

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 20th-21st, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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St. Thomas Parish / School Staff:

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Piotr Kosk
Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich
School Principal: Jill Bierman
School Secretary: Dawn Meinhart
PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero
RCIA Coordinator: Jan Schackmann
Seminarian: Jayke White

Scheduling/Celebration of Sacraments

Anointing of Sick: Administered upon request due to serious illness or injury, or prior to hospital visit. Anointing of the Sick also takes place during the Masses held in October and February.

Baptism: Infants/Toddlers: During Weekend Mass with Fr. Dean Probst. The Pre-Baptismal Instruction is required of parents. Baptism is the first sacrament and entrance to the church's other sacraments.

Baptism: Adults (including Children 7 years old):
At Easter Vigil following the Catechumenate.

Marriage: Scheduled only after initial meeting with the Pastor to assure conformity with the Church.

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Parish Staff:

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Office Manager: Denisse Ochs
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Seminarian: Jayke White
Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.

MASS SCHEDULE

	St. Thomas	St. Mary
Saturday:	5:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 & 9:00 a.m.	
Tuesday *	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday		8:30 a.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.	
Holy Days	As scheduled in the bulletin.	

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Tuesdays *	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.

*prior to Mass when it is scheduled that day.
Or as scheduled by request.

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 member of either parish,
please call the particular parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

Stewardship of Time

Finance Council: Rita Kocher, Chairperson; Alice Addis, Secretary; Mark Hartrich, George Roth, Charlie Schackmann, Ruth Kerner; John Miller; Jill Bierman; Linda Hemrich

Pastoral Council: Amanda Baltzell, Chairperson, Annie Ochs, Kurt TeVault, Tony Weber, Peggy Mammoser, Bob Bower, Paul Bierman, Melany Bierman, Kelly Hinterscher

Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

Lectors: 5:30 p.m. Ellen Einhorn
 7:30 a.m. Nikki Bierman/Amy Hartrich
 9:00 a.m. Ginger Robins

Gift Bearers: 5:30 p.m. Tom Stark Family
 7:30 a.m. Doug Long Family
 9:00 a.m. Scott Cummins Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Madison Phillips, Lora Phillips, Ramon Kocher, Kim Ochs, Mary Lynn Carroll
 7:30 a.m. Jamie Shamhart, Becky Shamhart, Ali Bierman, Dena Rauch, Norma Woods
 9:00 a.m. Matt Baltzell, Peggy Mammoser, Jenny Bierman, Tony Sparks, Dee Bower

Musicians/Cantors:

5:30 p.m. Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn
 7:30 a.m. Vicki Mullen/Lily Bierman
 9:00 a.m. Vicki Mullen/Emma Rauch

Servers:

Ushers:

<p>5:30 p.m. Grant Ochs Carson Barthelme</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Kye Bergbower Kody Bergbower</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Paige Zumbahlen Mallory Ochs</p>	<p>Ken Buerster Ryan Buerster</p> <p>Pete Pasero</p> <p>Jim Robins</p>
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Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection July 13th – 14th, 2019

Envelopes (153)	\$5,691.00
Loose	\$929.70
Subtotal	\$6,620.70
G.I.F.T.	\$150.00
Annual School Fund Drive	\$287.00
Retired Priests	\$20.00
Subtotal	\$457.00
Grand Total	\$7,077.70

This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

Monday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, July 23, St. Bridget

Fr. Dean - Tribunal
 5:00 p.m. Rosary
 5:30 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:00 a.m. Seminary of St. Meinrad and The Benedictine Sisters Monastery Visit
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
 6:30 p.m. Ministry Training

Thursday, July 25, St. James

6:30 p.m. Ministry Training at St. Mary's

Friday, July 26, Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Paul, Dan & Kay Rubsam+)

Saturday, July 27, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* Bob & Francella Dhom+)

Sunday, July 28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Denise Hahn+)
 9:00 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* For the Parish +)
 10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)
 10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)

"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign

Grand Total Pledges

Collected	\$3,496,282.41
Balance to be Paid	\$14,753.08

Let's burn the mortgage within the 10 years!

The Finance Council encourages all to consider making a donation towards the payment of the Church in which we worship our God in Christ. **Thanks** so much for your response to the recent push to pay off the new church loan. What an exciting time for our parish!!

Summer Improvements. The St. Thomas Parish Center, School and Playground are really shaping up, and it is exciting to see all of the improvements taking place. Thanks to everyone that supported the G.I.F.T collection that helped cover some of the expenses and all the volunteers that donated their time to clean things up and make these summer projects possible! We have much to be proud of!!

Best Wishes for the Future. Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Delores (Metzger) Hahn** who were recently united in marriage at St. Thomas. We wish them a happy married life in faith and may God continue the good work begun in them!

CONGRATULATIONS and Welcome into the Church: *Eli Bower*, the son of Matt Bower and Tracey (Rauch) who will be baptized this Sunday morning at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome him into our parish families.

St. Thomas PSR parents - A meeting concerning 2019-2020 PSR will be held on July 29 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas School. Any questions please email peterpasero@yahoo.com.

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St. Thomas School Presents Our 8th Annual DUCK RACE 2019

Sunday, August 11th

10:30 am at the Newton Aquatic Center

Free swimming following until noon for those who had a duck in the race.

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 783-3517

- 1st Place duck wins \$500**
- 2nd Place duck wins \$200**
- 3rd Place duck wins \$100**

Purchase your duck for \$5 at:
 St. Thomas School
 St. Thomas Church
 Peoples State Bank
 Medicine Shoppe

Only 500 ducks will be sold

****Choose the right number and be the LUCKY DUCK to win a special BLUE duck - Your chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.****

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

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Discipleship Resources. Please take the time to visit <https://discipleship.dio.org/>. You can sign up for a monthly newsletter, and find prayers and information that will benefit you, your family and your parish. The monthly newsletter will give you access to articles, resources, media, and graphics that will help share the message of discipleship and enhance your own journey of faith. Katie Price, Director of the Center for Discipleship and Stewardship in our Diocese has provided the information. It is part of the Annual Catholic Services Appeal funding.

Visit the Seminary of St. Meinrad and The Benedictine Sisters Monastery, July 24.

Seminarian Jayke White and I invite Youth and Young Adults from grades 5 through college to travel to St. Meinrad, Indiana for a day of visiting/touring St. Meinrad Seminary (where Jayke attends school) and a tour of the Benedictine Sisters House. Plans are to leave St. Thomas Church at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 24 and return by 6:00 p.m. that day.



St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Sunday, October 13! Spread the Word!

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE:
\$10,000 cash or John Deere 1025R Loader Tractor

with choice of attachment Mower Deck or Tiller
1st Prize: \$1,000; 2nd Prize: \$500

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TICKETS for the BIG TICKET RAFFLE

Envelopes in the Foyer of the Church.

10% of proceeds will be donated to Lincoln's Place

Monthly St. Thomas Church Cleaning scheduled for July 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Cleaning Crews reporting for duty are: **Sue Dickerson, Mary Ann Donsbach, Ryan Millsap, Ramon Kocher, Peg Mulvey, Faye Brown, Lee Volk, Jean Klingler, Stephanie Kuhl, Mike Dasenbrock, Mary Woods, Janet Vahling, Mary Fricthl, Janeth Hartrich, Annette Schackmann, John & Judy Menke, Shirley Schuetter, Gina May, Pete & Stephanie Pasero, Sara Fricthl, Linda Tharp, Carol Bracken, Caroline Matson, Kathy Miller, Shirley Woodard, Jill Bierman, Bobette Martin, Alison Weber, Diane Farley and Ken & Karen Buertster.** Thanks so much to the volunteers that put in so much time taking care of our church!

Stewardship of Liturgical Ministers

You are invited to participate in the Liturgical ministries (Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Sacristan, Musician, Usher/Greeter. In time for the August ministries, a training session for the various ministries will be held 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 at St. Thomas Parish, and Thursday July 25 at St. Mary Parish.

A Reflection on Stewardship.

“I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

-Ephesians 4: 1-7

Do I make efforts to maintain unity in the community?

How?

How do I use my time and talents?

St. Mary's Parish News

Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann Richard Ochs Aaron Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann Bruce Boehl Fr. Dean Probst

Pastoral Council:

Becca Ochs, Chairman
2-year term: David Ochs, Lora Ochs, Lora Semple
3-years: Tim Keller, Angie Kocher, Maria Zumbahlen
Fr. Dean Probst, Maynard Kaufmann, Richard Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)
8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 3:15 p.m. Saturday or by request

Ministers for July 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Gerald, Richard, & Elmer Ochs

Servers: Owen Ochs, Ethan Griffith

Lector: Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Gordon & Judy Millsap

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Keller, Elaine Zwilling, Paul Kaufmann

PICNIC UPDATES:

THANKS: To Janet Hartrich, Eileen Ochs, Rhonda Keller, & Diane Lybarger who have volunteered to be on the kitchen committee for the picnic. These ladies will be working together and then will rotate off the committee in a few years. Please consider sharing of your time and talent to help our picnic be a SUCCESS!! Thanks so much!!

PICNIC WORKSHOP: Join the fun and help out on Thursday, August 8th, at 6 pm. at St Mary's parish center. We will be doing craft projects of all kinds. Feel free to bring your own project and work on it. Supplies will be furnished, but feel free to bring your own paint brushes and paint. If you have any questions, please contact Lora Semple at 783-9256.

3 HOGS NEEDED to be used for the porkburgers & brats for the food stand. If anyone would like to donate a hog, please call the office at 455-3155.

Needed: empty ice cream buckets for the picnic. Save them, they can be dropped off at the office during normal office hours, or be taken to the parish center before the picnic.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, July 22nd, St Mary Magdalene

Office open 8am – 3pm

Monday Nite Dance

Tuesday, July 23rd, St Bridget

Office open 8am – 3pm

Fr Dean Tribunal

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

7:00 p.m – Picnic Meeting

Wednesday, July 24th, St Sharbel Makhluf

Office Closed

Thursday, July 25th, St James

Office Closed

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

6:30 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. Ministry Training

Friday, July 26th, Sts Joachim and Anne

Saturday, July 27th, Weekday

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Larry Rennier,
Barb & Frank Miller+)

Gordon & Judy Millsap 45th Anniversary

Sunday, July 28th, 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of July 13,2019

Envelopes (32)	\$	1335.00
Loose:	\$	197.00
Sub Total	\$	1532.00

Peter Pence (1)	\$	5.00
Grand Total	\$	1537.00

COUNTRY STORE NEWS: Need something to do on those frequent rainy days? Get out your craft projects and make something for the country store. IDEAS? Crocheted items such as baby blankets, Christmas ornaments, afghans, washcloths. Sewing projects such as hot pads, quilted items, aprons. Wreaths and wooden signs are great, too!!

RAFFLE TICKETS: The Big Ticket & Quilt Raffle packets for our parish picnic are ready for pick-up. They are on the table behind the last pew; also, extra raffle tickets are available. Please pick yours up today!!

St. Mary's Choir Practice will be held on July 29th at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. They will be singing at the Mass on August 3rd.

WHITE ELEPHANT STAND: Starting July 22, the parish garage will be open on the days that the office is open for anyone wishing to bring items for the White Elephant Stand. Please don't wait for the week before the picnic to bring your items. Would like to have everything by August 15th. **REMINDER: OFFICE HOURS: 8AM – 3 PM, TUESDAY – THURSDAY.**

BASKET STAND: Those who would like to donate an item/basket for this stand please let Kate Kaufmann know what you are donating. The money collected from the circles is used to make baskets. Please have the item/basket donated equal \$50 in value. Also, if you have baskets(empty) that you would like to donate for the Basket Stand to be used by Kate to fill baskets, please drop off at the parish office.

FAMILY LIFE DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 1st: Breakfast after 8:30 am mass.

August 14: Feast of the Assumption Mass at 6:30 pm, we will have an ice cream social following. Mark these dates down and come and join us!!!

St. Mary's Picnic will be held on the Church grounds, **Sunday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend)**. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. that morning at St. Mary's Church, to allow people to come and pray and then go eat dinner. The usual games, various raffles and music along with porkburgers & ice cream will be available.

ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Stewardship of Time:



Please pray for Joyce Ochs, Janet Green, Jessica Spiker, Higgins Family, John W. Bergbower, Ralph Miller, Anita Bergbower, Lori (Hahn) Kocher, Theresa Hartrich, Glen Schafer, Leroy Schackmann, Amanda Huber, Steve Huber, Gene Zuber, Judy Wagner, Laura Songer, Tammy Zuber, Lora Short, Mrs. Scott (Laura) Ghast, Josy Hart, Residents in Health Care Facilities, and those in Parishes' Book of Intentions.

Protecting God's Children Opportunities: If you have not participated, you can attend the 6:30 p.m. session Thursday, Aug. 1st in St. Thomas Parish Center. Call 618-783-8741 or 618-455-3155 to register.

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

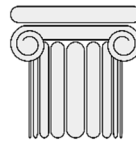
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4a	Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21-15:1	Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5,9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8	Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32	Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

The Next Pre-Baptismal class is September 1st ! and is for parents of infants/toddlers to be baptized at either parish. It is held every other month on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas). The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless parents previously attended a session in recent years. Sponsors need affidavit of qualifications from their parish pastor.

St. Thomas School Playground Is Open - Almost!

Please notice that most of the work on the St. Thomas playground has been completed. Please proceed with caution as the swing set is going to be painted, so watch for WET paint 😊 The improvements and concrete work look great, and the playground is *almost* ready for our kids and a new school year. Thanks for your cooperation and patience!

Communion Ministry to the Residents in our Health Care Facilities: Villas of Holly Brook and Newton Care Center. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to sign up to take Communion to and share in a Communion Service with the residents of Holly Brook and the Newton Care Center. Communion Services are each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. at the Newton Care Center and at 10:30 a.m. at the Villas. Call 618-783-8741 if you would like to learn more about how to get involved in this very rewarding ministry.



The Four Pillars of Stewardship

2) Prayer - A Heart to Heart with God

'Prayer is as necessary to our souls as food is to our bodies.' from *Characteristics of a Christian Steward*
Prayer and the sacraments dispose a soul to receive God's abundant graces, which are necessary to grow in holiness. It is through prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Claretian Ministries. Welcome, Fr. Jude!

Fr. Jude Thaddeus Langeh will be visiting our parishes the weekend of July 27th – 28th. Please respond generously to his call for help, especially for youth and families in need. The assistance they provide includes leadership training and spiritual renewal throughout the United States and in several countries. Our parishes have been blessed to have so many opportunities to learn and share with other Priests and Seminarians this summer!

AREA NEWS

Newton Marching Eagles Porkburger Fundraiser

will be held on August 1st from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the NCHS Northwest parking lot. Call 618-843-4234 for delivery of 10 or more. Thanks for supporting the Marching Eagles!!

Porkburgers -\$3.00 Drinks - \$1.00.

St. Joseph Church, Stringtown Picnic will be held on July 21, 2019. All-You-Can-Eat Smorgasbord, serving from 11a.m. to 2p.m. in the Parish Center. Beef, Ham, Homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, beans, salad bar, desserts & drinks (carryouts available) Adults: \$9.00 Kids (3-10) \$4.00 Kids (under 3) Free. Food, Fun & Games 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Basket Stand, Bingo, Raffles, Kids' Games, Beer Garden, & Much More!! Raffle Drawings at 6 p.m.

BLUEGRASS IN THE BEND: Ice Cream Social July 28, 2019 at St Valentine Hall in the Bend. Ice Cream starting at 3 pm (Freewill Donation). Music from 3-5pm by Generation Gap. Porkburgers, chips and drinks will be for sale. Rain or Shine, please bring a lawn chair. All are Welcome!!!

PRO-LIFE SOCIAL: Join us for Dessert- Monday, July 29, 6:30 pm., St Anthony Parish Center. Desserts and appetizers will be provided by St. Anthony, Sacred Heart and St Mary Pro-Life Group. Bring your spouse, a friend, or a neighbor. All Faiths Welcome!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend away from all the distractions and pressures in your life right now, would be the BEST vacation of your life. You and your spouse will always remember this Weekend away as a great time together that strengthened your marriage. The next weekends are Aug. 9-11 or Sep. 27-29, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, call 314-649-7317 or go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php>.



**Getting to Know Seminarian
Adrian Leszko
Welcome to our Parishes!**

Q1: How old are you?

A: 27

Q2: When did you first come to the United States?

A: January 4th of this year

Q3: Do you have any brothers and sisters?

A: One older brother

Q4: What are some of your hobbies?

A: I enjoy history, volleyball, music (I play the guitar and organ), spending time with animals, arts, and studying ancient Roman and Greek culture.

Q5: Where do you attend Seminary?

A: Sts. Cyril and Methodius near Detroit (w/Dcn Piotr)

Q6: What first made you want to come to the United States?

A: I was motivated to help people. I knew that America was lacking in priests compared to Poland and so I wanted the opportunity to serve people in need.

Q7: How did you first become interested in the diocese of Springfield?

A: First, Bishop Paprocki is Polish. Second, we have a few Springfield seminarians at Cyril and Methodius. Third, this is where Lincoln lived.

Q8: Is Lincoln widely-known over in Poland?

A: Yes, he is part of our history classes in Poland. We study some of the other US Presidents as well (Washington, Roosevelt, etc.)

Q9: How many years have you been in the seminary?

A: I actually started as a member of a Polish religious order (the Order of St. Michael) for whom I studied in Italy. Now, overall, I have been in the seminary for 5 years.

Q10: What has been your favorite part of being here in the United States?

A: There are a few parts. I enjoy going to baseball games, I love that the people are so nice here, and I like the culture. For example, I like the way you celebrate holidays wherein families get together (for example, having a barbecue for the Fourth of July). I also like the openness of the people and the closeness they feel to their pastors.