

March 5th-6th, 2022
First Sunday of Lent



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday
 8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

Eucharistic Adoration 7-8 am w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Feb. 26th-27th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,508.00
Loose	\$	760.00
Subtotal	\$	8,268.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	30.00
Building Collection	\$	100.00
School Fund	\$	325.00
Subtotal	\$	455.00
Grand Total	\$	8,723.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$53,866.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,387.00

St. Thomas 2021 Financial Contribution Statements

are available only by request. Please contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to receive your copy. Thank you so much for your generosity in 2021!!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

6:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's

6:30 pm St. Thomas Angels

Tuesday, March 8, St. John of God

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

6:00 pm OCIA at Rectory

Wednesday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am Class Mass (Cletus Westendorf+)

9:15 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Mass at Newton Care Center

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:15 p.m. St. Mary's Stations of the Cross and PSR

6:30 pm Reconciliation Parent Mtg (St. Mary's)

6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO

7:00 pm St. Thomas CYO Leads Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Prayer, Rosary @ 8 & Mass 8:30 (St. Mary)

6:30 pm Parent Reconciliation Mtg at St. Thomas

Friday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

7- 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w 7:30 am MP

8:30 am All-School Mass (Glen/Alberta Smithenry+)

2:30 pm St. Thomas School Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm KC Hall Fish Fry – CYO assisting

Saturday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

8:30 am – 3 pm Pre-Cana at St. Mary's Parish Center

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, March 13, Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Order of Christian Initiation: Rite of Election

Kelly Lynn Knicley and Isaiah Parker Bergbower

with the support of the St. Thomas Parish attend the Rite of Election at the Diocesan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6. During the Rite of Sending Forth at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas, the Sponsor/Godparents will give testimony regarding their participation in the Church and then the Catechumens will sign their names in the Book of the Elect. With our prayers and support, they, (along with spouse, parents and Godparent/Sponsors and parish representatives) will attend the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Sunday afternoon. Then are no ballots cast, but Bishop Paprocki will declare them elected to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in their home parish. Kelly is the wife of Adam Knicley and her Sponsor is Jane Knicley. Isaiah is the son of Chris & Audrey Bergbower and his Godparents are Andy and Sarah Bergbower.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule
Saturday, March 12 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Emma Rauch; Nichole Mulvey
E.M.: Mary Frichtl, Ramon Kocher, Amanda Baltzell,
Need One Volunteer
Servers: Dylan & Ava Earnest
Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 13 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Amy Hartrich
EM: Mark/Janet Vahling, Pam Francis, Gery Ochs
Servers: Brenly Francis & Rylee Holkenbrink
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: John Johnson & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Nick Hemrich

Sunday, March 13 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ginger Robins; Brian Bierman
EM: Dee Bower, Kristine Probst, Jan Schackmann,
Becky Parker
Servers: Haley Ochs & Josie Vogt
Gift Bearers: Need Volunteers
Musicians: Vicki Mullen
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas CYO Important Dates to Remember:

Fri., March 4th – 4:30 pm Working KC Hall Fish Fry
Weds., March 9th – Meet at 6:30 pm:
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Fri., March 11th– 4:30 pm Working KC Hall Fish Fry
Weds., March 16th – Meet at 6:30 pm:
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat., March 19th – Volunteers to work FLC breakfast
Wednesdays, March 23rd & 30th meet at 6:30 pm to
practice Living Stations
Wednesday, April 6th – Present Living Stations

St. Thomas School Kindergarten and new student pre-registration will take place Weds., March 16, 2022 at 6:00pm. Pre-registration will take place in the school Cafeteria (Enter Door #8.) The evening will include meeting teachers, hearing from the kindergarten teacher and principal and a tour of the school. Not a commitment; just sharing information. Please share with anyone who is interested and all grades welcome. For more information, please contact the St. Thomas school office at 618-783-3517.

A **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled for **8:45 a.m.** Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. The next Pre-baptismal class will be May 1, 2022.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

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 participating member of either parish, please call the particular parish office.

LENTEN REGULATIONS : Updated!

1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.
2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

NOTE: Health and/or medical needs dispense a person.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. However,

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal!

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2,11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48
Sun.:	Gn 15:5-12,17-18	Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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

Please call or text Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule a baptism after returning filled-out Baptismal form and Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office. A Godparent-Sponsor must be a participating Catholic. A non-Catholic can serve as a Christian witness but everyone present is a witness. Baptisms are normally scheduled during Mass so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church, the family of God.

Holy Communion Preparation Session 2

Parent/Youth Meetings are scheduled for **9:15 am & 2 pm March 5**, at St. Thomas Church. **Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Cathedral.**

A Diocesan Listening Session will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. It will be a meeting in our Deanery at Immaculate Conception Church, Mattoon and Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. It is opportunity for people to give input to the Bishop regarding issues in the Church. Mark your calendar!

Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation
Parents of Second Grade Students are to attend a Sacramental Preparation session either:

6:30 pm Wednesday March 9 at St. Mary's
or 6:30 pm Thursday March 10 at St. Thomas
for their child to receive their First Reconciliation, Sacrament of Penance on during the Lenten Season. This preparation is for enrollment for celebration of Confirmation/First Communion next November.

A Sacrament of Penance Service is scheduled
For: 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 23 at St. Mary's
and 5:30 pm Thursday, March 24 at St. Thomas

Just a reminder that with Easter and mowing seasons quickly approaching, **Christmas decorations will be removed at New and Old St. Peter Cemeteries.** Please also note that all ground decorations need to be removed including anything that can get in the mowers path. Thank you for your cooperation!

March 12: PRE-CANA

St Mary's Pre Cana Sign-In is 8:00 am - 8:30 am. The opening session will begin at 8:30 a.m. in St Mary's Parish Center. If any questions, call the St. Mary's parish office (618-455-3155) by Thursday, March 10.

Please pray for the Sick, especially Jessica Spiker, Rowena Wagy, Diane Bunton, Catherine Ochs, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Bruce Fisher, Evelyn McCreery, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.
Rest in Peace: Mary Harris

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament in which we pray for the Healing Spirit of Christ to be upon the person who is serious ill or undergoing surgery.
The Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon are prayers commending the person to our Lord at nearness of death & offering the Apostolic Pardon for forgiveness of all sins and temporal suffering due to sin.
To receive either of these opportunities, please call
Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

Catholic Charities Annual Collection will take place the weekend of March 12-13. Please prayerfully consider how you can support their ongoing services and help them fulfill their mission.

The Collection Envelopes for Ash Wednesday are for the Church in Eastern Europe. The money will be used to assist the Ukraine Catholic Church with needed humanitarian aide as a result of the Russian invasion turmoil.

A Stroke Scan Representative will be at St. Thomas and St. Mary's churches next weekend, Saturday and Sunday March 12th and 13th, for registrations for the upcoming Vascular Screening Event on March 26th in the St. Thomas Parish Center. A detailed flyer is available in the church gathering space.

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors. Catholic Scholars Program Eastern Illinois University

The EIU Newman Center started a program called the Catholic Scholars program 3 years ago. This program allows students to take theology courses at the Newman Center and receive college course credit and a scholarship. The program consists of 6 classes, so a student takes one 12-week class each semester for 3 years. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship for taking the class (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. The program has classes that look at the Church, Christ, the sacraments, the Bible, and moral life. EIU is the only state university in the country that offers a program like this and 3 of our St. Thomas parishioners are already participating in this program. More details will be shared at CYO.

Please support the **Catholic Charities collection** to be taken up next weekend March 12/13. Bishop Paprocki notes that Catholic Charities is the hand/feet of Christ.

Newton Family Life Center Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a **pancake, sausage and egg breakfast at the St. Thomas Parish Center** for a free will donation from 7:30-10:30, Saturday, March 19. Please contact Brian Bierman at 217-821-1217 if you can help work the breakfast.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON**

weekend Experiences for the spring of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, visit wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- **March 18-20, 2022 - Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL**
- **April 1-3, 2022 - Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO**
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am SUNDAY,

Tuesday and Thursdays:

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As scheduled by request and available 8 – 9 a.m. Saturdays at St. Thomas

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 7, Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Tuesday, March 8th, Saint John of God

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

with 7:30 am Morning Prayer & 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Arthur & Ellen Hunzinger Family+)

Wednesday, March 9th, St Frances of Rome

6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross and PSR

6:30 p.m. – Sacramental Parent Mtg

Thursday, March 10th, Lenten Weekday

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

with 7:30 am Morning Prayer & 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Orville Schmidt+)

6:30 p.m. -Sacramental Parent Mtg at St.Thomas

Friday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday

11:00 a.m. – Funeral for Mary Harris

Saturday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pre-Cana in St.Mary Parish Hall

Sunday, March 13th, Second Sunday of Lent

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

FAMILY LIFE: Thanks to all those who took an egg last Sunday to remember a homebound person this Lent!! More eggs with person's name are available in the Church. Please take one and share this Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held every Wednesday at **6:15 p.m.** thru Lent. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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PICNIC MEETING: Will be held on Thursday, March 17th, at 7 p.m. in the parish center. "We welcome all Parishioners suggestions and ideas."

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 13, 2022

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann, Randy Reis

Servers: Owen Ochs/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/ Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Bridget Kaufmann

EASTER YOUTH/CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Any students grade 2-12 are invited to join the St Mary's youth choir for Easter! Please let Sarah Boehl (618-562-8745) know by March 22 if your child is interested. Practices will begin after that time.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of February 27, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1275.00
Loose	154.00
Sub Total	\$ 1429.00
Haiti	325.00
Total	\$ 1754.00

SAVE THE DATE: The annual **St Mary's Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 3rd 8am – noon.** Donations Needed for Brunch Items – Monetary donations can be put in envelope in regular collection marked Brunch, or dropped off at the drop box on door of parish office. Money needed for Ham, Coffee, Tea, Fruit (fresh, frozen, canned) or the actual fruit items can be brought to the parish center the evening before or the morning of. Donations of cinnamon rolls and other sweet breads which can also be brought the evening before or the morning of the brunch.

YOUTH GROUP: St Mary's Youth Group thanks everyone that supported the lasagna dinner! We had a great turn out and had so much fun. Our next event will be our bake sale at the parish brunch on April 3rd.