

May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Fifth 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**

May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Envelopes \$ 8,783.00

Loose \$ 67.25

**Subtotal \$ 8,850.25**

Building Fund \$ 310.00

Catholic Communications \$ 50.00

School Fund \$ 485.00

**Subtotal \$ 845.00**

**Grand Total \$ 9,695.25**

**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 may need to be filled. Please Call Fr. Dean by 3:00 pm Saturdays if you are not able to fulfill your assignment. Thanks.

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, May 16, Easter Weekday**

**Survivor day at St. Thomas School**

**4-7 pm Visitation for Jarrett Zumbahlen**

**Tuesday, May 17, Easter Weekday**

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

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

**11 am Mass of Christian Burial (Jarrett Zumbahlen)**

**Wednesday, May 18, St. John I**

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

**8:30 am End of School Mass (John A. Bergbower+)**

**9:15 am Rosary Group**

**10:30 am Mass at Villas of Holly Brook**

**2:00 pm Diocesan Tribunal Court**

**Thurs., May 19, Easter Weekday**

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

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

**11 am Retirement Party for Dan Schackmann**

**Friday, May 20, St. Bernadine of Siena**

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

**8:30 am Mass (Paul Brummer+)**

**11:30 am Funeral Mass for Fr. Carl Schmidt (Spfld)**

**Saturday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes**

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

**9:30–Noon Retreat for Confirmation/F.C. Candidates**

**4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (For Fr. Carl Schmidt)**

**Sunday, May 22, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

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

**10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (For Fr. Carl Schmidt)**



**BAPTIZED into the Church**

**as a child of God, Saturday,**

**May 7, 2022, were Elizabeth Lillian**

**Green and Felix Beau Hardy Green,**

**the children of Scott & Kelsi (Songer)**

**Green. Godparents are Brian & Jessica**

**Burton.**

**St. Thomas Youth Choir**

A special thanks to all of the youth who participated in the youth choir this past year! Thank you for sharing your talents with us. Enjoy your summer and Vicki and Debbie will see you again after Labor Day.

Thanks also to Vicki Mullen and Debbie Matson for all their time and dedication to this dynamic group of young people!

**BLOOD DRIVE-** St. Thomas Angel group is

sponsoring a Blood drive 1-5 pm Thursday June 2 at

the Knights of Columbus Hall. Homemade desserts

and cookies will be provided. Visit [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)

to make an appointment. Thank you!!

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

- May 13-14:** State Track meet  
Congrats to those pictured!!!
- May 15:** Graduation 4:00 pm
- May 16:** Survivor Day,  
Sports Awards Night 6-7 p.m.
- May 17:** Park Day,  
Kindergarten graduation 2 p.m.
- May 18:** Last Day of School
- May 19:** Teacher's Institute



**Kindergarteners** studying Alphabet V for Visiting came to the rectory to visit Fr. Dean this week.



They visited and asked him some questions.



He provided them with a snack and drink.

**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!

**Join us for the last two St. Thomas Cash Bingo Nights, 7:00 pm Friday, 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 - \$600.00 MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!

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**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!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is excited to announce the following schedule for weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will 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 & 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:**

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Act 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Rv 21:10-14,22-23  
Jn 14:23-29



**Congratulations Graduates!!**  
We are so **PROUD** of you!!



**St. Thomas School & Parish  
8th Grade Graduates**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Carson Barthelme  | Shay Bennett     |
| Kody Bergbower    | Hydi Bierman     |
| Katie Bierman     | Lucy Bierman     |
| Allison Brummer   | Conner Clevenger |
| Abby Finn         | Alex Gier        |
| Kylie Higgs       | Mackenzie Holder |
| Sadie Iffert      | Kahlin Michl     |
| Megan Miller      | Wade Ochs        |
| Wyatt Ochs        | Joslynn Pitcher  |
| Morgan Schafer    | Adam Weber       |
| Peyton Willenborg |                  |



**St. Thomas Parish  
NCHS Graduates**



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|---------------|-----------------|
| Lily Bierman  | Frank Cucinella |
| Mason Mulvey  | Kaitlyn Ochs    |
| Mason Schafer | Weston Tharp    |
| Leo Weber     | Elise Wright    |

**Attention Graduates:**

Newman Ministry is Connecting Students to Campus Ministry. To learn more, contact our parish offices or scan the code



**FAITH THAT SURVIVES COLLEGE  
STARTS HERE**



[signupnc.newmanministry.com](http://signupnc.newmanministry.com)

**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!

**CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION  
RETREAT**

**Date:** May 21, 2022,

**Time:** 9:30 am – Noon

**Location:** St. Thomas Parish Center, Newton, IL  
Those preparing for these two sacraments completing their initiation into the Church are:

*Natasha Ablinger, Dean Hopson, Trevor Keller,  
Aaron Michels, Sara Michels, Duncan Miller,  
Dakota Milner, and Daniel Uebinger.*

**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, Don Ochs, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities and those in our Book of Requests. Pray for the repose of souls of Mike Dorn, brother of Lynn Wilson of our parish; and Jarrett Zumbahlen, and consolation for his family.

**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.

**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

**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.

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

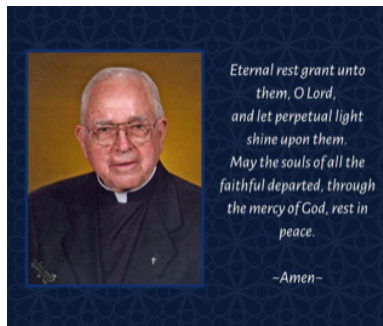
As announced at each of the Masses last weekend, Bishop Paprocki has decreed the appointment of Fr. Pawel "Paul" Luczak to a parochial vicar at our parishes, effective July 1, 2022. Fr. "Paul" is from the country of Poland and was ordained for our diocese by Bishop Paprocki two years ago in the priestly 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 during the summer of 2020. Hopefully, he will return to offer Masses of thanksgiving in our parishes.

**Congratulation Cards** may be brought to the parish and will be brought to the Cathedral on the day of their ordination. Or cards to **Fr. Paul Lesupati**, may be mailed to him: % Blessed Sacrament Church  
1725 Walnut Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

Fr. Paul will offer his first Mass there at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 29. Anyone is welcome to attend it. Fr. Jeff Grant and I are planning to attend his Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish in Kenya June 5.



May God grant Fr. Carl Schmidt a place at the heavenly banquet for having fed God's people with the Bread of Life for almost 72 years (minus 2 weeks)! He was my pastor when I entered the seminary.

As I had the privilege of receiving Holy Communion from him at Mass, I had the honor of anointing him and offering Jesus in Holy Communion to him twice this week before he entered into eternity. Fr. Dean Each priest is to offer three Masses for a deceased brother priest. Two are scheduled for next weekend.

**Calendar of Events:**

**Monday, May 30: Masses at Cemeteries**

**May 31 – June 10: Trip to Kenya, Africa**

**June 4/5: Fr. James Flach presiding at Masses**

**June 11/12: Cross Catholic Missionary**

**June 26: Parish Mass/Picnic at Sam Parr State Park**

**July 1: Fr. Paul Luczak, parochial vicar arrives**

**July 10: Welcome "Fr. Paul" Luncheon Reception**

May 14<sup>th</sup>– May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

112 W. Embarras Street, P.O. Box 68  
Ste. Marie, Illinois 62459 Tel: 618-455-3155  
E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)  
**Website:** [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)  
Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

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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

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**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter 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: Gene Zuber+)

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, St John I**

10:30 a.m. – Mass at the Villas of Holly Brook

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

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: Mary Harris+)

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, St Bernadine of Siena**

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, St Christopher Magallanes**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Rest in peace:** Our prayers are with the family of Don Litzelman who passed away last week.

**Ministers for 8:30 am – May 22, 2022**

**Ushers:** Bob Barthelme, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/Chase Kistner

**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 8, 2022**

Envelopes	\$	800.00
Loose		125.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>925.00</b>
Other 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections		10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>935.00</b>

St Mary's Church APRIL Tithe

April Tithe Income - \$12762.00

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$1276.00

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 3pm  
Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 3pm  
**Closed – May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Catholic Charities** wishes to thank the parishioners who donated to the Annual Collection. The donation to the annual collection helps care for our neighbors who struggle with the basic necessities of living. Thank you for your example of discipleship in caring for our neighbors in need. If you were not able to give to the Annual Collection, you can always send your contribution directly to Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support!

**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.



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**St. Mary's Parish 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Graduate**

Brianna Zwilling



**St. Mary's Parish NCHS  
Graduates**



Veronica Griffith

Brooke Johnson

Bailey Kocher

Kayla Kocher

Jenna Ochs

Nick Zwilling

**Pastoral Council Membership Selection:**

Names of Council Nominees will be placed in a bowl and representatives drawn for service for 7 pm meeting on May 24. Have you submitted your name for service?