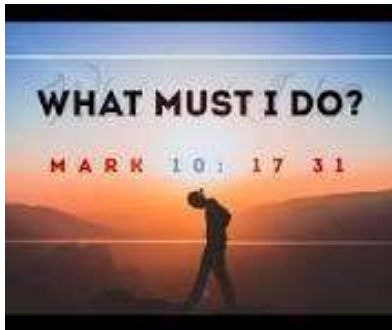


October 12-13, 2024

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

October 5-6, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	7,154.00
Loose	\$	716.00
Subtotal	\$	7,870.00
School Fund	\$	1,212.00
Building Fund	\$	715.00
Subtotal	\$	1,927.00
Grand Total	\$	9,797.00

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., October 14, St. Callistus; Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary’s

Wednesday, Oct. 16, St. Hedwig;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30 am Mass (Int.: Thomas Menke)

Immediately following Mass 40 Days of Prayer

Camp. for Life Adoration w/ Benediction at 2:00 pm

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir

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

Thursday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary’s

Friday, October 18, St. Luke

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am All-School Mass (Int. Kimberly English)

10:30 am Villas of Holly Brook Mass

Saturday, October 19, Sts. John de Brebeuf &

Isaac Jogues

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int.: Roscoe Miller)

Sunday, Oct. 20, 29th Ordinary Sunday;

Laity Sunday; World Mission 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 (LeRoy Schackmann)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas

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.: 2Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9

Sat.: Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12

Sun.: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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 2025 Schedule.

February 2, June 1, and October 5 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed. Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the parish office at 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:
Saturday, October 19 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Nichole Mulvey
EM: Kim Zuber, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher
Servers: Isaiah Bergbower & Alayna Ochs
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Five for the One
Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, October 20 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jill Bierman
EM: Eliza Bierman, Sheryl/Allison Brummer
Servers: Madilyn Brummer
Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Kinsley Kerner
Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, October 20 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kristine Probst
EM: Brad/Annie Ochs, John Bower, Ginger Robins
Servers: Logan & Josie Vogt
Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley
Greeters/Ushers: Jacob Jahraus

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

St. Thomas Parish welcomes Matt & Lea Creadore, and Katie, Eric, Simon, & Sutton Helm as they begin preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this process to become members of the Catholic Church. Thanks to Debbie Matson and Anne Ochs for joining the OCIA team.

Thank you to the October Cleaning Crew, especially since they had a small glitch...a locked cleaning closet. Thanks for getting the job done!!

**First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas
November 1, 2024**

You are invited to join St. Thomas for the 8:30 am All-School All Saints 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!

You're invited to join us for an Open House as we celebrate **Betty Wakefield's 100 Birthday**.

Date: Sunday, October 13; **Time:** 1:00- 4:00 pm

Location: West End, Newton, IL

**St. Thomas 13th Annual Harvest Picnic
October 13, 2024; 4:00 – 7:30 pm**

St. Thomas Picnic Worker's List available in the gathering space.

St. Thomas Picnic Raffle Tickets are available in the gathering space if you haven't already had a chance to pick them up.

St. Thomas Picnic Basket Stand - Baskets Wanted! Value of baskets is a minimum of \$40.00.

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. 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.

**10% of proceeds benefit - Newton Fam. Life Center
BYOB**



**14TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS
Harvest Picnic**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
4:00 PM-7:30 PM**

FOOD - GAMES - LIVE MUSIC- RAFFLES

10% OF PROCEEDS GO TO THE NEWTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER

4PM-SOLD OUT: KC STYLE CHICKEN MEAL

4PM-7:30PM: KIDS AND TEENS GAMES BY CYO

7PM: BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING

4PM-7PM: LIVE MUSIC BY A LITTLE SOCO

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE ITEM!!!

MODEL XUV835M JOHN DEERE GATOR OR \$15,000 CASH



**2nd prize: \$1000
3rd prize: \$500
drawing @ 7:15pm
tickets: \$20 ea/6 for \$100
Need not be present to win.**

**Find St. Thomas Church on Facebook to learn how you can win
1 Free Grand Prize raffle ticket!**

**To enter raffle by mail, please send check payable to St. Thomas
Church and include name, address, phone and number of tickets.**

ADDRESS: 404 W JOURDAN ST, NEWTON, IL 62448



St. Thomas CYO Looking Ahead to another Great Year! So proud of each and every one of these youth for making their faith a priority!! Thanks to all of the high school youth for their help in getting the games ready for the picnic...Let the Games Begin!!!

*Meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings; 6:30 pm in
the St. Thomas Parish Center*

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.

Please pray for the Sick:



Marlene Harris, Susanne Schackmann, Carol Schafer, Jim & Norma Kocher, Brenda Zuber, Carson Drew French, Randy Ochs, Jessica Andruch, Cathy Dasenbrock, Matt Zumbahlen, Fonda Fear, Whitney Benefiel, Mary Bergbower, Delorse Johnson, Susie Ochs, Ted Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Newton Life Chain



Thanks to Fr. Pawel and all of the parishioners who stood up for life this past Sunday as we joined other supporters in our community for prayer for life.

Trending on FORMED:

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

Restless Heart

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://www.usccb.org/mental-health-novena) and select our parish name.*

A Message from Fr. Pawel

The month of October is especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Rosary prayer. For many Catholics it carries significant importance in their spiritual life and daily routine because it is more than a simple sequence of prayers; it is a powerful tool for meditation, reflection and connection with God and Mary the Mother of Jesus.

In its core, the Rosary invites individuals to contemplate the life of Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries. Each mystery offers an opportunity to reflect on crucial events in salvation history, helping people to grow in their understanding of faith and deepening their relationship with God. This meditative aspect of the Rosary transforms a routine prayer into a deeply enriching experience. It is strengthening our faith; through the Rosary Mary intercedes for those who pray, and it unites believers in one prayer.

The Rosary is a powerful tool and prayer that brings numerous graces to those who embrace it. Whether prayed alone or in community, its importance lies in its ability to deepen faith, cultivate peace, and foster a closer relationship with Mary and Jesus. Let the month of October that is dedicated to the Rosary stand as a month of hope and a pathway to spiritual growth.



Listed below are opportunities to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October:

St. Mary's –Every Sunday morning at 8:00 am before 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon

St. Thomas- every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass and on Oct. 12 at Noon at St. Mary's

St. Clare Catholic Church in Altamont would like to invite you to attend their Annual Chili Supper on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Serving times are from 4:00 - 7:00pm in the church basement. Cost is free-will donation. Carry outs are available. **Menu:** Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup, Pulled Pork Sandwich or Hot Dog, Homemade Desserts & Drinks.

This October, the Catholic Church in the United States is renewing the National Catholic Mental Health Campaign (NCMHC). The entire Church in the United States is encouraged to pray a **Novena for Mental Health** in solidarity with Catholics across the country from **October 10 to October 18 each year**, beginning on World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) and concluding on the feast of Saint Luke the Physician (Oct. 18), the patron saint of health care. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health-novena> to sign up. ***St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental health, pray for us.***

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St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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(email/text: 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, October 14th, St Callistus

2pm – 6pm – Blood Drive

6:00 p.m. – Parish Council/Finance Council
Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th, St Teresa of Jesus

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Judy Wagner+)

Wednesday, October 16th, St Hedwig

6:30 p.m. - PSR

Thursday, October 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: George & Hilda Dallmier
Margie Townsend+)

Friday, October 18th, St Luke

Saturday, October 19th, St John de Brefeuf & Isaac

Sunday, October 20th, 29th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John O'Malley+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures Collection for the week of October 6, 2024

Envelopes \$ 1,486.00

Loose 179.00

Total \$ 1,665.00

St Mary's Church Tithe

September Tithe Income \$15,918.00

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

Rest in peace – Jane Zwilling, May God grant her eternal peace in his kingdom. Please keep her family in our prayers for comfort & peace.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 20, 2024

Ushers: Ethan Matson, Owen Ochs, Alex Kaufmann

Servers: Charlee Hartrich/ Max Ochs

Lectors: Mike Hartrich/Ethan Zwilling

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Matson,
Elfrieda & Maynard Kaufmann



Rosary – With October being the month of the Rosary, we will be saying the Rosary

every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. before mass, if you would like to lead the rosary on a Sunday, please contact Marie Wagner.

American Red Cross Blood Drive – St Mary's will be hosting a blood drive in our parish center on **Monday, October 14th, 2pm – 6pm**. Sign up sheets will be in the back of church. Please consider giving to help those who are needing the gift of life!

Meeting – The parish council and finance council will be meeting with representatives from the diocese to discuss the Centennial Campaign and parish vitality study results. The meeting will be on Monday, October 14th at 6pm. **Please enter thru the west door of the parish center.**

Pre-Labor Day Picnic – Thanks to the picnic committee for all their time and work to make the picnic a success, and to all who worked or attended the picnic, it was all greatly appreciated. The profit from this year's picnic is \$20,974.00. It is great we can work together for the church. Congratulations!!