

**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
January 26th-27th, 2019

**St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church**

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller
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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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**St. Mary of the Assumption
Catholic Church**

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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
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.		

“Life is a game, play it... Life is too precious,
do not destroy it.” *Mother Theresa*



Dear Parishioners:

We are honored to have and support our St. Thomas Catholic School as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It culminates with our Bishop Thomas John Paprocki offering Holy Mass for our Effingham Deanery Catholic Schools on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony High School Gymnasium in Effingham, IL. Our St. Thomas Catholic School's students, faculty and administration will join with the other Catholic Schools in the Deanery, namely: Grade Schools of St. Michael, Sigel; St. Anthony and Sacred Heart, Effingham, and St. Anthony High School. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass. Wear our School colors of Blue and White to show your support for St. Thomas!

Note: As I will be concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Paprocki, along with the other priests of parishes with Catholic Schools, there will be a Communion Service at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Church.

I give thanks to God for the leadership and guidance of our wonderful principal, Jill Bierman. Her dedication and determination in direction of a quality education with moral character is outstanding. Thanks to her secretary Dawn Meinhart for keeping everything flowing. Thanks to our excellent teachers and aides who instill a thirst for knowledge and fruitful service for our students. Thanks to the parents who provide this quality education and moral guidance for their children along with the parish in support of our school. The students are very dear to my heart and I take great delight in being with them.

Note: Catholic Times apologizes for its omission of St. Thomas Catholic School article in the recent magazine last week. The article by Jill Bierman will be published in its next publication.

FEAST of ST. BLAISE, February 3.

Traditionally, the Blessing of Throats is celebrated on that day. St. Blaise is noted for his intercession for those who have an ailment of the throat or body as on his way to martyrdom, a woman begged his intercession for her child who had a bone lodged in his throat. His prayer provided healing and continued life for the child. The blessings of throats will be available at the end of the weekend Masses February 2nd and 3rd.

Welcome into the Church through baptism:



Leo Michael Bolander.

Leo is the son of Lucas and Leah (Carter) Bolander and Lydia's younger brother. He was baptized Saturday, January 19, 2019.

Godparents are: Mallory Bolander and Michael Higgins.

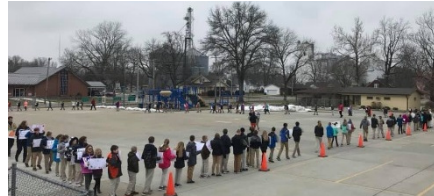
March for Life

Pictured are the representatives from our parishes who



participated in the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C., on January 18, 2019:

Alexis Bell, Will Ochs, Eli Weber, Kaitlyn Ochs, Elizabeth Volk, and Madeline Hemrich,



from St. Thomas parish and Lisa Ochs, Miranda Ochs and Jenna Ochs from St. Mary's parish.

Thanks to your witness to the protection of life. Pictured also is the St.

Thomas School March for Life on that day.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Saints 7th Grade Basketball Team, Champions of the recent Sigel Regional. Give glory to God by playing your best on and off the court. They play Wednesday in the Stewardson-Strasburg Sectional.



ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Those we remember in our prayers:



Residents in Health Care Facilities, Coletta Ochs, Judy Wagner, Beth Lawler Family, Marilyn (Dhom) Zumbahlen, Betty (Don) Ochs, Theresa Leohr, Fr. Jerry Bunse, Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM. and those in our Parishes' 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:

Monday:	Heb 9:15,24-28	Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18	Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4	Heb 2:14-18
		Lk 2:22-40
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5,17-19	Cor 12:31-13:13
		Lk 4:21-30

St. Thomas Parish News

Disciples' Stewardship

Collection January 19-20, 2019

Envelopes (191)	\$4,330.00
Loose	\$303.00
Subtotal	\$4,633.00
School Fund (1)	\$25.00
Catholic Times (12)	\$192.00
Subtotal	\$217.00
Grand Total	\$4,850.00

"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign

Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014)	\$1,185,002.58
Grand Total Pledges Collected	\$3,423,212.88
Balance to be Paid	\$90,422.56



Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

Lectors:

5:30 p.m. Marilyn Schafer
7:30 a.m. Danny Kerner
9:00 a.m. Kevin Parker

Gift Bearers:

Ron & Patti Ochs
Mark Vahling
Charles Schackmann

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Mark Bolander, Kaitlyn Ochs, Kimberly Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher, Denisse Ochs
7:30 a.m. Caroline Matson, Erica Johnson, Dena Rauch, Mark Vahling, Janet Vahling, Norma Woods
9:00 a.m. John Bower, Ginger Robins, Charlie & Jan Schackmann, Amanda Baltzell, Marge Horton

Musicians/Cantors:

5:30 p.m. Nichole Mulvey/Kaitlyn Ochs/Elise Wright
7:30 a.m. Guitars
9:00 a.m. Patsy Leffler/Anne Kuhl

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Drew Buerster
Blake Zumbahlen
7:30 a.m. Weston Bierman
Adam Weber
9:00 a.m. Alex Gier
Dylan Gier

Ushers:

Steve Rubsam
Ben/Chris Bierman
Jacob Jahraus

This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas

Pajama Day (LEARN)
4:30 p.m. Volleyball at Oblong

Tuesday, Jan. 29, Weekday

Wacky Day (LEAD)
4:00 p.m. RCIA - Youth
5:00 p.m. Rosary & Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.* Rose Dewhirst)
6:30 p.m. volleyball @ Albion /
5th – 6th grade game at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Effingham Deanery Mass @ St. Anthony
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. CYO/PSR

Thursday, Jan. 31, St. John Bosco

Spirit Day (SERVE)
6:00 p.m. Volleyball, here with "C" game at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1, Weekday

"Succeeded" display in church (SUCCEED)
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* For the Parish+)

Saturday, Feb. 2, Presentation of the Lord

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.*: George & Catherine Kistner+)
7:30 p.m. Trivia Night (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Feb. 3, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

St. Blaise

7:30 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: Denise Hahn+)
9:00 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: For the Parish+)
10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)
10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)

CATHOLIC HEART

SUMMER WORK CAMP:

In June, 16 high school students from St. Mary's and St. Thomas parishes will be attending a Catholic Heart Work Camp in Milwaukee, WI. To help raise



funds for the registration fee and transportation costs, these teens will be taking orders for the next two weekends for homemade lasagnas. Lasagnas will be available in two sizes, small and large. These lasagnas will be frozen and available for pick up on Wednesday, Feb. 20 during CYO or after Masses the weekend of Feb. 23 and Feb. 24. Order forms available in both parish offices.

St. Thomas Parish & School News

The Newton Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that helped promote and supported one of their most successful raffles to date. Congratulations to the winners:

- ❖ 1st Prize - Matt Parker
- ❖ 2nd prize - Matt Martin

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!

2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2018 Goal = \$47,581.00

Pledged: \$15,890.00 Paid: \$14,325.00

CONGRATULATIONS to **Leo Bolander**, son of Lucas and Leah, who was recently baptized at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome him into our parish families.

St. Thomas Soup Supper **February 24, 2019**



Starting at 10:00 am and finishing up at 5:00 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?

- 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.

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 Denisse Ochs 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. February 2nd, 2019

Ushers: Gerald Ochs, Richard Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen

Servers: Ethan Griffith, Brianna Zwilling

Lector: Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Gordon & Judy Millsap

Eucharistic Ministers: Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann,
Veronica Griffith

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice will be on Monday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm. The Choir will be singing on Saturday, February 2nd. Come help us to worship and give praise thru song. All are welcome!!



This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 28th, St Thomas Aquinas

6:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 29th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Mary (Geltz) Berry+)

Wednesday, January 30th, Weekday

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, January 31st, St John Bosco

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mildred & Mary Hoecherl+)

6:30 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting

Friday, February 1st, Weekday

Saturday, February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Hoover, Betty & Kathy Ochs+)

Uebinger Baptism

Sunday, February 3rd, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Blaise

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of January 19 ,2019

Envelopes (26)	\$	655.00
Loose:	\$	140.00
Sub Total	\$	795.00
Haiti (6)	\$	125.00
Grand Total	\$	920.00



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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2018 contribution statements are available on the table in the back of church. If your statement is not in the box and you would like a copy, please contact Denisse at the office. Thanks for your generous donations!

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 6-8 pm, 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.

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.

AREA & DIOCESAN NEWS

Effingham Deanery and Spirited Discussions would like to invite you to join them for *Embracing Authentic Love: Humanae Vitae Explained!*

This event is for any adults: married, single, young, and old in the Effingham Deanery Area.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH – 7:00-8:30 PM

Humanae Vitae: Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God - Joe Gehret

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH – 7:00-8:30 PM

The Struggle is Real: Embracing the Truth Behind the Church's Teachings - Patty Schneier

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH – 7:00-8:30 PM

A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro (Natural Procreative) Technology - Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD

Join us for this three-day speaker series from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Anthony Parish Center in Effingham, to learn about these beautiful but challenging teachings of Humanae Vitae. Come to any or all of these talks, we hope to see you there!

Spirited Discussions is a once a month event for all young adults in the Effingham area to connect with other Catholic young adults on issues of life and faith. If you would like to know when other Spirited Discussions events are happening, join the Effingham Area Catholic Young Adults Facebook group!

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.

DECLORES SPRING WEEKENDS:

Say YES to a 3- day beautiful experience, at Camp Walter Scott. Share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please Call Mary Sur at 217-342-2003.

- The Men's Weekend, March 21st -24th. Lay leader: Brian Koester: contact at 217-821-4716 or goodwithhands67@yahoo.com
- The Women's Weekend, March 28th – 31st Lay leader: Betty Zumbahlen 217-844-3328 or bettyzumbahlen@gmail.com

BEND COMMUNITY CLUB: Valentine Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 8:00a.m – 12:00 p.m. at St Valentine Hall in the Bend. The menu will be Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Biscuits & Gravy, Breakfast Potato Casserole, Fruit, Breakfast Breads/Sweets and Drink. Adults: \$7.00 and Children 3-10 \$3.50. Carryout Available.

CHILI SUPPER: Come to the Grove Township Community Center on Saturday, February 2, from 4:30 PM to 7PM and enjoy a bowl of chili and/or a hotdog and dessert. FREE WILL DONATION. The Grove Township Community Center is teaming up with the Lincoln's Place Project to help them raise money for the playground equipment to be placed at Peterson Park. If you would like to help contact 217-683-2688; e-mail grovetownshipcommunitycenter@gmail.com or via the center's facebook page.

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.

AARP to Offer Free Tax Assistance at St. Thomas Parish Center. Please call the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618/783-8741 for a required appointment. 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.

2020 Census Jobs available. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. \$14.00/hr. Must be 18 years old. 2020 Census jobs provide:

Great pay, Flexible hours, Weekly pay & Paid training
For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020.