

May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
**The Ascension of the Lord**



**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 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,364.00
Loose	\$	148.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,512.00</b>
Ret Diocesan Priests	\$	10.00
Building Fund	\$	200.00
School Fund	\$	110.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>320.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,832.00</b>

**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**

**Monday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia**

5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Joseph Klingler)

6:30-8:30 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

**Tuesday, May 23, Easter Weekday**

8:30 am Mass (L. William & Rosemary Nesstein+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

**Wednesday, May 24, Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Adoration w MP until 8 am Benediction

8:30 am Mass (Norbert Klingler+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

**Thursday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable**

8:30 am Mass (Virginia DeGrand+)

4 pm – 9 pm Scheduled Family School Agreements.

**Friday, May 26, St. Philip Neri**

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

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Carl Schmidt+)

9:00 am Rosary Group

6:30 pm Transitional Diaconate Ordinations in Spfld.

**Saturday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury**

8:00-9:00 am Confessions

9 am–Noon: Scheduled Family School Agreements.

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

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

**Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday**

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 Family Agreement.** Father Dean and Father Paul are scheduling opportunities to meet with each school family to sign the **Family School Parish 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 will be available this week as scheduled in Parish Calendar/Fr. Paul will meet with families on Thursday and Saturday. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you might have regarding your commitment.

**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 at 6 pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**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 27 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Karen Buerster; Lori TeVault  
E.M.: Wanda Kocher, Alice Addis, Ramon Kocher,  
Mark Bolander

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Elise Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, May 28 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Jamie Shamhart; Nicholas Shamhart

EM: Brenda Phillips, Erica Johnson, Gery Ochs,  
Theresa Volk

Servers: Michael Shamhart & Aaron Volk

Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, May 28 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Tracey Bower; Ginger Robins

EM: Helen & Leo Weber, Dennis Weber, Matt Bower

Servers: Curtis Weber & Lane Zumbahlen

Gift Bearers: Charlie Schackmann Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**St Thomas musicians and choirs** would like to encourage anyone who is willing to share their musical talents with the parish to contact either the church office or Patsy Leffler, parish music coordinator.

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!

**Children 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 during the school year!

**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.

**8:30 am Mass, Memorial Day, Monday May 29 in Mount Cavalry Cemetery**

Mark your calendars and bring your chairs to share in Mass on Memorial Day. The new monument regarding our parish St. Thomas School foundress, Sr. Mary Stanislaus Saul, CJS will be dedicated. Thanks to Madonna & Gene Schackmann and Judy McClure.

## 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 six 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:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Acts 19:1-8</b>	<b>Jn 16:29-33</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Acts 20:17-27</b>	<b>Jn 17:1-11a</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Acts 20:28-38</b>	<b>Jn 17:11b-19</b>
<b>Thurs.:</b>	<b>Acts 22:30,23:6-11</b>	<b>Jn 17:20-26</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Acts 25:13b-21</b>	<b>Jn 21:15-19</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Acts 28:16-20,30-31</b>	<b>Jn 21:20-25</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-11 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13</b>	<b>Jn 20:19-23</b>

**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. Frs. Paul and Dean have room for several passengers to carpool. For their planning purposes, the offer ends Wednesday, May 24! Youth and/or Adults welcome. Contact the priests or call the parish office.

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

The following youth are registered with the Bishop's Office for Confirmation/First Communion:

**Saturday, June 3:**

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	

These will be joining confirmandi from Camp Point, Tuscola, Shumway, Pierron, Robinson, Greenville and Mt. Sterling.

**Saturday, June 17:**

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

These will be joining confirmandi from Altamont, Bethalto, Dieterich, Beardstown, Virginia, & Hillsboro

Those parishioners of St. Thomas and St Mary's candidates will be recognized in their home parishes at the weekend Masses following their Confirmation and First Reception of Holy Communion.



**Thanks to Fr. Dominic Rankin**, the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Director of Vocations, & **Sr. M. Clementia Toolson, FSGM**, Parish Liaison for Restored Order and Coordinator for Diocesan Celebrations, for directing the Retreat for our 33 youth.

**NOTE: FUTURE CLASS OF CONFIRMANDI**

Those families with child going into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 2023-2024: Mark your calendars for **Dec. 7, 2024**, which is the date set for future Confirmation/First Communion.

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.

**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMPERS**

The following are signed on for the Catholic Heart Workcamp July 9-14, 2023, in Huntingburg, Indiana: Youth: Jackson Baltzell, Lucy Bierman, Nick Bierman, Cameron Davis, Alex Gier, Kylie Higgs, Alayna Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs, Kelby Ochs, Mallory Ochs, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, Mary Scheidemantel, Adam Weber, & Elias Weber; Adults: Jason Bierman, Jill Bierman, Rose Gangloff, Ted Weber and Fr. Dean Probst.

**Congratulations to all of the St. Thomas School Track Athletes** who qualified and placed at the state track meet last week. As a team, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall as the state runner up!! Way to go!



**St. Thomas Saints participate in the parade of athletes**

**Sacred Heart Parish is hosting Totus Tuus this summer, June 12-16, for grades PreK through high school.** The program for grades 1-6 is 9:00 am to 2:30 pm daily. The program for grades 7-12 is 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm daily. The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 for families of two or more. Children in the daytime session must bring a sack lunch. Totus Tuus is a form of Vacation Bible School, but so much more. A trained team of leaders travels to a different parish each week during the summer to promote the Catholic faith. Registration forms are available in the vestibules of both St. Thomas's and St. Mary's Churches.

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

Please be sure to stop in the gathering spaces of our parish churches 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 Newton. Thanks!

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**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**

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Rita of Cascia**

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Fr Joseph O'Reilly+)

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Easter Weekday**

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, St Bede & St Gregory**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Eugene & Mildred Schmidt+)

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, St Philip Neri**

6:30 pm Transitional Deacon Ordinations at the  
Cathedral, Springfield.

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, St Augustine of Canterbury**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Pentecost Sunday**

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

**St Mary Parish Graduates**

The Parish Family Life Committee would like to honor all graduates from St Mary's with a **Graduates' breakfast on June 4<sup>th</sup>**, after 8:30 am Mass in the parish center. If you are an eighth grade, high school, Jr College, college or any other graduate, you and your family are invited to breakfast.

**Please RSVP by May 28<sup>th</sup>** either 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.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Collection for the week of May 14, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 848.00
Loose	73.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 921.00</b>

**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 28, 2023**

**Ushers:** Roger Hemrich, George Kirts, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/ Ashtyn Ochs

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/ Lora Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Anita Griffith Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ochs, Amy Frohning,  
Jeanne Johnson

**Bend Community Club**

Annual Book and Bake sale

Serving Lemon and Strawberry Shake ups

May 27<sup>th</sup> at 104 E South St, Sainte Marie, IL.

It is listed on the map for the village wide garage sales.

Hope to see you there!!

**Memorial Day Mass in St. Mary's Cemetery**

The annual Mass on Monday, Memorial Day, will be held at 8:30 am May 29, in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mark your calendars and bring your lawn chair. If inclement weather, Mass will be in the church.

**CONFIRMANDI** to be recognized at Sunday Masses following reception of Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral:  
June 04: Lucas Frohning and Tatiana Alblinger  
June 18: Reed Kistner, Max Ochs, Wade Schackmann and Henry Zumbahlen.