

March 11th-12th, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 7:30 -11:30 am & 1:00- 4:00 p.m. M-F

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am and Benediction 7:55 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
and upon request at reasonable time.

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

March 4-5, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,090.00
Loose	\$	1,718.00
Subtotal	\$	9,808.00
Catholic Charities	\$	4,640.00
Other	\$	35.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	125.00
Building Fund	\$	625.00
School Fund	\$	1,000.00
Subtotal	\$	6,425.00
Grand Total	\$	16,233.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$48,437.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,844.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

5:30 pm Mass (Tim Ferguson+)

6:00 pm OCIA--Adults

Tuesday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Mass w/MP (Marcella Strutner+)

7:45 am Adoration until **8:30 am** Benediction

Noon Diocesan Clergy Overnight Gathering in Spfld.

Wednesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

Clergy Spring Gathering in Springfield, IL

8:30 am no Mass scheduled/Mass will be **6:30 pm**

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm Mass (Neil Ochs)

6:30 pm PSR/CYO

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm Mass (Gerald & Rosella Hemrich+)

4:00 pm OCIA: Youth (Church Conference Room)

Friday, March 17, St. Patrick

7:30 am MP w Adoration - Benediction at 8:00 am

8:30 am Mass (MaryAnn Kocher+)

4:30 pm KC's Fish Fry

10:30 am Mass at Villas of Holly Brook

Saturday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 – 10:00 am Reconciliation (Confessions)

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

3:00 pm Confessions at St. Anthony's, Effingham



Our "ELECT" with the Bishop.

Brianna (Clayton) Ochs,
Jessica (Trevor) Ochs, and Emma,
Alexis, Hayden Evans, daughters of
Guardians Josh & Debra Ochs,
attended the Rite of Election at the

Diocesan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in
Springfield, IL. On the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays
(4:30pm Saturdays) of Lent, they will participate in the
Scrutinies of the Elect. Let us pray for them.

St. Thomas Parish Fish Fry – March 31st

Serving from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm (or until sold out)

All parishioners are asked to provide a dessert. If you
would like to volunteer to help at the fish fry please
contact the parish office 618-783-8741. We would
greatly appreciate help serving, waiting tables,
assisting with carry outs, etc. Desserts can be dropped
off at the parish office until 3:30 pm or can be taken to
the KC Hall that afternoon. Thanks for your support!

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 18 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Beth Ochs; Mike Hartrich
E.M.: Kaitlyn Ochs, Wanda Kocher, Ramon Kocher,
Mark Bolander

Servers: Carter Barthelme & Lexi Ochs
Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family
Musicians: Five For the One
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 19 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Karen Winn
EM: Pam Francis, Gery Ochs, Amy Hartrich,
Dena Rauch

Servers: Will Hartrich & Aaron Volk
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

Sunday, March 19 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ryan Probst; Elley Bennett
EM: Jason Bierman, Marissa Bower, Brad Ochs,
Kristine Probst

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman
Gift Bearers: John Bower Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**The Lenten Liturgy Weekday Schedule
At St. Thomas, Newton**

Monday: Mass at 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass with Morning Prayer
7:45-8:30 Adoration w Benediction
Weds.: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am
8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary
7:00 pm Stations of Cross/Rosary
Thursday: 12:10 pm Mass
Friday: 7:30 am Adoration w Benediction 8 am
8:30 am Mass
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Come share in the Prayer Opportunities this Lent!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Schedule

During March, CYO will meet in parish center @ 6:30 pm to prepare for Stations of the Cross.

March 15th 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Rosary

March 22nd 7:00 pm Stations: St Francis of Assisi

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday,

6:30 pm – The Living Stations

All are welcome to join CYO throughout Lent for the various spiritual Ways of the Cross.

If you want a dispensation to eat corned beef and cabbage on Friday, contact your pastor to get individual dispensation. No General dispensation.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME You and invites you to join our Church families by calling the parish office. The parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.

Please pray for the Sick, especially, Peggy Mulvey,



Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, RoseAnn Kerner, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** Tim Ferguson, father of Aubrey Bergbower.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tues.: Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Weds.: Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thurs.: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sat.: Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun.: 1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

St. Thomas is excited to announce that our parish will have Eucharistic Miracle Panels on display in the parish center this weekend, March 11th – 12th. The Diocese has them available for the parishes to borrow, and we were fortunate enough to get them this weekend. The Exhibit will be open on the following days and times:

Saturday, March 11; 9:00 am – Noon
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 12; 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 if you would like to volunteer for an hour or two to sit with the panels while they are on display. We are just looking for a few volunteers to help with the exhibit to ensure that we return the panels to the Diocese just as we received them. Thanks for your help!

We are excited about this opportunity for our parishes and hope that many of you will be able to visit the exhibit! Spread the word.

Thanks to Paul Bierman for going to get the Panels.

HIRING A TEACHER!

St. Thomas School is looking for someone to teach 5th grade OR 5th-8th Language Arts. Catholic individuals are preferred, but not a requirement. Do you know someone who would like to **teach in our awesome school**? If someone is interested please refer them to the school office or call 618-783-3517.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION
The Grace of the SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

March 18: 8:00-10:00 am at St. Thomas

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean available

March 19: 3 pm at St. Anthony Church, Effingham

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean assisting.

March 21: 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Effingham

Fr. Pawel (Paul) and Fr. Dean assisting.

March 23: at St. Thomas Church

1:45 pm St. Thomas School

3:00 pm – 5 pm: General Public

Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, & Fr. Sunder Ery
will be assisting Fr. Dean and Fr. Pawel (Paul).

March 23 at St. Mary's Church, Sainte Marie, IL.

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm General Public

Fr. Peter Harman, Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Michael Berndt
and Fr. Dean and Fr. Pawel (Paul) will be available.

Jesus said: "There is more joy in heaven over one
repentant sinner than 99 others who have no need of
repentance." Come share God's joy and mercy.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

5:30 pm at St. Mary's Adoration following

7:00 pm at St. Thomas Adoration following

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord

3:00 pm at St. Mary's

7:00 pm at St. Thomas

Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter

8:00 pm at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday:

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 18th, 2023
Newton Family Life Center Breakfast/Bake Sale

Serving: 7:30am-10:30am

Location: St. Thomas Parish Center

Please contact Brian Bierman (217-821-1217)

To volunteer your service or to provide a baked good.

Silk Purse Volunteers needed to support Newton's

Family Life Center. Any help including sorting
clothing, checking batteries, stocking shelves, etc.
would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers can work
any day, any hours.

Tuesday is St. Thomas' volunteer day.

9:00 am-7:00 pm; M-F

10:00 am -6:00 pm; Sat

Fantastic Resale Shop & Great Bargains!

LENTEN REGULATIONS :

Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14
years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash
Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59
inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on
Good Friday.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence
is seriously sinful. However, health and/or medical
needs dispense a person.

St. Thomas School Distinguished Graduate Award

St. Thomas School is now accepting nominations for
the *Distinguished Graduate Award*. This award is a
chance to recognize and honor a St. Thomas School
graduate for all they have given back to the school
community, and/or parish. Nominees for this award
must:

Be a graduate of St. Thomas School 10 + years
Have made contributions to society that reflect
the values instilled in them while attending
St. Thomas School

Past honorees include: Martha Hildebrand, Terry
Lidy, Anna McCullough, Father Dan Bergbower, Patsy
Leffler, Laurel Kerans, Millie Jansen, Frank Rubsam,
Wanda Kocher, Larry Miller, Mark Bolander, Mike
Yager, Robert Worcester, Paul Brummer, John Miller,
Mary McDonald, Debbie Matson, Phil Benefiel, Peggy
Mammoser, Joanie Weber, Shelah Bergbower, Dottie
Benefiel, Vicki Mullen, RoseAnn Kerner, Gene
Schackmann, Tony Zuber, and Tammy Page.

St. Thomas School Exceptional Service Award 2021

St. Thomas School is accepting nominations for the
Exceptional Service Award. Nominees for this award
are those individuals who have tirelessly given of their
time, talent and/or treasure to better St. Thomas School
and/or St. Thomas Parish. The nominee does not have
to be a graduate of St. Thomas school or a member of
St. Thomas parish, but an unceasing advocate for our
school and/or parish.

Previous honorees include: Jewell Bauman, Judy
McClure, Mark Hartrich, Sara Frichtl, Charlie
Schackmann, Alice Addis, Jack Shedelbower, Dee
Bower, Harold Bolander, Verna Bergbower, Lee and
Sue Volk, Norma Beavers, Marilyn Rubsam, Wayne
Savageau, Rita Kocher, Gary and Joyce Johnson,
Denisse Ochs, Sue Dickerson, Pete Pasero, Sarah
Hemrich, RoseAnn Kerner, Ruth Kerner, and Tom
Brown.

For more info: call the school office at 783-3517.
Nominations will be accepted for both awards till
April 8, in the school or church office.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

Tribunal Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

and **8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday**

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 8:00 am First Saturday of Month

At St. Thomas Church 8-9 am & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, March 14th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs+)

6:00 p.m. – Cemetery Meeting-Parish Center

Noon Tuesday to Noon Wednesday: Priests attending
Clergy Meeting with Bishop in Springfield.

Wednesday, March 15th, Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – PSR

Thursday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dave & Betty Zwilling+)

Friday, March 17th, St Patrick

Saturday, March 18th, St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 am – 10 am Confessions at St. Thomas

2nd Graders and Parents welcome!

Sunday, March 19th Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

**Opportunities for Parents and 2nd Graders for the
Sacrament of Penance:**

8 am – 10 am March 18 at St. Thomas Church

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm March 23 at St. Mary's Church

Volunteers Needed to work at funeral dinners would be appreciated. Food donations are also welcome. If anyone not already on our call list would be willing to help please call Carolyn Keller – 618-562-2590 or Marcia Ochs – 618-783-1914. Thank you!

Cemetery Meeting: The annual cemetery committee meeting will be held on March 14th, at 6 pm in the parish center, all are welcome to attend.

Picnic Meeting – There will be a picnic planning meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm in the parish center. All are welcome to come and share ideas!!

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 19, 2023

Ushers: Ben Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen,
Marvin Zwilling

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/ Daniel Uebinger

Lectors: Beth Hartrich/Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers: Anita Griffith Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Hartrich, Lisa Ochs,
Elaine Zwilling

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of February 26, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 1153.00

Loose 109.00

Subtotal \$1262.00

Eastern Europe 150.00

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Total \$1457.00

Collection for Week of March 5, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1725.00

Loose 102.00

Total 1827.00

St Mary's Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – 45510.00

(Includes farm income

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4551.00

I would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all that sent a card, stopped by to visit or called to wish me a Happy 85th Birthday! I enjoyed hearing from each and everyone of you – **Robert Helregel**

Thank You to Fr Dean, Jason Meyer, family/friends for all the prayers, kind words and support after the death of our mother. Thanks to the ladies of the parish and Hartrich Meats for a wonderful meal. All was greatly appreciated. - **Marcella Strutner Family**