

September 28-29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth 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

September 14-15, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,593.00
Loose	\$	292.00
Subtotal	\$	5,885.00
School Fund	\$	265.00
Building Fund	\$	60.00
Subtotal	\$	325.00
Grand Total	\$	6,210.00

St. Thomas Church August Tithe

August Tithe Income – \$38,430.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,843.00

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. 30, St. Jerome

Tuesday, Oct. 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

6:00 pm School Board

Wednesday, Oct. 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am Mass (Int.: For the Youth of Our Parishes)

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:00 -7:00 pm **St. Thomas School Open House**

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/CYO at St. Thomas

Thurs., Oct. 3, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi, First Friday

Fr. Pawel – Home Visits

8:30 am **All-School Mass** (Int. William Percy, Jr.)

Adoration following Mass until Noon

Saturday, Oct. 5, St. Faustina Kowalska;

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

First Saturday/Day of Prayer for Life at St. Mary's

9:00 am Cleaning Church

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Reconciliation**

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: For the Parish)

Sunday, Oct. 6, 27th Ordinary Sunday; World

Communion Sunday, Respect Life Sunday

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Dave Worman)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

8:45 am Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Thomas

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Phil Kuhl)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

1:45 pm **Newton Life Chain w/Prayer Service**

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Jb 1:6-22

Lk 9:46-50

Tues.: Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Weds.: Jb 9:1-12,14-16

Mt 18:1-5,10

Th.: Jb 19:21-27

Lk 10:1-12

Fri.: Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16

Sat.: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17

Lk 10:17-24

Sun.: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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, October 5 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Beth Ochs
EM: Ramon Kocher, Brad/Kim Ochs, Alice Addis
Servers: Allie Hermann & Brooks Hermann
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, October 6 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Tony Weber
EM: Becky Shamhart, Jamie Shamhart, Lucy Bierman,
Lori TeVault

Servers: Brady Francis & Kinsley Kerner
Gift Bearers: Brandon Francis Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, October 6 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Marissa Bower
EM: Nikki Earnest, Tony Sparks, Jenny Bierman,
Ryan Probst

Servers: Audrey Earnest & Dylan Earnest
Gift Bearers: Jason Bierman Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

October Cleaning Crew reporting for duty on
Saturday, October 5th, at 9:00 am. Thanks to all of
the volunteers that help take care of our church!

**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. 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!

St. Thomas CYO... Let's Get Started! Jenny and Linda welcome all High School Freshman – Seniors to join us for CYO. Regular sessions will start on **October 2nd at 6:30 pm** in the St. Thomas Parish Center.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast – All Men Invited
All men are invited to attend at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings. There is no charge. *Come as you are!* Breakfast is ready at 6:10 AM, VIDEO program at 6:30 AM, followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30. More info: contact the parish office or Dan Woods 217-821-1495.

St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available in the gathering space if you haven't already had a chance to pick them up. This year the envelopes are not labeled with parishioner addresses in an effort to save time and money. Feel free to pick up as many envelopes or booklets of tickets as you need. We have had a great response to the raffle already with tickets coming in from NAPA, the Fall Festival and as a result of the Catholic Times Ad. Thanks to our picnic committee for doing such a great job getting the word out there!!

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.

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 out 😊

Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.

Quilt Raffle tickets also available for purchase.
(Selling quilt raffle tickets after each Mass the next two weekends!)

**10% of proceeds will benefit
the Family Life Center – Newton
BYOB**

Happy Birthday, Ladora Long! Ladora will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 7th and would love to hear from you. Birthday wishes can be sent to: 8568 North 1400th Street, Newton, IL 62448

Come Celebrate 100 Beautiful Years!

You're invited to join us for an Open House as we celebrate **Betty Wakefield's 100 Birthday** and honor a century of love, wisdom, and cherished memories.

Date: Sunday, October 13

Time: 1:00- 4:00pm

Location: West End, Newton, Il

If you're unable to attend, we encourage you to send your love and well-wishes by mail to:

Betty Wakefield

101 S. Gregory Dr, Apt 31, Newton, Il 62448

Let's honor Betty together and celebrate the beauty of 100 incredible years.

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:

Susanne Schackmann, Betty Bickers and Family, Carol Schafer, Chris Wendt, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Grant Waggy, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Ava Torma, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

This Week on FORMED:

The Catholic Parent:

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!

The Martyrs | Littlest Saints

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?

Follow us on social media by visiting www.LittlestSaints.com.

Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible

The Gospel According to Matthew

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2). St. Matthew's account of the life of Jesus Christ emphasizes that he is the King of the Jews, the one who was to come and fulfill God's promise to re-establish the kingdom of David. St. Matthew's Gospel is often called "The Catechist's Gospel" because it contains many of the stories and teachings of Christ that we know and love. The Gospel of Matthew is truly the story of the good news that God is with us. The audio bible uses the RSV Second Catholic Edition Text(RSV-2CE).

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



Catholic Heart Work Camp(CHWC).

It is time to start planning next summer's CHWC. If you are interested in participating please contact our parish offices. **This year campers will be headed to Bowling Green, KY the week of June 29-July 5.** Our parishes will be traveling to the same work camp as Holy Cross, Wendelin. Reserve your spot ASAP!

OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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).

Newton Square Respect Life Sunday Life Chain Sunday, October 6, 2024

1:45 pm – Prayer Service;

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Life Chain around square

Respect Life Sunday

**Life Chain 2024 on Sunday, October 6
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Effingham, IL**

1:30 pm – Prayer Service

**2-3 pm Life Chain on Keller Drive
Carpooling available from St. Thomas!**

St. Thomas Booster Club Porkburger Sale Friday, September 27

Serving from 11:00am-1:00pm

Drive-thru at St. Thomas Church

Price: \$4.00 for a porkburger

\$6 for a meal (burger, chips & drink)

For delivery call: (618) 562-9018

Call ahead orders welcome now until serving time.

Confronting a Woke World

St. Thomas is inviting you to join us for an Adult Faith Formation Series. Joins us on **October 6th & 20th starting at 11:00 am** in the St. Thomas Parish Center as we discuss confronting a woke world. It is part of the In Focus Series from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. There are 7 videos each one about 15 minutes long defining and discussing "A Woke World." We will break the series down into two different dates.

It features Noelle Mering author of: *Awake, Not Woke: A Christian Response to the Cult of Progressive Ideology.* The trailer for the series can be viewed on YouTube...just search *Confronting a Woke World/In Focus Trailer.* We hope to provide babysitting if you need to bring your kiddos! Refreshments will be provided. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to sign-up or sign-up in the gathering space!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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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 30th, St Jerome

Tuesday, October 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Angela Geltz+)

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, October 3rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Lorraine/Lucille Dallmier+)

Home visits with Fr Pawel

Friday, October 4th, St Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 5th, St Faustina Kowalska

Day of Prayer for Life

8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. – Confessions

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Unborn Children+)

12:00 p.m. – Closing for Day of Prayer

Sunday, October 6th, 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ron Kirts+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures Collection for the week of September 22, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,998.00

Loose 182.00

Sub Total \$ 3,180.00

Haiti 25.00

Total \$ 3,205.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

August Tithe Income \$15,918.00

10% Monthly Tithe to Diocese - \$1,1591.00

Prayer for Life – Our parish will be participating in the annual “Prayer Campaign for Life, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. We will be joining people of Faith across our nation to pray, fast and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide.

Our day for prayer will begin on **Sat., October 5th**. We will begin with Confessions from 8:00– 8:20 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. The Day of Prayer will conclude with a closing Benediction at 12:00 p.m. Please consider spending an hour in church that day to pray for the unborn, and to end abortion in our nation.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 6, 2024

Ushers: Ethan Matson, Owen Ochs, Alex Kaufmann

Servers: Ellie Ochs/ Chase Kistner

Lectors: Nancy Ochs/ Brianna Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Phil & Becca Ochs Family

EMs: Norman Boehl, Amy Frohning, Rose Gangloff

PSR – Our religion teachers who so graciously are giving of their time and talent to teach for this year are:

K – Beth Hartrich

1st – Amber Frohning & Julie Shamhart

2nd – Kayla Semple

3rd – Marie Wagner

4th & 5th – Nancy Ochs

6th – Jenna Ochs

7th & 8th – Lora Semple

High School – Becca Ochs

And not forgotten is a young lady who works with the youth of our parish, doing special projects – Sarah Boehl. Thank you all!!

Parents – We will once again offer the hospitality room for the parents who bring their children to the PSR classes at St Mary's on Wednesday nights. We offer prayer, fellowship, talk about current events and how as Catholics we can help each other live and be catholic. We may get out our Bibles and study the Word while your children are studying their faith. Please consider joining us to grow in your faith as your children grow in theirs. Consider it your PSR class. Little ones are welcome also. Rose Gangloff will be leading us.