

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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## St. Thomas Parish / School Staff:

Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Linda M. Hemrich

School Principal: Jill Bierman

School Secretary: Dawn Meinhart

PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero

RCIA Coordinator: Jan Schackmann

## Scheduling/Celebration of Sacraments

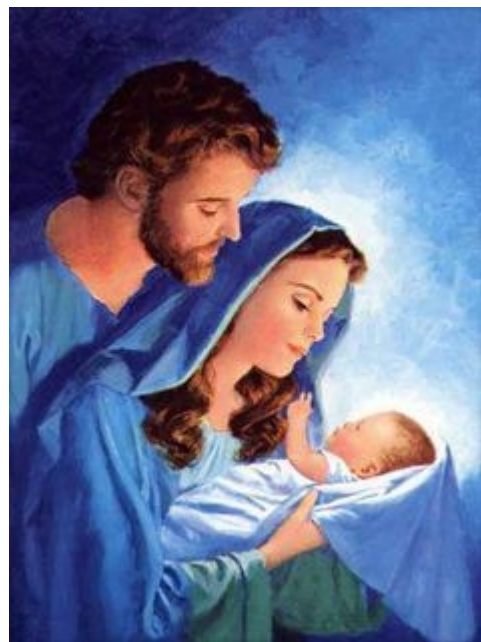
**Anointing of Sick:** Administered upon request due to serious illness or injury, or prior to hospital visit. Anointing of the Sick also takes place during the Masses held in October and February.

**Baptism: Infants/Toddlers:** During Weekend Mass with Fr. Dean Probst. The Pre-Baptismal Instruction is required of parents. Baptism is the first sacrament and entrance to the church's other sacraments.

**Baptism: Adults:** At Easter Vigil following the Catechumenate.

**Marriage:** Scheduled only after initial meeting with the Pastor to assure conformity with Church.

**Bulletin Sponsor:**  
**Ramon Kocher**  
**Construction**



## St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. R. Dean Probst

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Judy Wagner\*

\*(We continue to pray for her full recovery)

Substitute: Denisse Ochs

PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

**Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

	St. Thomas	St. Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 9:00 a.m.</b>	
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday		8:30 a.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.	
Holy Days	As scheduled in the bulletin.	

## PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Tuesdays	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Or as scheduled by request.		

## Dear Parishioners:

Notes from  
Fr. Dean



### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thanks to all who helped to make the Masses for the Feast



of Christmas so wonderfully celebrated. Thanks to Linda Hemrich and Denisse Ochs, the Liturgical Committees and parishioners who helped with preparation and decorating of both worship sites for the Christmas Season, to the liturgical ministers, especially the ushers/ministers of hospitality including the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, who helped seat the people; and special thanks to the choirs and musicians (instruments and vocalists) who added much to the solemnity of the celebrations. The times of Masses worked very well to welcome and accommodate everyone who came to worship with us. No one had to go sit in the stable!!!

Thanks to Linda Mertens who brought Holy Communion to the residents at the Newton Care Center. Dorothy Woods was able to receive Holy Communion, Viaticum, the food for the journey home, the day before she passed into eternity.

**The Christmas Season** continues with the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, the Solemnity of Mary as Mother of God, and Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord. Some Churches celebrate the Christmas Season until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.

**We welcome all** who come to worship with us during this Christmas Season: visitors, returning to the parish as well as our regular participants, and especially college students home for the semester break. May Christ whose birth we celebrate, find a dwelling place in each of our hearts.

The staff joins me in extending our prayerful blessings of Christmas joy, peace and love to each of you. You are being remembered in prayers especially at Masses throughout the Christmas Season.



### Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. **The next class will be held Sunday,**

**January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. at St. Thomas Church.**

NOTE: The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless already attended one within past 3 years. Plan to attend before your child is born so that there is no delay in scheduling the baptism. The session is for both parishes and available to anyone.



### Recently Baptized into Christ's Death and Resurrection:

**Carson Lane Ochs**, infant son of Seth & Brooke (Rauch) Ochs. Carson was baptized December 23 at St. Thomas Church. Godparents are Bradley Rauch (sponsor) and Katie Kinder (Christian witness).

### Masses for January 1, a Holy Day of Obligation, The Solemnity of Mary as the Mother of God.

5:30 p.m. Monday, St. Thomas

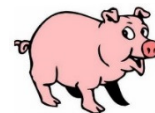
Tuesday, New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

9:30 a.m. St. Thomas

### Newton Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLY #1554 ANNUAL RAFFLE

- **1st Prize - Smokin Brothers Grill**  
The Smokin Brothers "20" Little Brother BBQ Grill is ready to travel, take it anywhere easily on the go camping and tailgate. It is the perfect size for any family that wants to start mastering backyard cooking techniques. It allows you to smoke, bake, grill and sear with the heavy duty porcelain grids. The Smokin Brothers Digital dial control features a cool down cycle when finished grilling. Weight 100 lbs. with 370 sq. inches cooking surface.  
Retail: \$799.00
- **2nd Prize - 1/2 Hog**



### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$5 per Ticket or 5 Tickets for \$20

**Drawing Held:** (Need NOT Be Present to Win)

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Merchant Stag Night

Knights of Columbus Hall

Grill Donated and Meat Processed

Courtesy of Hartrich Meats

Ste. Marie, IL ♦ 618-455-3172

Additional Door Prizes on Drawing Night!

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:** The public is invited to the Holy Cross Parish Center on Sunday, January 13, 2019. The CYM will have Sandwiches, desserts, popcorn, Soda/Water and more available for donation after 10:00 Mass until card playing begins at 12:30 p.m. \$3.00 per player admission. Cash prizes award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. You may bring your favorite adult beverages. Come Eat & Socialize. Then stay and play cards. Sponsored by: Family Life of Holy Cross.

## St. Thomas Parish News

### Disciples' Stewardship

Collection December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> &  
Christmas, 2018

Envelopes (180)	\$9,251.00
Loose	\$1,589.25
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,840.25</b>
Ret. Rel. (2)	\$110.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$20.00
Orphans(45)	\$1,048.00
Christmas(143)	\$8,231.00
School Fund(6)	\$380.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,789.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$20,629.25</b>

### “Step Forward in Faith Together” Campaign

<b>Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014)</b>	\$1,178,921.58
<b>Grand Total Pledges Collected</b>	\$3,417,131.88
<b>Balance to be Paid</b>	<b>\$97,213.71</b>
Includes \$23,924.75 profit from Harvest Picnic-----→	

### Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

#### Lectors:

<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Madonna Schackmann	Brian Bierman
<b>7:30 a.m.</b> J. Bierman/S.K. Bergbower	Brian Shamhart
<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sue Sparks	Jacob Jahraus

#### Gift Bearers:

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Lora Phillips, Madison Phillips, Marilyn Schafer, Mary Lynn Carroll, Chuck Einhorn, Gerald Ochs
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Paul Bierman, Mary Frichtl, Pete Pasero, Louis Ochs, Allison Weber, Brenda Phillips
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jason Bierman, Nikki Earnest, Gery Ochs, Linda Mertens, Seth Weber, Matt Bower

#### Musicians/Cantors:

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Nichole Mulvey/ Kaitlyn Ochs, Elise Wright
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Five For the One Guitar Group
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Patsy Leffler/Anne Kuhl

#### Servers:

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Landen Blake Blake Zumbahlen	<b>Ushers:</b> Brad Ochs
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Caroline Frohning Madalyn Rauch	Nick/Randy Hemrich
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Carson Brewer Carson Brown	Maurice Ochs

### This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

**Monday, Dec. 31, 7<sup>th</sup> Day w/in Octave of Christmas**

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* For Our Parish+)

**Tuesday, Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary**

9:30 a.m. Mass

(*Int.:* Barry & Erin (Sparks) Bergbower+)

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation & Rosary

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* For Our Parish+)

**Wednesday, Jan. 2,**

**Sts Basil the Great/Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.* Dorothy Woods+)

No Youth Choir – will resume on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. School Board

6:30 p.m. No CYO/PSR

6:30 p.m. RCIA at Rectory

**Thursday, Jan. 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus**

St. Thomas School Resumes

6:15 p.m. Boys basketball, here

**Friday, Jan. 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* For Our Parish)

**Saturday, Jan. 5, St. John Neumann**

5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* Paul Hardiek and

Wanda Lynn Kocher+)

**Sunday, Jan. 6, Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Mass – (*Int.:* Dec. Family of E.J. Hemrich+)

9:00 a.m. Mass – (*Int.:* Estelle Kennedy+)

10:15 a.m. Pre-Baptismal Class

10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)

10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)



### Thank you for your generosity in 2018!!!

How exciting to see the balance on our New Church loan below the \$100,000.00

mark before the end of year. What a wonderful testament to the generosity of our parish and all its members! We have made steady progress on reducing the debt these past few years, and we owe many thanks to all those involved in organizing the paper drives and wine tastings, those who have remembered loved ones with memorials, and to those who have made pledges and donations throughout the years. Our parish has come so far, and it will be exciting to see just how quickly the remaining balance will disappear ☺

## St. Thomas Parish & School News

### School Dates to Remember:

**January 3rd:** School Resumes

**January 21st:** No School - MLK Jr. Day

**January 23rd:** Booster Club Meeting @ 6:30 pm

**February 2nd:** Trivia Night @ 6:30 pm

**February 24th:** Soup Supper

**Rest in Peace.** As a parish family let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of **Dorothy Woods**. May she be in the loving arms of our Savior!

**A Sincere Thank You!** The Family of Dennis W. Massie would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, remembrances and words of support and encouragement. All of this has meant more than you will ever know to me and my family. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring parish and community!

*Linda Hemrich*

**The St. Thomas "Angels" are meeting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** The St. Thomas Saints are hosting a boys' basketball game that night, so the meeting will be held in church vestibule. Thanks for everyone's cooperation as work around each other's schedules! The "Angels" look forward to seeing everyone there and getting started on their outreach efforts for the new year.

**The Villas of Holly Brook Ministry Schedule** is already available in the Gathering Space for the month of January. Please consider signing up to take Communion to Holly Brook residents! Thanks so much to those already participating and visiting residents at the Newton Care Center as well!

**St. Thomas School** would like to thank those that collect Box Tops for education. Box Tops can be given to any student to turn in or they can be dropped off in the box available in the gathering space. The students also want to let everyone know that they can begin collecting those soda tabs if they would like to participate! Just drop the soda tabs off at the church office and Fr. Dean and Linda will make sure that the school receives them. Thanks for your support of our school and students! More information to follow!

### 2018 Annual Catholic Services Appeal

**2018 Goal = \$47,581.00**

**Pledged: \$14,735.00 Paid: \$13,115.00**

## St. Thomas School **TRIVIA NIGHT** AND LIVE AUCTION

### **When?**

Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Trivia begins at 7:30 p.m.

### **What?**

FUN trivia questions!  
Silent auction and games including dead or alive, heads and tails, and MORE!

### **Where?**

St. Thomas Parish Center  
306 W. Jourdan St.  
Newton, IL

### **Who Can Come?**

Everyone over the age of 21! Cost for a team of 8 is \$140.00 before 1/22/19 (\$160 after)

Pulled pork + chips available for free will donation.  
Drinks + other concessions available for purchase.

**Call Dawn Meinhart at 618-783-3517 to sign up your team!**

**Register Early and save!**

PosterMyWall.com

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Layla Burgener**, daughter of Matt and Stacy (Marshall), and **Carson Woods**, the son of Seth and Brooke (Rauch), who were recently baptized at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome them into our parish families.

### **Ministries for the Solemnity of Mary**

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Musicians:** John Johnson

**Lectors:** Brian Bierman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jill Bierman, Eliza Bierman

**Ushers:** Ben Bierman

**Servers:** Gus Bierman

**Gift Bearers:**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Musicians:** Five For the One Guitar

**Lectors:** Becky Shamhart

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Mertens, Dee Bower, Matt Bower

**Ushers:** Bob Bower, Gary Werkowski

**Servers:**

**Gift Bearers:**

**The Holy Family**  
**December 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**St. Mary of the Assumption**  
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 Office Manager: Judy Wagner (retiring December 31)  
 Temporary Substitute: Denisse Ochs  
 PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner  
**Office Hours: 9 am – 3:00 pm Tues., Wed., Thurs.**

**Finance Council:**

Kate Kaufmann	Judy Wagner	Richard Ochs
Maynard Kaufmann	Bruce Boehl	Fr. Dean Probst

**Pastoral Council:** Eileen Ochs, Chairman

Becca Ochs	Richard Ochs	Elaine Zwilling
Katie Farley	David Ochs	Lora Ochs

**Sacraments:**

**Masses:** 4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)  
 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

**Reconciliation:** 3:15 p.m. Saturday or by request

**Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship**

Collection for weekend of December 22-25,2018

Envelopes (46)	\$ 2420.00
Loose:	\$ 300.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2720.00</b>

Haiti (3)	\$ 95.00
Capitol Improvement (1)	\$ 50.00
Christmas Décor (3)	\$ 40.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2935.00</b>

**Christmas Collection**

Envelopes (35)	\$ 1179.00
Loose	\$ 1311.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$ 337.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 5732.00</b>

**This Week in our Parish**

*Monday, December 31st,*

*7<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of Christmas*

*Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, The Solemnity of Mary*

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Frank & Mary Geltz+)

*Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, St Basil the Great*

NO PSR Classes

*Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Paul & Rosemary Mullinax+)

6:30 p.m. – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

*Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, St Elizabeth Ann Seton*

*Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, St John Neumann*

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dick Helregel+)

*Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Epiphany*

**Ministries for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Ushers:** George Kirts, Norbert Ochs, Elmer Ochs

**Servers:** Nicholas Zwilling, Brianna Zwilling

**Lectors:** Ethan Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Randy & Mary Sue Reis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maynard Kaufmann,

Elfrieda Kaufmann, Elaine Zwilling

**Ministries for Next Week**

**4:00 p.m. January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Ushers:** George Kirts, Norbert Ochs, Elmer Ochs

**Servers:** Brooke Johnson, Kayla Kocher

**Lector:** Claire Griffith

**Gift Bearers:** Bruce & Jeana Boehl Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Veronica Griffith, Lisa Ochs,  
 Jeanne Johnson

## St Mary's Parish News Cont'd

**JANUARY MINISTRIES:** The list of liturgical ministers for the month of January can be found at the entrances of the church. If you cannot fulfill your appointed time, please find a substitute. Thanks for sharing of your time as a liturgical minister during Mass.

A special THANKS to all who served in the liturgical ministries during the Christmas Masses.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:**

The members of the Pastoral Council are scheduled to meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019, in the parish center. The job description for an Office Manager (or Pastoral Associate) will be determined. This will allow for the publication in area parish bulletins the vacant position of our parish Office Manager with possible extended duties. Judy Wagner retires from the position on December 31, 2018. Denisse Ochs has decided that January 31, 2019, will conclude her temporary position as substitute for Judy during her illness.

PLEASE NOTE: Any parishioner is welcome to attend this meeting and give input or comment regarding duties and/or hours of employment for the position to be filled. Signed written notice is also welcome for input and for Council's response; but anonymous comments are simply discarded without consideration.

**PSR:** Classes will resume January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Annual Catholic Service Appeal Update:**

Goal	\$ 17599.00
Pledged	\$ 4379.00
Paid	\$ 4079.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 13520.00</b>

Please consider contributing to the annual ASCA appeal. If you have already contributed, Thank You for your donation.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Please add Joe & Marge Barthelme to your list to remember at during this Christmas Season

**BIBLE STUDY:** On the "Acts of the Apostles-the Spread of the Kingdom" will resume on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., at St Anthony Parish Center. Call St Anthony Parish Office to register and order materials 217-347-7129.

## ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

**The Pre-Baptismal class at St. Thomas** will now be held every other month on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass). **The next class will be held Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.** The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless already attended one within past 3 years.

**ST. MARY'S PRE-CANA:** The next Pre-Cana class is March 16, 2019 at St Mary of the Assumption Church. We have a limited number of couples, so an early registration is recommended. For more information please contact the St Mary's Parish office.

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

### **Those we remember in our prayers:**



The Parish Book of Requests, Residents in Health Care Facilities, Coletta Ochs, Judy Wagner, Beth Lawler and Family, Marilyn (Dhom) Zumbahlen, Theresa Leohr,

**The Annual Right to Life Breakfast** is January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium from 7 am to 12:30 pm. Menu: Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Rolls & Homemade Breads, Drinks...Free Will Offering. Thanks for supporting our youth from the area parishes that are attending this year. Those attending from St. Thomas Parish are: Will Ochs, Eli Weber, Kaitlyn Ochs, Elizabeth Volk, Madeline Hemrich, and Alexis Bell. Those attending from St. Mary's are Miranda Ochs and Jenna Ochs.

**A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held** at St. Isidore Parish, St. Aloysius Hall on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to attend a workshop close to home. Please call 217-925-5788 to register.