28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10-11, 2026

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

October 3-4, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	$	12,140.00
Loose	$	620.00
Subtotal	**$**	**12,760.00**
Annual School Fund	$	1,005.00
Centennial Campaign	$	675.00
Black/Indian Mission	$	431.00
Prop of Faith	$	10.00
Subtotal	**$**	**2,121.00**
Grand Total	**$**	**14,881.00**

40 Days of Prayer Campaign for Life
Join people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to protect all life.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 Adoration at St. Thomas. Adoration will begin immediately following the 8:30am Mass and will close with Benediction at 5:30pm.

Then join us for our Candlelight Rosary Procession beginning at 6:00pm.

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., October 12, Weekday; Columbus Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13, Weekday
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, October 14, St. Callistus
8:30 am Class Mass (Int. Oliver Emmerich)
9:00 am Rosary
5:30 pm Youth Choir
6:30 pm St. Thomas CYO Interview with a Saint & St. Mary PSR

Thursday, October 15, Weekday
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, October 16, St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration
8:30 am All – School Mass (Int. Brandon Frichtl)

Saturday, October 17; St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:00 – 9:00 Reconciliation
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Phil Hawkins)

Sun., October 18, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Laity Sunday; World Mission Sunday
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
9:35 am Rosary
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. Barry & Erin (Sparks) Bergbower)
OCIA immediately following Mass
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1		Lk 11:29-32
Tues.:	Gal 5:1-6		Lk 11:37-41
Weds.:	Gal 5:18-25		Lk 11:42-46
Th.:	Eph 1:1-10		Lk 11:47-54
Fri.:	Eph 1:11-14		Lk 12:1-7
Sat.:	Eph 1:15-23		Lk 12:8-12
Sun.:	Is 45:1,4-6	1Thes 1:1-5b	Mt 22:15-21

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

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

February 7, June 6, and October 3 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 17 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Beth Ochs
EM: Wade Ochs, Glenda Spiker, Kim Zuber
Servers: Emmalin Finley, Jack Schumacher, Carissa Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Todd Ochs Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, October 18 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Carol Bough
EM: Pam/Brenly Francis, Allison Weber, Amy Hartrich
Servers: Brady Francis, Will/Emma Hartrich
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

Sunday, October 18 @ 10:00 am

Lector:
EM: Dennis Weber
Servers: Pete Weber, Micah Finley, Patrick Bower
Gift Bearers: John Bower Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers:

16th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic October 11th 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

St. Thomas Picnic Worker's List available in the gathering space for sign-up. Thanks for helping!

BASKETS NEEDED: It's time to get creative (as you always do!!) and begin putting together baskets for our Harvest Picnic. Drop them off in Church anytime. Suggested value is $40 and above. Thank you!

Game Prizes Wanted! CYO is asking for donations of individual chip bags, candy and Juice Pouch drinks for the games that they are providing for the picnic. CYO members are asked to provide **1** dozen cookies with 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. 😊

Quilt Raffle: Please visit the gathering space of church to see the ***two*** beautiful quilts that will be raffled off at this year's picnic. Tickets are $5.00 each or $20.00 for 5 tickets. Thanks, Karen Long and Dee Bower!

Raffle Tickets are available in the Church foyer.
10% of proceeds benefit Newton F L C
BYOB

Congratulations 3rd Graders!

Congratulations to all and let us keep them in our prayers as their faith journey is just beginning.

St. Thomas CYO - #saintsintraining
Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Oct. 11 –Annual Harvest Picnic – Games
Don't forget your cookies!
Oct. 14 –Interview with a Saint – Thanks to all of the parishioners who are participating!
Oct. 21 –All Saints Day Review and Celebration
Oct. 28 –Celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary – Rosary Procession
Nov. 4 – Biblical Snacks – Food for the Saints

50+ Anniversary Mass & Brunch will be on **Sunday, October 25!** Seats for mass will be reserved in front of the middle 2 sections. Fr. Pawel will give a special Blessing to all couples during the Mass. The Brunch will follow in the Parish Center. Invitations will be mailed soon. Reservations are recommended. RSVP Glenda Spiker via text: 618-554-3663 or email at spikerfarms@gmail.com.

St. Thomas Parish Council
Welcomes New Members

The Pastoral Council is excited to welcome ***Ken Buerster, Peggy Mammoser, and John Will*** to the council.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes
WELCOME you and INVITE you

Please pray for the Sick

Deacon Larry Miller, Harold Einhorn, Gery Ochs, Charles Schafer, Nancy(Alan) Ochs, Jon Webb, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Emma Probst, Belinda Kubicki, Norma Kocher, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

A Couple of Messages from Fr. Pawel

A couple of weeks ago at 10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas, something unexpected happened. For the first time, we didn't have enough consecrated hosts to distribute during Holy Communion. That is why the role of a Sacristan is so important. It reminds us of two people we all know from Scripture — the prophet Simeon, a righteous and devout man who was waiting for the consolation of Israel. When he saw Jesus, he recognized Him as the promised Savior. And we also think of the prophetess Anna, who spent her time in the Temple serving God night and day. In a similar way, the sacristan prepares everything for the Masses so that we are ready to welcome Christ in the celebration of the Mass.

A sacristan plays an important role in the life of the parish. Their main responsibility is to prepare the church and everything needed for the celebration of Mass, as well as to assist the priest before and after the liturgy. It is a ministry that requires responsibility, commitment, and care for the beauty and order of the liturgy.

Our parish is currently looking for someone who would be interested in taking on this ministry. If you believe that you would like to give your time and help prepare for Mass, I warmly invite you to speak with me or contact the St. Thomas Parish office.

Every helping hand is valuable, and serving in this way is a beautiful opportunity to become more involved in the life of our parish community.

The Rosary - October Devotion

The month of October is especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, the Church encourages everyone to pray the Rosary daily. The Rosary was developed during the Middle Ages. Early Christians used prayer beads to help count repeated prayers, and by the 15th century, the Rosary had taken a form closer to what we know today. The Rosary is Christ-centered, presenting the entire life of Jesus Christ—from His Incarnation and earthly ministry to His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and glory. By meditating on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries, the Rosary becomes a summary of the Gospel and a reflection of the Christian life. Everyone is encouraged to take up this prayer for all 31 days of October, trusting in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who brings our prayers before her Son and pleads for the graces we need. May this October become a spiritual challenge that we joyfully embrace, especially together with our families. Let us make the Rosary a daily prayer and a source of grace, peace, and strength in our homes.

Mark Your Calendars
Wednesday, October 28th @ 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Candlelight Procession and Devotion starting in the St. Thomas Church and concluding at St. Thomas Church

Everyone welcome!

Be sure to bring a candle/light and any special Marian items to carry with you during the procession as we honor Mary. A table will be available in church for you to place Marian items to be blessed.

More information to follow

Note: Adoration will be available at St. Thomas for the 40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life starting after the 8:30am Mass and ending with Benediction at 5:30pm.

O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin. You know that all men sin. Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health. Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.

Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC). Planning for next summer's CHWC is underway. If you are interested in participating, please contact our parish offices immediately. **Campers will be headed to Memphis, TN the week of June 13-18.** Reserve your spot ASAP!

CHWC campers include: Audrey Beals, Nate Beals, Alani Bergbower, Jace Bergbower, Alivia Bierman, Blake Bierman, Margaret Bierman, Nathan Bierman, Maddie Brummer, Jase Cochran, Abby Davis, Audrey Earnest, Ava Earnest, Brooke Farley, Brady Francis, Brenly Francis, Lauren Gier, Levi Gier, Will Hartrich, Kinsley Kerner, Nora Kistner, Avery Ochs, Eli Ochs, Lexi Ochs, Lena Patterson, Hannah Phillips, Claire Probst, Claire Schackmann, Addison Shamhart, Avery Shamhart, Lyndsey Spiker, Josie Vogt, Logan Vogt, Jack Weber

Chaperones: Karen Bierman, Jeff Phillips, Kevin Vogt

If you are interested in being an adult chaperone, please let us know. We could use the help of 3 more adults!

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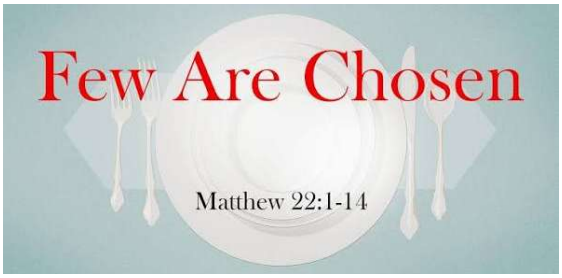

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday
First Saturday of the Month
7:30-8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration/Reconciliation
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request

This Week in our Parish

Monday, October 12th, Weekday
2pm – 6pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, October 13th, Weekday
8:00 am – Rosary
8:30 am–Mass (Int: Wilmer, Betty & Kathy Ochs+)
Wednesday, October 14th, St Callistus I
6:30 pm – PSR/Rosary
Thursday, October 15th, St Teresa of Jesus
8:00 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass (Int: Francis, Maude & Judy Wagner, Barbara Ochs+)
Friday, October 16th, St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary
Saturday, October 17th St Ignatius of Antioch
Sunday, October 18th, 29th Sunday in Ord Time
8:30 am – Mass (Int: Donna Boehl+)
Richard & Joyce Ochs – 65th Wedding Blessing

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the weeks of October 4, 2026

Envelopes/Online	$ 2,730.00
Loose	136.00
Total	**$ 2,866.00**

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 18,2026
Ushers: Paul Kaufmann, Tony Strutner, Alex Kaufmann
Servers: Logan & Daniel Uebinger/Ellie Ochs
Lectors: Ashtyn Ochs/Mike Hartrich
Gift Bearers: Jeff & Lisa Ochs
E Ms: Elaine Zwilling, Lora Semple, Rose Gangloff

Have you heard the Bells – The bell system at St Mary's was upgraded this week, it so great to hear them ring once again. They ring every day at 6am, noon, 6pm for the Angelus. The bells are rung at 3pm each day, for the Holy Hour prayer. They will also chime at 5 minutes before mass time on Sunday.

Youth Group Leader – St Mary's Youth Group is looking for someone who would be willing to step into the leadership position to continue pouring into the youth of our church. This role is a meaningful opportunity to build relationships, encourage our young people in their faith, and help create a welcoming and fun environment for them to grow together.

If you feel like this is something God may be calling you to do, or to learn more about what the role involves, please reach out to Sarah Boehl at 618-562-8745. We would love to see this group continue with a great leader at the helm!

PSR will be starting with the Rosary at 6:30pm in the church during the month of October.
All are welcome!

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations to Rich and Joyce Ochs,
who will be married 65 years, on October 17th.
They are the parents of 3 children:
(the late) Alan (Pam), Elaine (Mel Stock),
Jeff (Lisa)
They have 10 grandchildren and
10 great-grandchildren
Cards may be sent to:
329 N 1800th St, West Liberty, IL 62475

Area Events
October 11– St Thomas 16th Annual Harvest Picnic - 4pm- 7:30pm - Food, Games, Live Music, Raffle
October 12 – American Red Cross Blood Drive – St Mary's Parish Center 2pm – 6pm
October 18 – 2026 St Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar St Joseph School gymnasium – 11:00am – 1:30pm
October 18 – Teutopolis Council #2874 ID Breakfast Serving 7am – Noon. Teutopolis Banquet Hall