

September 7-8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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 31-September 1, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,133.00
Loose	\$	334.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,467.00</b>
School Fund	\$	985.00
Holy Day – Assumption	\$	15.00
Building Fund	\$	405.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,405.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,872.00</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., Sept. 9, St. Peter Claver**

6:30 pm Angels meeting

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, Weekday**

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

**Wednesday, Sept. 11, Weekday**

8:30 am Class Mass (Int.:Gloria Ochs)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:10 pm Faithful Voices

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

**Thurs., Sept. 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary’s

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary’s

2:00 pm Mass at Newton Care Center

Family Life Center Banquet – Effingham (St. Thomas has one seat left at our table)

**Friday, Sept. 13, St. John Chrysostom**

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Philip Leahy)

**Saturday, Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Marilyn Fritchley)

**Sunday, September 15, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (Leo Dhom)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

**This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.: 1Cor 5:1-8**

**Lk 6:6-11**

**Tues.: 1Cor 6:1-11**

**Lk 6:12-19**

**Weds.:1Cor 7:25-31**

**Lk 6:20-26**

**Th.: 1Cor 8:1b-7,11-13**

**Lk 6:27-38**

**Fri.: 1Cor 9:16-19,22b-27**

**Lk 6:39-42**

**Sat.: Nm 21:4b-9**

**Phil 2:6-11**

**Jn 3:13-17**

**Sun.: Is 50:4c-9a**

**Jas 2:14-18**

**Mk 8:27-35**

**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, September 14 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Luke Zuber  
EM: Brad/Kim/Kaitlyn Ochs, Wade Ochs  
Servers: Eli Ochs  
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family  
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander  
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

**Sunday, September 15 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Caroline Frohning  
EM: Jill, Eliza, Gus, Lucy Bierman  
Servers: Avery Shamhart & Addison Shamhart  
Gift Bearers: Steve Volk Family  
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner  
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

**Sunday, September 15 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Ginger Robins  
EM: Helen, Leo, Adam Weber, Becky Parker  
Servers: Josie Vogt & Logan Vogt  
Gift Bearers: Jim & Ginger Robins  
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley  
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Gier

**Happy Birthday, Rita (May) Donnelly!!** Rita will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27<sup>th</sup> and would love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 210 College St., Schulenburg, TX 78956.

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

We are starting up a Faithful Voice Choir for Sunday Morning Mass. This is to encourage adults and kids to come up and help to lead the music. We will practice the music for each Sunday.

**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. Hope to see you there!!

**PSR Registration Time:** Please pick up a registration form (in entranceway of each parish church) to register your child/ren for our parish school of religion classes. A link to the form was also emailed to St. Thomas families. **Classes will begin on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Parish Center starting with Mass at 6:00 pm.**

**St. Thomas CYO... Let's Get Started!** Jenny and Linda welcome all High School Freshman – Seniors to join us for CYO. **We will meet on September 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie for Mass at 6:00 pm** to kick off our season! Regular sessions will start on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Bring your ideas for games/activities at the St. Thomas Harvest Picnic!!

**St. Thomas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Picnic**

**St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted!**

Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00. You are welcome to drop off your basket in the church's meeting room next to the church office. Questions or need inspiration? Contact the parish office.

**Game Prizes Wanted!** CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. Thanks for supporting our youth and the picnic. Items can be dropped off at the church. CYO members will be asked to provide 1 dozen cookies that are packaged 2 cookies per zip lock baggie. THANKS!

**Desserts Wanted.** Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the Chicken dinner. We would like to offer a dessert option for those enjoying our meal. Thank you for helping us make an already delicious meal even better 😊

**Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.  
10% of proceeds will benefit the  
Family Life Center – Newton  
BYOB**

**Spotlight on the Angels:** Did you know the Angels host a brunch for couples married 50 years or more? The date will be announced soon. Come to our Angels meeting on Monday evening and help us plan this event plus much more that we do for our parish!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas  
October 4, 2024**

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 and reflection in the presence of our Lord. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to 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!

**Baby Bottle Project at St. Thomas raises \$2,067.93 for Family Life Center.** The entire project raised an astounding \$114,417.00 by the churches in the communities that they serve. These funds help provide life-saving and life-changing services to all who the Family Life Center Serves. Thank you!

## 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:

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:

**Dive deeper into the teachings of the Church with this informative and engaging content on Formed:**

#### *Lectio: God*

Join Augustine Institute professor Dr. Elizabeth Klein for a careful study of Scripture in who God is and how to share this truth with others. This dynamic program combines in-depth biblical study with insightful questions, personal reflections, and an explanation of common misunderstandings. With *Lectio:God*, Fr. Pawel invites you to strengthen your faith in one true God, who is a communion of the three divine Persons.

#### *In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood*

This documentary explores the nature and theology of the priesthood. With commentary and insights from numerous priests, the film dives into the importance of prayer, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to Our Lady, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of missionary zeal. Gain a deeper understanding of the priesthood and learn what it really means to act "In Persona Christi" with this remarkable production.

#### *Source & Summit/Augustine Institute Bible Conference*

This collection of talks offered by the Augustine Institute opens the door to understanding Vatican II's teaching regarding the source and summit of our Christian faith: The Eucharist. Each lecture reveals how the Eucharist is present throughout Scripture. With informative presentations led by Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Tim Gray, and Dr. Mary Healy, this series is a great tool to keep the Eucharistic revival efforts going!

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.*

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

### St. Thomas School's Corner

St. Thomas School was blessed to receive a monetary award from the Maxine Spitler Foundation. This generous award allowed the school to purchase 22 Chromebooks which allowed all of our 5th-8th graders to be one-to-one for the school day. We are thankful that Maxine Spitler had community and schools in mind when planning for the future. Thank you!!

**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.

**OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup> with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie at 6:00 pm.** 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).

**Save the Dates: September 26<sup>th</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**  
More details to follow.



**Let's celebrate! Celebrate good times, come on! One hundred fifty years and counting!** The celebration weekend is September 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration **on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 until 11 PM and on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 11 PM at St. Joseph's Church grounds at Island Grove.** Come to enjoy fellowship with food, live music, soft drinks, beer, bounce house all on Friday. Then, add yard games, quilts, church & rectory tours, bingo, antique tractors, Corn hole tourney, Commode races, beard/dress contest and Spark Show to that on Saturday. Representative Adam Niemerg will present a Resolution from the State of Illinois at 1 PM on Saturday.

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

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**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, September 9<sup>th</sup>, St Peter Claver**

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Steve Ochs+)

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Orville Schmidt+)

**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, St John Chrysostom**

**Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, The Exaltation of the Cross**

**Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Tom & Donette O'Malley+)

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – September 15, 2024**

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

**Servers:** Blake Frohning/Charlee Hartrich

**Lectors:** Nicholas Zwilling/Mike Hartrich

**Gift Bearers:** Tony & Janet Hartrich

**EMs:** Elaine Zwilling, Janet Hartrich, Maynard  
Kaufmann

**Prayer for Life** – Our parish will soon be participating in the annual “Prayer for LIFE”, on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Adoration will begin at 7:15 a.m. – there will be an opportunity for reconciliation until 8:15 a.m. with mass to follow at 8:30 a.m., the closing will be held at noon. Please take this time to be in prayer to end abortion in our nation.

**St Mary’s Disciples’ Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of September 1, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,815.00

Loose 201.00

**Sub Total \$ 2016.00**

Haiti 25.00

Assumption 10.00

**Total \$ 2,051.00**

**St Mary’s Church Tithe**

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

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

**Thanks!!!**

To the **picnic committee** for all their work to make the 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Labor Day picnic a success. To all those **who worked behind the scenes**, we could not have done it without you. For the **donations** for the baskets stand, desserts for the dinner and cake stand.

As they say, it take a village to make it work!!

**“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor” Ecclesiastes 4:9**

**Thank you- The family of LaVaun Nix** would like to thank Fr Pawel for the Mass, Meyer Funeral Home for arrangements, the ladies of the parish and Hartrich Meats for the food & preparing the meal. Also, thank you for the cards, flowers, texts, messages & donations to the Shriners & St Thomas School.

**Thank You – The family of Steve Ochs** would like to thank Fr Paul for the beautiful mass, also Terry & Julie for the perfect hymns. To the ladies of St Mary’s for the bountiful meal and to anyone else who contributed to our comfort.  
*Marie & Sheila*

**Joint PSR classes** will begin on **September 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 pm**. Registration forms are at the entries of both St. Mary and St Thomas churches. St Thomas has also emailed a link to the form digitally. There is a \$15.00 registration fee. **Please complete the form and return to the parish offices, place in the collection baskets by September 15. We are in need of a Sixth Grade teacher.**

*We look forward to beginning classes!!*

**Parents** – St Mary’s will once again offer a hospitality room for the parents who bring their children to PSR classes on Wednesday night. More updates to follow. Rose Gangloff will be your host.