

March 19th-20th, 2022
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 7-8 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

March 12th-13th, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,282.00
Loose	\$	847.00
Subtotal	\$	6,129.00
Catholic Charities	\$	1,993.00
Eastern Europe	\$	5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	55.00
Building Collection	\$	105.00
School Fund	\$	810.00
Subtotal	\$	2,968.00
Grand Total	\$	9,097.00

St. Thomas Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income – \$53,866.00

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

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

6:00 pm Lenten Evening Mass at St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

7– 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w **7:30 am MP**

8:30 am Class Mass (Jim, Dan Smithenry+)

9:15 am Rosary Group

2:00 pm Tribunal Court

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm –7:00 pm Penance Service at St. Mary's

No St. Mary's Stations of the Cross and PSR

6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, March 24, St. Oscar Romero

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

1:45 – 2:45 pm St. Thomas School Penance Service

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm First Reconciliation Service

5:30 pm –7:00 pm Penance Service at St. Thomas

Friday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

7– 8:00 am Eucharistic Holy Hour w **7:30 am MP**

8:30 am All-School Mass (Joan Bierman+)

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

4:30 pm KC Hall Fish Fry

Saturday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

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

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

Sunday, March 27, Fourth 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)

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 26 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Beth Ochs; Emma Rauch

E.M.: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Lora/Madison Phillips

Servers: Halle Wagner & Need Volunteer

Gift Bearers: Ron & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, March 27 @ 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sara Bergbower; Karen Winn

EM: Amy Hartrich, Brenda Phillips, Becky Shamhart,

Lori TeVault

Servers: Kody & Alani Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Lily/Eliza/Lucy Bierman, Laney Hemrich,

Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Nick Hemrich

Sunday, March 27 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Ryan Probst; Kelly Iffert

EM: Brad/Annie Ochs, Kelly Hemrich, Sara Mette

Servers: Wyatt & Olive Ochs

Gift Bearers: Brian Bierman Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

St. Thomas CYO Important Dates to Remember:
Sat., March 19th – Volunteers to work FLC breakfast
Wednesday, March 23rd
 meet at 6:30 pm to practice Living Stations
Wednesday, March 30th
 meet at 6:30 pm to practice Living Stations
Wednesday, April 6th – Present Living Stations

St. Thomas March Church Cleaning Crew will report for duty on **March 26th at 8:30 am**. Thanks to all of the volunteers that help take care of and maintain our church! Your good works do not go unnoticed 😊

The Family of Marilyn Zumbahlen would like to thank the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for assisting with and providing the desserts for Marilyn's funeral dinner. Everyone's prayers and support at this time will always be kindly remembered.

The Family of Rowena Wagy would like to thank the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for providing such a delicious funeral meal. Your prayers and many kind remembrances were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

St. Thomas Lent/Easter Décor. If you would like to contribute to our annual decor fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please put your name(s) & contribution in an envelope marked "décor." We will publish a list of names to use as a prayer sheet during this Easter Season. *Please have all names submitted to the Parish Office by noon on April 11th.*



St. Thomas CYO Presents:
Second Annual Egg the Yard
 CYO is excited to announce this

year's Egg the Yard event. Families who sign up will have 25 religious/toy themed filled eggs scattered on their own lawn, or a friend's lawn, for a fun Easter surprise. If a family would rather scatter the eggs on their own, please let us know and eggs can be packaged and readied for pick-up or delivery. Serving Jasper County only.

Delivery will take place on the late evening of Saturday 4/16. Just tell us the address, and we will scatter the eggs on the lawn for you. Again, if you prefer to scatter them yourself, we can just deliver the filled eggs as well.

This fundraiser will directly support the activities and mission trip of the St. Thomas CYO. Please call the parish office at 618-783-8741 to have a yard "egged."

25 Religious/Toy Themed Filled Eggs = \$25.00

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.

Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation

Jesus said, "There is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than 99 others who have no need of repentance. Come share your Master's joy by allowing God to forgive you your sins through the Sacrament of Penance: The Rite of Reconciliation.

Many priests are giving their time to come to our parishes to impart God's forgiving mercy. These include: **Wednesday 5:30 -7:00 pm at St. Mary's:**

Fr. Braden Maher of Charleston & EIU; Fr. Joe Carlos, OFM, and Fr. Dat Hoang, OFM of Teutopolis, Fr. Albert Allen of St. Anthony, Effingham.

Thursday at St. Thomas: Fr. Sunder Ery of Sigel/Neoga/GreenCreek/Lillyville; Fr. Suresh Sambaturu of Robinson; Fr. Augustine Koosman of Marshall/Casey/Greenup; Fr. Michael Berndt of Effingham St. Anthony.

Of course, Fr. Dean Probst, Pastor is scheduled for all services.

Parents of Children preparing for Confirmation and First Reception of Holy Communion are to join their children in receiving the Sacrament of Penance at any of the scheduled Penance Service services.

Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation
 8-9 am Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Newton
Penance Services:

5:30-7 pm Wednesday, March 23, St. Mary's
 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Thursday, St. Thomas School
 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Thursday, First Reconciliation
 5:30-7 pm Thursday, March 24, St. Thomas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: 2Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun.: Jos 5:9a,10-12 2Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Please pray for the Sick, especially Flo Barker, Pat Mammoser, Doug Mammoser, Steve Mammoser, Mike Gibson, Gene Zuber, Dave Geltz, Jessica Spiker, Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghasht, Bruce Fisher, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.
Rest in Peace: Rowena Wagy

Diocesan Listening Sessions

In keeping with the call of Pope Francis for dialogue, accompaniment, and collaboration among the lay faithful, religious, and clergy, Bishop Paprocki is hosting a diocesan wide listening session on **Sunday, March 27th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.** In our Mattoon Deanery these sessions will take place at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center 1920 Richmond Avenue in Mattoon and at Sacred Heart Church, 405 S. Henrietta in Effingham.

The session will include a video presentation from the Bishop, small group discussion, small group leaders reporting to the local group, and then the local group reporting to the other groups assembled around the diocese. The discussion will focus on questions about 1) how we see Discipleship happening in our local communities and challenges moving forward. 2) How we see Discipleship happening as a Diocesan Church. What steps can we take to further spread the Gospel? 3) How do we respond as a Catholic Church to increasing cultural challenges to our Catholic Christian vision and desire to serve? I invite every Catholic in our diocese to be a part of this process.

If you cannot be here in person please keep this effort in your prayers.

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

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. Each semester the student also receives a \$500 scholarship (which is a scholarship total of \$3,000). The classes also get transferred over to EIU as religious studies course credit. More details at CYO.

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

St. Mary's @ 5:00 pm

St. Thomas @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

St. Mary's @ 3:00 pm

St. Thomas @ 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil; Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

St. Thomas @ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

St. Thomas @ 7:00 am

St. Mary's @ 8:30 am

St. Thomas @ 10:00 am

The St. Thomas Holy Week Lay Ministry Sign-Up sheet is now available in the gathering space. Please take some time to see how you can take part in Holy Week and experience the Holy Triduum in its fullness.

Saturday, March 19 Breakfast

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.**

Attention Family Life Center Supporters

Starting April 1st, the building next to the CCI concrete plant known as "The Landing" will officially be owned by the Family Life Center and construction work will begin to turn it into The Silk Purse. In order to keep construction costs low, volunteers will be needed to complete some demolition work and light interior projects. If you feel called to help in any way, please **contact Max Bunton at 618-562-2423** and he will let you know when and how you can help with this construction project.

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.

The next Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class is scheduled for 8:45 am Sunday, May 1, 2022 at St. Thomas Church.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Exemplification (1st-3rd Degree Initiation) on Sunday, April 3rd at the Effingham Event Center formerly known as the KC Hall. This initiation will take place at 1:00 pm lasting only about 35 minutes. Check-in will be from 12:15 – 12:30. All 18 yr old and older males who are practicing Catholics are welcome to participate. Please plan on sticking around for the Diocesan Meeting that will take place at 2:00 pm. State officers will be in attendance as well as an insurance representative. Don't miss out on this opportunity to become a part of an organization that supports our Catholic faith and many outreach efforts both locally and nationally!

March 12th-13th, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

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,

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 21st, Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Deceased Priest of Diocese+)

Tuesday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday

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

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer – 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Art & Alice Keller+)

Wednesday, March 23rd, St Turibuis of Mogrovejo

5:30 p.m. – Penance Service

No PSR or Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 24th, St Oscare Romero

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

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer – 8:00 am - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

5:30 p.m. – Penance Service at St Thomas

Friday, March 25th, The Annunciations of the Lord

Saturday, March 26th, Lenten Weekday,

Sunday, March 27th, Third Sunday of Lent

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be **NO**
PSR or Stations of the Cross on Weds., March 23rd.

Sacrament of Penance Services are scheduled for
St Mary's – Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30 – 7:00 pm
St Thomas – Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 – 7:00 pm

LIVING STATIONS: Will be presented on April
13th at 7 p.m., by the youth of the parish. Please plan to
attend!

FAMILY LIFE: Will be serving a simple Lenten
meal on Wednesday, March 30th, from 5:30- 6:00 pm.
This will be a free will donation. Please RSVP by
March 25th to Lora Semple 618-783-9256.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – March 27, 2022

Ushers: Alex Kaufmann/Randy Reis

Servers: Ashtyn Ochs/Avery Ochs

Lectors: Rose Gangloff/Beth Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Minister: Elfrieda Kaufmann

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of March 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$	810.00
Loose		100.00
Sub Total	\$	910.00
Church of Europe		20.00
Catholic Charities		90.00
Capitol Improvement		20.00
Haiti		20.00
Total	\$	1060.00

St Mary's Church January Tithe

January Tithe Income - \$63,553.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$6,355.00

EASTER DÉCOR: If you would like to donate to the
Décor fund in memory of your loved ones, please put
in the collection basket by **April 10th** so their names
can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

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.

Workers List: Are available in the back of church,
please check to see if you have been assigned to work.
Also, there are Brunch flyers available, put them up
where you work or wherever you think would be a
good place to post them.

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.

MOWING: St Mary's is opening up for bids to mow
the church grounds. Please have them submitted to
parish office by March 31, 2022.