

March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

**PSR Coordinator:** Pete Pasero

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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:**

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,935.00
Loose	\$	1,074.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,009.00</b>
Catholic Charities	\$	490.00
Eastern Europe	\$	80.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	25.00
Building Collection	\$	75.00
School Fund	\$	1,895.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,565.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,574.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church February Tithe**

February Tithe Income – \$42,928.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,293.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday, March 27: 2-4 pm Diocesan listening session  
At Effingham Sacred Heart Parish Center.**

**Monday, March 28, Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, March 30, Lenten Weekday**

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

**8:30 am Class Mass (Leo & Mary Jean Brummer+)**

**9:15 am Rosary Group**

**5:30 pm Youth Choir**

**6:30 pm St. Mary's Stations of the Cross and PSR**

**6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO**

**Thursday, March 31, Lenten Weekday**

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

**5-6:00 pm Penance Service at St. Elizabeth, Robinson**

**Friday, April 1, Lenten Weekday**

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

**8:30 am All-School Mass (Dec. of the Miller Fam.+)**

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

**4-5:00 pm Penance Service at OLOL, Oblong.**

**4:30 pm KC Hall Fish Fry**

**Saturday, April 2, St. Francis of Paola**

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

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

**Sunday, April 3, Fifth 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 CYO Important Dates to Remember:**

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

meet at 6:30 pm to practice Living Stations

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Present Living Stations**

**Welcome into the Catholic Church**



**Joseph Daniel Weber**, son of Kyle & Rachel (Frichtl) Weber who was baptized Saturday, the Solemnity of St. Joseph at Mass in St. Thomas Church. Godparents are Thomas Frichtl and Lisa Chacon.

**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 Parish Ministry Schedule  
Saturday, April 2 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Madison Phillips; Mark Hartrich  
E.M.: Kim Ochs, Nikki Earnest, Mark Bolander,  
Glenda Spiker

Servers: Dylan & Ava Earnest  
Gift Bearers: Brad and Grant Ochs  
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Elise Wright  
Greeters/Ushers: Steve Rubsam

**Sunday, April 3 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Lectors: Laney Hemrich; Mark Vahling  
EM: Janet Vahling, Jill Bierman, Eliza Bierman,  
Nicholas Shamhart

Servers: Aaron Volk & Adam Weber  
Gift Bearers: Randy & Linda Hemrich  
Musicians: Five For the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Brian Brummer

**Sunday, April 3 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Renee Gier; Kevin Parker  
EM: Becky Parker, Charlie & Jan Schackmann,  
Julie Higgs

Servers: Audrey Beals & Lauren Gier  
Gift Bearers: Jim & Ginger Robins  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl  
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

**St. Thomas March Church Cleaning Crew** will report for duty on **March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 😊



**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.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Is 65:17-21</b>	<b>Jn 4:43-54</b>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Ez 47:1-9,12</b>	<b>Jn 5:1-16</b>	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Is 49:8-15</b>	<b>Jn 5:17-30</b>	
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Ex 32:7-14</b>	<b>Jn 5:31-47</b>	
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Wis 2:1a,12-22</b>	<b>Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30</b>	
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Jer 11:18-20</b>	<b>Jn 7:40-53</b>	
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Is 43:16-21</b>	<b>Phil 3:8-14</b>	<b>Jn 8:1-11</b>

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

**Rest in Peace:** Gene Zuber

**Diocesan Listening Sessions Sunday!**

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.

### **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 and St. Mary Holy Week Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets are available in churches.**

Please take some time to see how you can take part in Holy Week and experience the Holy Triduum.

#### **\*Attention Family Life Center Supporters\***

HAVE YOU HEARD? The Family Life Center Breakfast raised \$7,000 at their Breakfast this past Saturday! Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

Just a reminder...the Family Life Center auction is LIVE now! Here is the link to their auction! Please BID AWAY!! Auction ends 4/3/2022.

<https://schmidauktion.hibid.com/catalog/355640/life-center-online-fund-raising-auction/>

KC Hall is hosting a Fish Fry for the Family Life Center on 4/8/22 from 4:15 - 7:00pm or until they run out. 8-10 volunteers will be needed to help out there. They are also looking for baked goods. Please let us know if you can help with either of these! Here is a link to sign up to help or bake goods:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ciL5-FQOS9bnMa04ft0P7kY2a\\_97W0M6uns-rNh\\_hao/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ciL5-FQOS9bnMa04ft0P7kY2a_97W0M6uns-rNh_hao/edit)

If you are unable to attend these activities and still want to support the mission, you can donate here:

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=22521>. Please continue to pray for our mission and spread the word.

And...please keep in mind that starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, the building next to the CCI concrete plant known as "The Landing" will officially be owned by the Family Life Center. Construction work will begin soon to turn it into The Silk Purse. Volunteers will be needed. 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** (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Initiation) on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 both locally and nationally!

### **Congratulations to the Quincy Notre Dame (QND)**

Lady Raiders who won the IHSA state basketball championship on March 5<sup>th</sup>. QND's Abbey Schrecke scored 35 points, breaking the state championship record for points in a title game. She is the daughter of the former Linda Schmidt, and the granddaughter of Florence Schmidt, member of St. Mary's Parish in Ste. Marie.

### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is joining other organizations in this national movement which highlights the importance of protecting children from abuse. The Diocese invites parishioners and staff to help raise awareness to prevent child abuse by wearing blue on **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for helping recognize that every child deserves a safe and happy childhood.

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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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 28<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday***

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

***Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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: Linda, Chris & Austin Zuber+)

**6:30 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting**

***Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday***

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

***Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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: Lorraine (Johnny) Ochs+)

***Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Lenten Weekday***

***Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, St Francis of Paola***

**Sunday, April 3rd, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Pastoral Council Mtg – Tues., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**LIVING STATIONS:** Will be presented on April  
13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. by the youth of the parish. Please join us!

**FAMILY LIFE:** Will be serving a simple Lenten  
meal on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30- 6:00 pm.  
This will be a free will donation, all proceeds will go  
to the rice bowl collection. Please RSVP by March  
25th to Lora Semple 618-783-9256.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS:** There are sheets in the back of  
church to sign up for the Easter Holy Week. Please  
sign up to take part in this Holy Triduum!

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 2, 2022**

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Marvin Zwilling

**Servers:** Ellie Ochs/ Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/ Nicholas Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Mary Sue Reis

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jeanne Johnson

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

**Collection for the week of March 20, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 1275.00
Loose	117.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1392.00</b>
Collection for Ukraine	220.00
Catholic Charities	275.00
Haiti	170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2057.00</b>

**St Mary's Church February Tithe**

February Tithe Income - \$5767.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$577.00

**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 10<sup>th</sup>** so their names  
can be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**St Mary's Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8am – noon**. Parish Center will be open on **Saturday,**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – Noon**, you can drop off  
your fruit (canned, fresh or frozen) bread, and sweet  
rolls that morning. 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** remember if you cannot work your shift, you  
are responsible to find your own replacement.  
Hope to see you all there to have a great breakfast!!

**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.