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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.

Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of month

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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 10 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 11 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

John Bullard
(By the Family)

Wednesday, January 12 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Vic Kassing
(By Mary Kassing & Family)

Thursday, January 13 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

Margaret Ann Cravens

Friday, January 14 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

Marilyn Hammer

Saturday, January 15 – 5:30 p.m.

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

Terry Henrick
(By Legion of Mary)

Sunday, January 16 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Nancy Wagner Shultz
(By Jeff Shultz)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas
and Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 1-2, 2022

Holy Family: \$7,223.00

Sister Parish: \$50.00

School Support: \$65.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$50.00

First Offering: \$105.00

Christmas: \$25.00

New Year's Day: \$504.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 2, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,839.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$360.00

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 and 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
 † Becky Hill † 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 † Ari Maynard

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

January 9, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Lector: Kim Gronewold
Gift Bearers: J. Clausius Family
Eucharistic Minister: Maurice Schmidt
Ushers: Denny Campbell, John Brady

Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Happy New Year to all.

RCIA and Bosco Kids classes resumed on January 5, 2022.

Next week on January 12 all of the students in the 4th grade classes and above will learn how to be altar servers. They will meet with Father in the church at 6:15.

The Confirmation Enrollment Mass will be on January 15 at 5:30 Mass. Students who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year and their sponsors will participate in this ceremony.

From the Pastor's Desk

God's beloved children. Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. There was Jesus, God made Man, who certainly did not need a ritual cleansing, submitting to a baptism by His cousin John. Unlike the other baptisms John must have performed that day, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of His mission as God's Suffering Servant" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 536).

Can we imagine standing on the banks of the Jordan River and witnessing the Baptism of Jesus? What a sight it must have been! The Holy Spirit descends like a dove. The waters are sanctified by Jesus and by His Spirit. Jesus is "sealed" or anointed by the very presence of the Spirit.

As if that weren't enough, the heavens, once closed by Adam's sin, are now opened up and a voice calls out "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." And what was Jesus doing? Interestingly, Jesus was praying, a habit that would mark all the decisive moments of His earthly ministry and our salvation. Surely this was yet another sign of His humble and trusting commitment to the Will of the Father.

As spectacular as that scene must have been, we can relate to it because a similar scene plays out every time one of God's children is baptized. As each infant, child, or adult is brought to the waters of baptism, the Trinity is there. We do what Jesus commanded us to do, to baptize in His name and in the name of the Father and the Holy Spirit. We encounter Christ, the indelible seal of the Holy Spirit is conferred, and the Father is pleased with His beloved child.

From that moment on, we get a glimpse of what heaven must be like.

As Saint Paul reminded Titus, the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope. Christ redeemed us and claimed us, as a people, as His own, a people eager to do what is good.

Similarly, Isaiah prophesied that our guilt would be expiated and that the Shepherd would gather the lambs in His arms. We belong to Christ! Today, let us not reflect just on the Baptism of the Lord, let us reflect also on our own baptism. Let us recall, with great awe and wonder, what happens to us when we are baptized...the cleansing water, the presence of the Holy Trinity, the rejoicing in heaven, and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most important, let us be reminded of the great responsibility that comes along with that baptism.

God claimed each one of us as His own and gave each of us the grace to overcome the evil in the world. As we continue to live out our Christian lives, let us be transformed by our encounter with Christ, especially in the partaking of Christ's Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist and may we go and fulfill our baptismal mission given to us by Christ. We are God's beloved children!

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Wednesday, January 12 - In the Dioceses of Bellville, Peoria, and Springfield, Illinois, optional memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin. Born April 17, 1620, St. Margurite Bourgeoys was a French nun and founder of the Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal. She died January 12, 1700, was Beatified in November 1952 by Pope Pius XII, and canonized on October 31, 1982 by Pope John Paul II. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Pray for us!

- Thursday, January 13 - Optional memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Hilary was a convert from paganism and a leading opponent of Arianism

(denial of Christ's Divinity) in the west. He died in the year 367. St. Hilary, Pray for us!

- ORDINARY TIME - The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concludes our Christmas Season, and we move into Ordinary Time on Monday, January 10. I do hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and pray for a Blessed New Year for each of you. Thank you once again for all of the Christmas greetings, kind words, cards, and gifts. Your love and kindness are held deeply in my heart. Thank you also to all of those who helped make the Christmas Season so special in our parishes. Your work is greatly appreciated.

As we enter into Ordinary Time, I share with you what I have shared before but it is certainly worth our reflecting on once again. We are reminded from the Universal Norms, number 43: "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time."

Also concerning Ordinary Time, the following is taken from the St. Andrew Bible Missal: The Christian's contemplative vision sees all reality as gift or grace and our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist. "We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the

Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the Kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

And finally, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, St. Gregory of Nazianzus wrote: "Today, let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the Great Light, bathed in the glory of Him who is the Light of Heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling Light of the Trinity, as now you have received - though not in its fullness - a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the One God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever."

As we move out of the Christmas Season and into Ordinary Time, I pray that you may always reflect on the goodness of God in your life and how the Lord is calling you to the fullness of Life. May your day today and every day be holy.

- ETERNAL REST - I ask you to continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Becky Hill who died on Monday, January 3, and was buried from Holy Family on Saturday, January 8. Please also keep Becky's family in your prayers in this time of sorrow.

Becky began RCIA this past fall at Holy Family but more recently has been

unable to attend the weekly sessions. After deteriorating health, her family asked if she could be brought into full communion with the Church. On Sunday afternoon, January 2, I went to Becky and with her family and some close friends gathered around, brought her into full communion with the Church. It was most beautiful and a great blessing for Becky, her family, our faith community, and me. As I said, Becky passed into Eternal Life on Monday morning, January 3.

Although there are many folks who do so much "behind the scenes," I do wish to thank Ann O'Sullivan for helping arrange this and for being there as a member of our faith community as Becky was brought into full communion with the Church. As you know, Ann oversees RCIA and PSR at Holy Family.

God continues to invite folks to follow Him more fully just as He invited Becky. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, joining the Catholic Church, or perhaps even returning to the Church, please respond to God's invitation to you and reach out to Ann or me.

Again, we continue to pray for Becky and her family. Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WINTER WEATHER - January 1 was another reminder of the very real possibility of winter weather impeding travel in our area. I will certainly do all that I can in order to celebrate Mass at the church where it is scheduled. However, we have to be aware that it could become impossible for me to travel to and make it to one of the churches. In such an event, I will try to make that known as widely as possible and as soon as possible including through e-mail, Facebook, and even TV and radio. I will also record an announcement on the office/Rectorate telephone number as soon as possible regarding any cancellations. So, if you are in doubt about the celebration of Mass or another event, please try phoning the office number for any recorded information.

- *CATHOLIC TIMES* - Every January, there is an envelope for your *Catholic Times* Subscription. I kindly ask that you place your contribution in the collection basket at church or mail it into the office. The *Catholic Times*, the official publication of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, is to be delivered to every Catholic household in the Diocese. If you are not receiving a copy every other week, please let me know so that I can make sure your name and correct mailing address is on file with the *Catholic Times*. The parish pays for every household subscription and so your contribution toward these subscriptions is greatly appreciated. A shortfall in contributions for subscriptions must be paid from the parish operating fund. Thank you for your help in covering these subscriptions. The *Catholic Times* is an excellent publication that has many good and useful articles and valuable information. I encourage you to read each issue when it arrives in your mail. If you did not receive a contribution envelope for the *Catholic Times* subscription, you may place your contribution in an envelope marked "*Catholic Times*" and drop it in the collection basket or mail it into the office

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my continued daily prayers for each one of you. May you have a most blessed week

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for
The Baptism of the Lord, Feast
Sunday, January 9, 2022

Prayer. Jesus Himself is baptized by John. Then He prays. In His praying, the Spirit comes, and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?
- What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

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.

ST. MARY SCHOOL RAGS & BAGS SALE

St. Mary School is having their annual dish cloths and garbage bags sale. A box of 100 garbage bags (30-gallon size) is \$22. Rags are 6 for \$12. If interested, please contact any SMS school student or call the School Office at 773-2825.

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.

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