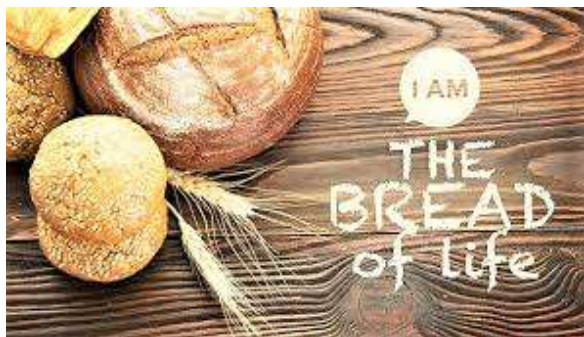


August 3-4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Website: www.stthomasnewton.net

Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak

(Email: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson

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

Reconciliation: 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

St. Thomas School Office:

St. Thomas School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Lori Smith

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

July 20-21 & July 27-28, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	10,773.00
Loose	\$	1,856.00
Subtotal	\$	12,629.00
School Fund	\$	665.00
G.I.F.T	\$	125.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
Subtotal	\$	800.00
Grand Total	\$	13,429.00

St. Thomas Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income – \$50,181.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,018.00

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary).

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Aug. 5, Ded. of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in Parish Center Mtg Room

Tuesday, Aug. 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

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

8:30 am Mass (Holly Kocher)

9:00 am Rosary Group

Thursday, Aug. 8, St. Dominic

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

5:30 – 6:15 pm Lay Ministers review at St. Mary's

6:30 pm St. Thomas Finance Council Meeting

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

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Myrtle Radke)

Saturday, Aug. 10, St. Lawrence

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

(Liv & Dec of Rita Schafer Family)

Sunday, August 11, 19th Ordinary Sunday

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

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Rita Rasmussen)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Jer 28:1-17

Mt 14:13-21

Tues.: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Weds.: Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15:21-28

Th.: Jer 31:31-34

Mt 16:13-23

Fri.: Na 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7

Mt 16:24-28

Sat.: 2Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Sun.: 1Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas

(Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's)

3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas

OR by appointment

Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

Card Shower - Mary Evelyn Dhom will celebrate her 93rd birthday on July 29th, she would love to receive cards! They may be sent to – Mary Evelyn Dhom
101 S Gregory St Apt 27
Newton, IL 62448

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 10 @ 4:30 pm

Lector:

EM: Kimberly/Kaitlyn Ochs, Glenda Spiker

Servers: Alayna Ochs

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, August 11 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Amy Hartrich

EM: Gery Ochs, Paul/Katie Bierman, Theresa Volk

Servers: Will Hartrich & Nathan Bierman

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, August 11 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Tracey Bower

EM: Jason, Jenny, Nick Bierman, Sara Mette

Servers: Adria Bierman & Josie Vogt

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Newton Family Life Center

Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?

As The Family Life Center prepares for their upcoming fundraising banquet held September 12th at the Keller Convention Center; they would love to invite you to gather 7 other like-minded community members to join you for an evening of celebration, dinner, reflection, and redemption! This banquet supports the efforts of our Effingham and Newton locations.

NOTE: St. Thomas would like to host a table if we have parishioners interested. Please call the parish office, 618-783-8741, to reserve your seat. All monies raised go to the Newton Family Life Center.

The St. Thomas G.I.F.T. (Giving in Faith Together) Collection is here and so far the total collected is **\$8,260.00**. This important annual collection for our parish will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the air conditioner units at church. We recently had to replace two coils and replace a compressor...an \$11,000.00 repair. Thank you!

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review. Fr. Pawel would like to meet with ALL Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan on attending if you have not yet had the opportunity:

Thursday, August 8th, at 5:30pm at St. Mary's

OR

Thursday, August 15th at 5:45 pm at St. Thomas

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Raffle Tickets Available This Weekend!

This weekend St. Thomas Pastoral Council members will be handing out our Annual Harvest Picnic Raffle Tickets after each Mass. Be sure to stop and see a Pastoral Council member to get your tickets!! See you on October 13th! More information coming soon!

Non-Discriminatory Policy. St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

A new parish software is coming. The Diocese will be sunsetting its use of Acceptiva as the online payment processor for parishes, **effective September 1**. St. Thomas Parish currently receives online offertory gifts via the Diocesan Acceptiva account and is taking the first steps in transitioning to the new diocesan wide online processor, PushPay, to ensure our parishioners can maintain their online offertory. The new giving link is on our website, www.stthomasnewton.net.

Give it a try!

Congratulations on 70 years!! A card shower is being



planned for **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frohning**, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 7. Cards may be sent to them at 101 S. Gregory, Apt. 5, Newton, IL 62448. They will appreciate hearing from their friends and family. Let us help them celebrate!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick:

Wyatt Young, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.



**St. Thomas School Presents
Our 12th Annual DUCK RACE 2024
Sunday, August 18th
11:00 a.m. at the Newton Aquatic
Center**

Free swimming following until noon

Ducks can be purchased for \$5.00 at:

St. Thomas School or Church, Peoples State Bank,
Medicine Shoppe

Ducks will be sold after each St. Thomas Mass!!

1st place duck: \$600.00

2nd place duck: \$250.00

3rd place duck: \$100.00

BRING A LAWNCHAIR & A FRIEND!

DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

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

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

**FORMED/Amen App. St. Thomas' FREE gift to
you.** Experience the Catholic Faith on Demand.

Step #1 – Pick up your FORMED sign up for FREE
card in the St. Thomas Church gathering space.

Step #2 – Take out your phone, scan the bar code or
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enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books
instantly on FORMED. Don't miss out on the Novenas,
Daily Rosary Meditations, Stories for Sleep and so
much more on the Amen App.

You are also invited to scan the QR codes on the banners
in church. Please share any FORMED resources that
you have used and have positively affected your prayer
and spiritual life. Just contact the parish office at 618-
783-8741 and we can start a list of "must see" resources.

**Bishop Barron and Bishop Paprocki and the
Number 1 Things** – Bishop Robert Barron is one of the
Church's leading theologians. Bishop Thomas John
Paprocki is one of the Church's leading Canon lawyers.
They are both some of the Church's best teachers of the
faith. Dive Deep sits down with both of them to get their
thoughts on the number one things about their own
struggles with God, how to deepen your faith, how to
improve your relationships, being a bishop, and more.
Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive
Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and
subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of
Springfield in Illinois.

**WINE founder and Catholic singer to present at
convention in Carlinville. Register now for Aug. 28
experience** – Kelly Wahlquist, founder of the WINE
evangelist ministry and a dynamic Catholic author and
speaker as well as Donna Cori, a singer who puts her
beautiful music to Catholic prayers, are both
presenting at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center in
Carlinville (17347 Cottonwood Ln.) on August 28.
Sponsored by the Springfield Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women (Jerseyville Deanery is the host), this
is part of the group's 95th annual convention called
"Sent on Mission – Fortified by the Eucharist."
Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. at Ss. Mary and
Joseph Church in Carlinville followed by 9 a.m. Mass
with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. The program will
then follow at Lake Williamson Retreat Center. The
cost is \$60 or \$65 after Aug. 7 or the day of. Cost
includes breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. Consult your
parish office for registration forms or contact Teresa
Goetten at 618-535-0555 or mtmgotten@gtec.com.

A Message from Fr. Paul

Respecting the Sanctity of the Eucharist Celebration

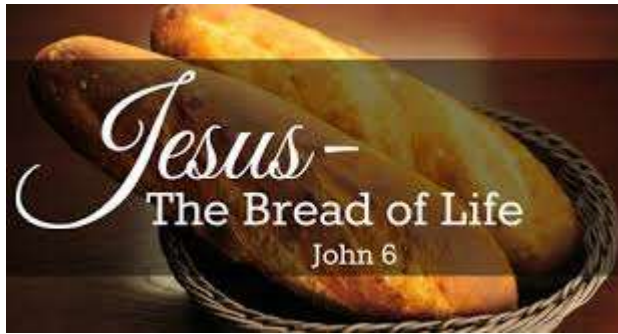
The Eucharistic celebration holds a central place in
Catholic life. It is a celebration that reminds us about Jesus
Christ's sacrifice on the altar of the cross and embodies the
true presence of Jesus Christ among believers feeding
them with his divinity. Within this context the principles
of courtesy and respect are expected from participants of
the Eucharistic celebration.

*Unfortunately one of the often overlooked aspects of
respect during the Eucharistic celebration is the
prohibition against chewing gum.*
Code of Canon law (Canon 919.1) tells Catholics that they
are to abstain from all food and drink (with the exception
of water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving
Holy Communion. The reason, of course, is to remind us
how special the Eucharist is, nourishing us for eternal life.
It is something different from regular food or drink that we
consume.

*Chewing gum - simply saying is breaking that fast and
it is a reason to NOT receive Holy Communion.* The act
of receiving the Eucharist is a moment of profound
significance, symbolizing our communion with Christ and
the Church. Engaging in behaviors like chewing gum
during this time expresses a lack of reverence for the
sacredness of the moment and it also expresses lack of
respect for the received body of Christ.
It is important to be mindful of our actions within the
church that they always express and foster a sense of
reverence and respect for the divine nature of place and
moment. Let us remember to observe guidelines of
courtesy and respect, by doing so we not only honor the
sanctity of the Eucharistic celebration but also deepen our
personal faith and relationship with Christ.

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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(email/text: revpl.stthomas@gmail.com)

Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

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

First Saturday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 5th, Weekday

Tuesday, August 6th, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Urban, Dolores &
Linda Kocher+)

Wednesday, August 7th, St Sixtus II

Thursday, August 8th, St Dominic

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Henry & Julia Look+)

5:30 p.m. – Meeting Lay Ministers

Friday, August 9th, St Teresa Benedicta

Saturday, August 10th, St Lawrence

Sunday, August 11th, 19th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Sam, Linda & Chris Zuber+)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – August 11, 2024

Ushers: Nicholas Zwilling, John Uebinger, Roger
Hemrich

Servers: Reed Kistner/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Mike Hartrich/ Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers: Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl,
Tony & Janet Hartrich

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of July 28, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 3063.39

Loose 126.00

Total \$ 3189.39

St Mary's Church Tithe

June Tithe Income - \$9,980.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$955.00

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Review:

Fr Pawel would like to meet with **ALL Eucharistic ministers and Lectors** to review procedures and go over any changes that he would like to make. Please plan to attend on of the following meetings –

August 8th - 5:30 p.m. – St Mary's Church

Mark your calendars! September 1, 2024

187th Annual Pre-Labor Day

St Mary's Church Picnic

Our parish picnic is coming up and this year we are seeking donations of **themed baskets** valued at \$50 or more. Adult and kids themed baskets are welcome!! If you would like to donate a basket, please contact -

Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or

Becca.ochs@gmail.com.

Dime Toss – It is time to go thru those glasses for the dime toss. Clean items may be brought to the Parish Office or left on the front porch of the rectory.

Raffle Tickets – Extra tickets are available at the back of church. Tickets sell - \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets. Sold tickets can be put in an envelope marked raffle tickets and dropped in the collection.

Cake Stand & Desserts – We are asking that each family provide **2 desserts** for the dinner.

We are also asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc, to be used at the cake stand. Boxes for angel food cakes and 9x13 pans w/lids are available to be used for the cake stand in the back of church. Mark what is in the container. **Please no refrigerated desserts.**

Workers' List available on the back table in church.

Thank you for your donations!!

More updates coming soon!!