

May 13th-14th, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!



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 8:00 am

Reconciliation: 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays
and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

May 6th-7th, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,566.00
Loose	\$	142.00
Subtotal	\$	6,720.00
Cemetery	\$	1,760.00
Special Collections	\$	950.00
Building Fund	\$	540.00
School Fund	\$	1,188.00
Subtotal	\$	4,438.00
Grand Total	\$	12,146.00

St. Thomas Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$52,900.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,290.00

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday, May 13: Confirmation/Eucharist Session

at St. Mary's Parish Center at 10:00 am

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

Sunday, 14th Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:30 am St. Thomas School Graduation Ceremony

Monday, May 15, St. Isidore the Farmer

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 17, Easter Weekday

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Jessica Spiker+)

8:15 am-3:00 pm PSR Confirmation/1st Communion
Retreat St. Thomas Parish Center

2:00 pm Diocesan Tribunal Court

Thurs. May 18, St. John I

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, May 19, Easter Weekday

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

8:30 am Mass (Werner/Kocher Families+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

10:30 am Villas of Holly Brook Mass

Saturday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena

8:00-9:00 am Confessions

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

4:30 pm Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Sunday, May 21, Ascension of the Lord

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

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas School Board. Two openings are currently available for **School Board**. If you are interested in serving a 3-year term, please let the school know as soon as possible. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Mt. Calvary and St. Peters' Cemeteries have updated their price lists effective immediately. Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618-783-8741.

St. Thomas Parish is excited to offer FORMED to parishioners. Our parish will be using the material offered on FORMED to support our parish ministries, to continue faith formation and education and as an outreach tool. To gain access to all of FORMED's content follow the simple steps listed:

Go to <http://signup.formed.org/>

Enter 62448 (St. Thomas' parish zip code)

Enter your name and your email address.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 20 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Mike Hartrich; Beth Ochs
E.M.: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Kaitlyn Ochs, Kim Zuber
Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Lexi Ochs
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Five For The One
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, May 21 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Caroline Frohning; Karen Winn
EM: Linda/Laney Hemrich, Pam Francis,
Amy Hartrich
Servers: Will Hartrich & Tyler Spiker
Gift Bearers: Seth Brooks Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Brenly Francis
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, May 21 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Aleah Higgs; Elley Bennett
EM: Julie Higgs, Dee Bower, Sara Mette,
Jenny Bierman
Servers: Beau Bennett & Avery Geier
Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher
Greeters/Ushers: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

St Thomas musicians and choirs would like to wish one of our own, **John Johnson**, farewell and good luck! John will be sharing his musical talent in Charleston starting June 1, 2023. We have been so fortunate to have him helping with our musical liturgies for the past several years.

We would also like to encourage anyone out there who might be willing to share their musical talents with the parish to contact either the church office or Patsy Leffler.

We would love to have you join us as we praise the Lord in song. Responsibilities would be 1 or possibly 2 masses per month. Cantors are always scheduled to aid in the singing. Thanks to the entire parish for supporting the music – we've come a long way in participation in the last 50 years!

St. Thomas Youth Choir Practices will resume in the fall. Youth Choir will officially conclude after they sing on Mother's Day, May 14, at the 10:00 am Mass. All are invited and encouraged to sing at the Masses with Patsy, Vicki, and Debbie during the summer months. They would love to have you join them while youth choir is on summer break! Thank you all for sharing your talents with us!

The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, July 2nd at 8:45 am at St. Thomas Church. Call the parish offices to register for the session.

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.

PASTOR-Elect and Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Paul is now known as **Pastor Elect** as he has been appointed by Bishop Paprocki to succeed Fr. Dean as Pastor, when Fr. Dean becomes Pastor Emeritus July 1, 2023. Pastor Emeritus is not retirement but change in priestly responsibilities. The Pastor Emeritus relinquishes his canonical duties of pastor of particular parish(es); but he remains an active priest, offering Mass & prayer of the Church (Liturgy of the Hours); & Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick upon request, whether in his residential chapel or filling in for a priest anywhere in the Diocese due to priest's vacation, retreat or illness. Please keep Fr. Paul and Fr. Dean in your prayers as well as they make their transitions into new roles over the next seven weeks.



Please pray for the Sick, especially, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Shirley Woodard, Rhonda Wilson, Suzi Ochs, Dick Worland, Doug Frichtl, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Vicky Yager, Rodney Hatten, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Geneva Barber, Seth Weber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tues.:	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Weds.:	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thurs.:	Acts 18:1-8	Jn 16:16-20
Fri.:	Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sat.:	Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Sun.:	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	Mt 28:16-20

Note: next Sunday is Ascension Sunday for the Scripture readings instead of 7th Sunday in Easter.

St. Thomas School Family Agreement. Father Dean and Father Paul would like to meet with each school family regarding the **Family Agreement** that is signed each year. You only need to meet with one priest. **Please call the church (618-783-8741) to set up a time to meet.** Father Dean has already started scheduling and Father Paul will be scheduling after Wednesday of this week. This is a great time to ask any questions you might have and commit to attending church and being an active part of your child's faith formation. Thanks for your time!

Diaconate Ordinations: Seminarians Jayke White



and Alex McCullough, both who served in our parish during the summers are scheduled

to be ordained to the transitional Diaconate **6:30 pm Friday, May 26, at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL.** Please keep them along with **Daniel McGrath** as these three proceed to the Ordained Ministry of Deacons. Anyone who might like to carpool to the Ordination should call the parish offices and leave name and phone number for contact.

The following youth are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Parent/Child Meeting Schedule:

Saturday May 13 at 10:00 am in St. Mary's Parish Center.

PSR 2nd Graders: A retreat will be held from 8 am – 3 pm Wednesday May 17th in St. Thomas Church/Parish Center with Fr. Dominic Renken and Sr. M. Clementia SFMG, assisting.

The following youth are registered with the Bishop's Office:

Saturday, June 3:

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| Tatiana Alblinger | Emma Hartrich |
| Kinsey Barber | Bailey Kistner |
| Emily Beals | Electa Meyer |
| Eli Benson | Hudson Miller |
| Elizabeth Brummer | Brantley Ochs |
| Megan Farley | Kinsley Ochs |
| Micah Finley | Karlee Pitcher |
| Evan Frichtl | Ella Probst |
| Lucas Frohning | Norah Simpson |
| Deagan Ginder | Jillian Volk |
| Melah Goebel | Gauge Weber |
| Lillian Green | |

Saturday, June 17:

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| Hudson Benefiel | Reed Kistner |
| Luke Bower | Max Ochs |
| Patrick Bower | Wade Schackmann |
| Blake Gier | Maura Weber |
| Nichole Hopson | Henry Zumbahlen |

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMPERS

The following are signed on for the Catholic Heart Workcamp July 9-14, 2023: Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Cameron Davis, Alex Gier, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Adam Weber, & Elias Weber; Adults: Jason Bierman, Jill Bierman, Rose Gangloff, Ted Weber and Fr. Dean Probst. If your name is not on list, you have not registered with CHWC. Please contact the parish office 618-783-8741



Congratulations to all of our graduates!

**St. Thomas and St. Mary's
8th Grade Graduates**

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| <i>Jackson Baltzell</i> | <i>Logan Burgener</i> |
| <i>Maria Cucinella</i> | <i>Ava Earnest</i> |
| <i>Drake Herdes</i> | <i>Allie Hermann</i> |
| <i>Madison Keller</i> | <i>Jordyn Kocher</i> |
| <i>Gavin Meinhart</i> | <i>Grady Michl</i> |
| <i>Hayden Mulvey</i> | <i>Alayna Ochs</i> |
| <i>Ashtyn Ochs</i> | <i>Haley Ochs</i> |
| <i>Jacob Oldham</i> | <i>Jarrett Pitcher</i> |
| <i>Adam Schumacher</i> | <i>Grace Schumacher</i> |
| <i>Adalyn Schulte</i> | <i>Michael Shamhart</i> |
| <i>Yurieth Zavala</i> | <i>Caleb Zumbahlen</i> |



**St. Thomas and St. Mary's
NCHS Graduates**

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| <i>Dalton Baltzell</i> | <i>Clay Bergbower</i> |
| <i>Drew Buerster</i> | <i>Dawson Deitz</i> |
| <i>Isabella Ely</i> | <i>Abbie Fitzmaurice</i> |
| <i>Laney Hemrich</i> | <i>Alex Kaufmann</i> |
| <i>Ali Kirts</i> | <i>Austin Moore</i> |
| <i>Jacob Ochs</i> | <i>Emma Rauch</i> |
| <i>Brooke Schafer</i> | <i>Nicholas Shamhart</i> |
| <i>Sam Volk</i> | <i>Emerson Webster</i> |
| <i>Luis Zavala</i> | |

Congratulations to all of the NCHS Seniors from St. Thomas's and St. Mary's parishes for their many achievements!

May 13^h-14th, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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Pastor Elect: Fr. Paul Luczak
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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

and 8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am First Saturday of the Month.

Rosary: 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday

Penance: 7:45 am - 8:15 am First Saturday of Month
before/after Mass and as scheduled by request.

Note: See also St. Thomas Church Schedule.

This Week in our Parish

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Mass of Our Lady of Fatima

10:00 a.m. Confirmation/First Eucharist Session

Monday, May 15th, St Isidore, the Farmer

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, May 16th, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Bernard & Marcella Menke+)

Wednesday, May 17th, Easter Weekday

**8:15 am – 3:00 pm. – Confirmation/F.C. Retreat
at ST. Thomas Church/Parish Center**

Thursday, May 18th, St John I

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

Friday, May 19th, Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 20th, S Bernadine of Siena

Sunday, May 21st, The Ascension of the Lord

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

St. Mary Parish Graduates

The Parish Family Life Committee would like to honor all the graduates from St Mary's with a **Graduates' breakfast on June 4th**, after the 8:30 am Mass in the parish center. If you are an eight grade, high school, JR college, college or any other graduate, you and your family are invited to breakfast. **Please RSVP** by calling 618-455-3155 (parish office) or Lora Semple at 618-783-9256 and let us know how many will be attending. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating this milestone in your life.

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American Legion Post 932 Mother's Day Breakfast

Sainte Marie, IL

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7am – 11 am

Serving – Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy

Scrambled Eggs, Toast

Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice.

Treat Mom to Breakfast

All are Welcome!!

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of May 7, 2023

Envelopes \$2570.00

Loose 78.00

Subtotal \$ 2648.00

Home Mission 10.00

Total \$ 2658.00

St Mary's Church March Tithe

March Tithe Income – \$12,511.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,251.00

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – May 21, 2023

Ushers: Roger Hemrich, George Kirts, Kelby Ochs

Servers: Daniel Uebinger, Chase Kistner

Lectors: Claire Griffith/Rose Gangloff

Gift Bearers: Ron & Nancy Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Ochs, Norman Boehl,

Lora Ochs