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Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: 8:30 a.m. (during school year), 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. Holy Day: 7:30 p.m.

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12.00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. also Reconciliation after Mass

Ladies Bible Study Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

PSR classes Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Men & Women's Society Meeting 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Website: www.stthomascp.org https://stthomascp.formed.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, June 28 – 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22

> Sr. Sara Koch (By Barb Lehne)

Tuesday, June 29 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

> Millie Geisler (By Mark and Mary Hill)

Wednesday, June 30 - 7:00 a.m.

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34

> George Seckman (By Leona Dunn)

Thursday, July 1 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Junipero Serra, Priest Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8

In Honor of Sr. Mary Samuella Volk's 72nd Anniversary (By Larry and Jennifer Volk)

Friday, July 2 - 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 23:1-4, 10; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13

Beth Clark (By John and Eileen King)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS - 6:00 p.m.

Jerry and Marge Herkert

<u>Saturday, July 3 – 8:00 a.m. at</u> ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas, Apostle Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

> Danny Seals (By Pauline Seals)

Saturday, July 3 - 5:30 p.m.

Elinor Davis (By Nocturnal Adoration Society)

Sunday, July 4 - 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 2:2-5: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: Mark 6:1-6a

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Barb Kuhn – For Health (By Parishioners of St. Thomas)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 19-20, 2021

Holy Family: \$3,828.25 Sister Parish: \$90.00 School Support: \$485.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 20, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,883.00 Candle Money: \$9.50

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$3,000

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nocturnal Adoration: Saturday, July 3 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on July 4 at 7:45 a.m.

Please contact Tammy at (217) 773-2825 or tmckeown@smseagle.org with any information you wish to have placed in the bulletin. I will need any information by Monday at 2:00 p.m. for insertion into the next weekend's bulletin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Father Aaron is celebrating his birthday on July 1! Please wish him a Happy Birthday!

OFFICE HOURS

School Office hours will be Monday – Tuesday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.

The rectory phone number is: (217) 773-3233.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

All Caregivers † The shut-ins of our parish and community † Matthew Bishop † For the safety of all of our military † For a Special Intention † Gay Gunn † Don and Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische † Janice Leverton † Jack Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Kim Koch † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox † Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Michelle Baucom-Keller † Myles Keller † Maisy Keller † Carol Eickelschulte † Kimberly Kestner and Baby † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Joe Ray † Maryann Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny † Marilyn Kerr † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin and family † Liz Bohannan and Baby Jack † Dawn Stoecker † Rick Parker † Barb Kuhn † Andy Ray † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed † Becky Hill

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School – Planning is underway for VBS to be held August 2–6. I am in a unique situation of needing multiple teachers and helpers this year. Please prayerfully consider helping either in a classroom, the kitchen, or decorating. All help is needed, all ages. Our young children look forward to this week all year long and it's so rewarding seeing the smiles on their faces. Please consider joining us. Please call or text Kailyn Mast at 217-617-0282.

St. Thomas - 4th of July at the Park

St. Thomas is serving homemade ice cream and pie at the 4th of July celebration at Bailey Park. We can use your help. We need folks to serve at the park (short 2-hour shifts), setting up, and tearing down. And, of course, making pies or brownies. We will have a sign-up table after Sunday Mass.

If you can help defray the cost of ingredients by making a donation, that would be greatly appreciated. You can leave your donation at the sign-up table or put it in the collection basket marked "ice cream donation." Thank you for your support.

Men and Women's Society Needs You! Please consider coming to our next meeting on June 24 at 7 p.m. at the hall. We will discuss the upcoming 4th of July ice cream and dessert at Bailey Park and, also, the Ice Cream Social on August 18. Did you know that as members of St. Thomas, you are already a member! We need all the help we can get, so just bring your willingness to serve. Remember, we are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth, as He came to serve, so should we. The meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless scheduled otherwise, like our meeting on June 24.

CareNet's Baby Bottle Blitz – If you haven't returned your baby bottle for Care Net's Baby Bottle Blitz you may still do so by bringing it on Sunday and leaving it in the back of Church.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 4, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor
Lector: Kim Gronewold

Ushers: Brent Obert, Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In all of the Gospels, we hear of Jesus' healing powers and recall the many times He manifests that healing. In today's Gospel from St. Mark, we have two powerful accounts of Jesus' healing. One thing that is

certainly highlighted in these two accounts is the gentleness with which Jesus heals the two women that He encounters.

Though often on the move and surrounded by large crowds, Jesus was not impersonal or detached when He healed, nor is He impersonal or detached as He continues to heal us. Jesus took the time to see and to restore; again, just as He does for each one of us. In the Gospel today, we hear the use of the term "Talitha koum" (meaning "little girl, I say to you, arise") as Jesus brings healing to the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official who begged Jesus to make his daughter well. In the midst of this very story in the same Gospel passage, we have the encounter of Jesus with the woman who has the hemorrhage, and we hear Jesus calling her "daughter." The use of this kind of language from Jesus (Talitha koum and daughter) underlines Jesus' affection and concern for His people, for each one of us.

In the accounts of healing that we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus didn't want these healings to be anonymous. He didn't want to simply relieve physical symptoms, Jesus wanted to speak to the person, to look into their eyes, to touch them. And Jesus desires to do the same for us as well. Thus, even though it is reported to Him that Jairus' child has died. Jesus goes to her, takes her hand, and tells her to arise. In the case of the woman with the hemorrhage, it clearly seemed ridiculous to the disciples when Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" All the disciples could see was the pressing crowd, a mob of anonymity. But Jesus saw more than that. His words break through that veil and that obscurity, and a personal encounter follows. What a beautiful account of Jesus' working and Jesus' healing, and a great reminder to us of Jesus' own healing in our lives.

Imagine how the afflicted woman must have sought that encounter with Christ, while navigating the expansiveness of the crowd. With her heart full of faith and determination, she went to great lengths in order to encounter Christ, the One who she knew could help her. She came face to face with Jesus, who not only recognized her pain but also her faith and courage. Imagine

the healing the Lord will bring into our lives – your life – with the same faith, courage, and determination.

Jesus' use of the term daughter here is a powerful moment in Sacred Scripture. The woman is not simply another needy face in the crowd. She is a daughter, just as the dying girl in the same Scripture passage is a little child. We too are sons and daughters of the Father. Christ desires to heal us. wherever that healing is needed, with compassion and love. He desires this so much that He suffered and died, He Himself, so that we might live. We can approach the Lord as Jairus did and as the woman in the crowd did, confident of His care and His desire for our good. Our faith in Him will allow Him to work in us for our sake, and that of the world.

And now just a few notes:

- VISITING MISSIONARY - We welcome Fr. Paul Choorathttiyil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational, and charitable activities in their missions. They also request our special financial support to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in India. The pandemic has taken a serious toll on their missions, impacting their overall health and well-being, financial stability, and entire way of life. There will be special a collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. I urge you to be generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help.

If you are not prepared to make an offering today, or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and our parishes in their prayers and Mass offerings.

We are preparing special envelopes for you to use for this. Please use the envelopes if possible. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to the parish (the parish will forward all funds collected) and note on the check "MISSION APPEAL."

- LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK-
- Monday, June 28 Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. St. Irenaeus was the Bishop of Lyons for twenty-five years. He wrote against Gnosticism (a heresy that, in short and among other things, denies the Divinity of Christ and which is closely linked to modern day New Age movements). He was the first to provide coherent rationale for a Christian Bible including both testaments and the first to offer a comprehensive account of belief in God's universal providential and redemptive economy. St. Irenaeus died a Martyr around the year 202. St. Irenaeus, Pray for us!
- Tuesday, June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. St. Peter was a Galilean fisherman and spokesman for the Twelve chosen Apostles. Two Epistles in Sacred Scripture are attributed to him. He is the patron of those in the fishing industry. St. Peter was martyred in Rome under Nero around the year 64.
- St. Paul was a Pharisee who became known as the "Apostle of the Gentiles." It is believed that St. Paul was martyred in Rome around the year 67. He is the patron of the lay apostolate, Catholic Action, Malta, and Greece.

Saints Peter and Paul are both the principal patrons of Rome and are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, June 30 - Optional memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church. The many Christians who were tortured, crucified, and burned alive around the year 64 in Nero's garden on the Vatican Hill are honored today. Both the pagan writer, Tacitus, and Pope St. Clement I testify to these events in their writings. First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 1 Optional memorial (in the United States) of St. Junipero Serra, Priest. St. Junipero Serra was a Franciscan missionary from Spain who established nine of the California missions. He baptized over 6,000 native peoples and is recognized as a builder of the state of California. Pope St. John Paul II described St. Junipero Serra as "an exemplary model of the selfless evangelizer." St. Junipero Serra died in 1784. St. Junipero Serra, Pray for Us!
- Saturday, July 3 Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (For the parish of St. Thomas, this is celebrated as a Solemnity). St. Thomas' doubting gave way to faith when he saw the Risen Lord. St. Thomas is associated with founding the Church in south India. He is mentioned in the Roman Canon and is the patron of builders, India, and Pakistan. St. Thomas was martyred in the first century. St. Thomas the Apostle, Pray for us!
- Please note that the optional memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal is perpetually transferred from July 4 to July 5.
- ANNIVERSARY Thursday, July 1 marks the one-year anniversary of my being appointed Pastor of Holy Family Parish and St. Thomas Parish. What a blessing it is for me to be here as your Pastor. This first year seems to have gone so very fast. There was certainly a lot for me to learn (and still is), but it has been a very good year because of the grace of God, who provides all that we need. Thank you for your kind support this past year.
- BIRTHDAY Thursday, July 1 I also celebrate my 43rd birthday. I don't really like to broadcast it but, really, what a beautiful celebration birthdays are as we recognize the great gift of life that God has given us and the many gifts and blessings that He fills that life with.
- FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION It is almost hard to believe but we are at yet another First Friday. We will have First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas on Friday, July 2. Adoration will begin at Noon and go through 5:45 p.m. Benediction will be at 5:45 p.m. with Mass following at 6:00 p.m. Confession will be available from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please try to take some time to spend in

Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to celebrate Mass with us. What a powerful way to grow ever closer to the Lord!

- NOCTURNAL ADORATION At Holy Family, beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3 and running through 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. Benediction will be at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regular 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Again, please consider spending some time with the Blessed Sacrament. What a beautiful opportunity!
- MASS AT ST. THOMAS As I noted above, Saturday, July 3 is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. In the Church of St. Thomas, this is celebrated as a Solemnity and is a significant celebration for the parish. I am planning to celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. that morning at St. Thomas. After Mass, I am hoping to have some rolls and coffee in the parish hall for us to enjoy as well, as the parish celebrates this Solemnity. I do hope that you will be able to join us for the celebration of this Solemnity.
- INDEPENDENCE DAY Independence Day is next Sunday. This, of course, is an important celebration for us in the United States and we recognize the importance of our freedom and our need to protect that, especially our Religious Liberty. We thank God for our freedom and for the many gifts and blessings He alone has bestowed upon us. Hopefully as folks celebrate this day, they will recognize this and first give praise and thanks to God.

As such, Independence Day is a secular celebration. That does not mean it is not significant for us and to us, because certainly it is. While we celebrate Independence Day, we do give praise and thanks to God for that freedom (hopefully understood correctly) and recognize that it is only in and through Christ that we have true and complete freedom. Liturgically, we will be celebrating the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time on July 4.

- YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH - Please remember that we remain in the Year of St. Joseph. St Joseph is a powerful intercessor for us and a great model for us as we live out our Christian lives. Remember to include a prayer to St. Joseph each day for his intercession. St. Thomas has placed copies of the Litany of St. Joseph at the entrance of the Church. This is a beautiful Litany and one that you might consider taking and using each day in your prayer. St. Joseph, Pray for us!

- BABY BOTTLES Just a reminder that if you have not yet returned your baby bottle with a contribution for one of the pregnancy centers, please do so as soon as possible.
- PIE and ICE CREAM St. Thomas will once again be serving homemade ice cream and pie at the Fourth of July Celebration in Bailey Park in Camp Point. We need folks to help and to bring pies. There has been a sign-up after the Sunday Mass the last few weeks to sign up. We still need some assistance so if you receive a call for help or for pie, please help in any way you can. I ask you all to do what you can to help support this. There is also a need for ice cream containers. If you have some, please drop them off at the hall or church.
- DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Again, I want to encourage you to join folks around the Diocese at 4:40 p.m. each day in praying one Hail Mary for our Diocese to have 40 seminarians. This was begun some time ago, and I hope that you will join us in this. Our need for good and holy vocations remains. Thank you for supporting all vocations in the Church, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

NO COFFEE and DONUTS – Since the First Sunday of July this year is the Fourth of July and St. Thomas will be busy serving pie and ice cream in the park, there will be no coffee and donuts after Mass.

As a side note to this, thank you to those who have begun this again. To keep it going, we need folks to take a turn to coordinate this each month. Please contact Robin Coggeshall to let him know what month you can take care of it.

URGENT NEED FOR PRAYER, SACRIFICE, AND REPARATION – There are many things for which we need to offer prayer, sacrifice, and reparation. I urge you to remember especially:

The dignity, sanctity, and protection of all human life in all stages. Human life begins at the moment of conception, and no one has a "right" to determine otherwise or to take human life in any stage. The attack on life, which is so prevalent, is a real tragedy of enormous consequence.

The protection of religious liberty and religious freedom, which is constantly under attack even in our own country.

The protection of family, family life, and the sanctity of marriage, as well as good and holy vocations to the married life. Marriage and family life are under vicious attack from many angles. Satan seeks to destroy authentic marriage and family life since it is a reflection of God's goodness and His intention for creation.

The recognition of the Sacredness of and the Real Presence of the Most Holy Eucharist. Somehow, many folks have sadly lost the reverence for the Holy Eucharist. Some see it as a "right" that they have. Many fail to see it as a gift to us. Many do not know, do not acknowledge, or do not care that the Holy Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ Himself, the fullness of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Again, in all the many things that we need to offer prayer, sacrifice, and reparation for, please keep these things especially in your heart and in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. As always, please be assured of my continued daily prayers for each one of you. May you know Christ's loving presence all the more in your life and may you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for

<u>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

June 27, 2021

Fear and Faith. Two stories today told by Saint Mark. Both start in fear. Fear by the woman touching Jesus' cloak and making

Him unclean. Fear by Jairus over his dying daughter, who regrettably dies before Jesus gets to her. Jesus words to both: faith saves; have faith.

- What am I willing to do in faith to get some needed action, some blessed relief?
- How can I boldly be about asking God for what I (think I) need?
- How can I comfort someone facing the death of one they love?

Bosco Kids Updates

We are starting to plan for next year's activities for Bosco Kids and other religious education programs for the parish.

Bosco Kids will start with registration and orientation on Wednesday 9/8 at 6:15. We need a couple more teachers in this program.

We are planning to start a Youth Group Program for our high school students. We are very excited to start this and are looking for adults and teens to help us get this organized. We will plan a meeting in June to start the planning.

RCIA will start in September for anyone interested in getting more information about joining the Catholic Church next year.

Please contact Ann O'Sullivan, PSR Coordinator, at 217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com if you have questions about or are interested in helping out or joining any of these programs.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you forgot to return your baby bottle on Father's Day, please bring it next week. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rushville. Please return the baby bottle even if you are not making a contribution.

