

Parish Families of St. Thomas & St. Mary

Holy Masses This Week: June 6—June 12, 2016

Priests Retreat at Belleville—No Masses this week

Tuesday, June 7, Weekday

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary) No Mass

5:30 p.m. (St. Thomas) No Mass

Wednesday, June 8, Weekday

8:30 a.m. (St. Thomas) No Mass

Thursday, June 9, St. Ephrem

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary) No Mass

Friday, June 10, Weekday

8:30 a.m. (St. Thomas) No Mass

Saturday, June 11, St. Barnabas

4:00 p.m. (St. Mary) Clarence Keller

5:30 p.m. (St. Thomas) Liv. & Dec. of George Kistner Family

Sunday, June 12, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (St. Mary) Liv. & Dec. of George Kistner Family

9:00 a.m. (St. Thomas) Joe Schackmann & Julie Schackmann

3:00 p.m. (St. Thomas) Fr. Al's Jubilee Mass

LECTORS

4:00 Claire Griffith

5:30 Karen Buerster

7:30 No Mass

8:00 Ron Zwilling

9:00 Ellen Einhorn

Gift Bearers

4:00 Paul & Kate Kaufmann

5:30 Ron Ochs Family

7:30 No Mass

8:00 Ron & Nancy Zwilling

9:00 Ruth Kerner Family



4:00 Maynard & Elfrieda Kaufmann,
Bridget Kaufmann

5:30 Mark Bolander, Glenda Spiker,
Mary Ann Donsbach, Gery
Ochs, Kimberly Ochs

7:30 No Mass

8:00 Marie Wagner, Nancy Zwilling,
Lisa Ochs

9:00 Ginger Robins, Maura Cummins,
Charlie Schackmann, Lauren
Buerster, Mary Jane Bierman

4:00 Norbert Ochs, Elmer
Ochs, George Kirts

5:30 Brad Ochs

7:30 No Mass

8:00 Roger Hemrich,
Tim Keller, George Semple

9:00 Chris Rauch

SERVERS

4:00 Jacob Kaufmann & Alex Kaufmann

5:30 Allyson Kuhl & Kaitlyn Ochs
7:30 No Mass

8:00 Miranda Ochs & Kelby Ochs
9:00 Madison Blake & Makala Wilson

Our Weekly Offerings

Collection totals for the weekend of May 28-29

Envelopes (157).....	\$5,707.28	Env.'s(47).....	\$1,493.00
Loose.....	\$990.00	Loose	\$493.00
Subtotal.....	\$6,697.28	Subtotal.....	\$1,986.00
School Fund (7).....	\$215.00	Ret. Priests(2).....	\$40.00
Mission.....	\$1,171.00	Ascension (1).....	\$10.00
G.I.F.T. (1).....	\$200.00	CCC (2).....	\$35.00
		Haiti.....	\$40.00
Subtotal Other.....	\$1,586.00	Subtotal	\$125.00
Grand Total ...	\$8,283.28	Grand Total ...	\$2,111.00

This Week in Our Parish Families

St. Thomas the Apostle

Mon.: 6:30 p.m. "Angels" Mtg in parish center

Tues.: 5:00 p.m. Rosary

Thurs.: 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Memorial Blood Drive at Newton K of C Hall

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

Sun.: **No 7:30 a.m. Mass**, 3:00 p.m. Fr. Al's Jubilee Mass and Celebration! Congrats, Fr. Al

St. Mary of the Assumption

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

Sat.: Reconciliation following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sun.: 3:00 p.m. Fr. Al's Jubilee Mass and Celebration! Congrats, Fr. Al

St. Thomas School

Let's have a great summer!

- ♦ Tues., July 27 & Weds., July 28 - School Registration
- ♦ Sat., August 13—Duck Race and Back-to-School Splash and Mass/Cookout
- ♦ Weds., August 17—1st Day of School

Prayer for Fr. Al

As He Celebrates His 25th Jubilee

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Al. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him. In his sorrows, strengthen him. In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.

Readings in Preparation for Sunday Mass

Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Psalm 32:1-2,5,7,11;
Galatians 2:16, 19-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

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

Those we remembered in our prayers: Linda Kocher, Grover Michl, Elizabeth Weidner, Linda Zuber, Jeff Nunery, Theresa M. Ochs, Terre Zerkle, Bob Dallmier, Mary E. Bergbower, Keith French, Dennis Kerner, Georgiann Kocher, Kevin Jourdan, Bob Dhom, Gerald Klingler, May Einhorn, Coletta Ochs, Linda Keller, Jeff Long, Larry Brooks, Betty Hippler, Fern Parr, Delores Dorn, Ted Rohr, Connie Vanderhyde, Dave Stark, Ed Astacio, Amy Scherer, Harold Kocher, Chuck Tarr, Norman Copper, Brad Ghast, Evelyn Dhom, Autumn Sims, Ruth Ann Gowin, Madonna Klier

"Step Forward in Faith Together" Campaign



Total Paid 3rd Internal Campaign (Oct. 1, 2014)	\$366,492.59
Grand Total Pledges Collected	\$2,604,702.89
<u>WOW!!!!!!! Balance on Loan to be Paid</u>	<u>\$970,164.17</u>

Celebrating Stewardship

The "Angels" will be meeting on Monday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center meeting room. Please consider attending if you would like to learn more about the great things that they are doing in our parish and community. This weekend, they will also be handing out names that are on our sick list and need our prayers. Thanks to the "Angels" for all of their hard work and dedication to this ministry.

PSR/CYO Registration forms are being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year. Be sure to contact Pete Pasero if you would like to help out next year. Volunteers are welcomed and needed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Pete or the parish office at 783-8741.

BLOOD DRIVE - St. Thomas is sponsoring it's annual Memorial Blood Drive on June 9 at the KC Hall from 1pm to 6pm. Please donate the gift of life in memory of your deceased loved ones. Anyone wanting to help, please call Dee Bower at 618-553-4326.

The Ladies Knights of Columbus Auxiliary are not meeting in June but will see you in July. Thanks to all of the ladies for their many efforts. Contact the parish office if you would like to learn more about how to get involved in the Ladies Auxiliary.

St. Thomas CYO Youth Unplugged. Many of the CYO youth gathered this past Tuesday evening and prayed the rosary with the Rosary group and then headed over to the parish center for a card tournament. It is wonderful to see so many youth acting on their faith over the summer. Thanks to all of the CYO youth that are currently participating as lay ministers including ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. You are a great example to be followed!

JASPER COUNTY HONEY DO MINISTRIES: are making plans for the 2016 Work Week on July 11 – 15. Workers may work for half a day, a few days or the entire week. Help is always needed.

The School's Corner

SCRIP Cards + Summer Vacation = Convenient Spending and \$ for Our School. Pick up SCRIP Cards from your favorite retailers and local businesses. Stop by the SCRIP table after and between weekend Masses to select SCRIP cards from popular and local retailers.

Congratulations to Bryant Beverlin, the son of Josh and Stefani (Voudrie) for his recent baptism at St. Thomas. As a parish family and as stewards of our faith, let us join together in welcoming him to the Catholic Faith.

Congratulations Michael Benefiel who recently graduated from Rush Medical University in Chicago with a Doctorate of Medicine Degree. We wish him well and much success. Keep him in your prayers as he begins his career.

Baby Bottle Project. Please remember to return your bottles on Father's Day. Thanks for your contribution to the Family Life Center.

First Communion Pictures. PSR students that ordered First Communion Pictures can pick their pictures up in the usher's room located off of the gathering space at their convenience. Thanks!

Pictorial Directory Dates - Mark you calendar!

We will let you know when you can begin scheduling your appointments. Anyone that would like to help with the directory please contact the parish office at 783-8741.

SAVE THE DATE for the 6th Annual St. Thomas Harvest Picnic to be held on October 8th and 9th. We will have a raffle for a Grand Prize, street ready custom golf cart; First Place, \$2,000 cash; and Second Prize, \$1,000. Watch the bulletin for further details.

A Shout Out to Our Youth Choir. Thanks to all of our youth choir members for their hard work and dedication to our parish's music ministry throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have such young talent in our parish. Thanks for sharing your talents with us and reminding all of us that you are never too young (or old) to make a difference. Keep up the good work and keep singing (and playing the organ, too). Thanks Vicki, Anne and Patsy!

Protecting God's Children. *St. Isidore the Farmer Parish* will host a Protecting God's Children training on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 6:30 pm, held at Bishop Hall. Call St. Isidore Parish Office to register, 925-5788. *St. Thomas Parish* will also be hosting a training on **Thursday, July 28th** from 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Parish Center. Call the school office (783-3517) or the parish office (783-8741) to register. This is required for all new families and other volunteers.

Pre-Can. St. Isidore the Farmer Parish will have Pre-Can on Sunday, November 13th at Bishop Hall. Please call St. Isidore Parish office to register, 217-925-5788.

Tours of the Teutopolis Monastery Museum will be available on Sunday June 5th, 2016. The Museum is housed on the second floor in the former Franciscan Novitiate building. Admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Museum is open on the first Sunday of the months April thru November from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Joyce and Ray Vahling (217) 857-3586.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The widow of Nain had lost everything dear to her: her husband and her only son. In them she had lost her life support and any hope of posterity. Without even being asked, Jesus with great compassion raises her son from the dead and gives him back to her. By word and deed Jesus restores the widow's life and hope. In Jesus, "God has visited his people": In Jesus God continues to visit us, offering hope and life, even without our asking. Do we accept?

Mass change on Jubilee weekend—Next weekend, June 12th, in order for me to be best prepared for the jubilee mass; I am dropping one of other masses. With the approval of the pastoral council, there will not be a mass at 7:30. For those who must attend an early Sunday morning mass I am asking you to attend the 8am mass in Ste. Marie. Keep in mind the 3:00 jubilee mass DOES count for your Sunday obligation. If the change in the early morning 7:30 mass makes it impossible for you to attend Mass, you may call me for a dispensation.

Time change for farewell open house - I have scheduled my farewell open house on Sunday, June 26th at the KC Hall. The calendar however has the wrong times on it. The open house will be from **1 to 3**. Please note this on your own calendars.

Servers trip to Cardinals game - A reminder for the servers that the deadline for the cardinal's game on July 6th is coming up. Please drop your parental form and payment either in the collection or drop by the office.

In the midst of packing a few things and moving some boxes to Springfield, I have had a little time to watch baseball. Well, it is now June and I don't see any swoon coming from the Cubs. However, the Cardinals seem to be perking up with their pitching and defense. So, maybe this will be an exciting summer for both teams! Let's hope!
Fr. Al

St. Mary's News

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC NEWS: Judy Millsap and her committee have been busy gathering prizes for the Big Ticket Raffle so the tickets can be printed and distributed by the 1st of July. There will be a meeting for the circle leaders, managers, and any interested people on Tuesday, June 21st, at 7 pm, in the parish center. One thing that will be discussed is the circles, maybe putting some together or redefining the circles; also, any comments or suggestions about the picnic for this coming year. **NEEDED:** 3 hogs for the picnic----If anyone would like to donate a hog, please call into the office.

CIRCLE LEADERS: 2015 Circle Leaders it is time to get your replacement for this year. Circle Leaders for Circles 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 & 12 have called in their replacements, still need 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 & 13; the circle leaders last year for these circles were: Kristi Ochs (2), Jane Geltz (5), Janet Hartrich (6), Julie Warfel (7), Christina Goss (9), Susie Ochs (11), Nancy Zwilling (13) and Rose Gangloff (14). Please get your replacements called into the office before the June 21st meeting.

BABY BOTTLES: Baby bottles will be collected on June 19th, Fathers' Day. There will be boxes at the entrances in church to return the bottles. The bottles can be filled with spare change, bills or a check made out to the "Family Life Center".

PRAYER VIGIL AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD:

If you have a few minutes we hope that you will come and join us in peaceful prayer at the Effingham Planned Parenthood referral center at 415 W. Virginia Street in Effingham every Tuesday from 10 am – 4 pm. We try to cover the full 6 hours, but occasionally it's just not possible. Questions, please call Peg Muhlbachler at 217-844-2712.

TEUTOPOLIS K OF C PICNIC: The Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Picnic is June 12th. Chicken and ham dinners will be served from 11am to 6 pm in the KC Hall. Some of the events include a parade starting at noon, Bingo and lots of games. Come and enjoy a day of games, prizes, food, refreshments and FUN at the K of C grounds in Teutopolis.

St. Mary's News

FOUNDATION MUSEUM: Visit the *Amazing Grace* exhibit at the Sainte Marie Foundation House Museum on Sunday, June 5th, from 1 to 3 pm and learn the history of St. Mary's and St. Valentines churches (The Bend) in pictures, artifacts and stories. Join co-curator and Foundation vice-president Mike Hartrich who always has fascinating stories to tell about each display in the exhibit. Also, tour the historic Foundation House and the beautiful landscaped grounds.

5 K+ WALK & FUN RUN: St. Joseph Stringtown 175th Celebration 5K+ Walk & Fun Run is Saturday, June 11th. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Run starts at 9:00 am. Registration forms are in the back/front of Church.

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TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC): is having their next weekend from June 25th to June 27th, 2016. Through meditation, prayer, fun and fellowship we seek to develop and deepen our **personal** relationship with Christ. **All students ages 16 and up are invited.** The retreat will be held at the *Latter Rain Retreat Center* in Litchfield, IL and the cost of the weekend is \$100. Find more information at www.tecofspringfield.com.

DID YOU KNOW? @TEOTD are your kids AATK?: Do you understand this message? Chances are your kids do. The Internet is a great resource for information and fun; but, like nearly everything else these days, cyberspace brings with it its own set of challenges for parents. Parents should monitor their children's Internet use and become familiar with the multitude of abbreviations, acronyms and other shorthand that their children may be receiving via Internet chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and text message devices. For a searchable database of this Internet lingo, please visit www.virtus.org/virtus.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, But mosquitoes come close.