



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Masses:** 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10 am Sunday

5:30 pm Wednesday and 8:30 am Friday

**Reconciliation:** 8-9 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays

4:30 pm -5:00 pm Wednesdays

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Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.

**Masses:** 8:30 am Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday

**Reconciliation:** 7:30-8 am Tuesday & Thursday

### 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.

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

**Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24,27a  
Mt 20:1-16a



**Please pray for** the Sick, especially Norman Kocher and George Dalmeier, Rose Ann Kerner, those undergoing surgery, for police officers and military personnel, for our government, and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests. Please pray for repose of soul of Marie Spitzer.

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.

### **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.

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

**Victim Assistance Contact Information:**  
Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation  
Call 217-321-1155.

## ST. THOMAS PARISH

### This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased  
**Monday, Sept 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15: Our Lady of Sorrows**

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

**11:00 am** Clergy Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**7:00 pm** St. Thomas Finance Council

**Wednesday, Sept. 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

**2:00 pm** The Chosen (Episode: The Wedding)

**3:00 pm** Rosary

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm** Reconciliation

**5:30 pm** Mass (Int: Henry Kocher+)

**Thursday, Sept. 17: St. Robert Bellarmine**

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

**Friday, Sept. 18: Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int: Estelle Kennedy+)

**6:00 pm** Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, Sept. 19: St. Januarius**

**8:00 am – 9:00 am** Reconciliation

**2:00 pm** – Ochs-Pilman Wedding

**3:30 – 4:00 pm** Reconciliation

**4:30 pm** Mass (For the Parish)

**Sunday, Sept. 20: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 am** Mass (For the Parish)

**10:00 am** Mass (For the Parish)

### Disciples' Stewardship of Time

#### St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

##### Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

**Lectors:** Mike Hartrich; Ellen Einhorn

**E.M.:** Alice Addis & Amanda Baltzell

**Server:** Morgan Schafer

**Musicians:** Five For One

##### Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

**Lectors:** Sara Bergbower; Amy Hartrich

**E.M.:** Mary Frichtl & Becky Shamhart

**Server:** Kody Bergbower

**Musician:** Patsy Leffler

**Cantor:** Katie Shamhart

##### Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**Lectors:** John Bower; Kevin Parker

**E.M.:** Sara Mette & Dennis Weber

**Server:** Gabby Meinhart

**Musician:** Patsy Leffler

**Cantor:** Jeff Finley

### **Thank you for your participation in our Ministries!**

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Musician/Cantor please contact our parish offices.

**ENTER INTO FULL COMMUNION** of the Catholic faith through baptism or profession of faith and Confirmation and Holy Communion. Anyone who would like to become one in faith with the Catholic Church, is invited to attend an initial inquiry meeting. Please gather 6:30 pm Wednesday, September 23, in St. Thomas Church for discussion.

**A Reconciliation PENANCE SERVICE** will be held Saturday, September 26 at 9 am in St. Thomas Church. Several priests will assist with confessions especially as confirmation/first communion candidates (and their families) prepare by receiving the Sacrament of Penance. Many will be for the first time.

### **The Next St. Thomas Pre-Baptismal Class**

will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 9:00 am. Participants will meet in front of church under the awning. Thank you to Sheryl Brummer and Jamie Shamhart for coordinating these classes for all of our expectant parents!

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

Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Collection	
Envelopes	\$6,934.00
Loose	\$140.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,074.00</b>
School Fund (12)	\$682.00
Assumption(1)	\$20.00
Building Fund(11)	\$520.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,222.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,296.00</b>



**Join us for St. Thomas' Cash Bingo. Seating available for 50 players.** The next bingo of the school year will be held on **Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**

Don't miss out on the chance to win the Lightning round. **MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!!!** All Proceeds for St. Thomas School. -License # BL-52238

**Non-Discriminatory Policy.** St. Thomas Elementary & Grade School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs.

## **St. Thomas' Annual Picnic Update.**

A group of KC parishioners have volunteered to provide a chicken dinner **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** in cooperation with the Annual Picnic. A pick-up/drive-thru opportunity for getting dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Newton, IL. People will be able to purchase raffle tickets at St. Thomas Church now and until the 2:00 pm drawing at the Church that day. The raffle will be very similar to last year in that tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100 for a 1025R John Deere tractor with choice of tiller or mower OR \$10,000 cash. 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Jasper Country/Newton Police Department.

### **THE CHOSEN,**

a series about the greatest story ever told,  
the Gospel of Jesus,  
will be available for viewing

Episode 5 at 2 pm Wednesday in **St. Thomas Church,**  
Episode 3 & 4 at **9 am Tuesday at St. Mary's.**

**Catholic Charities' 2020 Spaghetti Lunch** sponsored by Joe's Pizza & Pasta. The event will be held this 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.

**DIRECTION:** St. Anthony Catholic Bible Study: The 'Bible timeline-Old Testament' is 6:30-8:00 pm beginning Thursday, Sept. 10 at St. Anthony parish center. Call 217-347-7129 to order the workbook. \$40 covers all handouts & videos.

## **THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP.**

This fall will be a great time of growth for our Diocese and Parishes as we bring to life the Synod and move towards a greater awareness and commitment of discipleship and stewardship in our Diocese among our parishioners. This fall we are transitioning from the Annual Catholic Services Appeal to Parish Tithing. The Synod asks all of us to consider the gift of tithing. With our parishes' tithing support, the Diocese will be able to provide resources for missions and other services which parishioners rely on including ministry support.

• The Parish Tithing Goal is 10%, which is a reduction from the previous ACSA calculation of 11.5%. The Season of Stewardship will be developed in phases over the next three years. Stay tuned for future information.

## **Training for TRIBUNAL Advocates –**

Are you interested in representing the Tribunal in preparing marriage nullity cases as Advocates? The Tribunal has a great need for such in the Mattoon Deanery, especially in this area. Training will be held on October 1 and 3rd (First session pick either Thursday OR Saturday) and the second session on October 22, and 24th (pick either Thursday OR Saturday) at Christ the King Parish, 1920 Barberry Dr. Springfield, IL, from 10:00 AM- 2:30 PM. Both sessions are Thursday and Saturday. Training is free but Pre-Registration is necessary. Contact the Tribunal at 217-321-1119 to register prior to September 28. Note for more information: For more information about the Advocate Ministry, Ask Fr. Dean who is a Judge on the Tribunal 217-494-6326.

## **Memorial Service for Aborted Children**

Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at gravesites and memorial sites dedicated to honor aborted babies for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, September 12. Prayer services at these sites will commemorate the more than 61 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join in the memorial service at the Teutopolis KC Memorial to the Unborn in front of the Seminary Towers 8:30 am **Saturday, September 12,** and please honor social distancing among non-famil. Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.

## ***This Week in St. Thomas School Sports***

### ***Monday, Sept. 14:***

**4:30 pm** Boys Baseball @ Oblong

**4:30 pm** Softball @ Oblong

**4:30 pm** Cross Country, Here

### ***Thursday, Sept. 17:***

**4:30 pm** Boys Baseball @ St. Michael Sigel

**4:30 pm** Girls Softball @ Paris/Mayo

**4:30 pm** Cross Country @ T-town

## **Prayer/Support for Our Police Officers**

Our parish is dedicated to supporting our police men and women and those who protect our community and county. The St. Thomas Parish Council unanimously recommended that 10% of all proceeds from the parish picnic raffle go to support our Newton and Jasper County police personnel.



# St. Mary's Parish News

## Finance Council:

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

## Pastoral Council:

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

## Sacraments:

**Masses:** 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

**Reconciliation:** 7:30 am Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Saturday: 8:00 – 9 am at St Thomas Church  
Or as scheduled by request

## St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of September 6, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 670.00
Loose	180.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>850.00</b>
Capital Improvement	150.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1000.00</b>

## Ministers for September 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**Ushers:** Ben Ochs, Lance Zumbahlen, Norbert Ochs

**Server:** Ashtyn Ochs

**Lector:** Rose Gangloff/Lora Ochs

**Eucharistic Minister:** Janet Hartrich

**PICNIC TO GO:** AWESOME!! A special thanks to all that made the chicken dinner a success!! To the picnic committee for their hard work, to the workers who signed up to help. To Hartrich Meats for providing the ice cream to go with the dinner, Tractor Supply for donating the bottled water, to the Gas Station for donating the ice, and to all who made donations toward the dinner! THANK YOU for your stewardship of time, talent and treasure!!

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join us and support your local vendors who bring their goods to the market.

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**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary  
8:30 a.m. - Mass – (Int: Gladys Reis+)  
9:00 a.m. – The Chosen (Episode 3 & 4) in Church

**Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, St Robert Bellarmine**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary  
8:30 a.m. – Mass:(Int: Carole Helregel+)  
7:00 p.m. – **Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, St Januarius**

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

**PSR CLASSES:** For this year **only**, the classes will be done at home with parent supervision, using the textbook. The student is responsible for reading of the text and answering questions at the end of each lesson. These questions will be turned in at the end of the month. (each month students will turn in 4 lessons) Parents or students may pick up their textbook Sunday after mass – September 13, 20 or 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES:** Jerome & Jeannette Kocher will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on September 14<sup>th</sup>, cards and well wishes may be sent to them at their home.

Mr & Mrs Jerome Kocher  
15624 E 850<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Newton, IL 62448

What a wonderful testament of love and faith! Happy Anniversary Jerome & Jeannette!!!

**A SPECIAL THANKS:** Thank you to family and friends who remembered me with gifts, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and since my return home. A special thanks to Fr Dean for his prayers and visits, all where greatly appreciated, Jane Ochs.

**Rest In Peace: Marie Spitzer.** Gravesite services are being scheduled for Thursday, September 17. Fr. Dean was able to share the Commendation of the Dying with her hours before her death. After the prayers, the hospital staff said she was so peaceful!