



November 21st-22nd, 2020

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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 14:1-3,4b-5	Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19	Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4	Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a	Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2	Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7	Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	2:Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7	1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



Please pray for the Sick, especially Mary Jo Walden, Bernice Bolander, Rita Schafer, Geneva Barber, Cletus Westendorf, Lynn Schafer, and George Dallmier, George Roth, Kevin Schafer, those undergoing surgery, for police officers and military personnel, for our government, and all those listed in our Parishes' Book of Requests.

Please offer Prayers for the Repose of Soul of Vance Gorrell, step-brother of Denisse Ochs.

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!

ST. THOMAS PARISH

This Week in our Parish

Note: + behind name in Mass intention is for deceased

Monday, Nov. 23: St. Clement I, St. Columban,

Tuesday, Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandra

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 w/CYO (Int.: Leo Kerner Family+)

Thursday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day

7:30 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

8:45 am Mass at St. Mary's (For the Parish)

Friday, Nov. 27: Weekday

8:30 am Mass – (Int: John & Mary Einhorn)

Saturday, Nov. 28: Weekday

3:30 – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass (For the Parish)

Sunday, Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

10:00 am Mass (For the Parish)

Disciples' Stewardship of Time

St. Thomas Lay Minister Schedule Nov. 28 –29

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey; Karen Buerster

E.M.: Kaitlyn Ochs & Madison Phillips

Server: Hayden Mulvey

Musicians: Tammy Page/Ellen Einhorn

Greeters/Ushers: Don Klingler

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Laney Hemrich; Lori TeVault

E.M.: Paul Bierman & Helen Weber

Server: Lucy Bierman

Musicians: Patsy Leffler/Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Randy Hemrich/Nick Hemrich

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Kevin Parker; Ginger Robins

E.M.: Nikki Earnest & Tony Sparks

Server: Ava Earnest

Musician: Patsy Leffler & Cantor

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

A Special Thank You!

Norma Beavers would like to thank everyone for the many cards and calls she received for her 90th birthday! A special thanks to her family for making it such a special day!

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 14th – 15th Collection

Envelopes	\$6,441.00
Loose	\$460.00
Subtotal	\$6,901.00
School Fund	\$385.00
Justice & Hope	\$20.00
Thanksgiving	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$555.00
Grand Total	\$7,456.00

Upcoming CYO Wednesday evening 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



Peaceful Prayer. Last weekend 13 area youth from St. Thomas, St. Mary's, Holy Cross and St. Isidore Parishes traveled to Granite City and Fairview Heights to peacefully pray for mothers seeking an abortion that they would have a change of heart and have access to resources that could help them with the support they need. Thank you to Diann Ruholl, Marcia Street and Linda Hemrich for traveling with this group. A special thank you to the parents for the support that they give their children to use their voices!

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. St. Thomas Parish is also providing a box for monetary donations in the church's gathering space through the Thanksgiving holiday to help collect money for the Food Basket Project.

St. Thomas Parish Giving Tree. The First Sunday of Advent is November 29th and each parish family is invited to take an envelope (or two) that includes a parish family name off the tree. Please then pray for that family throughout the season of Advent.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parish Information:

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE:

Masses will be held at:

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

7:30 am Thursday, November 26 at St. Thomas
8:45 am Thursday, November 26 at St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

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:

5 Masses have been scheduled for Christmas:

Please sign on for Mass desired beginning December 1, through December 24. At present only **150 max.** is permitted in our churches. The overflow crowd at any Mass will gather in the parish centers and have Mass livestreamed and then Holy Communion distributed to them.

Please check the sign-in numbers on the sign-in, especially the week of Christmas to decide what Mass may be better for you to attend. There is no saving of spaces. More people may sign on than what is permitted and others may just stop in for Mass without making reservation.

There is **no guarantee of being in the Church except by being one of the first 150 people present for the Mass.** It is possible that 300 people may want to attend a particular Mass, thus the overflow into the parish center. No saving of spaces in the 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES:

If you are interested in serving on the parish council at either parish, please contact the particular parish office by November 26, 2020.

Catholic Heart Workcamp. Mark Your Calendars!

The Catholic Heart Workcamp will be held:

June 13-18, 2021 in Louisville, KY

Registration forms were handed out at St. Thomas CYO and are available at the St. Thomas and the St. Mary's parish offices. Please return ASAP in order to **ensure your space** as we have to apply for spaces that are available for the entire camp!

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. Over 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.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,
Today we give thanks for our many blessings.
as we pray for those in need.
We give thanks for our family and friends.
as we pray for those who are lonely.
We give thanks for our freedoms
as we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health
as we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity
as we share our blessings with others.
On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us, the peace of God
dwell within us and the joy of God uplift us. Amen.

St. Mary's Parish News

Sacraments:

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

Reconciliation: 7:30 am – Tuesday and Thursday
Or as scheduled or by request
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays
4:30 – 5:00 pm Wednesdays

This Week in St. Mary's Parish

Tuesday, Nov. 24th, St Andrew Dung-Lac/Companions
8:00 a.m. - Rosary
8:30 a.m.- Mass: (Int: Fidelis & Lorene Kuhl+)

Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day
8:15 a.m. – Rosary
8:45 a.m. – Mass:(Int: For the Parish+)

Sunday, November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish+)

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Six Grows to Nine. We get the start of the Corporal Works of Mercy in Matthew 25. Two more are added over time. Pope Francis adds one more. These are the behaviors by which we each will be judged – actions toward others are, in fact, done for and to God. What we **think** is important. What we **say** is also important. But what we **do** is key, is more important. Here is the list: **Corporal Works of Mercy** “ Feed the hungry “ Give drink to the thirsty “ Shelter the homeless “ Clothe the naked “ Visit the sick “ Visit the prisoners “ Bury the dead “ Give alms to the poor “ Care of our Common Home.

- Who does not have enough that I will feed?
- Whom will I welcome?
- How will I be responsible for the earth?

PSR: November lesson sheets can be turned in the last weekend of the month. Put in an envelope marked PSR and put in collection basket or the drop box on the front door of the parish office.

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for the week of November 15, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1050.00
Loose	100.00
Sub Total	\$ 1150.00
All Saints Day	20.00
Haiti	110.00
Grand Total	\$ 1330.00

Stewardship of Time/Talent

Ministers for Thanksgiving

November 26, 2020 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann,
Tim Keller

Server: Ethan Griffith

Lector: Claire Griffith

Eucharistic Minister: Maynard Kaufmann

Ministers for 8:30 am November 29, 2020

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Alex Kaufmann
Tim Keller

Server: Ashtyn Ochs

Lector: Rose Gangloff, Ron Zwilling

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Ochs

Pastoral Council:

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

SERVE on the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Anyone interested is asked to submit their name to the parish office by November 26, 2020. Selection of three members will be done at 8:30 am Mass, December 1, through random-drawing following prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! – Sponsored by our Diocesan Office for Vocations. We currently have 16 seminarians; but wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians.

