

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday



**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**

April 8-9, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,315.00
Loose	\$	125.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,963.00</b>
Good Friday	\$	975.00
Seminarians	\$	672.00
Easter	\$	5,553.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	42.00
Building Fund	\$	150.00
School Fund	\$	130.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,522.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,962.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church February Tithe**

February Tithe Income – \$52,590.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,259.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, April 17, Easter Weekday**

**5:30 pm** Mass (Jessica Spiker+)

**Tuesday, April 18, Easter Weekday**

**7:30 am** Adoration w MP until **8:00 am** Benediction

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Rose Ann Kerner +)

**11:00 am – 2 pm** Mattoon Deanery Clergy (Lillyville)

**6:30 pm** Confirmation/First Communion (Parents) in St. Thomas Church.

**Wednesday, Apr. 19, Easter Weekday**

**7:00 am 6-8 classes** Field trip to Springfield, IL.

**7:30 am** Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

**8:30 am** Mass (Norbert Klingler+)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**6:30 pm** PSR & CYO

**Thursday, April 20, Easter Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Keith French+)

**10:00 am** Diocesan Tribunal Court

**7:00 pm** Finance Council

**Friday, April 21, St. Anselm**

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

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Kenny Koebele+)

**Saturday, April 22, Easter Weekday**

**8:00 – 9:00 am** Reconciliation (Confessions)

**10:00 am** Confirmation/First Communion (Parents) at St. Mary's Parish Center, Sainte Marie, IL.

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

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

**Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter**

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

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

Infant Baptism for Lila Ruholl

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**Congratulations to those who were baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist this past**

**Holy Saturday: Brianna Ochs,**

Godparent/Sponsor: Maurice Ochs, Fran Ochs; **Jessica Ochs,**

Godparent/Sponsor: Denisse Ochs, Brent Ochs; **Emma**

**Evans,** Godparent/Sponsor: John Phillips, Dawn Calvert; **Alexis**

**Evans,** Godparent/Sponsor:

Gerald Ochs, Jane Kortte; and **Hayden Evans,**

Godparent/Sponsor: Brenda Phillips, Marvin Ochs.

May we welcome them to the Catholic faith and continue to pray for them as they continue to grow in faith.



**Happy Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**

Thank you to **Jordan and Jessica Connor** for all their work on our landscaping around the school and rectory! It looks beautiful! Just in time for Easter, too. Blessed with talent and thankful they shared!

**Pastoral Council Information:**

**Teresa Ochs** was selected as the Chairperson and **Tracey Bower** as the Recording Secretary at the recent Pastoral Council meeting. Other members include Mark Bolander, Kayla Finley, Jeff Higgs, Lori TeVault Kevin Vogt, and Dennis Weber. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Thursday, June 1. The Council set Sunday June 25 for Mass & Picnic in the Park at Sam Parr Sunday October 8 for the Harvest Picnic.

**A Special Thank You** to all who helped with Holy Week and Easter Masses. This most holy week of our church calendar year could not go as smoothly without all of the **volunteers**. Thanks to those who participated in the **lay ministries** including the **Knights of Columbus**. Thanks to the very talented **musicians** for all of their hard work and preparation. The **Worship Committee** did it again...thanks for the beautiful environment that you create each and every season! Thanks to all of those **who work behind the scenes**. Thanks to **Fr. Dean and Fr. Pawel** for leading us and reminding us of the importance of this season. May all of you have a blessed Easter season!

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:  
Saturday, April 22 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Luke Zuber  
E.M.:Matt Baltzell, Mark Bolander, Emma Rauch,  
Wanda Kocher  
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme  
Gift Bearers: Amanda Baltzell Family  
Musicians: Tammy Page & Elise Wright  
Greeters/Ushers: Brad & Grant Ochs

**Sunday, April 23 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Amy Hartrich; Aubrey Bergbower  
EM: Erica Johnson, Pam Francis, Lori TeVault,  
Janet Vahling  
Servers: Tyler Spiker & Will Hartrich  
Gift Bearers: Becky Shamhart Family  
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman  
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, April 23 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Kelly Iffert; Sadie Iffert  
EM: Matt Bower, Marissa Bower, Sara Mette  
Servers: Lane Zumbahlen & Drew Iffert  
Gift Bearers: Charlie Schackmann Family  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson  
Greeters/Ushers: John Stone

**St. Thomas School Important Dates**

- 3rd, 5th, and 7th Testing April 17-21
- 6th/7th Field Trip to Springfield April 19
- Garage Sale April 24-29
- 4th grade Safety Day April 28
- 8th grade class trip to St. Louis May 2
- 5th grade Health Jam May 4
- St. Thomas hosting Track Sectional May 6
- Pre-K graduations May 8
- Spring Concert May 10
- State Track Meet May 12-13
- 8th grade graduation May 14
- Sports Awards Night May 15
- Last day of school May 16

**Mark Your Calendars!** The St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale is scheduled for Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

**Upcoming St. Thomas School Fundraisers, Etc.**

Joe's pizza and sauce for Booster Club  
Trash Bags for School  
Collecting Pop Tabs (friendly class competition)  
Gigantic Garage Sale (April 27-29)  
Contact a St. Thomas student or the school office to order or learn more.

**St. Thomas CYO:**

This is a very busy group of youth, and we are so fortunate to see them participating in CYO and making it a priority. We are proud of all of you!  
Their list of accomplishments is a long one☺  
**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>** Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>** last CYO session of this school year!  
***Thank you, Seniors; William Fritchley, Laney Hemrich, Emma Rauch, Nicholas Shamhart!***

**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



**Mount Cavalry Cemetery**

As you can see in the picture, a slice of the tree and huge limb broke off during the recent storm. A couple of tombstones were broken and will be repaired.

The huge tree will likely need to be taken down.

## 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, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Steve Ochs, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, 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:** Carl Sterwerf, Linda Hemrich's dad

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31</b>	<b>Jn 3:1-8</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Acts 4:32-37</b>	<b>Jn 3:7b-15</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Acts 5:17-26</b>	<b>Jn 3:16-21</b>
<b>Thurs.:</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-33</b>	<b>Jn 3:31-36</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Acts 5:34-42</b>	<b>Jn 6:1-15</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Acts 6:1-7</b>	<b>Jn 6:16-21</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Acts 2:14,22-33</b>	<b>1Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35</b>

### Jasper County CUSD #1 Screenings

❖ Preschool is for children ages three to five, whose birthdate falls on 9-2-18 through 9-1-20 for those interested in your child attending any of the county wide preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year. Any child currently enrolled in preschool SY' 2022-2023 who will not be Kindergarten age SY' 2023-2024 will need to be screened again for next year.

❖ Kindergarten is for all children who will be five years old on or before September 1st, 2023.

**Preschool screening dates & times are as follows:**

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Kindergarten screening dates & times are as follows:**

Monday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All screenings will be held at Ste. Marie Elementary School. All appointments must be scheduled

by May 1<sup>st</sup> and no walk-in appointments permitted.

**Preschool screenings** need to be scheduled by calling 618-783-3651.

**Kindergarten screenings** need to be scheduled by calling 618-455-3219.



St. Thomas and St. Mary's youth presented Stations of the Cross throughout the Lenten season in their parishes.

Thanks to all of our

youth for their active participation in their churches and especially for supporting one another! Thank you for also being good role models for all the younger youth in our parishes. May they follow in your footsteps and be just as excited about their faith!

During the Easter Season, we will be celebrating numerous infant baptisms and preparing our second grader youth for the completion of their initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Let us pray for the families that the parents may be the first and best teachers of their children in the way of faith by what she do and say. It begins with the worship of God through Jesus' death and resurrection in the Holy Spirit, the Mass.

### CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: PARENT MEETING

Is scheduled for **6:30 pm Tuesday April 18 in St. Thomas Church** and offered again **at St. Mary's Parish Center at 10:00 am Saturday, April 22.**

One Catholic Parent of each prospective candidate must attend one of the two sessions to have their son/daughter enrolled in the preparation for the June Confirmation/First Communion dates at the Cathedral in Springfield. The second session with the student is scheduled for April 25 at St. Thomas and April 29 at St. Mary's.

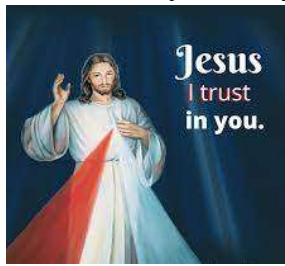
**Congratulations to Tom and Barb Paddock** as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>! Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this special day!

**Everyone is welcome to attend the Deanery Prayer Vigil for Life** to pray for the protection of all Life at St. Mary Help of Christians in Green Creek on Monday April 17. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Al Allen will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.

May the glory and promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. – Author Unknown.

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### 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

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 and as  
scheduled by request and available at St. Thomas  
Church 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays.

### This Week in our Parish

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Ron Kirts+)

11:00 a.m. – Mattoon Deanery Clergy at Lillyville

**6:30 p.m. – Parent Meeting for Confirmation &  
Holy Communion Preparation at St. Thomas**

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. – PSR**

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

10:00 a.m. Catholic Diocesan Tribunal

**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, St Anselm**

**Saturday, April 22nd, Easter Weekday**

**10:00 a.m. Parent Meeting for Confirmation/Holy  
Communion Prep. At St. Mary's Parish Center**

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Third Sunday of Easter**

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

### Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – April 23, 2023

**Ushers:** Paul Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,  
Maynard Kaufmann

**Servers:** Charlee Hartrich/Avery Ochs

**Lectors:** Ron Zwilling/Rose Gangloff

**Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Lisa Ochs Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning, Lisa Ochs,  
Elaine Zwilling

### CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION PREP

Begins with Catholic Parent of Candidate attending  
either 6:30 pm TUESDAY, April 18 at St. Thomas or  
10:00 am SATURDAY at St. Mary's Parish Center.  
Parent must attend one of the two sessions each week.

**PSR** – April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last class for this year.  
Thank you to all those who gave of their time and  
talent to teach the classes, it is greatly appreciated!

**Rest in Peace:** Eternal rest grant to Ron Kirts, O Lord,  
and may be Rest in Peace. Let us keep his family in  
our prayers that they may find comfort and peace.

### St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of April 9, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 855.00
Loose	223.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1078.00</b>
Rice Bowl	384.00
Holy Land	135.00
Easter Offering	760.00
Seminarians	240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2597.00</b>

**St Mary's Church February Tithe**

**January Tithe Income – \$12,984.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,298.00**

The Family Life will also be having a **Rural Life  
Sunday** on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, bring your tractors, farm  
equipment, farm animals, seed, or whatever you want  
Father to give a special blessing. Refreshments will be  
served after mass.

**FYI: Sunday Mass Intentions:** The Pastor of the  
Parish is to celebrate a Mass for the People. This Mass  
is offered on Sundays. The Mass on first Anniversary  
(actual day) of death of a person may be offered  
instead which is the case this Sunday, April 16.

**You are invited:** to celebrate the 90th birthdays of  
Ralph and Georgianna (Bolander) Weber, their family  
is hosting an open house on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from  
1-4pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin.