All Saints
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2026

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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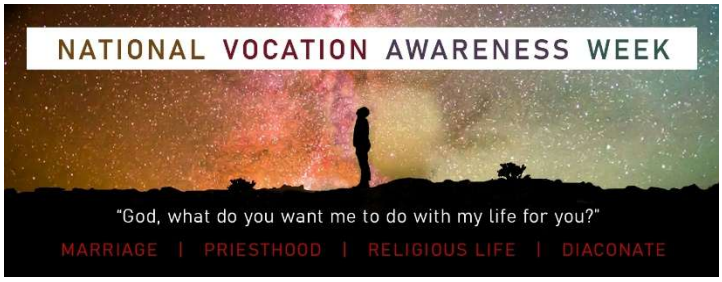
THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

October 24-25, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	$	4,726.00
Loose	$	398.00
Subtotal	**$**	**5,124.00**
Annual School Fund	$	320.00
Centennial Campaign	$	305.00
Prop. of Faith	$	412.00
Subtotal	**$**	**1,037.00**
Grand Total	**$**	**6,161.00**



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 2, All Souls' Day
5:00 pm Memorial Mass at St. Thomas
6:30 pm Memorial Mass at St. Mary

Tuesday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 am All-School Saints Mass
(Int. Leonard and Kevin Beavers)
9:00 am Rosary
5:30 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm School Board
6:30 pm St. Mary PSR/St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, November 5, Weekday
8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary
6:00 pm Finance Council

First Friday, November 6, Weekday; Home Visits
8:30 am All – School Mass (Int. Marilyn Fritchley)
Adoration immediately following Mass until Noon

First Saturday, November 7; Weekday
7:30 am Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Mary
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary
3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas(Int.Walter/Leatha Urfer)

Sunday, November 8, 32nd Ordinary 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.Paul/Kay Rubsam)
OCIA immediately following Mass
10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.:	**All Souls' Day Readings**		
Tues.:	Phil 2:5-11		Lk 14:15-24
Weds.:	Phil 2:12-18		Lk 14:25-33
Th.:	Phil 3:3-8a		Lk 15:1-10
Fri.:	Phil 3:17-4:1		Lk 16:1-8
Sat.:	Phil 4:10-19		Lk 16:9-15
Sun.:	Wis 6:12-16	1 Thes 4:13-18	Mt 25:1-13

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.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 7 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Lori Rauch
EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Glenda Spiker, Kim Zuber
Servers: Bryar French, Carissa Barthelme
Gift Bearers: Ken & Karen Buerster
Musicians: Nichole Mulvey & Debbie Matson
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, November 8 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Amy Hartrich
EM: Sheryl/Allison/Madilyn Brummer, Lori TeVault
Servers: Avery Shamhart, Audrey Earnest, Elizabeth Brummer
Gift Bearers: Nathan Earnest Family
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Emma Hartrich
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, November 8 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Pat Mammoser
EM: Brad/Mallory/Oliver Ochs, Adria Bierman
Servers: Ella Probst, Dominic Ochs, Claire Scackmann
Gift Bearers: Mike Gier Family
Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Jennelle Hinterscher
Greeters/Ushers: Zach Weber Family

Congratulations Logan Weber and Jaleena Hemrich! Logan and Jaleena were recently united in marriage at St. Thomas on October 24, 2026! May God continue to work in your lives as you take these next steps along your journey!

Celebrating 50 Years! Vic and Dorothy Klingler will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 7th. Vic & Dorothy were married on November 6, 1976, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Island Grove. Congratulations can be sent to 8204 N. 1000th St., Newton, IL 62448.

St. Thomas CYO - #saintsintraining

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Nov. 4 – Biblical Snacks – Food for the Saints – Guest Kyle Holtgrave from the Diocese
Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day – Open Church Night
Nov. 18 –"Good Deeds" Advent Ornaments for Parish Advent Giving Tree
Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Mass – leading ministries
Dec. 2 – Confession Presentation – Mike Geier
Dec. 4 – Jasper County Ministerial Alliance Food Basket Night of Service
Dec. 9 – NO CYO – St. T. School Christmas Concert
Dec. 16 – Clean Church/Christmas Party
Dec. 23-Jan. 5 – NO CYO – Christmas Break

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic Results.

Income:	**Gross profit**	$58,416.50
Expenses:	**Total Exp.**	$24, 710.82
	Net Profit	**$33,705.68**
	Newton FLC	$3,371.00
	Total raised	**$30,334.68**

Congratulations to the Pastoral Council and Parishioners for another successful picnic. The profit made from this year's parish picnic will benefit our repairs and maintenance fund.

The Pastoral Council agreed to share our success with the Newton Family Center. What a great way to give back to an organization that does so much for our community.

Together we can do great things!!!

St. Thomas Remembers Those Who Have Gone Before Us This Past Year

Ronald Ochs
Don Ochs
Paul Schafer
Mark Schuch
David Dhom
Sandra Hartrich
Deacon Larry Miller
John Bergbower
Matilda Hemrich
Adeline Miller
Carol Schafer
Bill Dhom
Mary Ann Donsbach

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Monday, November 2 at 5:00 pm at St. Thomas.

Happy 96th Birthday, Norma Beavers! Norma will celebrate her birthday on Friday, November 6th. Birthday wishes can be sent to 2045 N. 1300th St., Newton, IL 62448. She would also love to hear from you, 618-783-3630!

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you

Please pray for the Sick

Mark Carlson, Gordon & Denise McClure, 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.

Rest in Peace: Deacon Larry Miller

St. Thomas CYO Interviews the Saints

Dee Bower: St. Anne
Marissa Bower: St. Gianna Beretta Molla
Tim Bower: St. Timothy
Pam Francis: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Julie French: St. Catherine of Sienna
Rose Gangloff: St. Margaret of Cortona
(w/the help of Jenny Fritchley 😊)
Mike Geier: St. Benedict
Fr. Pawel Luczak: St. John Vianney
Debbie Matson: St. Photini
Diann Ruholl: St. Hildegard of Bingen
Suzy Thornton: St. Mary Magdalene
Tony/Allison Weber: Sts. Mary and Joseph

Some of Our Favorite Questions and Answers:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was asked, "How are you doing?" this was her response. "Through the grace of God, I am at perfect peace. My eternal soul rests with our Heavenly Father, and it brings immense joy to see young people like you seeking to live out your faith today." She was also asked, "Why did you convert to Catholicism?" She responded, "I was raised Protestant, and when my husband became ill, I traveled to Italy. My husband's partners took me in and showed me the beauty of the Catholic Faith. When I returned to New York, I converted to the Catholic Faith."

When **St. Anne** was asked, "If you were alive today, what would you post on social media?" She replied that she would use Bible verses that help us trust in the Lord. Verses like With God All Things Are Possible. She would post messages promoting Pro Life and choosing adoption! She was then asked, "What job would you have in today's world?" St. Anne answered that she would be a stay-at-home mom or schoolteacher.

St. Catherine of Sienna was asked, "How did you keep your faith strong during hard times?" She replied, "I prayed the Rosary. It grounds you. I built a cell inside my mind so that I could never flee solitude during prayer." She was then asked if someone wanted to become a Saint, how would they go about it?" She answered that first you must be baptized, then live your life as a servant of God, receive the Eucharist and go to confession as often as you can.

2nd Annual Rosary Walk

Beautiful weather ✔
250 joined in prayer ✔
Outstanding teamwork ✔
Inspired ✔
Prayerful expression of our Catholic faith ✔
See you next year ✔

A good friend once said, "When you put the Rosary in your hands, Mary will take you into her hands." Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer! Good things happen when we are instruments in Mary's immaculate and merciful hands bringing the greatest possible glory to God. AMEN.

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Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

All Souls Memorial Masses, Monday, November 2nd

- 5:00 pm at St. Thomas
- 6:30 pm at St. Mary

K of C Remembrance Mass, Tues., November 24th

- 5:30 pm at St. Thomas

Thanksgiving Mass, Wednesday, November 25th

- 6:30 pm at St. Thomas – CYO Leading Ministries (All are invited to stick around after Mass to help change out the Missals)

Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday, November 26th

- 8:30 am at St. Mary

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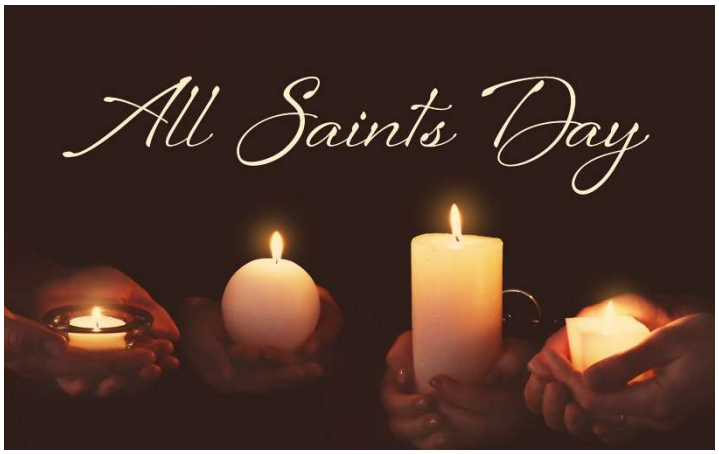
Prayer for National Vocation Awareness Week

Lord, help me to hear Your voice above all others. Grant me clarity and patience as I discern the path You have chosen for me. Remove confusion and fear and replace them with courage and trust. Guide my steps according to Your will, so that my life may glorify You. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten my heart, strengthen my faith, and grant me the wisdom to follow Your calling with joy and devotion. I surrender my desires to You, trusting in Your perfect plan. Amen.

All Saints



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PSR Coordinator: **Marie Wagner**
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

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, November 2, All Soul's Day
6:30 pm. – Mass (Int: Deceased of the Parish+)
Tuesday, November 3rd, Weekday
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Fr Philip O'Neal+)
Wednesday, November 4th, St Charles Borromeo
6:30 p.m. – PSR/Rosary
Thursday, November 5th, Weekday
8:00 a.m. – Rosary
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Anna & Joe Schwitters+)
First Friday, November 6th, Weekday
First Saturday, November 7th, Weekday
7:30a.m. – 8:15a.m. – Adoration & Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Youth of the Parish)
Sunday, November 8th, 32nd Sunday in Ord Time
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the weeks of October 25, 2026, 2026

Envelopes/Online	$ 645.00
Loose	224.00
Total	**$ 869.00**

Parish Office Hours
Monday, November 2nd, – 8am – 3pm
Tuesday, November 3rd, – 8am – 3pm
Wednesday, November 4th, 8am – 3pm
Closed Tues., November 10th & Weds., Nov 11
Thursday, November 12th, - 8am – 3pm
Friday, November 13th, 8am - 3pm

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – November 8,2026
Ushers: Kelby Ochs, Ethan Matson, Jacob Kaufmann
Servers: Max Ochs/Jackson & Henry Zumbahlen
Lectors: Claire Lindemann/Becca Ochs
Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs
E Ms: Bridget Matson, Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs

All Soul's Mass
November 2, 2026
6:30 p.m.
We will be having a Mass honoring those from our parish who passed away, in the last year. Families will be invited to come and participate in memory of their loved one.

Youth Group Leader – St Mary's Youth Group is looking for someone who would be willing to step into the leadership position.

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.

Area Events

November 1 – Stringtown Community Club – Soup Supper – Serving 4pm to 6pm. St Joseph Parish Center – Stringtown

November 14 – Christ the King – Greenup, IL - Annual Bazaar – 9am – 1pm. Serving Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee for breakfast followed by soup & sandwiches for lunch.

November 16 – Immaculate Conception Parish Center – Mattoon, IL - 6:30 pm – Right to Life Educational Program on new physician assisted suicide law. This issue can potentially impact each of our families.