

# Parish Families of St. Thomas & St. Mary

## Holy Masses This Week: Oct. 10th—Oct. 16, 2016

*Tuesday, Oct. 11, St. John XXIII*

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary) Henry & Julia Look

5:30 p.m. (St. Thomas) Leo Bolander Family

*Wednesday, Oct. 12, Weekday*

8:30 a.m. (St. Thomas) Paul Zuber

*Thursday, Oct. 13, Weekday*

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary) Fr. Don Meehling

*Friday, Oct. 14, St. Callistus I*

8:30 a.m. (St. Thomas) Leonard & Helen Frichtl

*Saturday, Oct. 15, St. Teresa of Jesus*

4:00 p.m. (St. Mary) Don Perille

5:30 p.m. (St. Thomas) Rosalie Miller

*Sunday, Oct. 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. (St. Thomas) Joe Helmink

8:00 a.m. (St. Mary) Francis & Maude Wagner

9:00 a.m. (St. Thomas) - Barry & Erin (Sparks) Bergbower

## LECTORS

4:00 Judy Wagner

5:30 Marilyn Schafer

7:30 Rita Kocher

8:00 Claire Griffith

9:00 Joe Bierman

## Gift Bearers

4:00 Ron & Caroline Kirts

5:30 Randy Woodard Family

7:30 Claude Wilson Family

8:00 Dan & Beth Hartrich Family

9:00 Jim & Ginger Robins



4:00 Ron Kirts, Paul Kaufmann,  
Elaine Zwilling

5:30 Sue Dickerson, Sue Roth,  
Alicia Buerster, Lesley Woods,  
Chuck Einhorn

7:30 Norma Woods, Jamie Shamhart,  
Pam Kerner, Ali Bierman,  
Jill Bierman

8:00 Marie Wagner, Lora Semple,  
Sharon Boehl

9:00 Mage Horton, Marie Kuhl,  
Becky Parker, Kaitlin Rauch,  
Marissa Bower



4:00 Elmer Ochs, Norbert  
Ochs, Tim Keller

5:30 Steve Rubsam

7:30 Brian Brummer

8:00 Virgil Kocher, Tony  
Strutner, Ben Ochs

9:00 John Stone

## SERVERS

4:00 Jacob Kaufmann & Alex Kaufmann

5:30 Emerson Webster & Madison Phillips

7:30 Weston Tharp & Collin Dossey

8:00 Veronica Griffith & Nicholas Zwilling

9:00 Braden Lemke & Logan Weber

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Collection totals for the weekend of October 1-2, 2016*

Envelopes (174).....\$7,091.00 Env.'s(46).....\$1,128.00

Loose.....\$342.00 Loose .....\$333.00

**Subtotal.....\$7,433.00 Subtotal.....\$1,461.00**

School Fund(5).....\$900.00 No Other Collections

**Subtotal Other.....\$900.00**

**Grand Total ... ..\$8,333.00**

**Subtotal .....\$00.00**

**Grand Total ....\$1,461.00**

## This Week in Our Parish Families

### St. Thomas the Apostle

**Tues.:** 5:00 p.m. Rosary

**Weds.:** 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir, 6:30 p.m. PSR/CYO

**Fri.:** 10:30 a.m. Newton Care Center Mass

**Sat.:** 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment

### St. Mary of the Assumption

**Mon.:** 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Country Music Dance

**Tues.:** 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Day of Prayer with Benediction @ 4:00 p.m.

**Weds.:** 6:15 p.m. PSR Classes for Grades 2nd-9th

**Thurs.:** 8:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Sat.:** Anointing of the Sick, 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation or by appointment

**Sun.:** Anointing of the Sick

### St. Thomas School

**Mon.:** No School

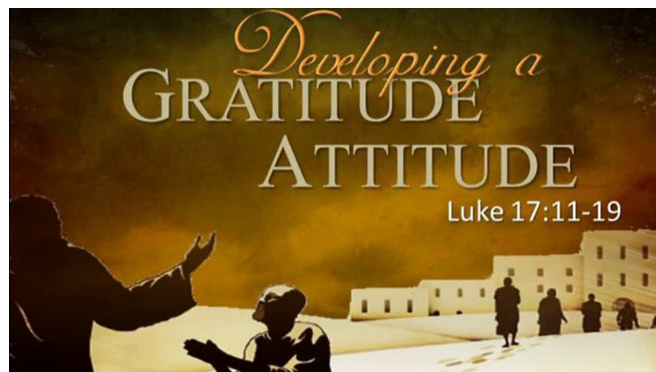
**Tues.:** 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Cheerleading practice,  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Basketball Open Gym, 6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball

**Weds.:** 3rd-5th Class Mass, 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Basketball Open Gym

**Thurs.:** 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Cheerleading practice,  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball

**Fri.:** 8:30 a.m. All-School Mass(2nd Grade), Picture Day, 6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball @ T-town

**Sat.:** Cross Country State



## Readings in Preparation for Sunday Mass:

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8;

2 Timothy 3:14-42, Luke 18:1-8

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:  
**Webster Ford, Polaris, ATV**

**Those we remembered in our prayers:** Betty E. Ochs, Linda Kocher, Elizabeth Weidner, Linda Zuber, Jeff Nunnery, Theresa M. Ochs, Terre Zerkle, Bob Dallmier, Mary E. Bergbower, Keith French, Dennis Kerner, Georgiann Kocher, Kevin Jourdan, Bob Dhomm, Gerald Klingler, May Einhorn, Coletta Ochs, Linda Keller, Jeff Long, Larry Brooks, Betty Hippler, Delores Dorn, Ted Rohr, Connie Vanderhyde, Dave Stark, Ed Astacio, Harold Kocher, Brad Ghast, Fern Parr, Evelyn Dhomm, Autumn Sims, Madonna Klier, Betty Frohning, Sarah Lidy, Florence Kocher, Raymond Sheddlebower, Mildred Drewes, Martha Pickens, Lynn Schafer, Elizabeth "Betty" Ochs, Charles Dhomm, Ellen Roller

**"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign**



<b>Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014)</b>	<b>\$420,934.04</b>
<b>Grand Total Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$2,659,144.34</b>
<b><u>WOW!!!!!!! Balance on Loan to be Paid</u></b>	<b><u>\$914,151.52</u></b>

***Celebrating Stewardship***

**Prayer Campaign for Life.** Don't forget to sign-up to work at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham on Tuesday, October 25th, between the hours of 1 – 5 pm. A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space. Thanks to all of those that participated in the Days of Prayer in support of this campaign.

**St. Thomas Faith Bible Study Group** will continue on October 18th at 6:15 p.m. in the church. The sessions will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We are excited that new resources will be available and used during the discussions! All are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate as we grow in our understanding of the Scriptures and how we can apply the wisdom and inspiration that we gain from them to our every day lives.

**Mark Your Calendars**—Youth Stewards Paper Dive - **October 15, 2016** from 7:00 a.m. – Noon at the Schackmann Insulation Building. Please contact 783-8741 if you would like to volunteer to help out at the paper drive. Thanks to everyone for holding on to those papers!

**ST. JOSEPH OF OLNEY:** St. Joseph Church in Olney will hold their Annual Smorgasbord, Bazaar and Raffle on Sunday, October 16th. Dinner will be served from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. The meal will include ham, roast beef, home-made noodles, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, pie & cake, salad bar and more. Adults - \$8, Children (3-12) - \$4. We will not be serving meals in the multipurpose room this year, but we do have the elevator for the accessibility of those in need & their guests. The Bazaar will be held in the gym from 9:00 to 3:00 pm and includes the cash raffle, quilt raffle, basket chance stand, country store, cake stand & bingo.

**The School's Corner**

**St Thomas SCRIP Program**— Thanks so much for taking the time to purchase your cards. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Scouting for Blood**

At the Saint Thomas parish center  
 from 2pm to 6pm on November 30th  
 sponsored by the Saint Thomas school Civics Club  
 and Boy Scout troop 156

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**A Special Thank You!** The Jean & Don Klingler Family would like show their sincere appreciation and say "thank you" for all of your acts of kindness that were shown to their family at the loss of Jean's sister. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

**The Newton Ladies Auxiliary** will be selling their cookbooks after each Mass the weekend of Oct. 15-16. The cookbooks are being sold at a discounted price and are a great buy and make the perfect gift!

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served at the Teutopolis K of C from 7:00 am till Noon, on Sunday, October 16th. They will serve Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns, Breads, Coffee, Milk, & OJ; there will also be a Country Store and Raffle. All Proceeds Will Be Used Locally.

**BUILD UP BRAIN FITNESS.** Kelly Willenborg from My Memory Worx will be at the Effingham Public Library on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Learn how non-medical mental engagement can build our brain reserves and slow down decline in brain function. Register online at [effingham-library.org](http://effingham-library.org) or call 217-342-2464.

-Sponsored by Effingham Area Alzheimer's Awareness

**Prayer Before the Election**



Lord God, as the election approaches,  
 we seek to better understand the issues  
 and concerns that confront our city/  
 state/country,  
 and how the Gospel compels us to respond  
 as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness  
 so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,  
 one and equal in dignity,  
 especially those who are victims of abuse and violence,  
 deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn  
 and those abandoned,  
 Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion  
 or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the  
 voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment  
 so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,  
 live your love,  
 and keep in the ways of your truth  
 as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles  
 and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.

Dear Parishioner(s):

The St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic is here for us to enjoy and be of service. May God give us good weather and an enthusiastic gathering of people.

God has given us a wonderful response in those catechumens who seek to enter into full initiation of the Catholic faith by baptism, confirmation and Eucharist and those candidates for full reception by profession of faith. Those who have indicated their interest in being formed in our faith life of listening to God's word and the Apostolic teachings; gathering with us in prayer and being of service to others are: Catechumens: Leah Bolander, Connor Clevenger, Abigail Finn, Rebecca Finn, and Lisa Meyer; Candidates: Nancy Beavers, Kaleigh Beavers, Jason Meyer, Jessica Schackmann, and Anna Weber. Several others are in process but have not made public declaration of intent in the Ritual of Welcome/Acceptance. Please pray with and for the Catechumens and Candidates along with the RCIA team leaders of Jan Schackmann and Tony Zuber as the Lord leads them in the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.

If you or someone else is interested or has questions about the process, please contact me at 217-494-6326. The formation sessions are at 6:30 pm Wednesdays in the Church foyer. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Next weekend, I will administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the weekend Masses at St. Mary Church, Ste. Marie. On the following weekend the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held at St. Thomas weekend Masses. This will be done at Newton Care Center on Friday, October 14, and Villa of Holly Brook on October 21. If you are unable to attend either weekend, please contact me to receive the sacrament at your residence.

Thanks to those who have already responded to the Year of Mercy ACSA. Please read the St. Thomas Finance Council letter with envelope for this special collection.

Enjoy the week ahead filled with God's blessings.

-Fr. Dean

## **St. Mary's News**

### **OCTOBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY**

**OF THE ROSARY:** Our parish will have many opportunities to join in praying the rosary as a parish family. Beginning on October 5th, and all the Wednesdays in October, the religion classes will begin their classes at 6:15 pm in the church leading the rosary. Also, during the month of October, the rosary will be prayed prior to the beginning of Mass at all weekend masses. The Scriptural Rosary is prayed before most of the Tuesday & Thursday weekday morning masses (check the bulletin for days and times). Come 15 to 20 minutes early to Mass and join in praying this beautiful prayer and on Wednesday evenings @ 6:15 pm.

**PSR:** PSR classes, grades 2 through 9, will meet on Wednesday, October 12th, @ 6:15 pm in the church to pray the rosary and then go to the parish center for their class.

**BIBLE STUDIES** with Deacon Larry will continue on October 18th at 6:15 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. The sessions will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

**SMILE:** The online sign-up has begun for our Pictorial Directory. Go to the website: [www.stemariechurch.org](http://www.stemariechurch.org) and click on the (Sign Up Now) photo. Tabs are on the main menu, bulletin, and the calendar. There will be a sign up in church the weekend of October 1st & 2nd. Dates and times: Friday, Nov. 25 -2 to 9 pm; Saturday, Nov. 26—10 to 5 pm. Later dates: Thursday, Jan. 5—2 to 9 pm; Friday, Jan 6 -2 to 9 pm; and Saturday, Jan 7—10 to 5 pm. Anyone needing help in signing up call the office @ 455-3155 or Eileen Ochs @ 783-3650. If your photo is taken you will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo and the pictorial directory.

**THANK YOU:** Ste. Marie's Cork & Pork Festival has donated \$300 in cash and 2 tent tops (\$270 value) to the Picnic Fund.

**INTERESTED IN A STOVE?** If anyone is interested in the yellow stove in the parish center (top of stove works but the oven doesn't) give Maynard a call at 618-843-8181.

## **St. Mary's News**

**40 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE:** We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray and fast for an end to abortion during the "40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life". This will take place from September 28th to November 6th. Please consider participating in both parts of this pro-life campaign:

•Part 1: Come to the church for an hour or more of individual prayer on October 11th and October 23rd. Benediction to follow at 4 pm on October 11th & at 5 pm on October 23rd.

•Part 2: Volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham on Tuesday, October 25th, between the hours of 1 – 4 pm.

Sign-up sheets for all 3 days are in the back of church and at the front entrance.

**2016 ACSA PARISH GOAL:** The programs, services and ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Services Appeal meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and other in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The theme for this year's Appeal is "Continuing the Mission of Charity." The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese. St. Mary's ACSA goal for 2016 – 2017 is \$13,057.00

**MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE 2017:** Planning for the Annual March for Life Pilgrimage to our nation's capitol for the youth of the diocese is underway. There are forms about the March at the back entrance and at the front east entrance of church. If interested please pick up a form.

**Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Rummage Sale** will be held Oct. 11-13, at the Effingham Knights of Columbus. Sales dates are October 11 and October 12, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and October 13, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Call Vicki Walker at 821.6179 to volunteer or show up on any of the days.