



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1-2, 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

St. Thomas OFFICE CLOSED this week:

Linda is on vacation.

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

**Tuesday, Aug. 4: St. John Vianney (St. Mary's)**

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm - Rosary**

**5:30 pm - Mass (Int.: Peter & Livina Rennie+)**

**Wed. Aug. 5: Dedication of St. Mary Major (St. Thomas)**

**11 am – 2 pm Mattoon Deanery Mtg (Mattoon, IL)**

**3:00 pm Rosary**

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Reconciliation**

**5:30 pm Mass: (Int.: Mary Ann Kocher+)**

Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Communion for

Adam Kocher & Kamyle Zumbahlen

**Thurs. Aug. 6: Transfiguration of the Lord (St. Mary's)**

**8:00 am Rosary**

**8:30 am Mass (Int.: Martin Kocher Family+)**

**5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal**

**7:00 pm St. Thomas Pastoral Council/Picnic Committee**

**Friday, Aug. 7: St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan (St. Thomas)**

**8:30 am (Int.: Liv. & Dec. of Roscoe Miller Family)**

**Saturday, August 8: St. Dominic**

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

**2:00 pm – Correll-Nail Wedding**

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

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

Jesse Kocher Family baptism

**Sunday, August 9: 19<sup>th</sup> 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/1<sup>st</sup> Communion for Levi Gier & Ava Benefiel

Confirmation - Sadie & Drew Iffert and Raylie Wall

### Holy Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Jer 28:1-17	Mt 24:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22	Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7	Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14	Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7	Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4	Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1Kgs 19:9a,11-13a	Rom 9:1-5
	Mt 14:22-33

**St. Thomas Parish Office Closed this week:** Linda will be out of the office on vacation. If you need to get in touch with Fr. Dean Probst please call or text 217-494-6326 or email him at [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org). To reserve a spot for Mass the weekend of August 8/9, please call the parish office 618-783-8741 to leave a message on the answering machine. Thanks!



**Please pray for** Lelia Rennie, Norman Kocher, Mary Stuckey, Mike Daniels, Kiley Daniels, Natalie Helregel, Ross Probst, Jerry Friesner, Bernice Bolander, Ron Woods, 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.

**PREPARING FOR FULL INITIATION** into the Catholic faith:

**Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled:**

August 1: 10 am Sunday Mass: Olivia Bower

August 5: 5:30 pm Wednesday Mass:

Adam Kocher and Kamyle Zumbahlen

August 9: 10 am Mass: Levi Gier and Ava Benefiel

(Confirmation only): Sadie Iffert, Drew Iffert, and Raylie Wall.

August 18: 5:30 pm Tuesday (at St. Mary's)

Aiden Blank, Tinley Lingafelter & Avery Ochs

August 22: 4:30 pm Saturday: Nathan Beals

August 23: 7 am Sunday Mass: Blake Bierman

August 25: 5:30 pm Tuesday: Eli Ochs



**Welcome into the Church Family** & congratulations to Michael & Kayla Finley family on the baptism of their children: **Benjamin James** and **Madelyn Rose**, recently baptized on July 24, 2020 at St. Thomas Church.

**Congratulations: Marcus & Courtney Bierman.**



Marcus is the son of Mark & Marge Bierman. Courtney is the daughter of Curt and Tracy Will. They were married on July 25, 2020. May they have a happily married life in faith.

**Protecting God's Children.** Thanks to everyone that took the time to attend this training last week. We greatly appreciate your willingness to volunteer and meet this requirement. A BIG thank you to **Jill Bierman** and **Sarah Hemrich** for coordinating the training for our parishes. It is very beneficial for our volunteers to have a training so close to home.

**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 volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Disciples' Stewardship of Time and Treasure**

**Parish Lay Minister Schedules Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**At St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

**Saturday, 4:30 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Nichole Mulvey; Seminarian

**E.M.:** Kimberly Ochs

**Server:** Blake Zumbahlen

**Musicians:** Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn

**Sunday, 7:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Katie Shamhart; Jamie Shamhart

**E.M.:** Pam Kerner

**Server:** Katie Bierman

**Musicians:** John Johnson/Lucy Bierman

**Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Sue Sparks; Renee Gier

**E.M.:** Mackenzie Hutchison

**Server:** Dylan Gier

**Musicians:** Vicki Mullen/JoBeth Geier

**At St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

**Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 8:30 am**

**Ushers:** Richard Ochs, Randy Reis, Nicholas Zwilling

**Server:** Kelby Ochs

**Lectors:** Lora Ochs/Ethan Zwilling

**Eucharistic Minister:** Seminarian

**St. Thomas Church July 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Collection**

Envelopes	\$5,688.00
Loose	\$465.60
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,153.60</b>
Annual School Fund	\$175.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,328.60</b>

**St Mary's Collection for July 26, 2020**

Envelopes	\$ 1225.00
Loose	\$ 125.00
Haiti	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1400.00</b>

**Mark your calenars: AUGUST 15: We honor the our parish patronal feast day, in the feast of the ASSUMPTION OF MARY into Heaven.**

Fr. Dean will offer a 6 pm Saturday evening Mass on August 15, followed with pizza and ice cream in the pavilion. Please sign up on the sign-up genius for the parish feast day next week so that we have a count of how much pizza and ice cream to provide. You can call the St. Mary's parish office if attending.

**THANK YOU:** David & Norma Ochs wish to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during his recent illness, it was greatly appreciated!

**Jayke White and Paul Lesupati**, Seminarians of our Diocese will be here next weekend August 8/9<sup>th</sup> and say farewell as they return to the seminary for school. Thanks to all who have welcomed them into your homes this summer, especially those desiring Holy Communion visits, as well as those who have shared food and activities with us. They will be heading to Springfield following the Wednesday Mattoon Deanery Clergy gathering for prayer, dinner and meeting; and then for their seminarians gathering with the Bishop and the Vocation Director Thursday and Friday, before their farewell weekend Masses. The seminary requires that they be tested for the covid virus and be quarantined for several days prior to their admission to the seminary facilities.

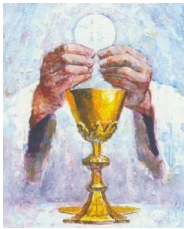
**REQUESTS FOR MISSALETTES:** At the request of the Health Departments and Church guidelines, we removed the Missalettes and other items from the Church. However numerous people have requested them for their own personal use. Please note: After being quarantined in boxes for four months, we will make them available to you for your personal use. Take them home with you and print your name on them; bring them with you to Church if you like. Then take them back home with you when you leave again. Any left behind in the pew will be thrown away. These will be available at both parishes for your use when attending Mass.

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.

**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 Corvid-19 virus.

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



**Confirmation/First Holy Communion**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Confirmation Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Aug. 2	Olivia Bower	Tim & Tina Bower	Anne, Mother of Mary	Tracey Bower
Aug. 5	Adam Kocher Kamyle Zumbahlen	Scott & Amy Kocher Matt & Lori Zumbahlen	David Mary Angela Truzkowska	Leonard Kocher Cindy Zumbahlen
Aug. 9	Levi Gier Ava Michelle Benefiel	Michael and Renee Gier Joshua & Whitney Benefiel	Andrew Catherine	Sarah Scheidemantel Sydney Thoele
	<i>Confirmation Only:</i>			
	Sadie Iffert Drew Iffert Raylie Wall	Doug & Kelly Iffert Doug & Kelly Iffert Katie Harvey	Catherine of Bologna Francis de Sales Elizabeth	Linda Harvey Jesse Harvey Alison Harvey
Aug. 18	<b>At St. Mary's Church, Sainte Marie:</b>			
	Aiden Blank Tinley Lingafelter Avery Ochs	Mark & Bridget Blank Tyler & Sarah Lingafelter Jeff & Lisa Ochs	George Elizabeth Elizabeth of Hungary	Phil Blank Ashley Zumbahlen Miranda Ochs
Aug. 22	Nathan Beals	Adam & Jessica Beals	TBD*	TBD*
Aug. 23	Blake Bierman	Paul & Nikki Bierman	TBD*	Marcus Bierman
Aug. 25	Eli Ochs	Brad & Kimberly Ochs	St. Francis of Assisi	Jeff Ochs

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.



## St. Thomas School News

**Welcome Mrs. Lisa Geier** to the St. Thomas School Family. She will be the new Kindergarten Aide assisting Mrs. Wendt and Mrs. Stone. We look forward to having her in the Kindergarten classroom! Lisa and her husband Michael Geier have two children, Jack and Nora. They are members of St. Thomas parish.

**St. Thomas School Duck Race.** Unfortunately, our **Duck Race** fundraiser will not be happening this year. We are; however, going to have a swim night for our older kids. Mark your calendars!

### **Newton Aquatic Center**

- **Friday, Aug. 7th 5:30-7:30 3rd-5th graders Swim Party**
- **Saturday, Aug. 8th 5:30-7:30 6th-8th Swim Party**

If your son or daughter would rather not swim, badminton and bags is available to play as well. This is a great opportunity for the new students in these upper grades to meet their classmates before we get started!

**St. Thomas School has officially closed its enrollment for 2020-2021.** In order to keep our kids safe and healthy, it is important to keep our enrollment at a number that teachers and staff can safely work. We currently have 182 students enrolled!

**Thank you** to all who have ordered off of our **Amazon Wish List and provided masks, hand sanitizer, etc.** The school has received several things even though some things may be delayed in shipping. Thank you for helping us get what we need to start our school year safely.

**St. Thomas Gear.** If you are ready to show some school spirit be sure to visit the **clothing store for St. Thomas** and place your order online. The link is... <https://sthomasboosterclubspring2020.itemorder.com/>

## **PRAYER FOR STUDENTS**

Lord our God,  
in your wisdom and love  
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon these students  
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may  
devote themselves to their studies  
and draw ever closer to you,  
the source of all knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

~from **Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers**

## **Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's**

Parents are to return from baptismal preparation class (or obtain from parish office and fill out) the Baptismal information sheet, and the Godparent/Sponsor affidavit forms to the parish office before scheduling a date for the baptism of infant. Call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule the date of baptism.

## **Marriage on Tap STL**

Marriage on Tap will be going virtual for our next session: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7 pm-8:00 pm!

Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples.

This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).

**A message of thanks:** Bishop Paprocki would like to thank the faithful, parish response teams, and all the priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese for their patience, sacrifice, and hard work during this COVID-19 pandemic. His video of thanks can be found at <https://vimeo.com/429291486>.

## **Clinical expert's advice on raising families:**

Dr. Ray Guarendi, a Catholic clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host, joined families across the diocese in June for a virtual event called "Quarantine, Quarrels, and Quality Time." If you missed it, you can hear Dr. Guarendi on replay discuss topics that can help parents bring all things back to the family, standing strong as a parent, the importance of discipline, how to discipline, and learning the logic of being Catholic. Go to [dio.org/drray](http://dio.org/drray).

**Dive Deep –** is the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) to listen regarding answers from priests of the Diocese to the questions posed by various people.

## **Back-to-school expert advice in COVID-19 world -**

Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, welcomes Dr. Bill Moredock, a clinical psychologist and the principal at Little Flower Catholic School in Springfield, to discuss how parents should talk to their children about the COVID-19 pandemic, what school will look like, and how to help children cope with all the changes.

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