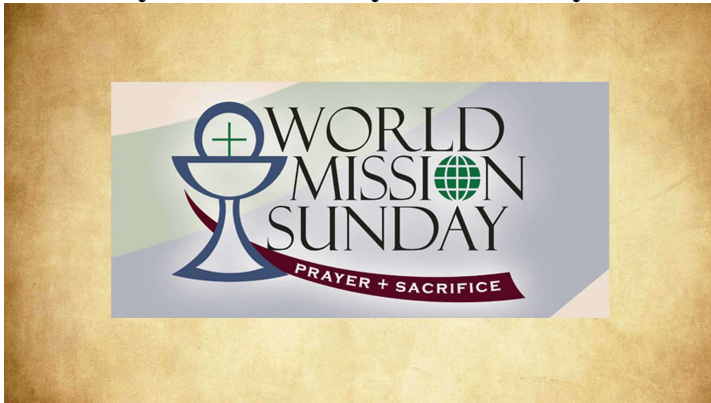


October 21-22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth 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 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays  
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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

Oct. 14-15, 2023 Collection

Envelopes \$ 4,878.00

Loose \$ 519.00

**Subtotal \$ 5,397.00**

School Fund \$ 230.00

**Subtotal \$ 230.00**

**Grand Total \$ 5,627.00**

**St. Thomas Church August Tithe**

August Tithe Income – \$37,737.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,774.00

***Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!***

**This Week in Our Parish**

**Mon., Oct. 23, St. John of Capistrano**

**Tuesday, Oct. 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Monthly Church Cleaning

**Wednesday, Oct. 25, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (The Dec. of Oliver Emmerich Fam.)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**5:30 pm** OCIA

**6:00 pm** Booster Club at KC Hall

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

**Thurs., Oct. 26, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**6:30 pm** – Deanery Centennial Campaign Meeting

**Friday, Oct. 27, Weekday**

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Int: Joseph Klingler)

**Saturday, Oct. 28, Sts. Simon & Jude**

**NO MASS**

**Eucharistic Congress – Springfield, IL**

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time;**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Alfonsina Schmidt)

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas

(Int: Elizabeth Schackmann)

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, October 28 @ 4:30 pm**

**No Mass; Eucharistic Congress – Springfield, IL**

**Sunday, October 29 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Caroline Frohning

EM: Gerald & Denisse Ochs, Amy Hartrich,

Sheryl Brummer

Servers: Madilyn Brummer & Bailey Meinhart

Gift Bearers: Paul Bierman Family

Musicians:

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, October 29 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors:

EM: John Bower, Charlie/Jan Schackmann,

Marge Horton

Servers: Abbie Ginder

Gift Bearers:

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jennelle Hinterscher

Greeters/Ushers:

**The World Mission Sunday collection is this weekend!** Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Thanks for your generous offerings!

**St. Thomas CYO**

**Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**St. Thomas Parish Center.**

As we continue to review the weekend readings to prepare for Mass, some lines of scripture really stick with us!

- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.
- Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.
- I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me.
- Then repay to Cesar what belongs to Cesar and to God what belongs to God.

*Thanks to our CYO youth for their thoughtful participation. So proud of this group!*

**The St. Thomas Angels and the couples that attended the 50th (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15th,** would like to thank the **St. Thomas School students** for the Anniversary cards that they made to share with the couples. It was a very kind and thoughtful gesture and was greatly appreciated. Thank you for thinking of them and adding a special touch to their celebration!

**St. Thomas Cleaning Crews** are reporting for duty on **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.** August, September and October volunteers are asked to help. These volunteers will be notified but all volunteers are welcome!

**This Week at St. Thomas School**

**Weds:** 6:00 pm Booster Club at KC Hall  
**Thurs:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade sets up for Mission Party  
**Fri:** All-School Mass  
 Mission Party  
**Sat.:** Marching Saints at Oblong Parade  
 Eucharistic Congress – Springfield, IL  
 No 4:30 pm Mass

**OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) –** Welcome **Jordan Hartigan** and **Jaleena Hemrich** to the OCIA process. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey and continue to grow in the Catholic faith!

**Happy Birthday, Betty Wakefield!** Betty celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 21. She would love to hear from you with a call or card. Betty continues to inspire all those around her! Betty can be contacted at:  
101 S. Gregory Dr. Apt 31, Newton, IL 62448 **OR**  
618-783-3362

**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:**

Richard Hippler, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Rom 4:20-25</b>	<b>Lk 12:13-21</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21</b>	<b>Lk 12:35-38</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Rom 6:12-18</b>	<b>Lk 12:39-48</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Rom 6:19-23</b>	<b>Lk 12:49-53</b>
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Rom 7:18-25a</b>	<b>Lk 12:54-59</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Eph 2:19-22</b>	<b>Lk 6:12-16</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Ex 22:20-26 1Thes 1:5c-10</b>	<b>Mt 22:34-40</b>

**Upcoming Holy Day and Holiday**

**November Mass Schedule**

**All Saints, Wednesday, November 1**

- **8:30 am** All-School Mass at St. Thomas
- **12:10 pm** at St. Thomas
- **6:30 pm** at St. Mary's  
St. Thomas CYO will attend

**All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2**

- **5:30 pm** Mass of Remembrance at St. Thomas
- **7:00 pm** Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's

**Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**

- **5:30 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Mary's
- **7:00 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Thomas
  - CYO covering the ministries

**Knights of Columbus Remembrance Mass**

- **5:30 pm** Tuesday, November 28 at St. Thomas
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**The Family of Mary Erlene Hall** would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages, donations, and prayers for our loss. Especially to Father Pawel, Tammy Page and Debbie Matson, who made the funeral Mass just perfect. Thank you to the St. Thomas Angels and all who prepared and shared their delicious food for the meal for our family. It all means so very much to all of us.

**Eucharistic Congress Itinerary  
October 28, 2023**

- 7:45 am** Meet in St. Thomas Church parking lot and board the Bales bus
- 8:00 am** Bales Bus leaves for the Bank of Springfield (BOS) Center, Springfield, located at 1, Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL
- 10:30 am** Doors Open, Marketplace open
- 11:00 am – 3:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration; Screenings, Speakers; Concession Stands and Marketplace
- 4:00 pm** Mass
- 5:30 pm** Approximate leave time to head to 1905 Brewery in Assumption
- 6:30 pm** Approximate arrival at 1905 Brewery in Assumption
- 8:00 pm** Leave Assumption and head back to St. Thomas Church

**Detailed Schedule of the day**

- **10:30 a.m.:** Doors open, family room open, Catholic Marketplace open (both in lower level)
- **11 a.m.:** Eucharistic Adoration and Confession available in basement (both end at 3:30 p.m.), concession stands open
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.:** Screening of documentary, *God is Alive | Stories of incredible faith and miraculous events in Central Illinois*
- **12:50 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.:** Dr. Scott Hahn presentation
- **1:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.:** Screening of *The Chair*, video that highlights the history of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and Bishop Paprocki's journey to Springfield
- **2:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.:** Father Chase Hilgenbrinck presentation
- **2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.:** Father Denis Robinson, OSB presentation
- **3:10 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.:** Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM presentation
- **4 p.m.:** Mass

**Note:** You can come and go as you please throughout the day ☺

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**Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday's...**  
**Adoration on the First Friday** will be *after* the 8:30 am All-School Mass until Noon.  
**The remaining Fridays of the month** Adoration will be held from 7:40 am – 8:15 am.

**St. Thomas Monthly  
Church Cleaning Update**

Beginning January 2024, a new schedule will be used for cleaning the church. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering space the next couple of weeks for anyone interested. The coordinator for that specific month will notify you when a date and time has been set for cleaning the church. If you were on the list before and still wish to clean, you would need to sign up again. Thank you for helping to keep our church clean and beautiful!

**Norwex Party  
to Help Get Monthly Cleaning Supplies:**

The Angels are hosting a Norwex party so that we can get some supplies for our church for FREE. If anyone is interested in purchasing Norwex (cleans without chemicals) for themselves or would like to purchase Norwex supplies for the church, here is the link:

[http://cindymcgrady.norwex.biz/en\\_us/customer/party/6932470](http://cindymcgrady.norwex.biz/en_us/customer/party/6932470)

You can purchase supplies starting now until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Either way, we benefit. Here is a list of things we are interested in purchasing to aid in the cleaning. If you want to donate your purchase to the church you can have it sent to the St. Thomas church office or bring it in after you have received it.

- 2 Superior Mom Starter Systems
- 2 Tile Mop Pads
- 2 Spray Attachments for Mop
- 1 Rubber Brush
- 2 Enviro Wands
- 1 Detergent Strips set
- 4 Window Cloths

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Any questions, direct them to Ginger Robins 618-553-8070 or Janet Cummins 618-554-1616.

**Scholarship Tax Credit...URGENT!**

There is an issue pending at the Illinois State Capitol that is urgent for over 9,000 children attending non-public schools with an Invest in Kids Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship. Many of these scholarship recipients attend Catholic schools.

Our bishops have a letter in this week's bulletin asking for your assistance in contacting our elected officials and asking them to continue the tax credit scholarship program. If the General Assembly in Springfield does not act to extend the program during its upcoming session in late October, the program will end. Many of these children from lower income families will have to disrupt their education and will not be able to attend the school of their parent's choice next school year. Details are in the Bishop's letter.



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### St. Mary of the Assumption Church

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Luczak

(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

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration  
& Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Reconciliation:** As Scheduled by request and  
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

### This Week in our Parish

**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, St John of Capistrano**  
2pm – 6pm – American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, St Anthony Mary Claret**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marie Spitzer+)

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

6:30 p.m. – PSR – meet in church for Rosary

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Paul & Rosemary Mullinax+)

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Sts Simon & Jude**

Eucharistic Congress – Springfield, IL

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

Rosary before Mass

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

### **Rosary**

Since October is dedicated to the holy rosary, we will be praying the rosary before the Sunday morning masses. Please plan to attend early to join us!

### St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure Collection for the week of October 15, 2023

Envelopes \$ 725.00

Loose 175.00

**Sub Total \$ 900.00**

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**Total \$ 976.00**

### **St Mary's Church August Tithe**

**August Tithe Income – \$10840.00**

**10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 1084.00**

### Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – October 29, 2023

**Ushers:** Alex Kaufmann, Ethan Griffith, Kelby Ochs

**Servers:** Chase Kistner/Ellie Ochs

**Lectors:** Ashtyn Ochs/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Ben & Nancy Ochs

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Norman Boehl, Bridget Matson, Lisa Ochs

### **Welcome**

**New Servers** – Blake Frohning, Reed Kistner, Max Ochs, Wade Schackmann, Henry Zumbahlen, thank you for sharing of your time!

### Mass schedule for All Saints and All Souls:

**Wednesday - November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m.;**

**No PSR Class-** they will be attending mass

**Thursday – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

We will honor those from our parish who have passed away in the last year at Mass. If you can be a minister for one of these masses, please contact the office this coming week.

### **Stringtown Community Club**

### **Soup Supper**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**St Joseph Stringtown Parish Center**

Serving time from 4pm – 6pm. There is a full meal deal for \$8.00, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drinks. Menu – Chili & Vegetable Beef Soup, Hot Dog or Grilled cheese, Pie or Ice Cream, Tea, Lemonade and Coffee

**Blood Drive** – The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St Mary's Parish Center on **Monday, October 23, 2023 from 2pm – 6pm.** Come out and give the gift of Life.