Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday: | Acts 22:3-16 | Mk 16:15-18 |
| Saturday: | Tm 1:1-8 | Mk 3:20-21 |
| Sunday: | Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 | Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21 |

St. Thomas Parish News

Disciples' Stewardship

Collection January 5-6, 2019

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| Envelopes (191) | \$5,755.00 |
| Loose | \$491.28 |
| Subtotal | \$6,246.28 |
| School Fund (3) | \$60.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary(2) | \$50.00 |
| Catholic Times (57) | \$908.00 |
| First Offering(13) | \$87.00 |
| Subtotal | \$1,105.00 |
| Grand Total | \$7,351.28 |

"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign

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| Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014) | \$1,184,852.58 |
| Grand Total Pledges Collected | \$3,423,062.88 |
| Balance to be Paid | \$90,422.56 |



Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

Lectors:

5:30 p.m. Mike Hartrich
7:30 a.m. Rita Kocher
9:00 a.m. Ginger Robins

Gift Bearers:

Tom Stark Family
 Mark/Janet Vahling
 Scott Cummins

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. Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn
7:30 a.m. Vicki Mullen/Lily Bierman
9:00 a.m. Vicki Mullen/Elley Bennett

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Austin Moore
 Carson Barthelme
7:30 a.m. Thomas Frichtl
 Gus Bierman
9:00 a.m. Sam Volk
 Luke Weber

Ushers:

Brad Ochs
 Nick/Randy Hemrich
 Maurice Ochs

This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

Monday, Jan. 21, St. Agnes

No School
 6:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Mtg at KC Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:00 p.m. RCIA - Youth
 5:00 p.m. Rosary & Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.* For the Protection of the Unborn)
 6:30 p.m. volleyball @ Albion /5th – 6th grade game at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* For the Parish+)
 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Booster Club
 6:30 p.m. CYO/PSR
 6:30 p.m. RCIA at Rectory

Thursday, Jan. 24, St. Francis de Sales

Friday, Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* Maxine Hartrich+)

Saturday, Jan. 26, St. Timothy; St. Titus

9:00 a.m. 7th Grade Volleyball Invitational
 6th Grade basketball tournament
 5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.*: Rosalie Miller/Dennis Miller+)
 6:30 p.m. Wine Tasting

Sunday, Jan. 27, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: Don, Lee & Helena Long+)
 9:00 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: Eufala Bigard+)
 10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)
 10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)
 Catholic School's Week – Next week ☺

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 **Jacob Holland**, son of Daniel and Lisa (Smithenry), who was recently baptized at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome him into our parish families.

CYO Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip

Lasagna Fundraiser is here... please see this weekend's insert for details! Thank you so much for supporting our youth and their many efforts!

St. Thomas Soup Supper

February 24, 2019

Starting at 10:00 am and finishing up at 6:00 pm with the raffle being held at 5:00 p.m. This is the biggest fundraiser the Booster Club has. Without this event, we would not be able to provide many of the "extras" that the students at St. Thomas receive.

We are asking parish members to donate the following, **2 pies, adult or kid themed basket, baked goods, and items for prizes and the Instant Winner Stand (see basket in gathering space).** Anyone that has **ice cream containers** with lids and quart sized disposable dishes with lids can drop them off at the Parish center anytime. If anyone wishes to give a **monetary donation** please place in an envelope marked "soup donation" and return to the school office.

Parish members are also welcome to sign up to work a shift. All help with this fundraiser that benefits both the school and the parish is greatly appreciated. Contact the school at 783-3517 to see what shifts are still available! Thank you in advance for all of your donations and time!

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

St. Thomas 2019 Contribution Statements are now available in the gathering space. If you would like a copy of your statement, and it is not in the box, just contact the parish office at 783-8741. Linda will be glad to print one off for you. Due to some technical difficulties with the e-mail we will not be sending out statements via e-mail this year. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thanks again for your generosity in 2018!

NOTICE

Request For Quotes:

The Mt. Calvary Cemetery (Newton) is interested in receiving quotes for mowing and trimming in 2019. Please contact Mark Bolander for details 618-562-3406.

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
Maynard Kaufmann

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 26th, 2019

Ushers: George Kirts, Norbert Ochs, Elmer Ochs

Servers: Alex Kaufmann, Kelby Ochs

Lector: 4th & 5th Grade

Gift Bearers: 4th & 5th Grade

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Kaufmann, Ben Ochs,
Maria Zumbahlen

FEBRUARY MINISTERS: The schedule of ministries is available at the entrances to the church. If unable to fulfill designated time, please contact a substitute. Please pick up a copy also of duties regarding particular ministry of Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister.

MASS SERVERS: All servers, including anyone who would like to become a Mass server, are asked to attend an instruction session at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday.

IT'S BINGO TIME!!! Join the Family Life Committee for a fun evening of food and bingo. Join us after Mass on Saturday, February 23 at 5pm at the parish center. We'll be selling pulled pork nachos, nachos and cheese, pulled pork sandwiches and desserts. Bingo will be played from 6-8pm, there will be free popcorn during bingo. You're welcome to come for part or all of the evening. Cash bingo will be played like it is at our picnic. More details to come later.



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.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 21st, St Agnes

Tuesday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Catherine Kocher+)

Wednesday, January 23rd, St Vincent

6:15 p.m. – All Servers instructions mtg.

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, January 24th, St Francis De Sales

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: I.D. Kocher+)

Friday, January 25th, Conversion of St Paul

Saturday, January 26th, St Timothy

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Orville Schmidt+)

Sunday, January 27th, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of January 12, 2019

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| Envelopes (25) | \$ 775.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 184.00 |
| Sub Total | \$ 959.00 |

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| Solemnity of Mary (1) | \$ 5.00 |
| Catholic Times (16) | \$ 264.00 |
| 1 st Offering (5) | \$ 25.00 |
| Haiti (1) | \$ 5.00 |
| Christmas (1) | \$ 50.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ 1308.00 |

Thanks for your generosity.

YOUTH GROUP LASAGNA DINNER will be held on February 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The menu includes Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drink. Adults are \$8.00 and children 3-11 are \$4.00. Carry out dinners are available too. Youth group members will be at the back of church the next three weekends (Jan 26, Feb 2, and Feb 9) to sell tickets, or they may be purchased by call Sarah Boehl at (618) 562-8745. Come out and support the youth of our parish. Hope to see you there!!

ST MARY'S ANNUAL BRUNCH: The Brunch is scheduled for Sunday March 3rd. Items we need donated are 2 hogs, money for ham, biscuit mix, milk, coffee, tea and fruit (fresh, frozen, canned), orange juice, cinnamon rolls, and sweet breads. If you would like to donate a hog, or money to purchase a hog, please call the parish office 455-3155, or anyone of the committee members Kate Kaufmann (618) 843-2358, Amy Frohning (618) 554-0324, Martha Kirts (618) 562-6278 and Angie Kocher (618) 843-2643. Look for update in future bulletins.

AREA & DIOCESAN NEWS

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 January 22nd at St. Thomas Church at 5:30 pm with Rosary at 5:00 pm and at St Francis Church, Teutopolis at 7 pm with Rosary at 6:30 pm. 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.

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

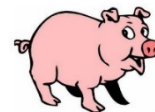
Single Ticket Price: \$45.00 **Credit card accepted.**

CALL CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR TICKETS!!!

217-857-1458; www.cc.dio.org

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.

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.