

August 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

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**Deacon emeritus:** Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

**Office Manager:** Linda M. Hemrich

**PSR Coordinator:** Pete Pasero

**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

**Eucharistic Adoration** 7:15-8:15 am

w/Morning Prayer 7:30 am Benediction 8:15 am

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am Saturdays and request.

**St. Thomas School Office:**

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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

August 6-7, 2022 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 9,338.00
Loose	\$ Missn coop
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 7,232.00</b>
Building Fund	\$ 375.00
Mission Coop	\$ 2,237.00
School Fund	\$ 1,865.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,477.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,815.00</b>
<b>Credit Card Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church June Tithe**

June Tithe Income – \$37,071.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,707.00

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation

Call 217-321-1155.

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Monday, August 15, Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)**

**6:00 p.m. Mass for the Parish Patronal Saint**

**Tuesday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary**

**7:15 am Adoration MP 7:30 am 8:00 am Rosary StM**

**8:30 am Mass at St Mary's, Ste. Marie.**

**Wednesday, August 17, Weekday**

**7:00-am Adoration: 7:30am MP; Benediction 7:50 am**

**8:30 am Mass (Phil Schuetter+)**

**9:00 am Rosary Group**

**Thursday, August 18, Weekday**

**7:15 am Adoration MP 7:30 am 8:00 am Rosary StM**

**8:30 am Mass at St Mary's, Ste. Marie.**

**5:30 pm Evening Prayer**

**6:00 pm Mass (Special Intention)**

**Friday, Aug. 19, St. John Eudes**

**7:00-am Adoration: 7:30am MP; Benediction 7:50 am**

**8:30 am Mass (Alice Bailey+) ALL SCHOOL Mass**

**Saturday, August 20, St. Bernard**

**4:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas (Special Intention)**

**Sunday, August 21, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's - Fr. Paul Lesupati**

(For Parish)

**10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Special Intention)**

**10:30 am Communion Service at Villas**

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, August 20 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Beth Ochs; Lori TeVault

E.M.: Gerald/Denisse Ochs, Kim Ochs, Glenda Spiker

Servers: Jackson Baltzell & Carter Barthelme

Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, August 21 @ 7:00 a.m.**

Lectors: Jill Bierman; Lily Bierman

EM: Eliza Bierman, Helen/Leo Weber, Jamie Shamhart

Servers: Aaron Volk & Curtis Weber

Gift Bearers: Brandon Francis Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, August 21 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Kelly Iffert & Renee Gier

EM: Dennis Weber, Matt Bower, Julie Higgs,

Tony Sparks

Servers: Drew Iffert & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Charlie Schackmann Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

**10:30 am Sunday Communion Service  
at the Villas of Holly Brook**

We need volunteers to sign up for a particular Sunday to bring residents Holy Communion.

If you are willing to assist with this mission of the Church, please sign up in the foyer of the Church and/or contact the parish offices or the priests.

The Sunday Liturgy in the Absence of a Priest will be followed and printouts will be available for each Volunteer Prayer Leader.

**St. Thomas Pictorial Directory** plans are underway!

*Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in helping create/develop our directory.*

Jennifer with Jafa Photo will be handling our photo sessions. We are not ready for sign-ups but dates have been set, so start thinking about which dates and times will work best for you and your family.

Oct. 3, 2022 – 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Oct. 4–6; 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Nov. 26-27; 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** With the start of school, the Adoration/Benediction period will be moved to 7:00 – 8:00 am at St. Thomas Church with Benediction concluding the Adoration begin at **7:50 am**

**Sister Stanislaus (Christina) Saul Memorial Collection.** As her tombstone is hard to decipher and as a memorial to the foundress of our wonderful parish school, the Pastoral Council recommended **creating a memorial plaque acknowledging her contribution to our parish school.** If you are interested in making a donation for this fund, simply mark your donation envelope with Mother Stanislaus Memorial Fund.

**We have collected \$170.00 so far!**

**PSR Registration Time:** Parents please pick up a registration form (in foyer/entranceway of each parish church) and fill it out to register your child/ren for our parish school of religion classes. Classes will begin on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** at St Mary's Parish Center. Adults will be provided an opportunity for formation and hospitality during the hour of classes. Please watch the bulletin for future details.

**Chris Rauch and Karen Buerster** have been appointed to the St. Thomas Finance Council serving along with George Roth, Mark Hartrich, Charlie Schackmann and Chairperson Teresa Volk. School Principal Jill Bierman, Parish Office Manager Linda Hemrich are ex official members and join Fr. Paul Luczak and Fr. Dean Probst.

**St. Thomas Church August Cleaning Crew will report for duty on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.  
Thank you!!**

**St. Thomas School News**

St. Thomas School is seeking the following individual to join our school family:

**Kindergarten teacher**

This position involves teaching the Catholic faith, so practicing Catholics are preferred. Interested individuals can find an application at stthomassaints.com. The application along with resume, references and credentials can be sent to or brought by St. Thomas School, Attn: Mrs. Jill Bierman, Principal, 306 W. Jourdan St. Newton, IL, 62448 as soon as possible.

\*Because our school year has started, feel free to call the school, 618-783-3517, with questions, and/or email paperwork to jillbierman@stthomassaints.com. The room has been prepared, and we are blessed with an experienced substitute and teacher's aide in the classroom. We are ready to add a caring, positive, and faith-filled individual!

**St. Thomas School Dates to Remember**

**Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>** – Softball, home @ @ 4:30 pm

**Thurs., Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** – **First Day of School**

**Sat., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Softball @ Altamont @ 9:00 am

**Sun., Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Duck Race and Picnic

**Mon., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Baseball, home @ 4:30 pm

**Mon., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>** – Softball away @ 4:30 pm

**Tues., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Baseball, away @ 4:30 pm

**Thurs., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country, home @ 4:30 pm

**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>** – Softball, home @ 4:30 pm

**Fri., Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Baseball, away @ 4:30 pm

**St. Thomas School Presents**

**Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual DUCK RACE 2022**

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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,

**1<sup>st</sup> place duck: \$600.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place duck: \$250.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place duck: \$100.00**

**DOOR PRIZES! (MUST BE PRESENT)**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS**

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

For more info call St. Thomas School @ 618-783-3517

**NOTE: LUCKY BLUE DUCK--\$25 gift certificate**

## St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

### Interested in Communion of the Catholic Church?

An introductory session is scheduled for **7 pm Thursday, August 25, 2022, in St. Thomas Church.** Future Instructional Formation sessions for those who are interested through baptism and/or reception into full communion will be set according to schedule/situation of those interested. If you or someone you know is interested, call the parish offices to provide name and contact information.

**PSR SESSIONS** will again be held at St. Mary's Parish Center, beginning September 28. Registration forms are available in either parish Church. An adult hospitality session will be provided during the PSR classes.

### OUR PRIESTS AVAILABILITY

**August 15-18, Fr. Dean** will be attending the Midwest Canon Law Workshop in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
**September 20:** Priest Convocation Corporate Meeting at St. Jerome Church, Troy, Illinois.  
**September 12-24 Fr. Pawel** will be in Poland to visit his family.

**The next pre-baptismal class will be held Sunday, November 6 at 8:45 am** at St. Thomas Church. To register, please call the St. Thomas parish office.  
**The next Class will be on January 1, 2023** at 8:45 am. **Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's: Call the parish office or the priest to schedule the baptism after all necessary paperwork is filed.**

**Baptisms are scheduled during Mass** so that the child/person can be welcomed into the Church, the family of God.

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**

**Please pray for the Sick**, especially Dottie Benefiel, Mike Hall, Jim Brunmeier, Matilda Hemrich, George Roth, Gary Griffith, Flo Barker, Mary Bergbower, Karen Shamhart, Diane Bunton, Geneva Barber, Greg Dennis, Amber Wakefield, Seth Weber; those in healthcare facilities & those in our Book of Requests.

**Rest in Peace:** Lucy Hartrich, mother of Mike, Mark, and Tony Hartrich and Amy Frohning; and Fr. Henry Schmidt, priest emeritus of our Diocese.

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

**Monday: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab**

	<b>1 Cor 15:20-27</b>	<b>Lk 1:39-56</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Ez 28:1-10</b>	<b>Mt 19:23-30</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Ez 34:1-11</b>	<b>Mt 20:1-16</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Ez 36:23-28</b>	<b>Mt 22:1-14</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Ez 37:1-14</b>	<b>Mt 22:34-40</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Ez 43:1-7ab</b>	<b>Mt 23:1-12</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Is 66:18-21</b>	
	<b>Heb 12:5-7, 11-13</b>	<b>Lk 13:22-30</b>

We will **welcome** recently ordained **Father Paul Lesupati** to celebrate **Masses of Thanksgiving** this weekend. He comes to offer Mass of Thanksgiving for our support of his vocation during his summer service to our parishes as a seminarian. He is the parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL.

**Father Paul Lesupati will have the 4:30 pm Mass Saturday, August 13 at St. Thomas and then the 8:30 am Mass Sunday at St. Mary's.**

On this weekend our parochial vicar, **Father Pawel Luczak**, will be filling in at Taylorville, Kincaid and Stonington parishes for **Fr. Piotr Kosk**, a former seminarian who served in our parishes.

**MUSIC! – DANCING! – FOOD! – DOOR PRIZE!**  
Supporters of the Newton Family Life Center and Silk Purse invite you to an **ALL AGES THANK YOU!**

**Date:** Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** West End Reception Hall - Newton

**Time:** Food at 5pm and Music at 7pm

**Cost:** Free will donation at the door

Jasper County's very own **SOCO 'a little southern comfort'** will be the evening's entertainment and CZ's Fried Green Tomato food truck will be onsite. Drawing for to win a new 50" LED 4k Smart Fire TV will be held at 9 pm along with a 50/50 drawing. You must be present to win. Thanks for your help in this adventure.

### The Blessing for the Beginning of the School year

will be offered at each of the Masses this weekend. The prayer will be directed not only to our parish school of St. Thomas but include the Jasper County Schools as well as our students headed to many different colleges and universities. May God grant wisdom, knowledge and understanding to all and enable them to use right judgment in all they do.

**NOTE:** We would like to know where our parishioners are attending college or university. Please inform us with Name, School and email address.



August 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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E-mail: [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com)

Website: [www.stmariechurch.org](http://www.stmariechurch.org)

Parish Emergency Number: 217-494-6326

**Pastor:** Fr. R. Dean Probst (email: [dprobst@dio.org](mailto:dprobst@dio.org))

**Parochial Vicar** Fr. Pawel (Paul) Luczak  
(email: [revpl.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto: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

7:15 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Holy Mass

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

### This Week in our Parish

**Monday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven**

Although this feast on a Monday is not an Obligation to attend Mass, today is the feast of our patronal saint. It is a Solemnity for us which calls our parish to gather for prayer.

6:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Ben & Rosa Ochs Family+)

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, St Stephen of Hungary**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am – Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Linda Zuber+)

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Marion Bahl+)

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, St John Eudes**

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, St Bernard**

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**PSR:** Parents, it is that time of year when we need to begin thinking about religion classes which will begin on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** at St Mary's Parish Center. Please fill out the registration form, which is available at the entrances of the church, if your child will be attending classes here at St Mary's. Drop the registration form and the fee in the collection basket or turn in at either of the parish offices.

Also, please give some thought to being a religion teacher this fall – if interested call the parish office or contact Marie Wagner at 618-754-3388.

### Ministers for 8:30 am – August 21, 2022

**Ushers:** Randy Reis, Phil Ochs, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/ Ashtyn Ochs

**Lectors:** Becca Ochs/Ron Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Lisa Ochs

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Frohning, Rose Gangloff, Elaine Zwilling

### St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

#### Collection for the week of August 7, 2022

Envelopes	\$	1848.00
Loose		38.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1886.00</b>
Assumption		20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1906.00</b>
<b>Mission Collection</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$857.00</b>

### St Mary's Church June Tithe

June Tithe Income - \$10306

10% Monthly tithe Given to Diocese - \$1031.00

### PICNIC UPDATES

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 3pm. Ste Marie Style Chicken, the local band SOCO-a little southern comfort. Games, raffle, bingo and more.

**EXTRA RAFFLE tickets are available in church**, many great prizes, so sell those tickets!!

**DIME TOSS:** Glasses and glass mugs are needed for the dime toss. Items can be dropped off on the porch of the parish office or call Elaine Zwilling at 618-843-0800 for pickup.

**CAKE STAND:** We are asking for donations of cakes, cupcakes, pies, sweet rolls, tea rings, cookies, brownies, etc. There are cake boxes available in the back of church and we encourage you to use disposable containers with a lid. **Please be sure and mark what is in the container.**

**Workers List are available at the back of church, please pick them up. As always if you cannot work, please find a replacement.**