

**October 26-27, 2024**  
**Thirtieth 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 19-13, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	5,997.00
Loose	\$	371.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,368.00</b>
School Fund	\$	285.00
Building Fund	\$	5.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>290.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,658.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church September Tithe**

September Tithe Income – \$55,519.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$5,552.00

**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 28, Sts. Simon & Jude**

**Tuesday, October 29, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 30, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Mass (Int.: Paul Hardiek)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

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

**Thursday, October 31, Weekday**

**8:00 am** Rosary

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

**1:15 pm** St. Thomas School Halloween Parade

**Friday, Nov. 1, All Saints; World Community Day;**

**First Friday; Fr. Pawel-Home Visits**

**8:30 am All-School Mass- First Grade All Saints Mass (Int. All Saints)**

Adoration following Mass until Noon

**6:00 pm** St. Thomas Memorial Mass(For the Parish)

**Saturday, Nov. 2, All Souls' Day; First Saturday**

**8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas w/**

**Confirmation/First Holy Communion Retreat following Mass until 1:00 pm**

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation**

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

**Sunday, November 3, 31st Ordinary Sunday;**

**National Vocations Awareness Week Begins**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Jake/Virginia Ochs)

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

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

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

**11:00 am OCIA at St. Thomas**

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

**Mon.:** Eph 2:19-22

**Lk 6:12-16**

**Tues.:** Eph 5:21-33

**Lk 13:18-21**

**Weds.:**Eph 6:1-9

**Lk 13:22-30**

**Th.:** Eph 6:10-20

**Lk 13:31-35**

**Fri.:** Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1Jn 3:1-3

**Mt 5:1-12a**

**Sat.:** Readings for All Souls' Day

**Sun.:** Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

**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, November 2 @ 4:30 pm**

Lector: Lori TeVault

EM: Denisse Ochs, Ramon Kocher, Kim Zuber,  
Wade Ochs

Servers: Allie Hermann/Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Ronnie & Patti Ochs

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Ken Buerster

**Sunday, November 3 @ 7:00 am**

Lector: Carol Bough

EM: Katie Bierman, Lucy Bierman, Allison Brummer,  
Becky Shamhart

Servers: Blake Bierman & Nathan Bierman

Gift Bearers: Mark & Janet Vahling

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Long

**Sunday, November 3 @ 10:00 am**

Lector: Renee Gier

EM: Jason, Jenny & Nick Bierman, Sara Mette

Servers: Carlee Finn & Logan Vogt

Gift Bearers: Garrett Finn Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Justin Probst

**BAPTISM: Congratulations, Layla Faye Hemrich,** infant daughter of Jordan and Jordan (Mammoser) Hemrich, who was baptized last Saturday evening at St. Thomas Church. Godparents are Garrett Hemrich & Rachel Wendt. May God continue the good work begun in them.

**The family of Petronilla Volk** would like to thank our Parish Family for their kind words and sympathy at her passing and Funeral. Thank you to Fr. Pawel for leading us in the Rosary, Prayer Service and a Beautiful Funeral Mass. Thanks to Five for the One for singing her songs! God's Blessings to all.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).**

OCIA meets every Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Come and join us if you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call the St. Thomas or St. Mary parish offices.

**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** Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

**St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Results:**

**Income:** \$58,462.00

**Expenses:** \$28,496.14

**Net Profit:** \$29,965.86

**Newton Family Life Center 10% donation -**  
\$3,000.00

**St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule:**

*Meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm*

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Service Night (Silk Purse & Master's Hands)** Youth meeting at choice of service and then can head home after service work is completed. If helping at Master's Hands - meet at back entrance.

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo; The Sacraments**  
Special guest – Fr. Jayke White as we Celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week

**Congratulations to all those parishioners celebrating 50 (+) years of Marriage this Sunday. The St. Thomas Angels are hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> (+) Anniversary Brunch** for those who have been married 50 years or more. *Fr. Pawel will give a marriage blessing at the 10:00 am Mass.* Brunch will be served immediately following Mass in the St. Thomas parish center. Enjoy your special day as we keep all of you in our prayers for continued blessings and a faith filled marriage.

**PushPay Software...getting closer!** As many of you are aware, St. Thomas has slowly been transitioning to a new software. This software allows many of our day to day church operations to be managed in one place. It makes maintaining our parish roster and contributions easier. ***Be sure to check out how you can give online by visiting the church's website and clicking on the Online Giving link provided under Online Stewardship.***

**An important note to lay ministers:** The new software will also generate our monthly lay minister schedules and the schedules will have a new look. The month of November will be a trial run. We will still send the schedule out through Ministry Scheduler Pro and will also mirror that schedule in PushPay, so you will quite possibly be receiving two e-mail notifications about your November ministries. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we try out the new scheduling. We are sure questions will develop as we give it a try and figure out how it works. Of course, we are hoping it is a smooth transition! An App is also on the way and then you will be able to make contributions, update your profile and see your schedule all at your fingertips! We are excited about all of the many things this software has to offer!!

# St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you.



## Please pray for the Sick:

Charles Sroka, Vickie Kocher, 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. **Rest in Peace:** Petronilla Volk

## **Trending on FORMED:**

### **Pope John Paul II**

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind. Jon Voight's powerful, Emmy-nominated performance as John Paul II was widely praised, as was Cary Elwes as the young Karol. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican, this is the definitive epic film on the life of Pope John Paul II. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints**

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

### **Mysteries of the Rosary | Paradisus Dei**

The Mysteries of the Rosary is a four-part film series hosted by Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei and current developer of That Man is You! men's program. The series began out of Mark Hartfiel's desire to deepen his spiritual life as a father and husband, which included taking steps to protect his family from evil. Saint Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times," and Hartfiel took that to heart, ultimately becoming convicted to pray the ancient prayers of the Rosary daily. It was through his daily Rosary that the idea came to him to create and film a series that takes viewers right to the Holy Land, right where these Mysteries actually happened. The first series, The Sorrowful Mysteries, was released in February 2023 during Lent.

**The St. Thomas School Trivia Night.** If parishioners are interested in helping, please start saving bottles of wine and thinking about what you can do to contribute to the live or silent auction. Do you have a talent/hobby/business that can be a great addition to the auction? Let us know!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a population of over 1.1 million inhabitants, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has tens of thousands of people in our midst living in poverty. These men, women and children seldom make the headlines. However, their needs are real and deserve our prayer, action, and financial support.

Our annual Diocesan Collection for Justice and Hope (DCJH) will be taken the weekend of November 23-24, 2024. This collection gives Catholics an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to those who suffer and lack basic human necessities. All funds donated during the DCJH collection are granted to organizations that give realistic hope to the poor to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Like all Catholic ministries, the DCJH grant program reaches out to the broader community, without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. This campaign seeks to address the Gospel command to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25), and also address the systemic injustices that contribute to poverty.

Please give generously to this DCJH collection and, when possible, reach out in service and solidarity to those organizations that help the poor among us. May God bless you and reward you with peace, joy, and hope,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

## **Confirmation/First Holy Communion Retreat**

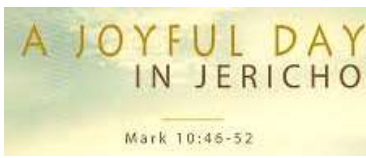
**Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Thomas**

**8:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Our parishes welcome Sister Clementia and Fr. Rankin from the Diocese as they provide this retreat for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as they prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. All St. Thomas and St. Mary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are expected to attend.

The retreat will begin with Mass at 8:30 am at St. Thomas. Juice and donuts will be provided in the Parish Center after Mass and pizza will be provided for lunch. The retreat will wrap up at 1:00 pm and students can be picked up at the parish center.

This is an exciting time for these students, so please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these Sacraments which will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.



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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**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 28<sup>th</sup>, Saints Simon & Jude**

**Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Jane Zwilling+)

**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. - PSR**

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Mass (Int: Deane Ochs+)

**Home Visits with Fr Pawel**

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Soul's Day**

**7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Adoration & Reconciliation**

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

**8:30 a.m. - Retreat for Confirmation @ St Thomas**

**Sunday, November 3rd, 31st Sunday Ord. Time**

**8:00 a.m. - Rosary**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Ben Kocher+)**

**Memorial Mass** – will be held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to honor those of our parish who died in the past year. Invitations to honor their loved ones have been sent to the families. All are welcome to attend mass.

**Rest in Peace** – Mary Ruth Matheny, sister of Bill Hartrich, may our prayers be with her family for comfort and peace.

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures  
Collection for the week of October 20, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 648.00
Loose	<u>227.00</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 875.00</b>
Haiti	120.00
World Mission	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,095.00</b>

**St Mary's Church Tithe**

**August Tithe Income \$15,918.00**

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

**Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – October 27, 2024**

**Ushers:** Ethan Matson, Owen Ochs, Alex Kaufmann

**Servers:** Reed Kistner/Blake Frohning

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/ Becca Ochs

**Gift Bearer:** Bruce Boehl Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling

**Thank You** – To the church family of St Mary's, we greatly appreciate the church and everyone for the funeral mass, and lunch honoring Jane. We were so touched by your kindness, and thank you for all you do. *The family of Jane Zwilling*

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**Prayer Campaign for LIFE**

Our pro-life prayer campaign continues as we pray and fast until the final day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please include in your prayers all employees of crisis pregnancy centers. Specifically, the Family Life Centers in Newton and Effingham needs our prayers. They believe all human life is sacred from the time of conception. They provide options counseling and practical support to women and families facing and unplanned pregnancy. The Family Life Center is on the front lines of the Pro-life movement in our region.

**Area Events**

**10/27/24** – Tri-Parish CYM Fall fundraiser bfast Stringtown Parish Center – serving 8 – 10:30 am. Benefit 2025 Mission Trip

**11/3/24** – Sainte Marie American Legion Unit 932 Auxiliary – Fall Harvest Stew – Serving starts at 4pm. Dine in or Carryout

**11/3/24** – St Joseph Stringtown Blood Drive – St Joseph Parish Hall – Olney, IL 7am – 11:30 am.