



32nd Sunday in Ord. Time November 7th-8th, 2020

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Masses: 8:30 am Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday

Reconciliation: 7:30-8 am Tuesday & Thursday

WELCOME

to the parishes of **St. Thomas the Apostle**, Newton,
and **St. Mary of the Assumption**, Sainte Marie.
If you would like to become a member of either parish,
please call the particular parish office.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30



Please pray for the Sick, especially Rita Schafer, Geneva Barber, Cletus Westendorf, Jim Keller, Lynn Schafer, PJ Bergbower, and George Dallmier, those undergoing surgery, for police officers and military personnel, for our government, and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

If special need for prayers for someone this week, please call the parish office. Names of those listed for past months have been listed in the Book of Requests.

Scheduling a Baptism at St. Thomas or St. Mary's

Parents are to return from baptismal preparation class (or obtain from parish office and fill out) the **Baptismal information sheet, and the Godparent-Sponsor affidavit forms** to the parish office **before scheduling a date** for the baptism of infant. Then call Fr. Dean 217-494-6326 to schedule the date of baptism.

For **Anointing of the Sick** before surgery or in severe illness, or in danger of death for the **last rites and apostolic pardon**, call Fr. Dean Probst **217-494-6326**.

Websites: Be sure to visit your parish's website for bulletins, ministry schedules, and much more!

Victim Assistance Contact Information:
Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Monday, Nov. 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday, Nov. 10: St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

11:00 am Mattoon Deanery Clergy Gathering: T-town

6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting in Church

Wednesday, Nov. 11: St. Martin of Tours/Veteran's Day

8:30 a.m. All-School Mass – School Only

3:00 pm Rosary

4:30-5:00 pm Sacrament of Penance

5:30 pm Memorial Mass for Knights of Columbus
PSR gathering at Mass and discussion later

6:30 pm CYO

Thursday, Nov. 12: St. Josaphat

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, Nov. 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30 am Mass – (Int: Lorraine & Lucille Dallmier)

Saturday, Nov. 14: Weekday

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, Nov. 15: Thirty-Third Sun. in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule Nov. 14 –15

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey; Karen Buerster

E.M.: Gerald & Denisse Ochs

Server: Wade Ochs

Musicians: Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn

Greeters/Ushers: Don Klingler

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Jamie Shamart; Katie Shamhart

E.M.: Theresa Volk & Alli Bierman

Server: Adam Weber

Musicians: John Johnson/Lily Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Ginger Robins

E.M.: Jason & Jenny Bierman

Server: McKayla McVicar

Musician: Patsy Leffler/Jeff Finley

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Upcoming CYO Wednesday evening activities:

Nov. 11 – 6:30 pm meeting in parish center

Nov. 18 – 5:00 pm meeting at church parking lot then will head over to volunteer at the Silk Purse. Will be back around 7:30 pm and pizza will be provided.

Nov. 25 – 5:30 pm Assisting with Thanksgiving Mass

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Oct. 31st – Nov. 1st Collection

Envelopes	\$8,624.00
Loose	\$81.00
Subtotal	\$8,705.00
School Fund	\$465.00
All Saints	\$415.00
Other Collections	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$317.00
Subtotal	\$1,297.00
Grand Total	\$10,002.00



ST. THOMAS ANNUAL HARVEST PICNIC.

The results are in!

Raffle Gross Profit: \$46,350.00

Chicken Dinner Gross: \$4,476.00

Gross Profit **\$50,826.00**

Picnic Expenses: **(\$19,744.00)**

Net Profit: \$31,082.00

Newton City Police Donation: \$1,554.10

Jasper Co. Sheriff's Dept. Donation: \$1,554.10

St Thomas Parish Picnic Income: \$27,973.80

St. Thomas PSR will meet for their monthly gathering on Weds., Nov. 11 in church for the 5:30 pm Mass. PSR will continue their faith formation after Mass.

Celebrating Baptisms:



Congratulations to **Joselyn Volk**, daughter of Kurt and Richelle (Dillon), on her recent baptism at St. Thomas. Members of St. Anthony Parish, Effingham, they had permission for the baptism to be done at St. Thomas parish for convenience of family. She was baptized this past Saturday.



Congratulations to **Clare Thoele**, the infant daughter of Luke and Julia (Wendling) Thoele. She was baptized this past Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass. He was joined in the celebration by her siblings: Alice, Annemarie, Charlie & Veronica. Luke and Julia had the permission of their former pastor in Bloomington, IL as they are in transition to a new parish.

Confirmation/First Communicants: Please pick up your certificates and homework materials in the foyer of the Church as St. Thomas. It is great to see those who recently received these sacraments, attending our parish church.

St. Thomas: The speaker issue seems to be related to the tall standing microphone, it's cords and connections. The wireless mic that Fr. Dean wears also seems to be a culprit. The first issue is remedied, the second means new wireless mics will be ordered. Thanks for your patience as we resolve the issues!

A Special Thank You! Kent Beavers would like to thank everyone for their prayers for his speedy recovery. He is currently recovering from knee surgery and appreciates all of your continued prayers.

It's A Time to Celebrate!

Happy 90th Birthday, Norma!

Norma Beavers' birthday was on November 6. If you would like to send her belated birthday wishes cards can be sent to:

Norma Beavers
2045 N. 1300th St.
Newton, IL 62448

Congratulations, Paul & Carol Schafer!

Paul and Carol will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 11th. Cards of congratulations and well wishes can be sent to:

Paul & Carol Schafer
902 S. Jackson
Newton, IL 62448

Jasper County Ministerial Association Christmas Food Basket Project

will look different this year. They are asking for monetary donations only...no food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. Thanks for past and continued support! St. Thomas Parish will be providing a box for monetary donations in the church's gathering space through the Thanksgiving holiday to help collect money for the Christmas Food Basket Project.

Looking ahead...St. Thomas Parish Giving Tree.

This year our parish Christmas tree will have a little bit of a different look. This year the tree will be covered in sealed envelopes that contain the names of our parish families. Each parish family is asked to take an envelope (or two) and then pray for that family throughout the season of Advent. Other options for reaching out to your selected family might include sending a Christmas card or leaving a small care package on their front step 😊 And remember, if you are watching online be sure to stop by any time during the Advent season to pick up your envelope. Be watching patiently for the Parish Christmas Tree as Advent draws nearer. The First Sunday of Advent is November 29th.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish Information:

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

While it is permissible by church law to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, due to the pandemic of Covid-19, it is not healthy to distribute it on the tongue. For example, this past week, the host dropped from a person's lips and tongue, forcing the minister to consume the host that fell to the floor. Thus, at the present time, it seems inappropriate to share Holy Communion in this fashion.

Rest of Souls: Please pray for Fr. Pete Donohue, diocesan priest emeritus and Pius Onyejiaju Chineke, father of Rev. Peter Chineke, newly ordained priest of our diocese; and Greg (wife Rhonda) Burdette, the son-in-law of Ron & Carolyn Kirts.



VETERANS' DAY: November 11.

Wednesday, we honor our military veterans and those ready to defend our nation. Let us be grateful and express our appreciation in prayer for those who have sacrificed their lives, and their families, to provide for the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness that we enjoy. The St. Thomas School Students and Faculty will be wearing camouflage clothing that day. Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Memorial Mass for their members. The Knights of Columbus is a charitable organization in defense of God and country.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS continue to be offered for the parish, living and deceased members. Every Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays for all the deceased to be commended to the mercy of God and all the living to grow in holiness that we might share in God's eternal kingdom. When a notable memorial of first, or other notable anniversary occurs on the Saturday/Sunday, an exception is made for that occasion on that day. When you attend Mass, you have the opportunity to offer your personal intention regardless of what the priest's intention is.

Campaign for Justice & Hope. November 21-22 is the annual collection for this Diocesan Campaign. Your donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of your contribution stays within our Diocese.
Please give generously.

St. Mary's Parish News

Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann Richard Ochs Aaron Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann Bruce Boehl Fr. Dean
Probst

Pastoral Council:

Becca Ochs, Chairman
2-year term: David Ochs, Lora Ochs, Lora Semple
3-years: Tim Keller, Angie Kocher, Maria Zumbahlen
Fr. Dean Probst, Maynard Kaufmann, Richard Ochs

Sacraments:

Masses: 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Reconciliation: 8 – 9 am Saturday: St Thomas Church
Or as scheduled or by request

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of November 1, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1720.00
Loose	79.00
Sub Total	\$ 1799.00
All Saints Day	220.00
Assumption	50.00
Grand Total	\$ 2069.00

Ministers for November 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,
Tim Keller

Server: Owen Ochs

Lector: Claire Griffith/Miranda Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Hartrich

WINDOWS: If you would like any of the old windows, please take them soon, or they will be disposed of in the near future.

Please keep our Jayke White, Paul Lesupati, & all our Diocesan seminarians in your prayers. Pray that others may discern God's call to the consecrated religious life and/or ordained ministry.

Priesthood: Diocesan and Religious Congregations
Permanent Diaconate
Consecrated Sisters and Brothers

Fr. Brian Alford is the Diocesan Director for the Office of Vocations while Fr. Mark Tracy, is the Assistant Director for our Mattoon Deanery.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 9th, The dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday, November 10th, St Leo the Great

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.- Mass: (Int: Eugene & Maxine Hartrich+)

*Wednesday, November 11th, St Martin of Tours
Veterans Day*

Thursday, November 12th, St Josaphat

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass:(Int: Orville Schmidt+)

Friday, November 13th, St Francis Xavier Cabrini

Saturday, November 14th, Blessed Virgin Mary

*Sunday, November 15th, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

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

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the family of Greg Burdette, who passed away recently. He was the husband of Rhonda (Kirts) Burdette and son-in-law of Ron & Carolyn Kirts. May his family find peace and comfort in our prayers.

NEEDED: Please consider helping out the parish by becoming a **server** or **lector**. It would usually only be once a month. Won't you consider sharing of your time and talent for your church. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

MASSSES: Are being scheduled for 2021, we will only be scheduling them on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please call the office during regular hours to see what is available.

Congratulations, Nick Zwilling!



He was the Boys' Cross-Country Chrisman Regional Champion and finished 9th in the recent Sectional Cross-Country Meet. He also previously set a new NCHS course record. Congratulations to all of our athletes for their accomplishments and personal bests during their fall seasons! Most importantly, thank you for your support of one another and your words of encouragement when your teammates needed them most!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

As this present year continues to unfold, I cannot predict what the situation will be at Christmastime regarding gatherings, illnesses, etc. However, I can plan the schedule in the present situation. I will use the same schedule as last year, which is:

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>	<u>Lectionary/Missal</u>
Christmas Eve Vigil:	4:00 pm Mass	5:30 pm Mass	Vigil Mass
First Mass of Christmas:		11:00 pm Mass	Mass of Night
Christmas Day	8:00 am Mass	9:30 am Mass	Mass of Day

PLEASE NOTE:

If **current** situation of crowd size and social distancing rules are in place, the crowd will be limited to **max. 150 in the church** with overflow crowd gathering in the parish centers. Mass will be streamlined to the parish center and Holy Communion will be distributed at proper time to people in those locations.

Holy Communion will be brought to people requesting it at their home only on Christmas Day. So-called "Communion Service" in the home during the celebration of the Christmas Masses is not be permitted.

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE:

Masses will be held at:

5:30 pm Wednesday, November 25 at St. Thomas

And

7:00 am Thursday, November 26 at St. Thomas

8:30 am Thursday, November 26 at St. Mary's

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS:

If you would like Holy Communion brought to you at home this week, please call the parish office to leave your name or contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 to quickly set up day and time.

Note: Due to the large number of people refraining from going anywhere, including church, I need to space the times and days accordingly for visits.

Diocese Parish Link – Keeping Us Connected

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Being with Jesus – or Not. The parable today of the ten lamp bearers is about vigilance. Not an idle standing by merely looking and waiting. No, a waiting that is prepared (extra oil!) for all that comes, a waiting filled with activity ready to accompany those who journey through doorways to heaven.

- How can I focus on the bridegroom, on Jesus, and all those he loves?
- How will I ready myself to do Kingdom of Heaven work this week?
- What will that work be? For whom will I do it?

Dive Deep – A voice from a grave! Father James Kurzynski, a priest from Wisconsin, joins *Dive Deep*, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, so share an incredible story about an experience he'll never forget while praying at a cemetery. Go to dio.org/podcast to listen and while you are there, make sure subscribe so you never miss an episode.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, **Feast – Monday, 09 November 2020**

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Psalm 46:2, 3, 506, 8, 9. 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17. John 2:13-22.

Church Buildings and the Church. We hold in honor today the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome. That building is important, as are all churches, because they are places where the Church, the People of God, gather to hear Christ speak, to pray, and to be sent to do Christian work.

- When next I enter my parish church building, let me pray for all those who have gone before, those who enter now, and those who are yet to come.

Hey, Father! - Confession, Purgatory, praying to saints, the Eucharist, papal infallibility – the Catholic Church has a lot of teachings that can be hard to understand. Luckily, our priests are here to help you better know and appreciate our rich faith. Go to dio.org/videos/hey-father.html where there are 40 questions answered about our faith. Make sure to keep coming back to that website as we add more answers to questions in our "Hey, Father!" series.