

# 4<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller  
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PSR Coordinator: Pete Pasero  
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### 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 (including Children 7 years old):** At Easter Vigil following the Catechumenate.

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

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### MASS SCHEDULE

	<b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
<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>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
<b>*except Third Tuesday of the Month</b>		
<b>Or as scheduled by request.</b>		

### 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.

**Happy Easter From Fr. Dean!!** On this fourth Sunday of Easter, often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we honor our Mothers who in likeness to Christ have been a good shepherd to us by guide, molding and forming us in the Divine Image of God.

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

With grateful hearts for the spirit of compassion and love that you have shared, we ask God's blessings upon you. I offer each Mass of this weekend for our mothers, both living and deceased, and prayers for all who have nurtured others with the motherly love of God.

### **A Blessing for Mothers**

We bless you and we praise you, God of our mothers!  
You are the God of Eve, mother of all the living.  
You are the God of Sarah,  
    who laughed at childbearing in old age.  
You are the God of Rebekah  
    who favored her second-born, Jacob.  
You are the God of Leah, mother of tribes,  
    and of Rachel, who mourned and wrestled and won.  
You are the God of Hannah,  
    who strongly sang your praise for Samson,  
    and of Naomi who faithfully walked with Ruth.  
You are the God of Elizabeth, who bore the Baptist  
    and of Ann, the grandmother of Jesus.  
You are the God of Mary, Spirit's spouse  
    and mother of our Savior,  
    given by Christ on the cross to be the mother of us all.  
We thank you, God, for the gift of our mothers, for  
    grandmothers, godmothers, & mothers-in-law, too.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon our mothers,  
    at whose breasts we were fed,  
    by whose hands we were cleaned and clothed,  
    at times corrected, in whose laps we learned  
        to sing and speak and play and pray,  
        at whose side we hear your word  
            and celebrate your mysteries.  
Heal their pains and disappointments.  
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.  
Give to them the good that they have given others.  
Welcome to your bosom those who have died.  
Fill this world, O God, with a mother's love!  
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ,  
    who desires to gather us together  
    as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.  
He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
    one God forever and ever. Amen.

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**Baptism of Brynn Alexis Weber**, infant daughter of Eric and Anna Weber, and siblings of Connor, Hayden, Gauge, & Abigail.



Selfie taken with  
Brynn Alexis Weber!

She was baptized at 5:30 pm Mass Saturday, May 4.

### **BECOME ONE IN CHRIST WITH US!.**

If you are interested in worshipping God through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, Come join us in the Catholic Church! Inquiry sessions about God and the Catholic Church's teachings are held upon request.

Call Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 or call the parishes of St. Thomas (618-783-8741) St. Mary (618-455-3155).

**CONGRATULATIONS! And prayerful best wishes** to our St. Thomas School Youth participating in the State Track and Field events this weekend:

*4x200 relay: Emma Rauch, Elley Bennett (+ pole vault), Laney Hemrich (+ 100 meter dash), & Alaina Kuhl. High jump: Gracie Smithenry (+ relay alt.).*

*4x100: Luke Weber (+ 1600 meter), Evan Baltzell (+ hurdles), Jacob Weber & Kye Bergbower.*

*Discus: Dylan Gier & Grant Ochs (+ relay alt.).*

**St. Thomas School Spring Concert.** It was a wonderful evening of music. Students in Grades K-3 sang songs with guest appearance of a Shark (AKA Mrs. Jill Bierman).



The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class played recorders to Amazing Grace, and the students from Grades 5-8 played songs with their band instruments. Congratulations to all of the youth that performed in the Solo/Ensemble contests this year! The teachers have developed the talent of music in our youth!

**REMINDER:** To schedule something with **Fr. Dean**, please call or text him directly at **217-494-6326**. It will get you a quicker response!

If you are going into hospital for surgery or procedure, call him to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before hospitalization.

If family member is nearing death, call him for the so-called "last rites", The Commendation of the Dying and Apostolic Pardon.

## St. Thomas Parish News

### Ministries for Next Weekend's Masses

#### Lectors:

**5:30 p.m.** Ellen Einhorn  
**7:30 a.m.** Danny Kerner/Mark Vahling  
**9:00 a.m.** John Bower

#### Gift Bearers:

**5:30 p.m.** Tom Stark Family  
**7:30 a.m.** Andy Bergbower Family  
**9:00 a.m.** Maurice Ochs Family

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

**5:30 p.m.** Kaitlyn Ochs, Kimberly Ochs, Mary Lynn Carroll, Chuck Einhorn, Alice Addis, Ramon Kocher  
**7:30 a.m.** Paul Bierman, Mary Frichtl, Pete Pasero, Dena Rauch, Brenda Phillips, Pam Kerner  
**9:00 a.m.** Jason Bierman, Nikki Earnest, Gery Ochs, Linda Mertens, Seth Weber, Matt Bower

#### Musicians/Cantors:

**5:30 p.m.** Guitars  
**7:30 a.m.** Patsy Leffler & Katie Shamhart  
**9:00 a.m.** Patsy Leffler & Jeff Finley

#### Servers:

**5:30 p.m.** Carson Barthelme  
 Alex Ochs  
**7:30 a.m.** Katie Shamhart  
 Allison Brummer  
**9:00 a.m.** Mallory Ochs  
 Wyatt Ochs

#### Ushers:

Don Klingler  
 Brian Brummer  
 John Stone

### Disciples' Stewardship

Collection May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Envelopes (142)	\$9,189.05
Loose	\$532.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,721.05</b>

Annual School Fund (12)	\$777.00
Catholic Home Miss (20)	\$45.00
Holy Land (2)	\$25.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$847.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,568.05</b>

### This Week in our Parish & School

+ behind name in Mass intention is for deceased.

**Monday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima**

**Tuesday, May 14, St. Matthias**

St. Thomas School Survivor Day  
 5:00 p.m. Rosary & Reconciliation  
 5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int:* Ralph & Mae Blank+)

**Wednesday, May 15, St. Isidore**

8:30 a.m. Class Mass (*Int:* Anna Kerner +  
 & Leo Kerner, Jr.+)  
 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
 7:00 p.m. Sports Awards Night

**Thursday, May 16, Easter Weekday**

**Last Day of School – Have a wonderful summer!**  
 6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

**Friday, May 17, Easter Weekday**

Holiday World Youth Appreciation Trip  
 8:30 a.m. Mass – Communion Service  
 10:30 a.m. Communion Service - Villa of Holly Brook  
 7:00 p.m. Bingo – Lightning -\$3,850.00

**Saturday, May 18, St. John I**

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation  
 11:00 a.m. Wedding  
 5:30 p.m. Mass (*Int.:* Roscoe Miller +  
 & Marilyn Fritchley+)

**Sunday, May 19, 5th Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Loren Schackmann+)  
 9:00 a.m. Mass (*Int.:* Estelle Kennedy +)  
 10:15 a.m. Communion Service (Newton Care Center)  
 10:30 a.m. Communion Service (Villa of Holly Brook)  
 11:00 a.m. St. Thomas 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

## WOW!!!!

### “Step Forward in Faith Together” Campaign

#### **Grand Total Pledges**

<b>Collected</b>	\$3,450,141.88
<b>Balance to be Paid</b>	<b>\$49,909.76</b>



**Join us for St. Thomas' Cash Bingo.** The final bingo of the school year that will be held on **Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** Bingo will resume with the new school year. Don't miss out on the chance to win the \$3,800.00 Lightning round. **MUST Be 18 Or Older to Play!!!** All Proceeds go to St Thomas School.

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## St. Thomas Parish & School News

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Emma Pilman*, daughter of Jake and Megan (Ochs), *Roland Ohnesorge*, the son of Justin and Trisha (Ochs), and *Brynn Weber*, the daughter of Eric and Anna (Loomas) who were recently baptized at St. Thomas Church. As a faith community, we welcome them into our parish families.

**PSR/CYO Thank You!** As the school year wraps up so do our religious education programs in our parish. A special thank you to Pete Pasero, Jamie Shamhart, Linda Tharp, Nichole Mulvey, and Sarah Hemrich for all that they do for our kids! It takes a lot of time and hard work to do what they do to help our youth grow in their faith. Please be sure you share your appreciation for what they do when you have a chance.

**Annual Harvest Picnic – The Pastoral Council** thanks Gary & Leslie Werkowski and Theresa Schackmann for their years of service to the parish as chairpersons of the picnic committee. The Council with leadership of Tony Weber and friends will direct the Harvest Picnic this year. A meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, to begin work on planning the event for this year. It is hoped to have a mortgage burning party to conclude the Harvest Picnic this year as the picnic was first implemented to help pay for the new church.

### Dates to Remember

We have received word from Jasper Unit #1 that the **last attendance day** for students is **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** with a teacher's institute on the 17th. Some other important dates for us:

- Tuesday, May 14th: Survivor Day  
(need volunteers)
- Wednesday, May 15th:  
8:30 am All-School Graduation Mass  
And graduation practice for 8th graders,  
2:15 p.m. Kindergarten graduation  
7:00 p.m. Sports Awards Night
- Thursday, May 16th: 3rd-8th to Park
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Parish Youth Appreciation
- Sunday, May 19th:  
11:00 a.m. 8th grade graduation mass.
- Tuesday/Wednesday, July 30th/31st:  
Registration in Parish Center

**Confirmation Group Pictures Available!** Please stop by the gathering space in church to pick up your group photo. Group photos were sent home with St. Thomas students in their parent packet on Monday. Thank you, *Sharon Schackmann*, for helping us!

**PARISH APPRECIATION DAY:** Let's join the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Thomas together for a day of fun, and fellowship. **Mark your calendars for June 2, 2019** at Sam Parr State Park, White Oak Picnic area. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by a meal for everyone to share. Pork burgers, hotdogs, chips and water will be provided, so bring your favorite finger food, lawn chairs and coolers. Sign-up sheets will be in the church the weekends of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Church League Softball.** Kaleb Wright is trying to recruit a couple of St. Thomas teams for this summer. The softball season should start around June 4<sup>th</sup>. Games are played every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening either at 6 or 7 o'clock. There are no age restrictions, but being mostly adult, he would like everyone on the team to be at least 16. It is a light hearted game, but competitive. He would like to know ASAP if anyone is interested as the team does have to pay a fee to be on the schedule. Kaleb can be contacted at his cell number - 618-421-5909. If you would like to join the team please just text message Kaleb. THANKS, Kaleb!!

**THE LADY KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS** will once again sponsor a Baby Shower for the Family Life Center in Effingham throughout the month of May. Please place your donated items in the playpen available in the gathering space. Items for newborns to 18 mos. of age would be greatly appreciated. God bless you and your support of the Right to Life.

**The BABY BOTTLE PROJECT** is just around the corner. Baby Bottles can be picked up on Mother's Day, filled with your spare change, and then returned on Father's Day. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center in Effingham. Thanks for your generosity!

**Holiday World Here We Come!** The Parish Liturgical Youth Ministries Appreciation Trip will take place on Friday, May 17, 2019. Tickets have been ordered and the school buses reserved. Buses should be boarded and ready to leave the St. Thomas Church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. The buses will also be making a quick stop at 7:45 a.m. at the Rest Area Road to pick up youth. The youth will need to bring a few extra dollars for spending cash and for a fast food stop on the way home. Estimated time of arrival back to Newton is 8:00 p.m. Thanks to Diann Ruholl and Chuck Einhorn for driving!! Thanks to Lora Ochs, Lisa Ochs, Nathan Earnest, Julie Higgs, Amy Spiker Jennifer Webster along with Fr. Dean for chaperoning.



## St. Mary's Parish News

### Finance Council:

Kate Kaufmann      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  
Maynard Kaufmann

### 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 May 18th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**Ushers:** George Kirts, Randy Reis,  
David Ochs

**Servers:** Owen Ochs, Ashtyn Ochs

**Lector:** Claire Griffith

**Gift Bearers:** Gordon & Judy Millsap

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeanne Johnson,  
Paul Kaufmann, Veronica Griffith

**RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER:** There is a play pen in the back of church during the month of May for new baby items for newborn thru 18 months of age would be greatly appreciated. This baby shower is sponsored by the Newton K of C Auxiliary. All proceeds to benefit the Family Life Center.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the May Family Life Raffle, Mike and Sherry Hall and Donna Boehl. Thanks to all who supported the raffle.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We are on the search for new Pastoral Council members. Meetings are held bi-monthly, on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to serve or nominate someone for the council, please contact the office during regular hours, or contact Fr Dean. The names of those interested in service will be placed in a bowl and following prayer, two names will be drawn. Thank you for considering to be a council member and supporting your church.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL:

Goal:	\$17,599.00
Pledged	\$6,204.00
Paid -	\$6,204.00
Balance	\$12,361.00

### This Week in our Parish

***Monday, May 13th, Our Lady of Sorrows***  
Monday Nite Dance

***Tuesday, May 14th, St Matthias***  
8:00 a.m. – Rosary  
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Mary Hartrich+)

***Wednesday, May 15th, St Isidore***

***Thursday, May 16th, Easter Weekday***  
8:00 a.m. – Rosary  
8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Betty Zwilling+)

***Friday, May 17th, Easter Weekday***

***Saturday, May 18th, St John I***  
4:00 p.m. – Mass (Int: Dick & John Helregel+)

***Sunday, May 19th, 5th Sunday of Easter***

### Stewardship as Measurement of Our Discipleship

Collection for weekend of May 4, 2019

Envelopes (30)	\$	1001.00
Loose:	\$	458.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1459.00</b>
Catholic Home Mission (1)	\$	25.00
Holy Land (1)	\$	50.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1534.00</b>

### PARISH YOUTH MINISTRIES APPRECIATION

**TRIP:** For those who have signed up to go to Holiday World on Friday May 17th, please meet at the St Thomas Parking lot, **departure time is set for 7:30 a.m.**, the estimated return time is 8:00 p.m.

**CIRCLE LEADERS:** 2018 Circle Leaders it is time to get your replacement names called into the office. There will be a picnic meeting on June 18th at 7p.m. for ALL CIRCLE LEADERS AND STAND MANAGERS. The name of your replacement needs to be called into the office by **June 12th**, so that their names can be put onto the Circle Leader Packets to be given out that night.

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## **ST. THOMAS AND ST. MARY PARISHES**



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

Residents in Health Care Facilities, Gene Zuber, Judy Wagner, Marie Wagner, Theresa Leohr, Laura Songer, Marion Bahl, Annette Rivard, Tammy Zuber, Lora Short, George Roth, June Drewes Brown, Norman Short, and Lorraine "Johnny" Ochs, Mrs. Scott (Laura) Ghast and those in our Parishes' Book of Intentions.



**Rest in Peace.** As a parish family let us continue to pray for the repose of the souls of *Lola Rohr and Marilyn (Dhom) Zumbahlen*. May they be in the loving arms of our Savior!

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

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27	Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** The American Legion Post 932, Saint Marie, IL will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7am – 11 am at the Post home. Menu: Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice. Cost is Adults \$7.00, children \$3.00.

**The Pre-Baptismal class July 7!** is for parents of infants/toddlers to be baptized. It is held every other month on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas). The next class will be held Sunday, July 7. The preparation is required prior to baptism of infant/child unless parents previously attended a session in recent years. Sponsors need affidavit of qualifications from their parish pastor.



**Jasper County Honey Do Ministries** is making plans for the 2019 work week.

**The work week is scheduled for July 8-12, 2019.** Applications for projects to be completed are available in the parish office and need to be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This work week is a great way to put our faith in action. Volunteers to work throughout the week are always needed and greatly appreciated. Contact the parish office, 783-3335, or 783-8534 to learn more.

**Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life** will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Neoga on Monday May 20. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00 pm. Fr. Suresh will be the celebrant for the 6:30 pm mass. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer for respect of all life, born and unborn. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current legislation and local pro-life events are discussed.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The Sacred Heart CCW Spring Rummage Sale will be Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and Friday, May 24, from 8:00 am until noon (\$4 bag day) in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

### **Why not give yourselves a weekend away?**

Time away from the pressures of work, and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and grow closer to that special someone who loves you, and whom you love. A special WWME weekend away is Jun. 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL; or Aug. 9-11 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call (314) 649.7317.

## **Surround Our State Capitol in Prayer**



**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**Any time between the hours  
of 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

**Students for Life Rally at  
Lincoln statue - 2:00 pm**

**Silent prayer surrounding the Capitol.  
Leave your signs at home.**

**Just bring a friend and your  
favorite prayer aids.**

**If you can't join us physically in Springfield  
during this time,  
join us spiritually with your prayers  
during this time.**

**Call 217-698-8500, x 161 for more  
information.**