



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25th-26th, 2020

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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 AND ST. MARY PARISHES

This Week in our Parishes & School

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Tuesday, July 28: Weekday (St. Mary's)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Rosary

5:30 pm - Mass (Int.: Dick & John Helregel+)

Wednesday, July 29: St. Martha (St. Thomas)

3:00 pm Rosary

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass: (Int.: Liv. & Dec. of Roscoe Miller Fam.)

Thursday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus (St. Mary's)

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass (Int.: Leonard Beavers+)

Friday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola (St. Thomas)

8:30 am (Int.: John & Mary Einhorn)

Saturday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation (at St. Thomas)

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation (at St. Thomas)

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

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

Confirmation/1st Communion for Olivia Bower

Holy Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Jer 13:1-11	Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22	Mt 13:31-35
Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21	Jn 11:19-27
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9	Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,24	Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3	Rom 8:35,37-39
	Mt 14:13-21

Please pray for Lelia Rennier, Norman Kocher, Mary



Stuckey, Mike Daniels, Kiley Daniels, Natalie Helregel, Ross Probst, Jerry Friesner, Bernice Bolander, Ron Woods, Carrie Weiss, Jessica Spiker, Eunice Schackmann, Michelle Iffert,

James Leahy, Randy Hatten, Patty McCreery, John Millsap, Renee Ochs, Karen Shamhart, Michael Lustig, John W. Bergbower, Theresa Hartrich, Judy Wagner, and those in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

St. Thomas G.I.F.T. Collection. Thanks so much for your generous donations to this collection during this time! So far, \$7,385.00 has been collected and is greatly appreciated! Thanks again for your generosity and continued support of our parish!!

PREPARING FOR FULL INITIATION into the Catholic faith:

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled:

- August 2: Olivia Bower
- August 5: Adam Kocher and Kamyle Zumbahlen
- August 9: Levi Gier and Ava Benefiel
(Confirmation only): Sadie Iffert, Drew Iffert, and Raylie Wall.
- August 18: (at St. Mary's)
Aiden Blank, Tinley Lingafelter & Avery Ochs
- August 23: Blake Bierman
- August 25: Eli Ochs

Call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 or email dprobst@dio.org to schedule date for Confirmation/First Communion.



Welcome into the Church Family and congratulations to the Mark & Brigit Blank family for taking the next steps in their faith. Their children Brynlie and Sawyer were recently baptized on July 11, 2020 at St. Mary's Church.

ST. MARY'S PICNIC UPDATE: Due to the guidelines we are under at this time, a decision has been made to only have a dinner serving Ste Marie Style Chicken with sides on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**, from 4 pm to 7 pm. We will **not** have any games or other events, but will sell 50/50 tickets. We will have picnic tables set up if people would like to eat outside. Look for future updates in the bulletin and sign-up sheets for workers. Thanks to the picnic committee for making these tough choices.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 18th-19th Collection

Envelopes	\$6,574.00
Loose	\$767.25
Subtotal	\$7,341.25
Other Collections	\$300.00
Subtotal	\$300.00
Grand Total	\$7,641.25

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for July 12 - 19, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,370.00
Loose	\$ 232.00
Haiti	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 1,767.00

For **Holy Communion or visitation** by Jayke White and/or Paul Lesupati, Seminarians, please contact the parish offices. Paul and Jayke have been making home visits, especially to our senior parishioners.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GRADUATION:

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



St. Thomas School 8th Grade Graduates

Evan Baltzell	Elley Bennett
Brayden Bergbower	Kye Bergbower
Gus Bierman	Carson Brewer
Dylan Gier	Megan Hartrich
Aleah Higgs	Alaina Kuhl
Emma Kurpiel	Mackenzie Miller
Grant Ochs	Seth Ochs
Madalyn Rauch	Gracie Smithenry
Grant Tarr	Wade Tarr
Dalton Wagner	Jacob Weber
Luke Weber	Mat Wilson
Hadley Zumbahlen	Paige Zumbahlen

Protecting God's Children. It is **a requirement** that all volunteers attend a Protecting God's Children (PGC) training to assist in parish and school ministries. **A PGC training will be held Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center for all those that still need to attend or are new families to our school and parishes. Please contact the school office (618-783-3517) or the parish offices to register (St. Thomas: 618-783-8741; St Mary: 618-455-3155).

Background Checks. Please also remember to turn in your background check form. It is a requirement for parish staff and all volunteers to have updated background checks on file, and they must be renewed every 5 years. If you need a copy of the form just let us know, and we can get one to you. Your continued dedication and volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Ministers for Aug. 2, 2020 at 8:30 am

Ushers: Richard Ochs, Randy Reis, Nicholas Zwilling

Server: Ethan Griffith

Lectors: Claire Griffith & Rose Gangloff

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Ochs

ST. MARY'S FAMILY LIFE BINGO: We still have 3 unclaimed prizes for the bingo that was sent out several weeks ago. You still have time to get those turned in. Hope to hear from you soon!!

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS: The August ministers schedules have been e-mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

For **Anointing of the Sick** before surgery or in severe illness, or in danger of death for the **last rites and apostolic pardon**, call Fr. Dean Probst 217-494-6326.

TRUSTING IN GOD

By Seminarian Jayke White

Let's face it. We're living in some pretty difficult times. During periods of such intense strife and division, it can be difficult to find a way to trust in God. Below is a story I was told often as a little boy about the importance of trusting in God and His goodness when times get rough.

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Once upon a time, there was a happy young woman named Tami. Tami loved God and loved her Church. She went to mass every week and prayed to God each day. In college, she met a boy named Leon and the two quickly fell in love. A few years later, Leon joined the Church and the two of them were married.

Tami always knew she wanted a big family. If anyone asked, she would tell them that she wanted *six* children. In her part of the country, it was unusual to have more than two. Shortly after Tami and Leon got married, Tami found out she was pregnant! Her plans were becoming real!

Tami and Leon were very excited to be parents. When the doctor told them they would be having a boy, they decided to name him Gideon. The two young parents couldn't wait to welcome Gideon into the world! Then one night, Tami had a dream.

In the dream, a doctor walked up to Tami with a sad look on his face. He told her, "I'm sorry, we did everything we could, but the baby didn't make it." Tami was saddened by the dream but didn't give it much thought until the next day when she went into the real doctor's office. Her doctor told her that baby Gideon had died in the womb. Tami was heartbroken, but she kept going to mass on Sunday and praying to God every day for her family.

A year later, Tami and Leon found out that they were pregnant again. Again, they were very excited! This time they would be having a little girl. They decided to name her Danielle. But once again, Tami had the same dream. The same doctor approached her and once again said, "I'm sorry, we did everything we could, but the baby didn't make it." The next day Tami found out that baby Danielle had indeed died in the womb. Even more heartbroken, Tami continued going to mass on Sunday and praying to God every day for her family.

Shortly after having lost Danielle, Tami became pregnant again. She learned that she was going to have another girl and she and Leon decided to name her Rose. But Tami had the same dream for the third time. The doctor in the dream once again told her, "I'm sorry, we did everything we could, but the baby didn't make it." And sure enough, her third child had died in the womb.

Now Tami was beginning to have doubts about God's goodness. She went to the deacon at church and asked him, "If God really loves me, why would he take away my babies?" The deacon told her, "God loves you and your babies, and you can trust that they are with Him in heaven." Tami accepted these words and continued going to mass and praying to God each day for her family.

A few months later, Tami and Leon found out they were pregnant for the fourth time. The fourth baby was going to be a boy and they decided to name him Andrew. The doctors told her it was very unlikely that Andrew would live. But Tami continued to trust in God. And then she had one final dream.

In this dream, the same doctor approached her, but this time he was smiling and holding a small bundle in his arms. When he reached Tami, he held out the bundle and said, "Here's your healthy baby Jayke!" Tami woke up immediately and, with tears in her eyes, shook Leon awake and told him, "We're going to have a baby! But his name won't be Andrew. We have to name him Jayke!" Leon didn't fully understand what was happening, but he trusted Tami and Tami trusted in God. (Perhaps you see where this is going.)

God delivered. I was born on October 7, 1996, and Tami named me Jayke. She didn't have any more dreams, but a year and a half later she had a healthy baby girl named Jenna. And seven years after that, Tami and Leon welcomed home an adopted son named Mitchell. And Tami was happy. She had the six kids she always knew she wanted. Three of them were in heaven and three of them are still here on earth. And she deeply loves each one of them. Every Sunday she still goes to mass and each day she still prays for her family. She trusted in God and God listened to her prayers.



**By decree of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki,
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois:**



The Pastor and/or Parochial Administrator of the Parish is delegated to confirm his parishioners who would have been Confirmed and received Holy Communion during this year 2020, due to the Pandemic of the Covid-19 virus.

The following youth have been prepared to receive these Sacraments and are scheduled to be Confirmed by our Pastor, Fr. Dean Probst and Receive Holy Communion:

Confirmation/First Holy Communion

<u>Date</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Confirmation Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Aug. 2	Olivia Ann Bower	Tim & Tina Bower	Anne, Mother of Mary	Tracey Bower
Aug. 5	Adam Robert Kocher Kamyle Grace Zumbahlen	Scott and Amy Kocher Matt & Lori Zumbahlen	David Mary Angela Truzkowska	Leonard Kocher Cindy Zumbahlen
Aug. 9	Levi Wayne Gier Ava Michelle Benefiel <i>Confirmation Only:</i> Sadie Iffert Drew Iffert Raylie Nicole Wall	Michael and Renee Gier Joshua & Whitney Benefiel Doug & Kelly Iffert Doug & Kelly Iffert Katie Harvey	Andrew Catherine Catherine of Bologna Francis de Sales Elizabeth	Sarah Scheidemantel Sydney Thoele Linda Harvey Jesse Harvey Alison Harvey
Aug. 18	At St. Mary's Church, Sainte Marie:			
	Aiden Marcus Blank Tinley Ann Lingafelter Avery Lynn Ochs	Mark & Bridget Blank Tyler & Sarah Lingafelter Jeff & Lisa Ochs	George Elizabeth TBD*	Phil Blank Ashley Zumbahlen TBD*
Aug. 23	Blake Louis Bierman	Paul & Nikki Bierman	TBD*	Marcus Bierman
Aug. 25	Eli Christopher Ochs	Brad & Kimberly Ochs	TBD*	TBD*
To be Scheduled:				
	Nathan Gregory Beals William A. Hartrich	Adam & Jessica Beals Craig & Amy Hartrich	TBD* TBD*	TBD* TBD*

TBD* To be determined.

Lord, Jesus, you said, "Let the children come to me, it is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Then He blessed them, embraced them and laid his hands upon them."

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle within them the fire of your love.