

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



**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**

April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,845.00
Loose	\$	82.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,927.00</b>
Easter	\$	5,272.00
Other Special Collections	\$	107.00
Seminarians	\$	622.00
Holy Land	\$	924.00
Building Collection	\$	175.00
School Fund	\$	230.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,330.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,257.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church MARCH Tithe**

March Tithe Income – \$32,766.00  
 10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,277.00

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Fr. Dean at a Clergy Conference/Retreat**  
**April 25-29 in Austin, TX**

**Monday, April 25, St. Mark**  
**Tuesday, April 26, Easter Weekday**  
 8 am Rosary & Communion Service 8:30 - St. Mary's  
**Wednesday, April 27, Easter Weekday**  
 8:30 am Class Mass w/Fr. Flach (Carole Schafer+)  
 9:15 am Rosary Group  
 5:30 pm Youth Choir  
 6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO  
 6:30 pm St. Mary's PSR  
**Thursday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel;**  
 8 am Rosary/ 8:30 am Communion Service--St. Mary's  
**Friday, April 29, St. Catherine of Sienna**  
 8:30 am All-School Mass w/Fr. Flach  
 (Matilda Schmidt+)  
**Saturday, April 30, St. Pius V**  
 8:00 – 9:00 am Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)  
 4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For the Parish)  
**Sunday, May 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 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, April 30 @ 4:30 pm – Prom Mass**  
 Lectors: Karen Buerster; Nichole Mulvey  
 E.M.: Linda Hemrich, Erica Johnson, Glenda Spiker,  
 Mark Bolander  
 Servers: Brooks & Allie Hermann  
 Gift Bearers: Don Klingler Family  
 Musicians: Debbie Matson  
 Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus  
**Sunday, May 1 @ 7:00 a.m.**  
 Lectors: Lori TeVault; Amy Hartrich  
 EM: Helen/Leo Weber, Nicholas Shamhart,  
 Jill Bierman  
 Servers: Adam & Curtis Weber  
 Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family  
 Musicians: Five for the One  
 Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman  
**Sunday, May 1 @ 10:00 am**  
 Lectors: Kelly Iffert & Sue Sparks  
 EM: Charlie/Jan Schackmann, Jason Bierman,  
 Tony Sparks  
 Servers: Drake Herdes & Drew Iffert  
 Gift Bearers: Mike Schackmann Family  
 Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl  
 Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

### St. Thomas CYO Upcoming dates

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Last CYO meeting  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm Mass w/ Recognition of Seniors followed by Adoration until 7:00 pm



### St. Thomas CYO Presented: Second Annual Egg the Yard

Thanks to all of the families that participated. We appreciate your support of CYO and our youth! Thanks to the CYO participants that were able to help hide eggs!! Lots of fun was had by all 😊

**Just a reminder...** Funeral dishes can be picked up in the front entrance of the parish center. Please stop by to pick up your dish(es) at your first opportunity. Thank you!



### St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
April 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Specials announced during the sale!!

Acceptable donations: Gently used clothing (seasonal), house wares, home decor items, shoes, toys, books, bedding & curtains, purses, belts, backpacks and furniture with prior approval.

Cannot accept: Undergarments, girls/ladies swimwear motor oils, lawn & garden chemicals, paint or spray paint, lawn & garden tools, outdated electronics, printers, monitors, keyboards or reference book sets

Drop donations off April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm & April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

All proceeds go to the St Thomas School's Technology/Improvement Fund

### St. Thomas School job openings:

Art Music/Band  
Assistant Cook Custodian

Please contact the school office 618-783-3517 to learn more about these opportunities and for information.



7th Grade Students made Easter Cookies!

Join us for *St. Thomas' Cash Bingo, 7:00 pm Friday, May 6, 2022. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.* All Proceeds benefit St. Thomas School. Don't miss out on the chance to win the Lightning round - \$550.00 MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play! License # BL-52238

## 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>1 Pt 5:5b-14</b>	<b>Mk 16:15-20</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Acts 4:32-37</b>	<b>Jn 3:7b-15</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Acts 5:17-26</b>	<b>Jn 3:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-33</b>	<b>Jn 3:31-36</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Acts 5:34-42</b>	<b>Jn 6:1-15</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Acts 6:1-7</b>	<b>Jn 6:16-21</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32,40b-41</b>	<b>Rv 15:11-14</b>
	<b>Jn 21:1-19</b>	

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Mary Bergbower Sam Zuber, Karen Shamhart, Flo Barker, Pat Mammoser, Doug Mammoser, Steve Mammoser, Mike Gibson, Dave Geltz, Diane Bunton, Amber Wakefield, Adrienne Roberts, Geneva Barber, Roger Leohr, Greg Dennis, Sharon Ghast, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities and those in our Book of Requests.

**Rest in Peace:** Jessica Spiker, Charles Dhom and Don Alblinger

**Congratulations! Deacon Paul Lesupati and Deacon Zack Semples** have been called by our Bishop to be ordained priests for our diocese on May 28, 2022. Deacon Paul served in our parishes in the summer of 2020. Hopefully, he will return to offer Masses of thanksgiving in our parishes. I plan to attend his Mass of thanksgiving in his home parish in Kenya June 5!

Fr. Dean

### St. Thomas School Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Tuesday, April 19:** 7th grade retreat at St. Anthony  
**Wednesday, April 20:** 8th grade retreat at St. Anthony  
**April 24-30:** Garage Sale  
**April 29:** 7th/8th grade dance @ Sacred Heart  
**May 7:** Track Sectional  
**May 9:** 8th grade class trip  
**May 10:** Pre-K graduations 10:00 am/2:00 pm  
**May 11:** Pre-K last day, All-School graduation mass, Spring Concert 6:00 pm  
**May 13-14:** State Track meet  
**May 15:** Graduation 4:00 pm  
**May 16:** Survivor Day, Sports Awards Night 6-7 p.m.  
**May 17:** Park Day, Kindergarten graduation 2:00 pm  
**May 18:** Last Day of School  
**May 19:** Teacher's Institute



**Congratulations to *Kelly Knicley* and *Isaiah Bergbower*** for receiving 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 & Aubrey Bergbower and his Godparents are Andy and Sarah Bergbower.

**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.** When all is in order, a date will be scheduled.

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.

A **Pre-baptismal class** is scheduled for **8:45 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. The next Pre-baptismal class will be July 3, 2022.

**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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is excited to announce the following schedule for in-person weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/5 - 8/7/2022** - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO  
**9/30 - 10/2/2022** - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO



**St. Thomas Rosary.** All are welcome to join the Rosary group that meets on Wednesday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. No registration needed...just show up and

BYOR(Bring Your Own Rosary)☺ What a great way to start off your day!

**Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) Standing in Our Midst.** Sometimes we just want proof. The words and witness of others is not always enough. Even when we do not ask for Jesus to come, he comes to us, just as he did to the disciples in the upper room. He is with us still, with us now, extending mercy and peace.

- What signs do I see of Christ being present, being with us being with me?
- How can I extend Christ's Easter greeting of peace to others?
- How will I be an ambassador of mercy? What work will I do this week?

## A Prayer for Channeling God's Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me show love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand,

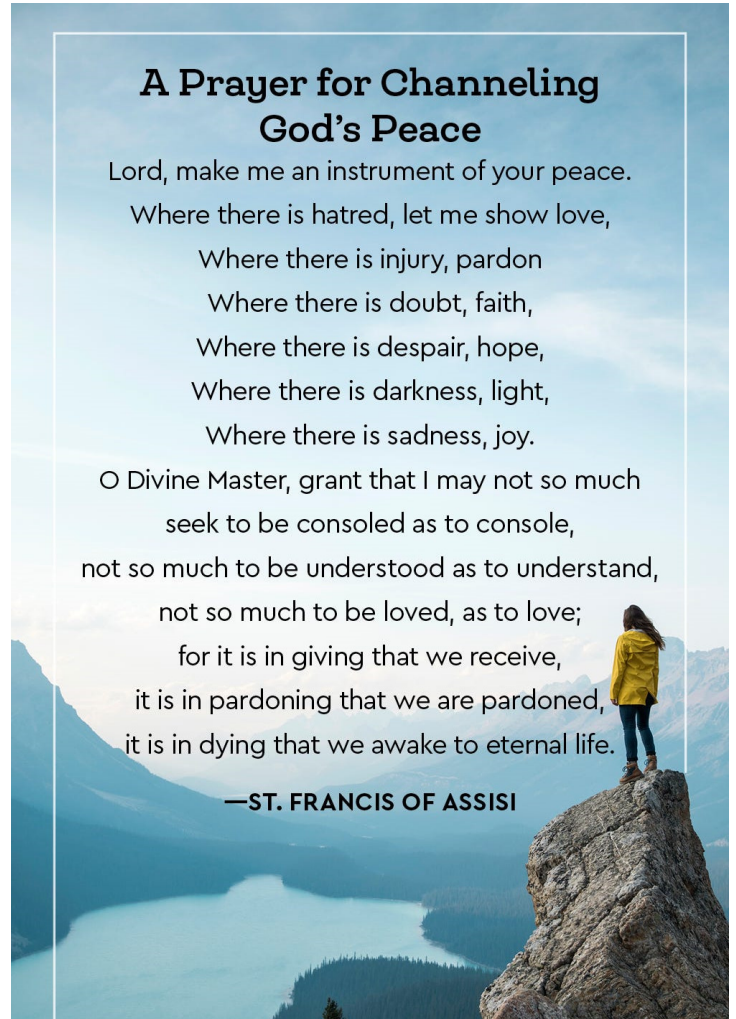
not so much to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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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 Morning Prayer-8 am Rosary-8:30 am Holy Mass

**Reconciliation: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday at**

**St. Thomas Church, Newton**

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, St Mark**

**Fr Dean Priest Conference/Retreat**

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. – PSR – Last Class**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, St Peter Chanel**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, St Catherine of Siena**

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, St Pius V**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Ministers for 8:30 am – May 1, 2022**

**Ushers:** Bob Barthelme, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Chase Kistner/Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Nicholas Zwilling/ Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Ben & Nancy Ochs

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Norman Boehl

**Collection for the week of April 17, 2022**

Envelopes	\$	1565.00
Loose		172.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1737.00</b>
Easter Collection		970.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)		285.00
Seminarians		135.00
Haiti		110.00
Rice Bowl		529.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3766.00</b>

**THANK YOU!!**

**The family of Lelia Rennie** would like to thank Fr Dean for the wonderful funeral mass, to Jane Ochs and Julie Warfel for the beautiful music, and Ashtyn & Avery Ochs for serving at the mass. Thank you to the ladies of the parish for the delicious desserts. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

**A big thanks** to those who shared of their time and talent to teach our young people in PSR this year, Thanks to Amanda Richey, Jamie Shamhart, Amber Frohning, Marie Wagner, Madison Phillips, Nancy Ochs, Nicole Mulvey, Linda Tharp, Becca Ochs and Sarah Boehl. You are greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks to the family of Romonna Ochs** for donating one of her beautiful handmade quilts for the picnic raffle this year!!

**Pastoral Council Nominations**

The terms of several members will be expiring and so it is time for nominating potential new members. If you are willing to serve or want to nominate someone else in the parish, please do so by April 30, 2022. The names of those willing to serve on the pastoral council will be then placed in a bowl and after prayer several will be drawn. The Pastoral Council advises the pastor on the needs, hopes and dreams of the parishioners.

**Parish Maintenance**

The Building Committee recommended that the roof of the Church be repaired. Bids were solicited and the Bishop has given approval for the project of repairing the St Mary Church roofs: the flat roof parts and the hip roof. Work is expected to be done.

The committee is also looking to updating the rectory by removing the carpet from the hall and dining room along with the linoleum in the kitchen. Vinyl wood flooring is being considered for replacement of the areas.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

St. Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina a saint and instituted her revelation of Jesus to her to the Liturgical Calendar. Therefore the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. We hear in the Gospel of Jesus offering the gift of His peace to the Disciples and telling them whose sins they forgive are forgiven. Thus, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sr. Faustina had a revelation/vision of Jesus with rays of white and red flowing from his side as the new life in baptism and forgiveness through his death on the cross. Pick up a holy card with his image and recite the prayer daily!