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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.

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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, August 23 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 3:13-22

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 24 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Communion Service

Wednesday, August 25 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-31

Norbert, Mary Jo & Linda Busen (By Tony Busen)

Thursday, August 26 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

Dave Downey (By Kay, Michelle, Kim & Dava)

<u>Friday, August 27 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Monica 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

Russell Volk (By Ed & Norma Markert)

Saturday, August 28 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

> Jennifer Volk (By Barb Lehne)

<u>Sunday, August 29 - 8:00 a.m.</u>

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-35

Hazel Kozak (By Marie Smith)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 14-15, 2021

Holy Family: \$2,386.57 Sister Parish: \$19.00 School Support: \$40.00 Assumption of Mary: \$315.00 Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 15, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,422.00 Assumption of Mary: \$345.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Red Cross Blood Drive: The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be located at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, August 25, 12:00 - 6:00 p.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.

OFFICE HOURS

School Office hours will be Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.

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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Please keep the following in your prayers:</u>

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 & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische

† Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † 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 & 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 & family † Dawn Stoecker † Barb Kuhn † Andy Ray † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed † Becky Hill † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Karen Saxer † Kay Downey † Marilyn Clark † Boyd Hatfield

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger who passed away on August 16, 2021. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Parish School of Religion (PSR) will kick off with Meet the Catechist night on September 1. We will start with curriculum lessons in the classroom on September 15. We meet from 6:30–7:45 p.m. Registration forms and calendars can be obtained from Laura Evans! You can contact her at levans@adams.net or by calling her at 217-316-1734.

† Janice Leverton † Jack Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox Thanks to all that baked and bought chances for Birthright at the KC Barbeque event. We were so proud of the abundance of delicious baked items from the St. Thomas Church. The winners of the raffle were Jerry Hickey and Phyllis Lugering.

> Pastoral Council Minutes August 12, 2021 Janice Brady, Brent Obert, Claudia Coggeshall, Laura Evans, Fr. Aaron

> Pastoral Council – Stewardship Program starting this July. More information will be coming from Father concerning this.

Springfield Diocese Pastoral Council Guidelines were discussed.

There are several people who have agreed to open and close the Church Monday - Friday. More information to follow.

<u>DRE - PSR</u> September 1: Meet the Teachers night. September 15: PSR starts. Survey sent out to PSR families resulted in keeping PSR on Wednesday evenings. Parish-wide study made available through a grant will be offered in the future. VBS discussed and possibility of bringing Totus Tuus, a week-long Catholic youth mission program, to the parish in the future.

Men's and Women's – Ice Cream Social August 18.

Buildings and Grounds - Hall items needing to be replaced, placed, or cleaned discussed.

Liturgical – Father will be instructing altar servers after PSR starts.

Next meeting September 9, 2021.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 29, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Gary Mast Lector: Tod Perry

Gift Bearers: Butch & Carol Likes

Ushers: John Brady, Lucas Likes

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 (Holy Family's PSR Program for Pre-K-8th grade) will start with registration and orientation on Wednesday 9/8 at 6:15-7:30 in the St Mary's cafeteria. Regular classes will start on 9/15 from 6:15-7:30.

We are looking for a teacher for grades 4-6. I would love to talk with you if you're interested – it's a very rewarding experience!!

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.

RCIA will start September 22 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

One of the lines in today's Gospel is among one of the saddest lines we find in Sacred Scripture. I wonder how many of us catch it when we hear it? I wonder sometimes if that line moves us at all? That line is the one that reads "many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him."

You see, over the last few weeks, we've had an interjection of the Gospel of John into our Liturgy. Today's Gospel is the final one we will hear from John for a while. Next week, we will move back into the Gospel of Mark. Those Gospel passages from John that we've heard the last few weeks (except for last week, of course, when we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven) are referred to as

the Bread of Life Discourse, and you recall that Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread of Life, the Living Bread come down from Heaven. And He goes on to say that whoever eats His Flesh and drinks His Blood has Eternal Life. And that should bring us great comfort and hope and peace.

But at the beginning of today's Gospel, at we find some of the people once again ar murmuring among themselves much like we heard a few weeks ago. They say, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" referring to Jesus' declaration that whoever eats His Flesh and drinks His Blood has Eternal Life.

And, in fact, Christianity, lived fully and authentically, is hard. There is no doubt about that. And anyone who is trying to live a full, authentic Christian life can attest to that. If it were easy, everyone would be doing it.

But we notice two things about Jesus' reaction to this. First, Jesus does not chase after those who turn and walk away from the Truth. He doesn't go and say, "Oh, I didn't really mean what I said, don't go, please." Or something like "I'll alter the Truth just a little bit, so you feel more comfortable." No, Jesus speaks the Truth, for He is Truth itself, and invites others to share in that Truth. Then the ball is in our court.

Second, we notice that Jesus turns to the twelve and he says, "Do you also want to leave?" You see, Jesus never ever forces us into a relationship with Him. He wants to have a relationship with us. He wants to be very much a part of our life. But we have to accept His invitation for Him to be part of our life.

That question Jesus posed to the twelve He also asks of us, "Do you also want to leave?" And although we may be saying right now, "Oh, of course not. I want to stay and be with the Lord." Make no mistake about it, when our faith is tested and we are shaken and ridiculed and persecuted and looked down upon for proclaiming and upholding the Truth of Jesus Christ, the question will still be before us, "Do you also want to leave?" And if our faith in the Risen Lord and

our commitment to Him has not been to whom shall we go? You have the words of nurtured and strengthened all along the way, eternal life. We have come to believe and are the temptation to turn and walk away could convinced that you are the Holy One of God." prove to be too great for us.

Now, one thing to note for sure. Just because Jesus let those folks turn and walk away, and just because He doesn't force a relationship with Him onto us, does not mean, in no way, that Jesus does not care for those folks, that Jesus has somehow turned His back on them. For this simply is not true.

But the Truth, that Truth we are each called to witness to, can be difficult for some folks to accept and to live by. And our first reading from the Book of Joshua is a good reminder for us of the many, many things that tempt us, and indeed become idols for us, drawing us away from God. We cannot possibly serve both. And Joshua's statement in the first reading to the people he gathered together is for us as well: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve..." And we need to honestly reflect on that in our own lives, each and every day, regardless of our state in life.

Our Responsorial Psalm today reminds us that "Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the Lord delivers him." Indeed, the Lord does not promise that the Christian Life will be an easy one. In fact, He speaks of the hardships we will endure. But the Lord does promise Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven for those who accept His invitation to fully enter into their lives.

And so, as we continue to live out our Christian lives more fully, let us reflect on our own lives as Christians and how we can more fully live the uncompromising Truth of Jesus Christ; so as to be an example to others and draw ourselves and others closer to Christ so that we may one day share in Eternal Life with our Heavenly Father. Let us ask the Lord to give us strength and to help us rid ourselves of any earthly idols so that when faced with the question "Do you also want to leave?" we can, with a sincere heart. respond like Peter in today's Gospel, "Master,

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, August 23 Optional memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. St. Rose of Lima was born Isabel de Oliva and was a Peruvian mystic. Because of her beauty, she was nicknamed "Rosa." She was a Third Order Dominican, living a life of penance and solitude while caring for the homeless, elderly, and sick. She died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one. St. Rose is the patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru. She is also the patroness of florists and gardeners. St. Rose of Lima, Pray for Us!
- Tuesday, August 24 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Bartholomew is likely a surname in the Synoptic Gospels meaning "the son of Tolmai." In John's Gospel, he is known as Nathaniel. He is closely associated with Philip and is said to have preached the Gospel in India and in Armenia. According to tradition he was martyred by being flayed alive in the First Century. St. Bartholomew, Pray for us!
- Wednesday, August 25 Optional memorials of St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz. St. Louis IX of France was a model ruler and father of eleven. He was a Third Order Franciscan who cared especially for lepers. He built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the crown of thorns. While on his second crusade, he died of the plague near Tunis in 1270. He is the patron of masons and sculptors. St. Louis, Pray for us!
- Friday, August 27 Obligatory Memorial of St. Monica - After thirty years of prayer, St. Monica obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband and under the guidance of St. Ambrose (whose Memorial is celebrated on December 7), she won the conversion of her eldest son. St. Augustine. St. Monica died in 387 and is the patroness of mothers. St. Monica, Pray for us!

- Saturday, August 28 Obligatory Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and to all those who helped with Vacation Bible Doctor of the Church. After a dissolute life, St. Augustine received Baptism at the age of thirty-three from St. Ambrose. He was elected Bishop of Hippo Regius, combated Manichees, the Donatists, and Pelagius, and is most noted for his writings - Confessions and City of God - as well as some 500 homilies. He is considered the founder of monastic life in the West and his Rule (whose mantra for community life is anima una et cor unum ad Deum) is observed by some 100 religious communities today. St. Augustine is considered one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church, called the "Doctor of Grace." He died in 430 in Hippo Regius. St. Augustine, Pray for us!
- COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a Communion Service on Tuesday, August 24 at Holy Family at 7:00 a.m. instead of Mass. Thank you for your understanding.
- FRIDAY MASSES A reminder that Friday Masses at Holy Family will be at 8:30 a.m., regardless if school is in session or not. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays.
- CONFESSIONS The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at Holy Family. I am still looking at adding an additional day during the week for confessions at both parishes as well.
- START OF SCHOOL We are happy to have another school vear underway St. Mary School. School began this past Wednesday. I ask you to continue to keep our school, teachers, staff, and students in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support of the great gift and blessing of St. Mary School.
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL Thank you to all who attended and helped with St. Thomas ice cream social this past Wednesday. Again, it is so good to see the people of the parishes coming together to work together and to pray together.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Thank you School at St. Thomas this year. It is good to have our young people engaged in the activities at the parish.
- PSR PSR at St. Thomas will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Registration and the opportunity to meet the catechists will be on Wednesday, September 1. Information and registration forms are in the back of St. Thomas Church. Contact Laura Evans with any questions.

PSR/Bosco Kids at Holy Family will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration will be the week Wednesday, September 8. Contact Ann O'Sullivan with any questions.

Thank you to all of our PSR teachers at both parishes who give generously of their time to help teach the faith to our children. I remind parents that you are the first teachers of your children. Regular weekly attendance at PSR and the celebration of the Sunday Liturgy is important and should be made a priority in your schedules.

- RCIA - Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Our next RCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 22. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan or myself for more information.

CHURCH REPAIRS - I have met with some contractors for the roof and bell tower repairs at Holy Family. I am hoping to get us on their calendar to begin work sometime soon. I will keep you updated.

The roof and bell tower will be the first projects followed by the masonry work. These three projects are of most immediate need. I am hoping to have them completed simultaneously, or at least one immediately following the other.

After this work is completed, there are still some major projects to accomplish on the exterior of the church including the restoration of the guttering and painting.

Interior projects, as well as other exterior projects, will move forward as we are able to finance them.

This restoration of our church is so vitally important and necessary. It is a large project that we are undertaking that will take a considerable amount of time to fully complete.

Thank you to those who understand the great necessity of these restorations for the preservation of the church building and have generously supported the restoration. I ask each of you to continue to pray for this major project and to support it in any way that you can. May God bless you abundantly for your support and generosity.

– 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.

Thank you once again for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You remain in my prayers each and every day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>August 22, 2021</u>

One Last Bread of Life Story. The gospel today is filled with doubt, murmuring, shock, and disbelief. So much so, that many stopped following Jesus, returning to their former lives. Jesus, thus, asked the Twelve: "What about you?" Peter answers for them: "To whom shall we go? We are convinced you are the Holy One of God."

• Why do I still follow Jesus?

- Of what am I convinced about him?
- Bread of life. Communion. What do I believe?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONVENTION

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their 92nd annual convention, "Living God's Plan for Life, Love and the Family," for all women of the diocese, on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at Hamilton's South Ballroom, 110 N. East Street, Jacksonville, IL, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bishop Paprocki, along with priests of the diocese, will celebrate 11:00 a.m. Mass for the convention attendees at Our Savior Catholic Church, Jacksonville, and join in the banquet luncheon directly afterwards at Hamilton's.

Coleen Kelly Mast – Quincy IL native, motivational and engaging speaker, and popular radio host on more than 250 Catholic Radio Stations via the EWTN network and Sirius Satellite Radio – will have morning and afternoon talks entitled "The 4 Heart Healthy Habits for Holiness" and "LoveEd: Witnessing the Truth in Today's Confused World." She offers a powerful yet simple message with the right touch of lighthearted humor woven in.

Each parish is asked to provide a basket for the Silent Auction that day, which funds the charitable works of the SDCCW.

You are called and encouraged to come to this important gathering of women of all ages, which seeks to enhance, enrich, and renew family life with the beauty and riches that God planned for it from the time of creation. Do not miss this great opportunity to be inspired, learn, and be more equipped to help God and His Holy Mother in building strong, happy, holy children and families. The family is the foundational structure of our world. "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." – St. John Paul II.

More information, registration forms, and handmade quilt and baby afghan raffle tickets are provided for each parish to put in lobbies, etc. Raffle tickets are being sold by each parish now and at the convention. Please support this effort by the Catholic Women of our diocese by signing up and bringing someone and encouraging others to attend!

