

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

February 2nd-3rd, 2019

**St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church**

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst
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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 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.**



Dear Parishioners:

The fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time has Jesus challenging and provoking the people of Nazareth by referring to prophets rejected by Israel. Then Jesus is rejected and unable to perform any miracles there due to their lack of faith. Yet the rejected one becomes the foundation of God's mercy through his death on the cross and resurrection. You and I are challenged to accept the Gospel and share the mercy and love of God with others, especially those we or others have rejected.

February 2 is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**, the fourth joyful mystery of the Rosary. Formerly known as Candlemas Day as the candles used in the liturgy throughout the year were blessed on this day. Jesus is the Light of the World who enlightens us to see the merciful love of our God, even to the outcasts and sinners. The candles blessed will also be used for the optional memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.

FEAST of ST. BLAISE, February 3.

Traditionally, the Blessing of Throats is celebrated on this 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.

The World Day of Prayer for the Sick (the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) is February 11. A special Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 8:30 am on that Monday at St. Thomas Church. The anointing of the sick is for anyone in need of spiritual, physical, mental or emotional healing.

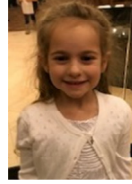
Mass Intentions: Please note in order to accommodate Masses being offered for various people, only 4 Masses will be scheduled during the year for a particular person or persons. The extra Masses will be moved to the nearest weekday that is available.

The Family of May Einhorn would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped and supported us during this difficult time. A very special thank you to Fr. Dean for his comforting words at the funeral Mass, to Meyer Funeral Home for their care and support while handling the arrangements, to the musicians for the beautiful music, and to the ladies of St. Thomas parish for the wonderful meal. Words cannot express how much the family appreciates everything, especially your prayers and condolences.



Congratulations to Charlie & Jan Schackmann who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the 9 a.m. Mass January 27. May they continue to radiate the Love of God in their love for each other, enabling the other to grow in holiness.

Welcome into the Church through baptism:



Ariannah Marie Gagliano is the daughter of Genevieve Gagliano and granddaughter of Tom & Rita Gagliano. A kindergarten student in St. Thomas Catholic School, she was baptized at the 5:30 pm Mass Saturday.

Baptized at the 9 am Mass Sunday, January 27, was **Aiden Daniel Rubsam**, infant son of Scott & Kristi Rubsam. Aiden's older brother Evan is deceased.



Congratulations! to our 7th Grade Elite Eight Team:



St. Thomas Saints, Champions. They play at state in Peoria, Saturday morning. Give glory to God by playing your best on and off the court.

Those we remember in our prayers:

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

Rest in Peace. As a parish family let us continue to pray for the repose of the souls of **May Einhorn and Christine Adams**, Arlene Volk's daughter. May they be in the loving arms of our Savior!

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40	Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4	Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7,11-15	Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19,21-24	Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8	Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17,20-21	Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a,3-8	Cor 15:1-11
	Lk 5:1-11	

ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES



Raising Funds for the CATHOLIC HEART SUMMER WORK CAMP:

In June, 16 high school students from St. Mary and St. Thomas parishes will be attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Milwaukee, WI. To help raise funds for the registration fees and transportation costs, these teens will be taking

Homemade Lasagna orders before and after Masses at each Church for the next two weekends. The lasagna is available in large or small sizes.

These lasagnas will be frozen and available for pick up on Wednesday, Feb. 20 during CYO or after Masses at both parishes the weekend of Feb. 23/24. Order forms available in both parish offices.



The Pre-Baptismal class 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 at St. Thomas). **The next class will be held Sunday, March 3.** The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless parents previously attended a session in recent years. Sponsors need affidavit of qualifications from their parish pastor.

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!



PRE-CANA: Marriage Preparation

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.

A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held

at St. Isidore Parish, St Aloysius Hall on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 pm. The Protecting God's Children Workshop is a Diocesan Policy requirement for anyone who is dealing with school/parish activities involving youth/children. This is a great opportunity to attend a workshop close to home. Please call 217-925-5788 to register.

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. Thomas Parish & School News

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.

The Booster Club is looking for volunteers to chair the dining room committee next year. Parishioners are welcomed to help in these roles. It's good to shadow the current chairpersons to help with the transition the following year. Thanks for considering how you can help!

The Soup Supper planning committee is asking for all parishioners to break out their baking skills and contribute some homemade goodies for our Country Store. We are no longer making all of the hot rolls and cinnamon rolls, so in addition to pies, breads, and other goodies, we would love to have rolls of any kind. Our country store is a great fundraiser and we would love to have everyone's help to continue its success! Donations can be dropped off Saturday during the day or before or after masses on Soup Supper Weekend. Thanks in advance.

St. Thomas Parish News

Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

Lectors:

5:30 p.m. Nichole Mulvey

7:30 a.m. B. Shamhart/J. Shamhart

9:00 a.m. Brian Bierman

Gift Bearers:

Ron & Patti Ochs

Nick Hemrich Family

Nathan Earnest Fam.

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. Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn

7:30 a.m. John Johnson/Erica Johnson

9:00 a.m. Vicki Mullen/JoBeth Geier

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Peyton Willenborg
Alaina Kuhl

7:30 a.m. Katie Shamhart
Jessica Spiker

9:00 a.m. Wade Tarr
Drew Earnest

Ushers:

Steve Rubsam

Ben/Chris Bierman

Jacob Jahraus

Disciples' Stewardship

Collection January 26-27, 2019

Envelopes (191)	\$10,122.00
Loose	<u>\$564.00</u>
Subtotal	\$10,686.00
School Fund (4)	\$75.00
Church in Latin Am (12)	\$197.00
First Offering (3)	\$21.00
Subtotal	<u>\$293.00</u>
Grand Total	\$10,979.00

“Step Forward in Faith Together” Campaign

Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014) \$1,185,162.58

Grand Total Pledges

Collected \$3,423,372.88

Balance to be Paid **\$90,422.56**

2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2018 Goal = \$47,581.00

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

This Week in our Parish & School

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Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Feb. 4, Weekday

6:15 p.m. Volleyball at St. Michael

6:30 p.m. “Angels” Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 5, St. Agatha

4:00 p.m. RCIA - Youth

5:00 p.m. Rosary & Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.* Eulalia Duff)

Wednesday, Feb. 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 a.m. Class Mass

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. School Board

6:30 p.m. CYO/PSR

6:30 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, Feb. 7, Weekday

Friday, Feb. 8, St. Jerome Emiliani

Or St. Josephine Bakhita

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* Christine May Einhorn+)

10:30 a.m. Newton Care Center Mass

Saturday, Feb. 9, Weekday

St. Thomas School Father/Daughter Dance

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.*: Roscoe Miller &

Marilyn Fritchley+)

Sunday, Feb. 10, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

7:30 a.m. Mass – (*Int.*: Jim & Dan Smithenry+)

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)

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 618-783-8741. 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!

The January/February Monthly Cleaning Crews will be gathering together on Saturday, Feb. 9th at 8:00 a.m. to clean the church. With both crews working together, the task should be completed in no time. Thanks to everyone on these cleaning crews for taking the time to help take care of our beautiful church!

St. Mary's Parish News

Finance Council: Kate Kaufmann 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
7:30 a.m. Tuesday or by request

Ministries for Next Week

4:00 p.m. February 9th, 2019

Ushers: Gerald Ochs, Richard Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs, Alli Kirts

Lector: 1st & 2nd Grade

Gift Bearers: 1st & 2nd Grade

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Zwilling, Lisa Ochs,
Paul Kaufmann

NOTE: Updated instructions for the various liturgical ministries are on table in back of Church. Please pick up your ministry instructions.



CELEBRATING 95 YEARS.

Lorraine (Johnny) Ochs celebrated his "95th" birthday on January 30, and if you would like to send him a "birthday" or a "thinking of you" card, his address is:

Lorraine Ochs

Lakeland Rehabilitation Health Center
800 W Temple Ave, Effingham, IL 6240

CONGRATULATIONS Sam and Linda Zuber, who celebrated 60 years of marriage on January 31, 2019.

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 calling Sarah Boehl at (618)562-8745. Come out and support the youth of our parish. Hope to see you there!!

This Week in our Parish

Monday, February 4th, Weekday

Tuesday, February 5th, St Agatha

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Julius & Gladys Reis+)

Wednesday, February 6th, St Paul Miki

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, February 7th, Weekday

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Norman Copper
& Delores Brockett+)

6:30 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, February 8th, St. Josephine Bakhita

10:30 a.m. – Newton Care Center Mass

Saturday, February 9th, Weekday

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

Sunday, February 10th, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of January 26, 2019

Envelopes (32)	\$ 1455.00
Loose:	\$ 248.00
Sub Total	\$ 1703.00
Haiti (3)	\$ 70.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 5.00
Children's Home (1)	\$ 10.00
Latin America (3)	\$ 60.00
1 st Offering (3)	\$ 15.00
Catholic Times (4)	\$ 64.00
Priest Retirement (1)	\$ 10.00
Grand Total	\$ 1937.00

Parish Finance Council Notes:

Fr. Dean has asked Bill Hartrich, Evalyn Kocher and Ron Kirts to be co-signors on checks written on parish funds for over \$250.00 so that any check above this amount will now require two signatures.

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 6-8pm, 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.

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 any one of 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.

THANKS: To Mike and Sherry Hall for donating a hog for the brunch, and to Maynard, Elfrieda, Paul and Kate Kaufmann for donating the milk and juice.

AREA & DIOCESAN NEWS

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: Who would like a chance to show your support for our great community? You are in luck. 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.

The cost is a 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 in Newton, Illinois. If you would like to help at the event, donate a dessert(s) or give a monetary donation to help lower the expense cost please contact Kim Will at 217-683-2688, 217-663-2505, e-mail at grovetownshipcommunitycenter@gmail.com or via the center's facebook page.

AARP to Offer Free Tax Assistance in 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 am - 3:45 pm beginning February 11.

There is no charge for this service, but an appointment is required.

Please call the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618/783-8741 for a required appointment.

For more information see:

www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents.

All low to moderate income taxpayers are welcome – particularly senior citizens! For more information about AARP's Tax Aide Program, contact Wayne Savageau at 618-783-8170 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.

Effingham Deanery and Spirited Discussions

would like to invite you to join them for *Embracing Authentic Love: Humanae Vitae Explained!*

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.

Feb. 17: Joe Gehret's topic is:

“Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God.”

Feb. 18: Patty Schneier's topic:

“The Struggle is Real: Embracing the Truth Behind the Church's teachings.”

Feb. 19: Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD's topic is:

“A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro Technology.”

Come to all or any of these talks. We hope to see you there!

Difficult Roads lead to BEAUTIFIL DESTINATIONS!