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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, March 7 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 8 - 7:00 a.m.

St. John of God, Religious Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Millie Geisler (By Kay, Michelle & Kim Downey & Phillip Smith)

Wednesday, March 9 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Frances of Rome, Religious Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:26-32

A Special Intention (By Paul Mueller)

Wednesday, March 9 - 5:30 p.m. (Holy Family)

Marie Faugust (By Mary Kassing)

Thursday, March 10 - 7:00 a.m.

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

Sr. Sara Koch (By Mark & Mary Hill)

<u>Thursday, March 10 – 5:30 p.m.</u> (<u>St. Thomas</u>)

Ron & Judy Bull (By Jenni Obert)

<u>Friday, March 11 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Patricia Parker (By Elizabeth Parker)

Saturday, March 12 - 5:30 p.m.

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

Sunday, March 13 - 8:00 a.m.

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

John Yeakel (By Doug & Crissy Yeakel & Family)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Tom & Barb Kuhn (By St. Thomas Men & Women's Society)

Sunday, March 13 - 1:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

February 26-27, 2022

Holy Family: \$5,229.00 Sister Parish: \$32.00 School Support: \$75.00 Parish Tithe: \$20.00

Aid to Church in Eastern Europe: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

February 27, 2022

St. Thomas: \$3300.32 Parish Improvement: \$20.00 Parish Tithe: \$170.00 Sister Parish: \$100.00 Easter Flowers: \$50.00

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.
- SMS Virtual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022. See Holy Family Church bulletin board for information and registration form.

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 † Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Maryann Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin and family † 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 † Maddy Perry † Greg Flynn † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Denver Reische † Amy Ormond Lucky † Louise Hendricks † Penny Ebbing

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Fish Fry – Time to plan ahead. Lent will be here shortly...along with delicious fish dinners! Please join St. Thomas for a Fish Fry on Friday, March 11. Serving will be from 4:30–6:00. Cost is \$15 per meal, which includes: catfish, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, and dessert. It will be drive-thru only. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

March 13, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Lector: Denise Taylor

Gift Bearers: D. Wagner Family

Eucharistic

Minister: Maurice Schmidt

Ushers: Jerry Herkert, Tod Perry

From the Pastor's Desk

With our celebration of Ash Wednesday last week, we have now entered into the Season of Lent. Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, and our readings remind us that we are sustained by the Spirit.

Perhaps the most overlooked line in this famous Gospel is that Jesus had just returned from the Jordan. He had just been filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit (His own Spirit) in the waters of the Jordan, an "anointing" which established Him publicly as the Christ, the Anointed One.

That same Spirit had overshadowed Mary and led to her conceiving the Lord. That same Spirit had inspired Simeon to recognize a small baby as the Messiah. That same Spirit goes out of Jesus when He performs miracles. And that same Spirit will raise Him from the dead (Catechism of the Catholic Church 695).

It is the Spirit who now leads Him into the desert for forty days. Certainly, that Spirit never parted from Him in that lonely desert, but instead inspired His prayer. For prayer was Christ's usual habit to discern and obey the Will of the Father and to prepare Himself for whatever momentous event was ahead of Him.

Sustained only by grace and prayer, Christ encounters the devil. Imagine. the devil tries to put God Himself to the test! Famously, the devil tempts Him three times. The devil commands Christ to turn stones into bread to satisfy His physical needs. Christ refuses because one does not live by bread alone (Deuteronomy 8:3). The devil asks Christ to worship him, claiming he will give Him all the kingdoms of the world. Christ refuses, stating that you shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve (Deuteronomy 6:13). Finally, the devil asks Christ to prove that He is the Son of God by throwing Himself down from the highest point of the Temple because angels will guard Him. Christ refuses, saying, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test" (Deuteronomy 6:16).

Each time, sustained by the Spirit and with a command of God's revealed word, Christ can resist temptation. He is victorious over temptation just as He will be victorious over death (CCC 539).

Like that devil in the desert, how often do we put God to the test? How often do we "negotiate" with God and ignore His Will to suit ours? How often do we pray that "yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory," yet turn away to seek our own glory, to demand our own power and to build our own little kingdoms?

This Lent, let us resolve to be fortified by the same thing which gave Jesus strength against evil. Like Jesus, let us cultivate a deeper prayer life. Let us turn to sacred Scripture to discern God's Will for us and to hear God speaking to us. Let us rely on the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit when we are weak and thank Him when we are made strong. And when these forty days of Lent are through, may we sing ever more joyfully that Christ has conquered sin and death.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Just a reminder, all memorials are celebrated as optional memorials during Lent. This applies to memorials only, not to Feasts and Solemnities.

- Monday, March 7 Optional memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs. Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave, were martyred at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus. Their names are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). There is a fascinating piece in the Liturgy of the Hours for March 7 from the story of the death of the holy martyrs of Carthage which describes the martyrdom of Saints Perpetua and Felicity. I would encourage you to read it. It is a short piece. If you cannot find what I am referring to and would like a copy, simply let me know and I will make a copy for you from the Breviary. Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Pray for us!
- Tuesday, March 8 Optional memorial of St. John of God, Religious. St. John of God was a shepherd, a soldier, and an entrepreneur before his conversion at the age of forty-two. He laid the foundation for the Order of Hospitallers (O.H.), which today numbers about 1,100 religious. St. John of God died in 1550 in Granada and is patron of hospitals, the sick, nurses, and, interestingly, booksellers. St. John of God, pray for us!
- Wednesday, March 9 Optional memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious. St. Frances of Rome was a noblewoman, wife, and mother who founded a community of Benedictine women Oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor. She died in 1440 and is the patroness of widows and motorists. St. Frances of Rome, Pray for us!

I might note that all the Saints point us to a holiness of life that we are all called to. We should actively read about and learn about the Saints who are great models of holiness for us. The three saints mentioned above are great examples for us as we enter the Season of Lent, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

- POPE'S INTENTION I failed to include in last week's bulletin the Pope's Intention for March. It is "for a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action." Our Morning Offering each morning should include the intentions of the Holy Father.
- LAWN CARE A few years ago, St. Thomas embarked on gathering volunteers from the parish to care for the lawn maintenance at the parish. It seems to have worked out remarkably well. The grounds at St. Thomas always look so very nice. I sincerely appreciate those who volunteer to help with this. It is a great way to offer service to the parish. It is already time to create the schedule for the lawn maintenance for this year. Maurice Schmidt takes care of this for us. If you are interested in helping or want to learn more, please contact Maurice as soon as possible, or contact me and I will put you in contact with Maurice.
- PRAYER FOR PEACE In light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing war that is being fought there, Bishop Paprocki has asked each of us to pray to our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, and her Son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, for an end to the war in Ukraine and the restoration of peace. I encourage you to include this particular intention in your daily prayers. I am including here the Opening Prayer options for Masses in Time of War and Civil Disturbance that you may find useful. A simple prayer for reconciliation and the restoration of peace is also very appropriate.

Opening Prayer, option 1: O God, merciful and strong, who crushes wars and casts down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called Your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer, option 2: O God, author and lover of peace, to know You is to live, to

- serve You is to reign; defend against every attack those who cry to you, so that we, who trust in your protection, may not fear the weapons of any foe. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever, Amen.
- ANNIVERSARY Sunday, March 13, marks the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis in 2013. Please continue to keep our Holy Father in your prayers. Know this, just as the devil tempted Jesus in the desert as we hear in today's Gospel, so too he tempts each one of us, including priests and religious and the Vicar of Christ Himself, our Holy Father. Our prayers for the Pope, for priests and religious, and for one another are so very important. No one is shielded from the temptations of the devil. However, this is no cause for fear since through Christ, we can resist all temptation.
- FISH FRY St. Thomas will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be drive-thru only at the Parish Hall.

There are a number of other fish fries in the area throughout Lent and I encourage you to support them as well if you can.

- TRIVIA NIGHT The St. Mary School Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Please see the spot here in the bulletin for more information.
- DCCW The Spring Meeting of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at St. Mary Church in Pittsfield. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. in the church lobby followed by Mass and the Rosary at 9:00 a.m. The meeting and luncheon (with speaker) will be in the Parish Hall. Registration and luncheon are only \$6.00. More information and a sign-up sheet are on the bulletin boards in the back of each church. You are asked to sign up by March 11, if possible.

I want to encourage all women of the parishes to participate if possible. The Council of Catholic Women is a great organization, and I am grateful to see the effort to bring it back more fully to the Quincy Deanery. Sadly, in some parishes, the ladies' groups (Altar Society) and men's groups (Holy Name Society) have become stagnant or, even worse, non-existent all together. The Council, too, encourages all women to join them for this day of fellowship with Catholic women of our deanery area, in service and leadership to our Catholic faith and joining the beautiful work of the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Coggeshall or me. Again, this is a great opportunity to meet and be with other Catholic women in the area.

- LENT - As we have now entered the Season of Lent, we remain mindful that Lent is very significant to us and is a season marked by a call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage each of us to reflect on these three things during the season of Lent.

In order to help prepare more fully, the following are some additional opportunities in the parishes for Lent:

- ADDITIONAL MASSES - I will celebrate a Wednesday evening Mass at Holy Family at 5:30 p.m. during Lent. I will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass from about 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross will follow Mass each week.

I will celebrate a Thursday evening Mass at St. Thomas at 5:30 p.m. during Lent. I will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass from about 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS - At Holy Family, we will have Stations of the Cross after the Wednesday evening Mass each week.

At St. Thomas, Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evenings.

Additionally, I will lead the Stations of the Cross each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., alternating parishes. I will begin at Holy Family on Sunday, March 6. I will also offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to this each week from about 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

- RECONCILIATION - In addition to the regularly scheduled confession times (Saturday evenings 4:30–5:00 at Holy Family; First Friday 5:00–5:45 at St. Thomas), I will also offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation as

noted above, before each Mass on Wednesday evenings at Holy Family and Thursday evenings at St. Thomas and prior to the Stations of the Cross on Sundays at the parish I am at. I am happy to celebrate the Sacrament with you by appointment as well.

- THE WORD AMONG US There are still copies of *The Word Among Us* for Lent available in the back of each church. We receive additional copies of this for Lent so please take one to use in your daily Lenten devotions if you'd like.
- LENTEN REGULATIONS Please note the following regulations (3) concerning Lent. These are not nice suggestions for us to consider following but are necessary in our celebration of the Season of Lent.
- 1. ABSTINENCE Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IS SERIOUSLY SINFUL.
- ACSA/PARICH TITHE ENVELOPE Parishioners in both parishes should have received an envelope in their packet of collection envelopes marked "ACSA/Parish Tithe." Please see last week's bulletin for more details concerning this. In short, since the Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) has been replaced with the parish tithe, I included an envelope in your packet of envelopes to make a designated contribution toward this. The contribution is made to the parish and remains with the parish. For those of you who regularly supported the Annual Catholic Services Appeal in years past, I encourage you to use this envelope to

do the same. Consider contributing what you contributed to ACSA and perhaps even increasing your contribution. For those of you who may not have contributed directly to ACSA in the past, please consider making a contribution now in this envelope. If you did not receive such an envelope or no longer have it, you can simply place your contribution in a plain envelope marked "Parish Tithe." Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022

Reflecting on Baptism and Temptations. Luke's gospel recounts that Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit at Jordan's baptism, is led by that same Spirit into the desert – a place for reflection and prayer. And hunger. And temptations by diabolos, the false accuser. What happens? Strengthened by baptism at which He is called "beloved," temptations are resisted – not easily, but resisted, nonetheless. Food for our thoughtful reflections this Lent.

- How does my Baptism strengthen me for Christian living?
- How can I face temptations of eating, of power, of vain glory this Lent?
- How will I pray for and support the elect throughout the diocese called this day to Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist at the coming Easter Vigil?



Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Happy Lent to you all. We look forward to observing our Lenten practices with you all.

Here's the schedule for Bosco Kids for Lent:

Every Wednesday at 5:30 - Lenten Mass.

Every Wednesday after Mass – Stations of the Cross (Bosco Kids will be leading the Stations on 3/16 and 3/23)

Every Wednesday - Class from 6:30-7:30

On 3/9 - Families will join us for class at 7:10 p.m. to make Scapulas.

On 3/16 - Regular class after Stations. Fr. Aaron will instruct the older students on being altar servers.

On 3/23 – Families will join us for Reconciliation for grades 2–8 at 6:30 in the church. First Reconciliation for the 2nd graders will occur about 7:00 p.m.

On 3/30 – Families will join us for a foot washing Service with Deacon Mike at 6:30 in the church.

On 4/6 - Regular class

No class on 3/13 - Holy Week.

HOLY FAMILY CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the Easter season will be held following Mass and Stations on Wednesdays (March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6). All are welcome – come join us!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Mary School Virtual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 19. Pre-game: 6:30 p.m. Game: 7:00 p.m. All proceeds to benefit St. Mary School. To register go to: www.smseagle.org, by phone at 217-773-2825, or email karla.metz@bcsb.com.

