

October 28-29, 2023

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

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St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 21-22, 2023 Collection

Envelopes	\$	4,494.00
Loose	\$	940.00
Subtotal	\$	5,434.00
School Fund	\$	420.00
Building Fund	\$	145.00
Prop. Of Faith	\$	411.00
Subtotal	\$	976.00
Grand Total	\$	6,410.00

St. Thomas Church September Tithe

September Tithe Income – \$40,180.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,018.00

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!

This Week in Our Parish

Mon., Oct. 30, Weekday

Tuesday, Oct. 31, Weekday

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Weds., Nov. 1, All Saints Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am All-School Mass (Tom/Donette O'Malley)

9:00 am Rosary Group

12:10 pm Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Alfonsina Schmidt)

5:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm OCIA

6:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's;

PSR/St. Thomas CYO attending

Thurs., Nov. 2, All Souls' Day

5:30 pm – Mass of Remembrance at St. Thomas

7:00 pm – Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 3, St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am Class Mass (Int: Rita Schafer)

Saturday, Nov. 4, St. Charles of Borromeo

8:00 am-9:00 am & 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass (Int: Charles E. Dhom)

Sunday, Nov. 5, 30th Sunday in Ord. Time;

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

8:45 am Pre-baptismal Class in choir area

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: Wayne Stark)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, November 4 @ 4:30 pm

Lectors: Lori TeVault

EM: Kim Zuber, Mark Bolander, Ramon Kocher,
Alice Addis

Servers: Allie & Brooks Hermann

Gift Bearers: Brad Ochs Family

Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

Sunday, November 5 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Lily Bierman

EM: Jill/Eliza Bierman, Amy Hartrich, Gery Ochs

Servers: Will Hartrich & Addison Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Doug & Jan Long

Musicians: Five for the One

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

Sunday, November 5 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: Brian Bierman

EM: Brad/Annie Ochs, Nikki Earnest, Kristine Probst

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Haley Ochs

Gift Bearers: Karen Bierman Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Anne Kuhl

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule

- **Weds, November 1**, All –Saints, attending Mass at St. Mary’s @ 6:30 pm
- **Weds, November 22**, Thanksgiving Eve, CYO participating in ministries at 7:00 pm Mass (please arrive by 6:30 pm)
- **Sat, December 2**, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Mt. Gilead Church, Bethlehem Walk
- **Fri, December 8**, 5:00 pm - Meet at Floral Hall at Fairgrounds for Ministerial Alliance’s Food Box Project
- **Weds, Dec. 20th** – Cleaning Church
Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon: Boys Basketball at 8th Grade Dieterich Tment
6:00 pm Girls Basketball at Dieterich

Tues: **1:15 pm Halloween Parade**
6:00 pm Girls Basketball at Lawrenceville

Weds: **8:30 am All-School Mass**
1st Graders dress up as Saints

Thurs: 6:00 pm Boys Basketball, here vs Altamont
6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here vs Oblong

Fri: 8:30 am Class Mass

Sat.: 9:00 am Girls Basketball at Marshall

St. Thomas Soup Supper Meeting. If you are interested in discussing the future of the St. Thomas Soup Supper, there will be a brainstorming meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12th following the 10:00 mass in the parish center. All are invited to provide input. If you have any questions, email school principal, Jill Bierman, at jillbierman@stthomassaints.com.

The Family of Mary Erlene Hall would like to thank everyone for their memorial donations to St. Thomas School. Your generosity means so much!

The Family of Wayne Stark would like to thank Fr. Pawel, Five for the One, the ladies of St. Thomas Parish for providing the funeral dinner and all those who sent cards, messages, memorials and prayers. Your many acts of kindness are greatly appreciated! We have a wonderful parish family!

The Family of Philip Kuhl would like to thank everyone who helped us through this difficult time. Thank you to Fr. Pawel for a perfect farewell, Julie French for singing him home, the servers for assisting and helping everything go smoothly, and Lynn Wilson for reading. Also, to Crain Funeral Home and all the time Katina spent with all of us. As well as the “Angels” and everyone who prepared and shared their delicious food, donations in his memory, prayers, cards, flowers and condolences and time. Philip is now whistling with choirs of Heaven. God bless.

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:

Monday: Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17
Tues.: Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21
Weds.: Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1Jn3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Th.: Selected All Souls’ Day Readings
Fri.: Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Sat.: Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29 Lk 14:1,7-11
Sun.: Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 1Thes 2:7b-9,13
Mt 23:1-12

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
(Volunteers for lay ministries needed)
- **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

Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA)

Christmas Food Basket Project. As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...**no** food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 9th and 10th. Call 618-783-2226 to learn more about how you can get involved.

**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
- **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
- **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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Diocesan Centennial Campaign. Members of the St. Thomas Finance Council, Pastoral Council and School attended a deanery meeting this past week. The upcoming Diocesan Centennial Campaign was discussed and much was learned. Much discussion will soon begin in each of our parishes about how to proceed with this campaign for the benefit our parishes and school. More information to follow.

A Heartfelt Thank You from Fr. Pawel

I would like to say Thank You and extend massive gratitude to our spirited squad of cleanliness crusaders: *Suzy Lawler, Linda Harvey, Mary Jane Bierman, JoAnn Bergbower, Rita Kocher, Ruth Kerner, Tom & Faye Brown, Judy Ochs and Alice Addis.* Your dedication to making our church sparkle and shine could make even the most stubborn stain repent!

With your mop-wielding skills and dust banishing prowess, you've transformed our sacred space into a sanctuary that even the most persnickety angels would praise. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the pews have never looked more angelic! Remember, cleanliness is next to godliness, and you all are taking us to heavenly heights! May your cleaning endeavors always be as spotless as your souls.

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

You can purchase supplies starting now until November 15th. 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.

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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

**7:30 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 30th, Weekday

Tuesday, October 31st, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: George & Margaret
 Schalasky+)

Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints

6:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: All Saints+)

No PSR Class- Attending Mass

Thursday, November 2nd, All Soul's

7:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Beloved Deceased+)

Friday, November 3rd, St Martin de Porres

Saturday, November 4th, St Charles Borromeo

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. - Adoration & Reconciliation

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

Sunday, November 5th, 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure
Collection for the week of October 22, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 710.00
Loose	130.00
Sub Total	\$ 840.00
World Mission	100.00
Total	\$ 940.00

St Mary's Church September Tithe
September Tithe Income – \$28228.00
10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 2823.00

Ministers – Nov. 1, 2023 – All Saints – 6:30 pm

Ushers – Alex Kaufmann, Kelby Ochs, Owen Ochs

Servers – Daniel Uebinger/ Chase Kistner

Lector – Ashtyn Ochs

Gift Bearers – Charlee Hartrich/Ellie Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers – Lisa Ochs, Rose Gangloff,
 Elaine Zwilling

Ministers – Nov. 2, 2023 – All Soul's – 7:00 pm

Servers – Need Volunteers

Lector – Nancy Ochs

Gift Bearers – Strutner Family

Eucharistic Ministers – Maynard & Elfreida
 Kaufmann, Janer Hartrich

Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – November 5, 2023

Ushers: George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann, Roger
 Hemrich

Servers: Brianna Zwilling/Wade Schackmann

Lectors: Nicholas Zwilling/Claire Griffith

Gift Bearers: Bob & Carolyn Barthelme

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne Johnson, Bridget
 Matson, Elaine Zwilling

Mass schedule for All Saints and All Souls:

Wednesday - November 1st – 6:30 p.m.

No PSR Class- they will be attending mass

Thursday – November 2nd – 7:00 p.m.

We will honor those from our parish who have passed
 away in the last year at mass on November 2nd.

Stringtown Community Club Soup Supper
Sunday, November 5th

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