

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8/9, 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.

August 15 is a Holy Day

but the obligation is dispensed during this time of pandemic and due to the fact that the feast falls on Saturday. The 6 pm Saturday Mass at St. Mary's is for the feast of the Assumption of Mary, while the other weekend Masses are for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Holy Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	2 Cor. 9:6-10	Mt: 14:29-33
Tuesday:	Ez 2:9-3:4	Mt: 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7, 10, 18-22	Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12	Mt 18:21-:19.1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 59-63	Mt 19::3-12
Saturday:	Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27	Lk 1:39-56
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7	Rom 11: 13-15; 29-30 Mt 15:21-28



Please pray for the Sick, those undergoing surgery, for police officers and military personnel, for our government, and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

If special need for prayers for someone this week, please call the parish office. Names of those listed for past months have been listed in the Book of Requests.

Please remember in your prayers for repose of soul of Georgiana Shamhart, mother of Sharon (Norman) Bergbower; Barbara (Joe) Schuch; and Tom (Becky) Shamhart of our parish. May Georgiana rest in the arms of God and consolation be upon her family.
Please remember in prayer also Fr. Jack Kennedy, priest emeritus of our diocese who recently died.

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.

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.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL **St. Thomas Students, Faculty and Staff**

God's blessings be upon all students, faculty and staffs returning to schools, universities, etc.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

This Week in our Parish & School

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Monday, Aug. 10, Saint Lawrence, deacon/martyr

Tuesday, Aug. 11 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wed. Aug. 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantel

3:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Int: Leonard Kerner
& LeRoy Wakefield+)

Thurs. Aug.13: Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Aug.14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 am (Int.: Ralph & Mae Blank+)

Saturday, August 15: The Assumption of Mary

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, August 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

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

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

Parish Lay Minister Schedules Aug. 15th – 16th
At St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Dickerson and Laney Hemrich

E.M.: Alice Addis and Amanda Baltzell

Server: Alex Ochs

Musicians: Five for One

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Rita Kocher and Sarah Hemrich

E.M.: Theresa Volk and Erica Johnson

Server: Madalyn Rauch

Cantor: Katie Shamhart

Musician: Patsy Leffler

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Kevin Parker and Brian Bierman

E.M.: Marissa Bower

Server: Drew Earnest

Cantor: Anne Kuhl

Musicians: Patsy Leffler

CONFIRMATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Olivia Ann Bower,

Daughter of Tim and Marissa Bower, was

Confirmed and received her First Holy Communion.

Sunday, August 2. She was the first of candidates to receive these Sacraments by her pastor at the delegation of Bishop Thomas John

Paprocki. She chose Anne, the mother of Mary as her patronal saint.

Cousins: Kamyle Zumbahlen & Adam Kocher



were Confirmed and received First Holy Communion on Wednesday, August 5, at St. Thomas Church. Kamyle is the daughter of Matt & Lori Zumbahlen. She chose Mary Angela Truszkowska as her patron saint.

Adam is the son of Scott and Amy Kocher. He chose David as his patronal saint.

PREPARING FOR FULL INITIATION

into the Catholic faith:

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled:

August 9: 10 am Mass: Levi Gier and Ava Benefiel
(Confirmation only): Sadie Iffert, Drew Iffert,
and Raylie Wall.

August 22: 4:30 pm Saturday: Nathan Beals

August 23: 7 am Sunday Mass: Blake Bierman

August 25: 5:30 pm Tuesday: Eli Ochs

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.

St. Mary's Parish News

AUGUST 15!

We honor our parish patronal feast day,
in 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 or call the St. Mary's parish office 618-455-3155 for the parish feast day next week so that we have a count of how much pizza and ice cream to provide.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for August 1, 2020

Will be reported next week.

Ministers for August 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Ushers: _____ Need 3 Volunteers

Server: _____ Need 1 Volunteer

Lectors: _____ Need 2 Volunteers

Eucharistic Minister: _____ Need 1 Volunteer

Ministers for August 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Richard Ochs, Nicholas Zwilling,
Randy Reis

Server: Ashtyn Ochs

Lectors: Ron Zwilling/Miranda Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 7:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Or by request or at St. Thomas Church

8-9 am Saturdays; 4:30 – 5 pm Wednesdays

Come celebrate the Sacraments

PREPARING FOR FULL INITIATION into the Catholic faith:

Confirmation/First Communion is scheduled:

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

Aiden Blank, Tinley Lingafelter & Avery Ochs

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 10th, St Lawrence

Tuesday, August 11th, St Clare

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass: (Int: Frances & Maude Wagner+)

Wednesday, August 12th, St Jane Francs de Chantal

8:30 am mass at St. Thomas

Thursday, August 13th, STS Pontian and Hippolytus

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Linda Zuber+)

6:00 – 6:30 pm Reconciliation in Church

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm St. Mary's Pastoral Council

Friday, August 14th, St Maximillian Kolbe

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday, August 15th, Patronal Feast Day

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 p.m. – Mass: (Int: For the Parish)

Followed by Pizza and Ice Cream

Sunday, August 16th, 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish+)

DOUGHNUTS AND JUICE:

will be available after Mass this weekend in thanksgiving to Paul Lesupati and Jayke White for their presence here this summer and offer farewell. Their school address will be: St. Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577.

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 are planning on selling 50/50 tickets. We will have picnic tables set up if people would like to eat on the grounds. Look for future updates in the bulletin and sign-up sheets for workers. Thanks to the picnic committee for making choices that would accommodate the times we are in right now!!

BLOOD DRIVE:

St Mary's Church will be hosting a Blood drive on Sunday, August 16th from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 m. Please go online at Americanredcross.org and pre-register for the blood drive.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL MASS NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE and PARTICIPATION during the weekday Masses: Parish and School.

Beginning this week, the weekday Mass schedule will generally be: * (Note see below)

St. Mary's: 8:30 am Tuesday & Thursday

St. Thomas: 5:30 pm Wednesday & **8:30 am** Friday*

St. Thomas Catholic School: 8:30 am Wednesday

due to capacity limitations.

The all-school Mass is closed to the public

---**Only School** administration, faculty and students will be allowed.

---**Grades** will be separated by pews and use other safety precautions provided.

---**The Church** will be on lockdown until Mass is completed and students return to school.

---**The Mass** will be streamlined but no exception in attendance.

8:30 am Friday Mass at St. Thomas:

Class Masses will be held generally as follows:

First Friday: Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2.

Second Friday; Grades 3, 4, 5.

Third Friday: Grades 6-7-8.

Approximately 60 people would be permitted to attend these Masses following capacity limit guidelines.

***NOTE:** Funeral Masses will not be held on Wednesdays due to two Masses already scheduled. Church law permits priest to offer only two Masses on weekday unless an obligatory Holy Day.

***Special Masses** are already scheduled and will continue as planned for the sacramental celebrations of Baptisms, Confirmation/First Communion, and Weddings.

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 are making them available at your request for your own 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. Following regulations, missalettes left behind in the pew will be thrown away. The missalettes will be available for you to obtain at either parish.

Farewell Students!



Jayke White and Paul Lesupati, Seminarians of our Diocese will be here this weekend August 8/9th and say farewell. They won't be in the large bird cage but following testing for Covid -19, they will be quarantined at home prior to returning to the seminary for school later in August. 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.

They are grateful 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 them. They have enjoyed their summer experience here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and St. Mary of the Assumption Church with the good people of Newton and Ste. Marie, and surrounding areas.

Prayerful best wishes go with all our students heading off to school, especially those heading off to colleges or universities, particularly for the first time. Prayers accompany them for the educators and staffs that will serve them.

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*

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. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen.