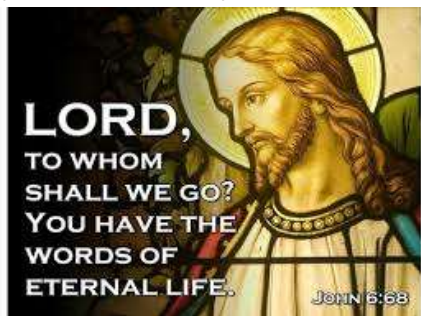


August 24-25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Pastor: Fr. Paul Luczak**

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**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.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING**

August 17-18, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,839.00
Loose	\$	286.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,125.00</b>
School Fund	\$	390.00
Building Fund	\$	225.00
Holy Day – Assumption	\$	820.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,435.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,560.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church July Tithe**

July Tithe Income – \$60,198.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$6,020.00

**St. Thomas Online Giving:** Easily tithe with online donations and no longer worry about envelopes. We hope this is convenient for you! Just visit the church’s website and click on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship. Thank you!!

**This Week in Our Parish**

*Mon., Aug. 26, Weekday*

*Tuesday, Aug. 27, St. Monica*

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

*Wednesday, Aug. 28, St. Augustine*

8:30 am Mass (Int.:Glen & Alberta Smithenry)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:15 pm Cleaning Church

*Thurs., Aug. 29, Passion of St. John the Baptist*

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

5:30 pm Lay Ministers review at St. Thomas

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

*Friday, Aug. 30, Weekday*

**Fr. Pawel – Home Visits**

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Patricia Probst)

*Saturday, Aug. 31, Weekday*

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Kenny Koebele)

*Sunday, September 1, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday;*

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation;*

*St. Mary’s Church Picnic*

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Arthur Rauch)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary’s

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

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

**This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

<b>Mon.:</b>	<b>2 Thes 1:1-5,11-2</b>	<b>Mt 23:13-22</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17</b>	<b>Mt 23:23-26</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18</b>	<b>Mt 23:27-32</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:1-9</b>	<b>Mk 6:17-29</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:17-25</b>	<b>Mt 25:1-13</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:26-31</b>	<b>Mt 25:14-30</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Dt 4:1-2,6-8</b>	<b>Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27</b>
	<b>Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</b>	

**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.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:  
Saturday, August 31 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Nichole Mulvey  
EM: Ramon Kocher, Glenda Spiker, Alice Addis  
Servers: Carter Barthelme & Brooke Farley  
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family  
Musicians: Tammy Page & Debbie Matson  
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

**Sunday, September 1 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Sara Bergbower  
EM: Sarah Hemrich, Becky Shamhart, Gery Ochs,  
Theresa Volk  
Servers: Will Hartrich & Jace Bergbower  
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family  
Musicians: Five for the One  
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, September 1 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Marissa Bower  
EM: Jason, Jenny, Nick Bierman, Nikki Earnest  
Servers: Claire Schackmann & Audrey Earnest  
Gift Bearers: Brad & Annie Ochs Family  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl  
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**August/September church cleaning crew** will meet on **Wednesday, August 28 at 5:15pm** to clean the church. The more show up, the faster it goes!!!! Thanks for being there. Questions? Contact Ginger Robins. 618-553-8070

**St. Thomas Faithful Voices & Youth Choir:**

Do you like to sing? We are starting up a Faithful Voice Choir for Sunday Morning Mass. Practice will be at 5:10 to 5:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. This is to encourage adults and kids to come up and help to lead the music. Sometimes we are a little thin and a little extra support is great. We will practice the music for each Sunday. Hope to see you there!!

**Faithful Voices** will start Sept. 11 at 5:10-5:30 PM

**Youth Choir** will start Sept. 11 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Contact Debbie Matson 618-553-1472 or Vicki Mullen 618-562-8215 for details.

**Newton Family Life Center**

**Will You Be A Table Host for our Banquet?  
Only 4 seats left at the St. Thomas table!!**

The Family Life Center is preparing for their upcoming fundraising banquet held on September 12th at the Keller Convention Center. 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 618-783-8741 to reserve your seat.

**St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic**

**Raffle Tickets Available in the Gathering Space!**

**It is also time to start thinking about your baskets** for the basket stand. Baskets are typically around \$40.00 and feel free to go in together with family and friends to create your basket.

**St. Thomas CYO** will soon start collecting individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic.

Check out the bulletin next weekend for all things St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic!

See you on October 13<sup>th</sup>! **Check out the church's Facebook page or website under the "Upcoming" tab for more information!**

**A Note from Fr. Paul**

**Fr. Paul would like to be rid of the hostas that are located on the west side of the rectory (back porch area).** He is inviting anyone that is interested to dig them up and take them first come, first serve. Just please give him a knock on the door to let him know that you are there. Saturdays and Sundays would work best for him. Hostas are healthy and have purple flowers!



**Spotlight on the St. Thomas Angels:**

Did you know the Angels meet almost every month to plan and discuss ways to support our parish? They reach out with cards to the sick, to families who have lost loved ones and to those celebrating milestone birthdays and anniversaries. They also support our parish and community in a variety of other ways that bring joy to all that they serve! The Angels will meet again on **September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the parish center meeting room. Come and join us!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas**

**September 6, 2024**

**(will begin immediately following  
Grandparent's Day program)**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon. This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer in the presence of our Lord. We have a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. This will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone during Eucharistic Adoration.

**The remaining Fridays of the month** Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

**40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life**

**Wednesday, Oct. 16** at St. Thomas immediately following Mass until 2:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. Sign-up available in the gathering space!

## 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:

Steve Ochs, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Mary Probst, Grant Wagy, 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.

### What's Trending on FORMED:

**Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God.** "Big blocks to describe a Big God." That's the credo of the Chalk and Block Children, a troupe of young believers who want to tell their peers "what every child needs to know about God!" With chalk in hand and blocks at the ready, these fresh-faced youngsters illuminate minds with beloved Scriptures and winsome melodies. From the award winning creators behind the "The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello", "Chalk and Block Children" will fill your home with Biblical truth that extols the love of Creator.

**The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey...** a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of Blessed Solanus Casey, a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Dive into the miraculous and healing stories attributed to Father Solanus and explore his challenges, including his journey to find his vocation. Through his gift for listening and his deep spiritual insights, Father Solanus became a beacon of hope for many. Be inspired to find holiness in your everyday life in this powerful documentary.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

*Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.*

**SCAM ALERT.** From time to time, someone will impersonate Fr. Paul and ask for "a favor." If you get a text message or an email asking for any financial help, please report it through your email or text provider or ignore and delete it. If you are unsure as to its validity, please verify the request through Father or the Parish Office – No one from this parish will ever ask you for help that cannot be verified by a phone call.

### St. Thomas School's Corner

Do you save cans and want a place to "recycle" them? St. Thomas School has a cage on the southeast corner of the building where you can put bags of cans. The school uses the money from the cans for lawn mower gas, postage and other small expenditures that come up. Thanks in advance for your support!

**St. Thomas School is made up of wonderful families who are prioritizing their children's faith formation by sending them to a Catholic school.** It takes much sacrifice and sometimes they need a little help. If you find yourself in a place where you'd like to help anonymously, please feel free to put a donation in an envelope marked School Families. The money will be dispersed when needed after consideration by the assistance committee. Thank you for considering this act of charity.

### Congratulations, St. Thomas School 12<sup>th</sup> Annual DUCK RACE 2024 Winners!

1<sup>st</sup>: Allie Hermann

2<sup>nd</sup>: Aubrey Schnabel

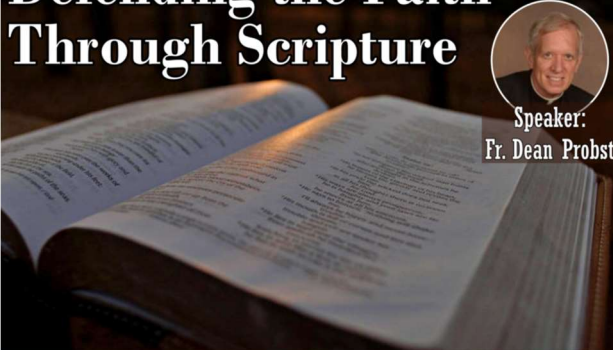
3<sup>rd</sup>: Suzanne Baltzell

**Blue Duck Winners** of a \$25 gift certificate: Shirley Woodard, Aubrey Schnabel, and Norah Goss

Thanks to the Publicity Committee for helping with everything and for all of the families who came out to celebrate. We have a banner in our gym listing all of the sponsors! Thanks to EVERYONE who helped make it a great fundraiser for our school.

Young Adult Ministry

## Defending the Faith Through Scripture



Speaker:  
Fr. Dean Probst

# Theology on Tap

**Date: Sunday August 25th @ 6 pm**  
**Where: Newton Lake Stafe F&W Area (West Boat Launch)**  
Host by Eric and Kristi Sandschafer  
**For Ages 18-35**  
**21+ May bring Adult beverages to enjoy responsibly**  
**Questions?**  
Contact Tyler Timm: 507-530-2911 or [ttimm@stjoelney.com](mailto:ttimm@stjoelney.com)

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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

*Pastor:* Fr. Paul Luczak

(email/text: [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**

**First Saturday of the Month**

7:30am–8:15am 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 26<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Saint Monica**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Viola Keller+)

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, St Augustine**

**Picnic Set Up – 5:30 pm**

**Thurs., August 29<sup>th</sup>, Passion of St John the Baptist**

**Home Visits with Fr Pawel**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

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

**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Weekday**

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

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

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 1, 2024**

**Ushers:** George Semple, Marvin Zwilling,  
Bob Barthelme

**Servers:** Wade Schackmann/Ellie Ochs

**Lectors:** Rose Gangloff/ Nancy Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Tony & Martha Strutner

**E Ms:** Ben Ochs, Norman Boehl, Jeanne Johnson

**JOINT PSR** classes will begin on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, and we are planning our book orders. Registration forms are at the entries of both St. Mary and St. Thomas churches. St. Thomas also emailed a link to complete the form digitally. There is a \$15.00 registration fee. Please complete the form and return to the parish offices, or place in the collection baskets as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to beginning classes!!

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of August 15 & 18, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,933.39

Loose 294.00

**Sub Total \$ 2,227.00**

Haiti 60.00

Assumption 262.00

**Total \$ 2,549.00**

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**July Tithe Income - \$11,977.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$1,198.00**

**Blood Drive** – Thank you to all that responded to the urgent need for blood! 30 people signed in to give. A big thanks to Hartrich Meats, Prairie Farms, Diann Lybarger, Kay Helregel, and Ron & Nancy Zwilling for the donation of food and time. Next blood drive is Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at St Mary's parish center.

**Mark your calendars! September 1, 2024**

**187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day**

**St Mary's Church Picnic**

There is still time to get that basket done!!

Please have basket donations turned in by Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to either Becca or the parish office.

Becca Ochs – 618-554-4999 or

[Becca.ochs@gmail.com](mailto:Becca.ochs@gmail.com).

**Raffle Tickets – Keep selling those tickets**, several have been turned in, but there is still time!! 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. Extra tickets are available in the back of church or at the parish office.

**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.**

**Set up for the picnic will begin at 5:30 pm  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Clean up Monday morning at 7:30 a.m.**