

## Epiphany of the Lord January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.	
<b>Holy Days</b>	<b>As scheduled in the bulletin.</b>	

### PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>3:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesdays *</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	

\*prior to Mass when it is scheduled that day.

Or as scheduled by request.

### Stewardship of Time:



**Please pray for** Linda Zuber, Renee Ochs,  
David E. Ochs, Jackie Tauber, Natalie  
Helregel, Sharon Einhorn, Karen Shamhart,  
Michael Lustig, Jessica Spiker, John W.

Bergbower, Theresa Hartrich, Glen Schafer, Steve  
Huber, Judy Wagner, Laura Songer, Tammy Zuber,  
Lora Short, Residents in Health Care Facilities, and  
those in Parishes' Book of Intentions.

**Please note: Pre-baptism instructions** will be held in  
pews by the choir. The next session will be 10:15 a.m.  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at St. Thomas Church.

### Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4,6-7	Acts 10:34-38
		Mt 3:13-17

**Preparation for Sacraments of Baptism** (pre-Jordan  
session required) **and Marriage** (6-month preparation)  
scheduled through parish offices with priest or deacon.

For **Anointing of the Sick** before surgery or in severe  
illness call priest **217-494-6326** or in the danger of  
death for the last rites with apostolic pardon call priest.

## St. Thomas Parish News

### Stewardship of Time

#### Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

**Lectors:** 5:30 p.m. Karen Buerster  
7:30 a.m. Nikki Bierman  
9:00 a.m. John Bower

**Gift Bearers:** 5:30 p.m. Brad & Kim Ochs Family  
7:30 a.m. Chris Bierman Family  
9:00 a.m. Nathan Earnest Family

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Chuck Einhorn, Gerald & Denisse Ochs,  
Mark Bolander, Linda Hemrich, Ramon Kocher  
7:30 a.m. Erica Johnson, Mary Frichthl, Pete Pasero,  
Leo Weber, Allison Weber, Amy Hartrich  
9:00 a.m. Renee Gier, Dennis Weber, Sara Mette,  
Jason Bierman, Marge Horton, Amanda Baltzell  
10:30 a.m. Newton Care Center: Linda Mertens  
10:30 a.m. Villas: Linda Hemrich/Dena Rauch

#### Musicians/Cantors:

5:30 p.m. Tammy Page & Ellen Einhorn  
7:30 a.m. John Johnson & Laney Hemrich  
9:00 a.m. Vicki Mullen & JoBeth Geier

#### Servers:

5:30 p.m. Megan Miller  
Makenzie Miller  
7:30 a.m. Gus Bierman  
Wes Bierman  
9:00 a.m. Alex Gier  
Dylan Gier

#### Ushers:

Don Klingler  
Doug Long  
Jim Robins

#### Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

Collection Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Envelopes(163)	\$8,478.00
Loose	\$1,138.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,616.00</b>
Annual School Fun(2)	\$70.00
Christmas(212)	\$9,019.00
Building Fund(3)	\$140.00
Cath. Children's Home(1)	\$1,308.00
Other(6)	\$75.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,612.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$20,228.00</b>

New Year's Collection/  
Solemnity of Mary=\$2,673.00

#### This Week in our Parish & School

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#### **Mon., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Andre Bessette**

10 am-5:00 pm Fr. Dean -- Spgfld Diocesan Meetings  
6:30 p.m. Angels Meeting

#### **Tues., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Raymond of Penafort**

4:30 p.m. Fr. Dean at St. Anthony Pastoral Council  
5:00 p.m. Rosary  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service  
6:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Last Home Game:  
Recognition of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Players/cheerleaders

#### **Weds., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.*: Doug Bushue+)  
5:30 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:30 p.m. Online PSR (No Mass)  
6:30 p.m. CYO & PSR at St. Mary's  
6:30 p.m. Fr. Dean at Shumway Pastoral Council

#### **Thurs., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Weekday**

#### **Fri., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass (LeRoy Schackmann+)  
10:30 a.m. Newton Care Center Mass

#### **Sat., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass (May Einhorn+)

#### **Sun., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Mass (For the Parish+)  
9:00 a.m. Mass (LeRoy Schackmann+)  
10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)  
10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)

**The Family of Anita Bergbower** would like to thank family, neighbors, and friends for all prayers and kindnesses during her passing. Thank you to Fr. Dean and St. Thomas Church members involved in the beautiful Funeral Mass and the Angels and ladies of the parish that provided the funeral lunch for Anita's family and friends!

**One-Year Bible Reading Plan.** God's Word is a big book, and without a plan it can be easy to give up before you even get through Genesis. So, please be sure to stop by the gathering space in church to pick up your copy of a helpful resource that will serve as your guide as you read the Bible in one year. What a great goal for 2020!

#### **2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL:**

##### **St. Thomas**

**Goal – \$49,585.00; Paid – \$9,250.00**

**Balance Due – \$40,335.00**

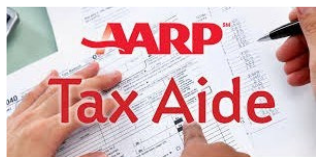
## ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES

### Notes from Fr. Dean

**The Annual Right to Life Breakfast** is January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium serving from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Menu: Whole Hog Sausage, Eggs, Homemade Breads & Rolls & 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:** William Fritchley, Laney Hemrich, Madeline Hemrich, Kaitlyn Ochs, Madison Phillips, Emma Rauch, Elizabeth Volk and Eli Weber. Thanks to Tony & Sue Sparks and Jeff Volk for representing St. Thomas Parish as chaperones this year. **Those attending from St. Mary's Parish are:** Claire Griffith, Jenna Ochs and Miranda Ochs.

**January/February cleaning crews** will be meeting on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. Those reporting for duty are: **Dee & Bob Bower**, Marge & Chuck Einhorn, John & Marissa Bower, Matt & Tracy Bower, Gary & Leslie Werkowski, Tim & Tina Bower, Vita Reich, Makenzie Hutchison, Rick & Peg Cochran, David & Cheryl Matson, **Janet & Scott Cummins**, Paul & Nikki Bierman, Beth Shamhart, Christy Schackmann, Donna Keller, Jenny Bierman, Kay Ochs, Patti Ochs, Brenda Phillips

**Thank you for your participation in our parishes' ministries!** Thanks so much to everyone that signed up to be a musician, lector, Eucharistic Minister, server, gift bearer or usher throughout the Christmas Season. Your help was greatly appreciated and will continue to be in the new year!! Please contact the parish offices or Fr. Dean if you are interested in becoming a lay minister in 2020. Might make a good New Year's Resolution 😊



**AARP to Offer Free Tax Assistance at St. Thomas Parish Center.** AARP Tax Aide will again provide free tax services at the St.

Thomas Parish Center on Mondays from 8:45-2:45 beginning February 10. Although these services are primarily for senior citizens, low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages are welcome. **There is no charge for this service, but an appointment is required.**

- ✓ For more information see:  
[www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents)

**Please call the St. Thomas Parish Office at 618/783-8741 for more information and a required appointment.**

**The School Sisters of Notre Dame** is an international community of religious women with more than 2500 sisters in 32 countries and has served in this region of Illinois for over 150 years. Men and women who share the sisters' desire to live Gospel values and respond to the needs of women, youth, the poor and marginalized in our world are invited to become Associates of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. A presentation will be given on the SSND Associate Program on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at St. Anthony Parish Center in Effingham from 2:00 - 3:30 PM or from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending the presentation, please contact Sister Lois Martens SSND, at 783-2014.

**Join us for St. Thomas' Next Cash Bingo on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. Bingo continues throughout the school year on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the months. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the chance to win the Lightning round. **MUST Be 18 Or Older To Play!!!** All Proceeds go to St Thomas School.  
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**Catholic Charities Annual Benefit** will be held on February 1, 2020 at the Effingham Event Center. This year the evening will include a dinner and reverse raffle. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$65 at the door. If you would like to buy a ticket for the reverse raffle only, the tickets are \$20 each and you do not have to be present to win the reverse raffle. Basket Raffle, giveaways, and a wine pull will be available during the evening of the event only and you must be present to win. A limited number of tickets will be sold!

**PARISH DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE Feb. 2.** Katie Price will speak at all weekend Masses leading to Mission Conference Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

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### St. Thomas School

Presents the 2nd Annual Trivia Night & Live Auction  
**Saturday, February 8, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$160 per team of 8 adults over 21**

**Space is limited to 60 teams so sign up early!**

**Free-will donation Pulled pork and chips available and Beverages available for purchase.**

**Questions: Contact Jill Bierman or Lori Smith at St. Thomas School - 618-783-3517**

**Team Registration Forms available in the church's gathering space**

**Checks payable to St. Thomas School.**

**Submit to: St. Thomas School, 306 W Jourdan St., Newton, IL 62448**

**Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.**

## 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:** 4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)

8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

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

### Ministers for January 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**Ushers:** Tim Keller, Randy Reis, Richard Ochs

**Servers:** Ashtyn Ochs, Brianne Zwilling

**Lector:** Ethan Zwilling

**Gift Bearers:** Anita Griffith Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ochs, Elaine Zwilling,  
Norman Boehl

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**THANK YOU:** To all who participated in the masses over the last couple weeks, to those who contributed to the flower fund, and for all who attended Mass. You helped to make the celebrations wonderful!!

**WORKSHOP:** Protecting God's Children will be held on Wednesday, January 22, at 6p.m. in the Sacred Heart School, please call 217-347-7177 to register.

**One-Year Bible Reading Plan.** God's Word is a big book, and without a plan it can be easy to give up before you even get through Genesis. So, please be sure to pick up your copy of a helpful resource that will serve as your guide as you read the Bible in one year. What a great goal for 2020!

### Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of Dec 24 – Dec 28, 2019

Envelopes	\$	1,665.00
Loose	\$	1,626.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,291.00</b>
Children's Home	\$	965.00
Christmas Offering	\$	1,600.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	55.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	125.00
First Offering	\$	5.00
Capital Improvement	\$	75.00
Haiti	\$	40.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,156.00</b>

## This Week in our Parish

**Monday, January 6th, St Andre Bessett**

**Tuesday, January 7th, Saint Raymond of Penafort**

8:00 a.m.- Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass ( Int: Frank & Mary Geltz+)

**Wednesday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday**

6:30 p.m. – **PSR and High School PSR**

7:15 p.m. – Youth Group

**Thursday, January 9th, Christmas Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m.- Mass – (Int: Carole Helregel+)

**Friday, January 10th, Christmas Weekday**

**Saturday, January 11th, Christmas Weekday**

3:15 p.m. - Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Orville Schmidt+)

**Sunday, January 12th, Baptism of the Lord**

Right to Life Breakfast, Teutopolis

### An Epiphany Prayer for the Family



**Father:** Christ has appeared among us.

**All:** Come, let us adore Him.

**Mother:** The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.

**All:** The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.

**Youngest Child:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**Father:** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.

**All:** Alleluia.