

May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**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

**Annulment Advocate:** Debbie Matson

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**

April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 11,404.00
Loose	\$ 147.25
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 11,551.25</b>
Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 105.00
School Fund	\$ 667.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 852.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,403.25</b>

**St. Thomas Church MARCH Tithe**

March Tithe Income – \$32,766.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,277.00

**Ministry Scheduler:** Please check the May ministry schedule provided through Ministry Scheduler Pro to see what ministries still need to be filled.

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, May 9, Easter Weekday**

**6:30 pm** Angels Meeting in parish center

**Tuesday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster**

**7:15 am** Adoration 8:00 am Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's, Ste. Marie.

**11 am–2 pm** Mattoon Deanery Gathering in Shumway

**Wednesday, May 11, Easter Weekday**

**7-8:00 am Adoration w 7:30 am Morning Prayer**

**8:30 am** Class Mass (Martha Pickens+)

**9:15 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**Thurs., May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras**

**7:15 am Adoration 8:00 am Rosary-St. Mary's**

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's, Ste. Marie

**Friday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima**

**7-8:00 am Adoration w 7:30 am Morning Prayer**

**8:30 am** School Mass (Glen & Alberta Smithenry+)

**Saturday, May 14, St. Matthias**

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

Earnest & Adair Wedding

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

**Sunday, May 15, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**

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

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Mary's w/Fr. Flach (For Parish)

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

**4:00 pm** St. Thomas Graduation Mass

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Please notice ministry schedule changes due to  
 4:00 pm Graduation Mass**

**Saturday, May 14 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Mike Hartrich;

E.M.: Kim Zuber, Mary Frichtl, Nikki Earnest,  
 Glenda Spiker

Servers: Dylan & Ava Earnest

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, May 15 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Lectors: Tony Weber; Nicholas Shamhart

EM: Mark & Janet Vahling, Theresa Volk,  
 Amy Hartrich

Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Michael Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Doug Long

Musicians: Youth Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

**Sunday, May 15 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Kevin Parker; Kelly Iffert

EM: Dee Bower, Amy Tarr, Gery Ochs, Tony Sparks

Servers: Joslynn & Kassie Pitcher

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale a GIGANTIC success!** We are thankful for another awesome **Garage Sale**. We profited \$11,369.00! Great job committee and those who helped in any way!

**St. Thomas Soup Supper Results.** This year's Soup Supper included the Big Raffle, quilt raffle, basket stand, cake walk, games, country store and delicious meal. The profit was \$16,972.60 which is a \$1,500.00 increase over last year! The church received \$4,243.15. Thanks to the Booster Club for organizing this event each year! All of the donations for prizes, cake walk, etc. were also greatly appreciated. **Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way to make this very beneficial fundraiser for our parish a success again this year!**

**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.



**Join us for the last two *St. Thomas Cash Bingo Nights, 7:00 pm Friday, May 6 & May 20. 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 School Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**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 Farewell 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



**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!

**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 & 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.

**Prom 2022!**



**A Night at the Ball**

Thanks to The Knights of Columbus who escorted several young ladies and their dates to their seats this past Saturday evening as many of our high school youth started off their Prom with Mass. It was so exciting to see so many in attendance and heading off for the evening with their friends with God as their guide.

**The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT is here!!**

Please be sure to stop by the gathering space on Mother's Day to pick up a Baby Bottle. Please be generous and fill with your spare change and then return on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Effingham. Thanks!

**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

**Day of Prayer for Life – Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 48th annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 29th**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. Father Michael Berndt, Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony's, Effingham, and St. Mary's, Shumway, will be our honored guest celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 PM closing mass.

### **CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT**

May 21, 2022, 9:30 am – Noon Parish Center, Newton, IL  
Those preparing for these two sacraments completing their initiation into the Church are: Natasha Alblinger, Dean Hopson, Trevor Keller, Aaron Michels, Sara Michels, Duncan Miller, Dakota Milner, and Daniel Uebinger.

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-8</b>	<b>Jn 10:1-10</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Acts 11:19-26</b>	<b>Jn 10:22-30</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Acts 12:24-13:5a</b>	<b>Jn 12:44-50</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Acts 13:13-25</b>	<b>Jn 13:16-20</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Act 13:26-33</b>	<b>Jn 14:1-6</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17,20-26</b>	<b>Jn 15:9-17</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Acts 14:21-27</b>	<b>Rv 21:1-5a</b>

**Jn 13:31-33a,34-35**

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

### **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, **July 3, 2022** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call St. Thomas parish: 618-783-8741. The next Pre-baptismal class will be Sept. 4, 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

### **Parochial Vicar for St. Thomas and St. Mary's!**

As announced at each of the Masses last weekend, Bishop Paprocki has decreed the appointment of Fr. Pawel "Paul" Luczak to a parochial vicar at our parishes, effective July 1, 2022. Fr. "Paul" is from the country of Poland and was ordained for our diocese by Bishop Paprocki two years ago in the priestly class of 8. That group of priests included fellow Polish native, Fr. Piotr Kosk who served as Deacon in our parishes prior to his priestly ordination. Fr. Piotr Kosk has been appointed pastor of St. Mary's, Taylorville, Holy Cross Stonington and St. Rita's, Kincaid.

### **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.

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Champaign Catholic Heart Workcamp**

The following parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's have registered for the Catholic Heart Workcamp to be held June 12-17 in Champaign, IL. Adults: Jill Bierman, Lora Ochs, Mike Gier and Zach Weber. Youth and Young Adults include Evan Baltzell, Gus Bierman, Lily Bierman, William Fritchley, Ethan Griffith, Aleah Higgs, Kylie Higgs, Alex Gier, Dylan Gier, Alex Kaufmann, Grant Ochs, Kaitlyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Wade Ochs, Adam Weber, Jacob Weber, Elise Wright. Father Dean Probst will accompany the group.

### **The Bethlehem Olive Wood Sales Representatives**

are scheduled to be here on the weekend of May 21/22. Inquiries have been made as to whether the group would be coming to see the olive wood carvings. Items will be sold and on display in the parish center or outside, weather permitting.

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### **St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller  
**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 Morning Prayer-8 am Rosary-8:30 am Holy Mass  
**Reconciliation: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday at**  
**St. Thomas Church, Newton**

#### **Victim Assistance Contact Information**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation  
Call 217-321-1155

### **This Week in our Parish**

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**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, St Damien de Veuster**

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: Larry Kirts+)

11 am - 2 pm Mattoon Deanery Gathering in Shumway

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**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sts Nereus & Achilleus**

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

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

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard Ochs+)

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Fatima**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, St Mattias**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

# Happy Mother's Day!!

### **Ministers for 8:30 am – May 15, 2022**

**Ushers:** Bob Barthelme, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Ashtyn Ochs/Ellie Ochs

**Lectors:** Nancy Ochs/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning

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

#### **Collection for the week of May 1, 2022**

Envelopes	\$	2972.00
Loose		111.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3083.00</b>
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections		115.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3198.00</b>

St Mary's Church APRIL Tithe

April Tithe Income - \$12762.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$1276.00

### **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.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp:** Lora Ochs, (Chaperone), and Kelby Ochs, Alex Kaufmann and Ethan Griffith are registered to attend the Youth Mission Trip to Champaign, IL, June 12-17, along with Fr. Dean.

### **A Blessing for Mothers**

Almighty God has brought you

the joy of motherhood:

may He now bless you.

Through the mercy of God

and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

may you and your children one day

come to share in the unending joys of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **American Legion Post 932**

#### **Mother's Day Breakfast**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> – 7am – 11am**

**Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,**

**Biscuits & Gravy, Toast**

**Juice, Milk and Coffee**

**Eat In or Carry out**