

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

August 3rd – 4th, 2019

**St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church**

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St. Thomas Parish / School Staff:

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Piotr Kosk
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School Principal: Jill Bierman
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PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero
RCIA Coordinator: Jan Schackmann
Seminararian: 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.

Bulletin Sponsor:

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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. Marilyn Schafer
7:30 a.m. Danny Kerner/Tony Weber
9:00 a.m. Pat/Mitch Mammoser

Gift Bearers: 5:30 p.m. Ron Ochs Family
7:30 a.m. Nick Hemrich Family
9:00 a.m. Mike Schackmann Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Mark Bolander, Alice Addis, Denisse Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher

7:30 a.m. Lily Bierman, Eliza Bierman, Erica Johnson, Madeline Hemrich, Connie Hemrich

9:00 a.m. Kenzie Hutchison, Amy Tarr, Marge Horton, Kaleb Wright, Becky Parker

Musicians/Cantors:

5:30 p.m. Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn

7:30 a.m. John Johnson/Madeline Hemrich

9:00 a.m. Patsy Leffler/Lucy Bierman

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Landen Blake
Blake Zumbahlen

7:30 a.m. Katie Shamhart
Katie Bierman

9:00 a.m. Wade Tarr
Evan Baltzell

Ushers:

Vic Klingler

Zack Weber & Sons

Jacob Jahraus

"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign

GRAND TOTAL PLEDGES COLLECTED \$3,497,642.41

➔ BALANCE to be PAID \$13,393.08

St. Thomas' G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together)

Collection. This year the collection is going to help cover the expenses for the updates and improvements taking place in the parish center this summer. The amount collected so far is \$6,935.00. Thank you for your generosity and support!

This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

Monday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

St. Thomas Band Camp begins
Fr. Dean out of the office – Canon Law Workshop
6:30 p.m. Angels Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Rosary
5:30 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, August 7, St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, August 8, St. Dominic

Last Day St. Thomas Band Camp
Fr. Dean returns from Workshop

Friday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Marion Bahl+)
10:30 a.m. Newton Care Center Mass
6:00 p.m. Ping/Ochs wedding rehearsal

Saturday, August 10, St. Lawrence

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation
2:00 p.m. Ping/Ochs Wedding
5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* Mary Ann Kocher+)

Sunday, August 11, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Loren & Georgiana Schackmann+)

9:00 a.m. Back-to-School Mass

(*Int.:* For the Parish+)

10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)

10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)

11:30 a.m. Duck Race

St. Thomas Baby Bottle Project for the Family Life Center was a success again this year. Thanks so much to all of our parishioners who put their spare change to good use. Our parish collected \$1,928.10 to help families in need. Thanks for another great example of stewardship!



**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

Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection July 20th – 21st, 2019

Envelopes (153)	\$6,504.00
Loose	\$591.25
Subtotal	\$7,095.25

G.I.F.T.	\$150.00
Annual School Fund Drive	\$105.00
Catholic Outreach	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$1,255.00

Grand Total **\$8,350.25**

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Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection July 27th – 28th, 2019

Envelopes (153)	\$5,186.00
Loose	\$160.00
Subtotal	\$5,346.00

Holy Day	\$125.00
Annual School Fund Drive	\$105.00
Ret. Priests	\$10.00
Mission Co-op	\$2,771.75
Subtotal	\$3,011.75

Grand Total **\$8,357.75**

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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.

The Four Pillars of Stewardship

4) Service - Love in Action

'...Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me.' Matt. 25:40

Members of a stewardship parish are ready to minister to varied needs of their own parish family as well as the needs of the wider community and Church. Just as the members of a family come together to help one of their own, a stewardship parish family serves those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. The parish family also comes together to celebrate, thank and return God's gifts.



Building a Safe Faith

Community. Please notice that over the past couple of weeks security cameras have been installed inside the Church's Gathering Space and Sanctuary as

well as on the outside of the church building. This is only a precaution and allows parish staff to be aware of the comings and goings of individuals visiting our parish grounds. The cameras also provide views of the school and playground. This is a very beneficial addition to our parish's security.

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

Purchase your duck for \$5.00 at:

2nd Place duck wins \$200 St. Thomas School
3rd Place duck wins \$100 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

A Reflection on Stewardship.

"The just one's sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten; in generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance...Give to the Most High as God has given to you, generously, according to your means."

Sirach 35: 6-9

Do I give to others from my heart?

Do I give generously, according to my means?

Farewell this week to Deacon Piotr Kosk and Seminarian Adrian Leszko!

Adrian has been visiting with us as he makes application to a Diocese in the United States for candidacy to priesthood. He is considering various Dioceses in his journey of faith and religious vocation. He has been a pleasant and considerate man, with a compassionate and faith-filled disposition. He is returning to the Seminary in Orchards Lake, Michigan.

Deacon Piotr, a transitional deacon looking forward to ordination to the priesthood next May has gained experience as a preacher, and in sharing in the pastoral ministry, visiting and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound, and conducting Communion Services in the absence of a priest, both at St. Mary's and St. Thomas parishes respectfully. He will be traveling to Chicago for a few days following the Diocesan Seminarians gathering with the Bishop on Friday of this week. Please take the time to express your best wishes and prayers in support of these young men and their vocation.

Jayke White, a Diocesan seminarian from St. Mary's Parish in Edwardsville, will return here for another week and half before leaving for Pre-Theology studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

Change of Date for Confirmation/First Communion.

Bishop Thomas John Paprock has notified us that He will be in Rome for his ad limina visit in December. He will be unavailable for the previous date of visiting our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion to our anxious third graders. The date is rescheduled to Sunday, **December 1, the First Sunday of Advent at 2:00 p.m.** Please note the change is schedule in planning to attend.

Congratulations and welcome into the Church



family those baptized last weekend. Pictured is **Noah Wayne Weber**, baptized by Fr. Dean Probst at the 7:30 a.m. Mass July 28, 2019. His parents are Tony and Allison (Meinhart)

Weber and his older sister is Lucy.

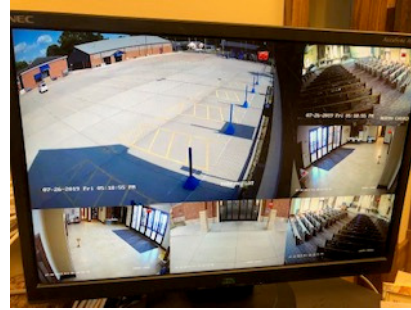
Deacon Larry Miller baptized **Hank Wilson**, infant son of Matthew Wilson & Haley (Geier), and **Rowan Geier**, infant daughter of Jacob Geier & Kelcie (Lewis) following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, July 28, 2019.

Please note: Pre-baptism instructions will be held in pews by the choir. The next session will be Sept. 8.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR).

The recent survey meeting results of St. Thomas parents/teachers is available in the gathering place of the Church. Please take one. Note there is a meeting for all the parents **6 pm Wednesday, September 6** in the St. Thomas School. The options are: Online instruction with monthly gathering; attending classes at St. Mary's Parish; or your volunteering to teach PSR classes at St. Thomas.

LIGHTS, CAMERAS ACTION!!



Surveillance Recording Cameras have been recently installed in and on the Church giving the Office visual oversight of the Church and Parking Lot/Playground.

Be sure to smile for the Lord when you are on the Church grounds, for you are now on candid camera!!



Missionary Co-op Appeal.

Thanks for your generous response to Fr. Jude Thaddeus, cmf. last weekend. It was a privilege to have a living martyr make the appeal to our generosity in likeness to St. Paul, the Apostle, who suffered for Jesus, also made missionary appeals to the early Christians. From our two parishes we contributed \$3,700.

St. Anthony Hospital Pastoral Care:

Recently the Pastors of area parishes agreed to provide daily care of HSHA St. Anthony Hospital with a parish priest on call for emergencies through the day/night. Lay ministers will still bring Holy Communion to the Catholic patients on daily basis. Priests will cover the Sacramental Anointings as needed/desired. It is still good for parishioners to ask their parish priest for the Sacrament of Anointing before an anticipated hospital stay due to surgery.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS:

Please note (from Sheelah Bergbower, overseer) that **No ground decorations are permitted** in St. Peter's Cemeteries during mowing season. It is difficult to weed around such items. Please place flowers and/or ornaments on the tombstones, not in the ground.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at St Mary Church in Shumway on Monday August 19. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Mark Tracy will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. Everyone is welcome to join in the mass for life.

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 August 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Tim Keller, Marvin Zwilling, Leland Bahl

Servers: Landon Kirts, Allie Kirts

Lector: Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Ben & Nancy Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Ochs, Norman Boehl,
Bridget Kaufmann

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Marilyn (Helregel) Huss, sister of Bob Helregel & Judy Millsap. May the family find comfort knowing she is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

PICNIC UPDATES:

THANKS: To Janet Hartrich, Eileen Ochs, Rhonda Keller and Diann Lybarger, who have volunteered to head up the kitchen committee for the picnic. Many hands make light work. Thanks for sharing of your time and talents!!

DONATIONS: Thanks to Ralph & Carrie Weiss, Tony & Kristy Ochs, & Mike & Sherry Hall who have each donated a hog to support the Food Stand at the picnic.

PICNIC WORKSHOP: Come join the fun and help out the picnic 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.**

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 5th, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Monday Nite Dance

Tuesday, August 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

Wednesday, August 7th, St Sixtus II, St Cajetan

Thursday, August 8th, St Dominic

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Communion Service

Friday, August 9th, St Teresa Benedicat of the Cross

Saturday, August 10th, St Lawrence

3:15 p.m. - Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int:Carole Helregel+)

Sunday, August 11th, 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of July 20& 27,2019

Envelopes (61) \$ 2,455.00

Loose \$ 250.00

Sub Total \$ 2,705.00

Haiti (11) \$ 221.00

Mission Collection \$ 915.00

Grand Total \$ 3,841.00

CRAFT ITEMS: If you have items that you would like to donate to the country store, you can drop them off at the church office anytime during regular hours.

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!!

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

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!!

GLASS DIME TOSS: Glasses, or glass mugs may be brought to the parish garage during regular office hours.

WHITE ELEPHANT STAND: Starting **Monday, July 22**, the parish garage will be open on the days that the office is open for anyone wishing to bring in items. Please don't wait for the week before the picnic to bring your items. Would like to have everything that people are donating by the 15th of August.

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. Donated items should be a \$50 value. Also, empty baskets are welcomed that can be filled by Kate. Drop off is at the parish office.

CAKE STAND: The boxes for cakes will be available to pick up in church, or you can use your own disposable cake pans with clear plastic lids. Be sure to mark what kind of cake it is. Thank You!!

REMINDER: Blood Drive to be held on August 18, 2019 from 7:30 am – 11:30 am. All presenting donors will receive a free commemorative St Louis Cardinals Blood Drive t-shirt. Circle 10 is responsible for refreshments. The parish center will be open before and after mass.

FAMILY LIFE DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 14: Feast of the Assumption Mass at 6:30 pm, we will have an ice cream social following.

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 Michael Lustig, 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.

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14	Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35	Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13	Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9	Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 12:32-48

The Next Pre-Baptismal class is September 8th!

(due to Labor Day weekend). It 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.

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.

AREA & DIOCESAN NEWS

Benefit for Sharon Einhorn – Saturday, August 17,

2019 at the Newton Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner serving time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Take outs available. More information available on a flyer in the case in the main entrance of St. Thomas Church.

MASS: You are invited to a special Mass for the Deaf on Sunday, August 11, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Chapel, celebrated by Fr Adam Zawadzki, O.P. Miss. The mission of deaf ministry in the Dioceses of Springfield in Illinois is to provide support and resources in order to offer Catholics who are deaf and hard of hearing the opportunity to grow in their faith as fully participating member in their parish.

GROVE CENTER COMMUNITY WIDE

GARAGE SALE: Will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 7am to Noon, at the Grove Township Community Center and houses around the community center. Hope to see you there!