

**"WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?"**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22nd-23rd, 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.

Holy Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17	Mt: 22:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18	Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9	Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25	Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31	Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9	Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27



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.

Prayer List. Please notify the parish offices if you have a name that you would like to add to our list of intentions, especially if undergoing a medical procedure. Just a reminder...that names are removed from the list after four weeks and placed in our Parishes' Book of Intentions.

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.

Victim Assistance Contact Information:

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155.

Websites: Be sure to visit your parish's website for bulletins, ministry schedules, and much more!

ST. THOMAS PARISH

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Monday, Aug. 24: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday, Aug. 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

8:30 am No Mass at St. Mary's – Fr. Dean Tribunal

5:30 pm Confirmation/First Communion at
St. Thomas for *Eli Ochs*

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Weekday

2:00 pm **The Chosen (Film Series: Episode 1)**

3:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Int: Betty Frohning+)

Thursday, Aug. 27: St. Monica

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Aug. 28: St. Augustine

8:30 am (Int.: Gloria Ochs; Coletta Kocher+)

Saturday, Aug. 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass (Frank & Marilyn Rubsam –
Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, Aug. 30: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

Parish Lay Minister Schedules Aug. 29th-30th At St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Ellen Einhorn; Karen Buerster

E.M.: Lora Phillips & Madison Phillips

Server: Cole Phillips

Musicians: TBD

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Karen Winn; Becky Shamhart

E.M.: Linda Hemrich & Sarah Hemrich

Server: Allison Brummer

Cantor: Lily Bierman

Musician: Vicki Mullen

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Kevin Parker; Renee Gier

E.M.: Jason & Jenny Bierman

Server: Mallory Ochs

Cantor: Jackson Baltzell

Musicians: Vicki Mullen

THE CHOSEN, a series about the greatest story ever told, the Gospel of Jesus, will be available for viewing at 2:00 pm Wednesday afternoons in St. Thomas Church. It introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film. The seminarians and I watched the episodes and enjoyed the family situations for context of the Gospel stories.

BAPTISM:



Raelynn Jean Volk, daughter of Kevin and Beth Volk, and Jillian's and Allison's little sister, was baptized Sunday, August 16th at St Thomas.

Let us join together in welcoming Raelynn to our parish family!

CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

for Parents who decided to wait till school starts,

Preparation Sessions will be held as follows:

Session on First Reconciliation:

Monday or Wednesday August 24/26: 6:30 pm

Session on Confirmation:

Tuesday or Wednesday September 8/9: 6:30 pm

Session on Holy Communion

Tuesday Sept. 29 or Thursday, Oct. 1: 6:30 pm

A parent of child preparing for the sacraments of initiation must attend one of each session. This applies for any parishioner whose son or daughter wants to receive these sacraments this fall.

Confirmations/First Communions are tentatively set for:

10:00 am Saturday, Oct 10;

5:30 pm Wednesday October 14

and/or 4:30 pm Saturday, October 17

Note: Scheduling only after all necessary papers are turned in and parent and student have completed the three sessions. Also: Only 4 families per Mass to allow for relatives to attend.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Aug. 15th-16th Collection

Envelopes \$7,386.00

Loose _____ \$30.00

Subtotal \$7,416.00

School Fund (4) \$455.00

Holy Days(17) \$375.00

Building Fund(1) _____ \$100.00

Subtotal \$930.00

Grand Total \$8,436.00

This Week in St. Thomas School Sports

Tuesday, Aug. 25:

4:30 pm Cross Country, here vs. Casey

Thursday, Aug. 27:

4:30 pm Boys Baseball at Casey

4:30 pm Girls Softball at Charleston

Friday, Aug. 28:

4:30 pm Boys Baseball, here vs. St. Anthony

4:30 pm Girls Softball, here vs. Casey

Good luck to all of our parish athletes as some of them return to play. Sports returning to play this fall include Jr. High softball, baseball and cross country and High School cross country and girls tennis. Please keep all of these athletes in your prayers as they begin their seasons as well as those athletes who have had their seasons postponed. Go Saints! Go Eagles!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL MASS NEWS

REMINDER: MASS SCHEDULE and PARTICIPATION during the weekday Masses:

The weekday Mass schedule is generally:

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.

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** will continue as planned for the sacramental celebrations of Baptisms, Confirmation/First Communion, and Weddings.

Keep in Touch with Our Seminarians!

**Jayke White
Paul Lesupati**

School of Theology
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So far...Join us for St. Thomas' Cash Bingo. Seating available for 50 players. The first bingos of the school year will be held on **Friday, Sept. 4th and 18th, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. Bingo will hopefully continue throughout the school year on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** of the months.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on the chance to win the \$4,500.00 Lightning round. **MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!!!** All Proceeds for St. Thomas School.

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St. Thomas' Annual Picnic Update. At this time the picnic committee would like to let everyone know that this year's picnic will probably consist of a raffle only due to the current Covid situation. The raffle will be very similar to last year and the details are in the works. If at anytime it is possible to increase the activities at the annual picnic, the picnic committee will take that in to consideration as the picnic draws nearer. The picnic committee appreciates your support and patience as they work out the details

Catholic Charities' 2020 Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta. The event will be held on Sunday, September 13, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Effingham Event Center. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children. If you would like to purchase 20+ tickets, they are \$7 each. All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

My Experience. Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: The Christ. In that response, he means the Messiah, the Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

- What is my experience of Jesus? He is....
- How does my experience bind me to all who believe in him?
- Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?

St. Mary's Parish News

Completing Initiation thru CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION:



Aiden (George) Blank,
son of
Mark & Bridget Blank

Tinley (Elizabeth) Lingafelter,
daughter of
Tyler & Sarah Lingafelter

Avery (Elizabeth) Ochs,
daughter of
Jeff and Lisa Ochs

They were Confirmed and received their first Holy Communion at the 5:30pm Mass, August 18.

Note: The Confirmation Patron is in parenthesis.

Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann Richard Ochs Aaron Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann Bruce Boehl Fr. Dean Probst

Pastoral Council:

1-year term: David Ochs, Lora Ochs, Lora Semple
2-years: Tim Keller, Angie Kocher, Maria Zumbahlen
Fr. Dean Probst, Maynard Kaufmann, Richard Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 8-9 am Saturday: St. Thomas Church
or as scheduled or by request

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of August 16, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 620.00
Loose	25.00
Sub Total	645.00
Haiti	145.00
Assumption	135.00
Grand Total	\$ 925.00

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

Ushers: Richard Ochs, Nicholas Zwilling, Randy Reis

Server: Owen Ochs

Lector: Rose Gangloff, Lora Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Elaine Zwilling

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Monday, August 24th, St Bartholomew

Tuesday, August 25th, Sts Louis and Joseph Calasanz

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.- No Mass- Fr. Dean at Tribunal in Sfld

Wednesday, August 26th, Weekday

Thursday, August 27th, St Monica

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.-Mass:(Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich +)

Friday, August 28th, St Augustine

Saturday, Aug.29th, The Passion of John the Baptist

Sunday, August 30th, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

THANK YOU: to everyone who came and enjoyed the celebration of our parish feast day; to the Family Life committee and other volunteers for setting up and taking care of the arrangements. To Ed & Cindy Zwilling and family for providing the ice cream from the Farm Bureau, and to Fr. Dean for the special mass!

FARMERS MARKET: The Sainte Marie Farmers Market will be held each Saturday morning at the Picquet Park, from 8am-noon, with the last one being Saturday, October 10th. Come out and join us and support your local vendors who bring their goods to the market!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are needing **30 volunteers** to work the Ste Marie Style Chicken Dinner on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**, workers are going to be scheduled for 2 shifts:

1st shift 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm,

2nd shift 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Sign-up sheets can be found at the exits of the church, or you can call the office during regular office hours to schedule shift to work.

