



33rd Sunday in Ord. Time November 14th-15th, 2020

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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: Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28
Mt 25:31-46



Please pray for the Sick, especially Rita Schafer, Geneva Barber, Cletus Westendorf, Lynn Schafer, 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. 16: St. Gertrude/St. Margaret Scotland

Tuesday, Nov. 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

12:00 nn Tribunal in Springfield

Wednesday, Nov. 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

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

3:00 pm Rosary

4:30-5:00 pm Sacrament of Penance

5:30 pm Mass (Int.: Eric Dietrich+)

6:30 pm CYO (regular meeting in parish center)

Thursday, Nov. 19: Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

11:00 am Clergy mentoring luncheon in Robinson

Friday, Nov. 20: Weekday

8:30 am Mass – (Int: Wilbert Blank)

Saturday, Nov. 21: Pres. of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, Nov. 22: Thirty-Third Sun. in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass

(Mearl & Laura Kinsel, Anniversary of Death)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule Nov. 21 –22

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Mike Hartrich; Ellen Einhorn

E.M.: Matt & Amanda Baltzell

Server: Landon Blake

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Don Klingler

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Nikki Bierman; Tony Weber

E.M.: Mary Frichtl & Allison Weber

Server: Katie Shamhart

Musicians: Vicki Mullen/Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Pat Mammoser; Mitch Mammoser

E.M.: Amy Tarr & Becky Parker

Server: Madison Keller

Musician: Vicki Mullen/Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Rest of Souls: Please pray for Larry Mulvey, Peg Mulvey's brother-in-law and her nephew Mike Daniels both whom died last week. Also pray for Cate Domicak, mother of John Bennett who died Thursday.

Upcoming CYO Wednesday evening activities:

Nov. 18 –Silk Purse trip postponed. Will meet in parish center for Season of Thanks activities.

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

- **Lectors:** Elley Bennett; Aleah Higgs
- **E.M.:** Madison Phillips & Kaitlyn Ochs
- **Server:** Michael Shamhart
- **Musicians:** John Johnson/Laney Hemrich, Lily Bierman
- **Greeters/Ushers:** William Fritchley, Dale Bierman, Logan Weber, Dylan Gier

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 7th – 8th Collection

Envelopes	\$8,259.00
Loose	\$75.00
Subtotal	\$8,334.00
School Fund	\$55.00
All Saints	\$70.00
Thanksgiving	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$255.00
Grand Total	\$8,589.00

A Special Thank You!

Virginia Ochs would like to thank everyone for the many cards and birthday wishes she received last weekend! It was wonderful blessing to be able to celebrate that special day with her family, friends and parish!

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:

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

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:

Christmas Eve Vigil:

4:00 pm @ St. Mary's (Vigil Mass Lectionary/Missal)

5:30 pm @ St. Thomas (Vigil Mass Lectionary/Missal)

First Mass of Christmas:

11:00 pm @ St. Thomas (Mass of Night)

Christmas Day

8:00 am @ St. Mary's (Mass of Day)

9:30 am @ St. Thomas (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 to be permitted.

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.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

I am most grateful for your generous response to our parish stewardship effort. I thank you and am confident that the benefits of embracing a stewardship way of life will be a source of blessing for you. Almost fifty households have responded with commitment cards. While this is a promising response for a first-time effort, we will continue to remind those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to return your commitment card.

It has been encouraging to see the number of people who responded to our Time and Talent opportunities. You will be contacted soon and given the opportunity to become involved in your chosen ministry. If you are not contacted, please let me know! In addition to your generosity of time and talent, we are grateful for your financial gifts. This indicates your strong financial commitment to our parish, and it helps me and our Finance Council make responsible budget decisions for our parish. I am confident that you will honor your financial commitment.

Again, thank you for your response to our Season of Stewardship. You have been a great help to me. And, I hope it has helped you in giving thanks for what you have been given by sharing with others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Dean

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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

While it is permissible by church law to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, due to Covid-19, it is not healthy to distribute it on the tongue as host placed on mouth felt to ground and then consumed by minister. At the present time, it seems inappropriate to share Holy Communion in this fashion.

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.

St. Mary's Parish News

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 priest's intention.

MASSES: Are being scheduled for 2021, we will only be scheduling Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Mary's and Wednesday and Friday at St. Thomas.

Note: Masses will be rescheduled to accommodate an anniversary of death, marriage, etc. If you want a Mass to be scheduled, please come to the parish office during regular hours.

Please keep our Jayke White, Paul Lesupati, & all our Diocesan seminarians in your prayers. Jayke and Paul recently pledged their candidacy for Holy Orders. 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.

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.

St. Mary's Ministers for Mass on Thanksgiving 8:30 am November 26, 2020

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann, Tim Keller

Server: Ethan Griffith

Lector: Claire Griffith

Eucharistic Minister: Maynard Kaufmann

Sacraments:

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

Reconciliation: 7:30 – 8:00 am Tuesday & Thursday
Or as scheduled by request

This Week in our Parish

Monday, November 16th, St Margaret of Scotland

Tuesday, November 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m.- Mass: (Int: Clarence Keller+)

Noon: Tribunal Mtg in Springfield

Wednesday, Nov. 18th, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Thursday, November 19th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass:(Int: Marion Bahl+)

Friday, November 20th, Weekday

Saturday, Nov. 21st, The Presentation of B.V. Mary

*Sunday, November 22nd, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

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

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of November 8, 2020

Envelopes \$ 2060.00

Loose 122.00

Sub Total \$ 2182.00

All Saints Day 50.00

Haiti 25.00

Grand Total \$ 2257.00

Disciples' Stewardship of Time/Talent

8:30 am Sunday Mass

November 22, 2020

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann, Tim Keller

Server: Kelby Ochs

Lector: Lora Ochs, Becca Ochs

Eucharistic Minister: Norman Boehl