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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

## Monday, January 17 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Communion Service

# Tuesday, January 18 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Dorothy Tracy (By Jerry & Lila Shoopman)

## Wednesday, January 19 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

James G. & Norma Wort (By the Children)

## Thursday, January 20 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

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

# Friday, January 21 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 1 Samuel 24:4-21; Mark 3:13-19

Russell Volk (By Rick & Connie Kunkel)

## Saturday, January 22 - 7:00 a.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (Adoration from 5:45 – 6:45 a.m.)

For the Protection of and Respect for All Human Life in All Stages

## <u>Saturday, January 22 - 9:30 a.m.</u> <u>AT ST. THOMAS</u>

(Adoration from 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.)

For the Protection of and Respect for All Human Life in All Stages

## <u>Saturday, January 22 - 5:30 p.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

Mike Metzger (By Marilyn Clark)

# **Sunday, January 23 - 8:00 a.m.**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

#### St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Faye Greenwell (By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall)

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 8-9, 2022

Holy Family: \$5,172.20 Sister Parish: \$135.00 School Support: \$986.00 Christmas: \$90.00 New Year's: \$135.00 Catholic Times: \$405.00 First Offering: \$140.00 Church in Latin America: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

#### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 9, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,327.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$45.00 Catholic Times: \$215.00

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Legion of Mary meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. New members are welcome to attend.
- ❖ Holy Family Bosco Kids meets Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 and RCIA meets on Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 in the school cafeteria. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan for more information or questions about either of these programs, osullivan2031@gmail.com or 217-257-2516.
- ❖ Mt. Sterling K of C Council #1281 Pancake, Sausage, and Egg Breakfast: Saturday, January 22, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at K of C Hall. Adults: \$10.00; children, 5−10 years old: \$5.00. Dine in or carry out available.

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 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 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 & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische † Janice Leverton † Jack and Margo Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox † Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Maryann Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin & family † Barb Kuhn † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore † Randy McAvoy † Maddy Perry † Greg Flynn † Joe Ray † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw

# ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

## January 23, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Lector: Karen Jansen

**Gift Bearers:** A. Llewellyn Family

**Eucharistic** 

**Minister:** Laura Evans

**Ushers:** Denny Campbell, John Brady

## From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are mindful that Jesus let His glory be seen and His disciples believed in Him.

We have in our Gospel passage today, the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Weddings are joyous occasions which express our desire for a full and happy life. The image of a wedding is frequently used throughout the Old Testament to describe God's relationship with His chosen, Israel. Though often unfaithful, God always took her back, forgave her, and turned her sadness into joy.

As she awaited the coming of the Messiah, Israel's hopes were expressed in terms of a wedding, a time of great rejoicing and celebration. Like abundant wine, God's blessings would be poured out on His people in full measure.

As we hear the account of the miracle at Cana, it is hard not to notice the shadow of the Cross. Like all of Jesus' signs and miracles, this points to the greatest of all His signs, when He will be lifted up in obedience to the Father, for the salvation of humanity. This will be how the new covenant, marriage between God and His people, will be brought about. Here, Jesus speaks about His hour, a reference to that time when His truest identity and glory will be revealed.

Also significant is the fact that Jesus' mother is present at the wedding. In addressing her as woman, a title He will also use from

the cross, Jesus is referring back to another woman, through whom sin first entered the world. Here now, through this woman, Mary, His mother, the healing of that sin will begin in her Son.

For Christians, the cross is the ultimate blessing, as it is the source of eternal life. The many gallons of wine in the Gospel today is indicative of the inexhaustible riches of God poured out on the faithful believer. Just as a wedding is a sign of who we are and what we hope for, so the miracle of Cana is a sign of what God offers us if we put our faith and trust in Him.

Through the death and resurrection of His Son, God offers us more than we could ever imagine. In addition to the gifts of the Spirit as listed by St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians that we have as our second reading today. God offers us the fullness of life and love. It is through faith that the water of our daily lives with all its challenges and achievements can be transformed into something far superior - full bodied and with a deep quality and bouquet. Through faith, our lives gain a new depth and meaning if we simply do as Mary says in the Gospel today; do whatever [Jesus] tells you. May each of us know that new depth and meaning as we respond more fully to the Lord, doing what He tells us to do.

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, January 17 Obligatory Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot. St. Anthony or Antony, sometimes referred to as St. Anthony of the Desert, was born in upper Egypt in the year 251. He was a hermit and early founder of religious life. He is called the "Patriarch of Monks" and aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combatting Arianism (the heresy that denied the Divinity of Christ). He died in 356 at the age of 105. St. Anthony, Pray for us!
- Thursday, January 20 Optional memorials of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, and St. Sebastian, Martyr. Fabian was elected Bishop of Rome in 236. He was described as an "incomparable man, the glory of whose

death corresponded with the holiness of his life." He died a martyr in the year 250 under Decius. His body was transferred from the Catacombs of Callistus to the Basilica of St. Sebastian. St. Fabian, Pray for us!

- St. Sebastian was chief of the Praetorian cohort, said to have been pierced by arrows and later clubbed to death. He died a martyr around the year 288 and is the patron of archers, soldiers, and police associations. St. Sebastian, Pray for us!
- Friday, January 21 Obligatory Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr. St. Agnes is noted as a patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence. St. Agnes is represented with a Martyr's palm and a lamb (her name in Latin, Agnus, means lamb). An interesting note, the wool from two lambs will be blessed this day and used to make the pallia (an ecclesiastical vestment conferred by the Holy Father) which will be blessed by the Pope on June 29. Metropolitan Bishops receive those pallia in a separate ceremony within their home Dioceses from the Apostolic Nuncio. St. Agnes was martyred around the beginning of the fourth century under Diocletian at the age of twelve. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Agnes, Pray for us!
- Saturday, January 22 In the United States of America, on this anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade in 1973, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #373, all dioceses of the United States shall observe "a day of prayer for the full restoration and the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." Thus, in the United States, this day is noted as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

In the United States of America, the optional memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, is perpetually transferred from January 22 to January 23 (omitted this year since January 23 falls on a Sunday).

- DOORS - As you leave Holy Family Church, please make sure the door latches securely. Sometimes they need a little push to latch. I am working to hopefully fix that. Thank you for your attention to this.

Additionally, if you are in the convent for any reason, please make sure the front door is also latched securely as you leave. I will be replacing the doorknob on that door, but the one currently on it sometimes sticks and does not latch. Again, thank you for your attention to this.

- BAPTISM On Sunday, January 9, I baptized Jocelyn Irene Shoopman, daughter of Bret and Victoria (Murihead) Shoopman. We welcome Jocelyn Irene as a daughter of God, and we congratulate her family on this gift of life.
- NO SCHOOL In the United States of America, Monday, January 17, marks the celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. This is not a liturgical celebration, but it is a federal holiday. There is no school on this day.
- CHRISTIAN UNITY In the United States of America, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday, January 18. We include in our prayers in a special way that week the unity of all Christians.
- PANCAKES & SAUSAGE The Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is Saturday, January 22, serving from 6:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. It is always a delicious meal so plan to join us. As I note further down, I will be having Adoration and Mass at both parishes that morning so you may not see me at the breakfast.
- SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD Just a reminder that next Sunday, January 23, is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, "a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." We remain mindful of the necessity of the Word of God in our life and strive each day to capture its importance and significance for each of us.
- MOSTACCIOLI DINNER The St. Mary School Mostaccioli Dinner is back! Mark your

calendars for Saturday evening, January 29, in the School Cafeteria following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. It is sure to be a great meal as we kick off Catholic Schools Week.

- PRAYERS FOR THE SICK I ask you to continue to pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially the parishioners of our parishes and members of our school families. I ask you to also keep Fr. Steve Thompson's mother in your prayers. As I mentioned at all the Masses last weekend, Mrs. Thompson suffered a stroke last Saturday morning. As I receive any other information, I will let you know.
- PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES As noted above, Saturday, January 22, marks the 49th anniversary of the sad and tragic Supreme Court Decision in Roe vs. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States and directly contributing to the murder of hundreds of thousands of children. This is a great tragedy in our world and one that every person, Christian and non-Christian alike, should be appalled by. More recently, there have been even greater attacks against the sanctity, dignity, and respect for every human life. It is nothing less than a horrific tragedy, one that calls out for repentance, sacrifice, and prayer for each of us.

There are a number of activities that I encourage each of us to participate in if possible:

- 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA This novena for the protection of human life begins on Wednesday, January 19, and runs for nine days, of course, ending on Thursday, January 27. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. You can go to <a href="https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup">https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup</a> to sign up, learn more, and to download the prayers for each day. If you do not use the computer, let me know and I will be happy to get the prayers to you in printed form.
- MARCH FOR LIFE IN SPRINGFIELD The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites you to join the diocesan-wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21. It will begin

with Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield followed by an 11:00 a.m. march to the Illinois State Capitol. The Mass and march are intended for 7th–12th graders, college students, and adults. For more information and resources or to register, you may visit:

https://www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl. If you have any difficulties or questions, please let me know. Claudia Coggeshall from St. Thomas is planning to go, weather permitting. You can also contact her for more information. Perhaps folks can carpool over. Together we can create a world where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued.

- NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE This yearly event is scheduled for Friday, January 21, as well, in Washington D.C. More information is available at: <a href="https://marchforlife.org/">https://marchforlife.org/</a>. This website has some good information available pertaining to more than just the National March for Life itself.
- DOBBS SUPREME COURT CASE Please continue to pray for our Supreme Court. We face many issues concerning the protection of human life, family life, and religious freedom. We continue to offer prayers for our lawmakers and our Supreme Court, and we pray especially for the Dobbs case now before the Supreme Court of the United States.
- MASSES & ADORATION On Saturday, January 22 which marks the actual anniversary of the sad and tragic Supreme Court Decision in Roe vs. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States and directly contributing to the murder of hundreds of thousands of children as I noted above I will be offering Mass and Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages.

At Holy Family, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 5:45 a.m. – 6:45 a.m. Benediction will be at 6:45 a.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 a.m.

At St. Thomas, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Benediction will be at 9:15 a.m. followed by Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Life, of course, begins at the moment of conception. It is God Himself who is the Author of life and gives life. No one has a right to end that life. The primary purpose for these Masses and Adoration is to pray for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages, to reflect on God's great gift of life, and to thank Him for that gift. In addition to our prayers, at each of these Masses, I will have a basket available in the back of each church if you would like to make a contribution to a local pregnancy center.

I know some of these times are very early and we all have lots of things going on. But isn't it worth it? Isn't life worth our small sacrifice? I do hope that each of you will consider joining us.

Regardless of your ability to participate in any of the above activities, you can certainly pray and sacrifice. What a great gift and witness to life that is!

Thank you for all you do and for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Thank you also for your prayers for life. So many people do so many things behind the scenes, sometimes known, sometimes unknown. It is with great sincerity that I offer my gratitude for all you do. Please know of my continued prayers for each of you. May you have a most blessed week!

- Fr. Aaron

# Bulletin Short for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Believing Signs. At first glance, these readings lead us to bride and groom, gifts, and marriage. But there are important things underneath, important truths at the heart of these proclamations. God has not and will not abandon us (Isaiah). Charisms, that is, gifts of the Spirit, are given to everyone to use for the common good, not just one's own good (Corinthians). The miracle of water to wine is the first of many signs of the Messiah, the Christ (John). God's signs and good activity are everywhere.

- What evidence do I have that God is with us still?
- What gifts that I have, given by the Spirit, will I put to use for the good of another?
- Christ is active all the time. What little and big signs of this goodness can I be part of? What signs will I rejoice in?

#### MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery will be closing their books for 2021 shortly. If you wish to make a contribution, please drop in the collection or mail to: Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery, P.O. Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

#### TAX REPORTING

If any parishioner would like to receive a statement of contributions for calendar year 2020, please contact the School Office at 217-773-2825 (for Holy Family) and 217-593-6685 (for St. Thomas). A contribution statement will not be provided unless a request is received. As always, we suggest you refer to your own personal contribution records if at all possible.

#### THANK YOU

If you remembered us with prayers, cards, or gifts during the Christmas season, we thank you. May God bless you in 2022 and always!

Father Aaron and Deacon Mike

## HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Joan Zurita - In memory of the deceased members of the Raymond & Marie Koch Family

Jim & Rosanne Ray - In memory of Francis & Mary Ray, William & Ruth Ormond, and Joan O'Connor

Norma Hufnagel – In memory of Ramon Hufnagel, Emmett & Dorothy Lehne, Robert & Darlene Lehne, Elmer & Evelyn Hufnagel

Cheryl Dillard - In memory of Bob & Sylva Dixon & Julie Link

Jim & Doris Duvendack - In memory of Robert & Dorothy Bollin and Richard & Aryetta Duvendack

Cheryl Flynn - In memory of Vernon & Jeanette Flynn

Jane Veith - In memory of the families of Joseph & Rosa Klingele and the families of Frank & Edith Veith

Kenny & Mary Koch - In memory of Norma Koch

John & Eileen King - In memory of the King - Cisson Families

Mary Kassing - In memory of Vic Kassing, Allen Kassing & Joyce Kassing

Glen & Amy Koch - In memory of Robert & Betty Koch and Logan & Rose Mayfield

Barb Lehne - In memory of William & Helen Koch

Larry Volk & Dawn Dunn & Family - In memory of Jennifer Volk and Doug & Margie Dunn

Carol Blentlinger - In memory of Scotty Blentlinger

#### MARCH FOR LIFE IN SPRINGFIELD

March for Life in Springfield: The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites you to join us for a diocesan-wide pro-life Mass and march event on Friday, January 21, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. We will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. march to the Illinois State Capital. The Mass and march are intended for 7th–12th graders, college students, and adults.

Claudia Coggeshall from St. Thomas is planning on attending, weather permitting. If anyone is interested in standing up for life at the state capitol, please contact Claudia at 217-593-7285 (home phone). I believe registration is requested if you are coming.

