



He is Risen!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, April 18 – 7:00 a.m.

Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23; Matthew 28:8-15

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 19 – 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Georgia Volk
(By Barb Lehne)

Wednesday, April 20 – 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Roberta Young
(By Lora Decker & Family)

Thursday, April 21 – 7:00 a.m.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Mike Metzger
(By Mary Kassing)

Friday, April 22 – 8:30 a.m.

Friday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Beth Clark
(By Jim & Marilyn Wort)

Saturday, April 23 – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

A Special Intention
(By Edna Ford)

Sunday, April 24 – 8:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Ron & Rose Ann Huber's
50th Wedding Anniversary
(By their Family)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

April 9-10, 2022

Holy Family: \$8,592.50
Sister Parish: \$327.00

School Support: \$395.00
Catholic Times: \$15.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$10.00
Seminary: \$50.00
Operation Rice Bowl: \$40.00
Holy Land Good Friday: \$35.00
Easter: \$125.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

April 10, 2022

St. Thomas: \$3,436.04
Sister Parish: \$20.00
Operation Rice Bowl: \$80.00
For the Poor: \$60.00
Easter Flowers: \$20.00

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.

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 † Margo Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † 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 † 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 † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Norma Hufnagel

ST. THOMAS

You Are Invited! The family of Ron and Rose Ann Huber would like to invite you, especially St. Thomas parishioners, to

celebrate Ron and Rose Ann Huber's 50th wedding anniversary. There will be Mass on Sunday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church. On the following Saturday, April 30, there will be an open house from 1-4 p.m. at the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Dessert will be provided. They are eager to see their St. Thomas friends again, visit, tell stories, and share lots of joy and laughter. Please join in celebrating their very special day. Best wishes and blessings, Ron and Rose Ann!

Volunteers are needed to help with Bingo at Timber Point Nursing Home. St. Thomas' time is 2-3 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Sign up in back of church for months you can help. For more information, call Nora Clausius at 217-593-6308.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

April 24, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Brent Obert
Lector:	Tod Perry
Gift Bearers:	D. Hildebrand Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Ben Drebes
Ushers:	Jerel & Alex Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! First off, I would like to wish each of you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Easter. Having begun our Lenten journey just a few weeks ago, we arrived at the Sacred Triduum and now we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. We embark now on the Liturgical Season of Easter.

It is so important to remember that our joyous celebration is just beginning. The celebration of Easter will continue for fifty days when we will then celebrate Pentecost. Easter is certainly not just a one-day celebration; it is a prolonged celebration and a time of intensified consciousness where we come to an even greater realization of God's presence and God's power in our lives.

In these first eight days of Easter, we celebrate what we call the Octave of Easter. This Octave celebration takes precedence over all other celebrations. The Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave Day of Easter, is April 24 this year and is designated Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II made this designation on April 30, 2000. Please see the information below concerning Divine Mercy Sunday at both parishes.

By dying Christ destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life. This is the summation of God's plan of salvation. This is the great Paschal Mystery of our faith. This is the heart of every liturgy we celebrate. For today we do not merely recall what happened two thousand years ago on a cross and in a humble rock-hewn tomb, we participate in this continuing sacrificial mystery. We rejoice that Jesus suffered, died, and rose for us. We rejoice because His sacrifice was once, for all. Today, we rejoice because He continues to save His people.

Our Risen Lord is here among us still, in Word and Sacrament. And like those first witnesses to the Resurrection, He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the One appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Today and every day, let us give God thanks and praise for such a spectacular gift as eternal life! And let us be so grateful that we spend each day of our lives so as to be worthy of so great a gift.

Nathan Mitchell, in his piece titled *The Blessed Pentecost* in Volume 20:1 of *Assembly* from the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, writes:

“Josef Pieper once remarked that the human capacity for festivity arises from the ability to affirm all creation is good – from the ability to embrace in one resounding ‘yes,’ the length and breadth, the heights and depths of our experience in the world. We can hear this yes in Mozart’s music...We can hear it in the delighted squeals of a child...We can hear it in the

contented, prayerful whispers of an elderly woman – full of love, grace, and years – as she prepares to meet death with quiet courage and dignity.

Saying yes to all of life. Letting all of it in – that is festivity’s sustaining source. But there’s the rub. Few of us can yes to anything very long. We live, after all, in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers, and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal...is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations, we posture – repeating to one another snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports’ celebrities. Small wonder that many in our society feel so isolated and lonely, so unable to connect, too incapable of forming relationships that last. Small wonder too that as a people we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry, and violent – enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of ‘the Blessed Pentecost’ will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of ‘dwelling in’ the Paschal Mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the Baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. Good heavens! What an order!

One reason why such a prolonged celebration strikes us as difficult – if not downright absurd – is that we tend to link feasts and holidays with mindless hoopla. ‘Party time’ for many is an invitation to obliterate consciousness, to get wasted, to veg out, to forget. But a season of Christian festival is precisely the opposite. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to ‘party on,’ even if we don’t feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply ‘the

weather of the heart,' to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation. In short, it is a season for learning to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no."

And now just a few notes:

- APRIL 17 - As we celebrate Easter on this day this year, April 17 also marks my father's birthday. This year would be his 85th birthday. As you are also aware, this is the first Easter without my mother. It is with great joy that I celebrate the 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass for Mom and Dad. For those of you who have lost your parents, you know very well the sadness and change that this brings. Yet we rejoice in the hope and promise of Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. Let us keep one another in prayer and all of our deceased relatives and friends, that we may know the reality of that which we hope.

My parents both took the role as first teachers of the faith very seriously. I am so very grateful for their teaching, example, and sacrifices to instill this faith in me, my siblings, and many others.

Mom and Dad were also very fond of and strong supporters of Catholic Education. What a great gift they gave to their children in this. Though certainly not always easy, Mom and Dad saw to it that we had a solid Catholic Education. It is, perhaps, but one reason why I have such a love for St. Mary School and Catholic Education myself. Mom too, though she really only knew St. Mary School through me, loved St. Mary School. I do hope you all know what a great blessing and gift God has given to us in St. Mary School.

- ST. MARY SCHOOL - Our school is on Easter break through Tuesday of this week (April 19). There is no school Monday or Tuesday. School resumes on Wednesday, April 20.

- WELCOME - We want to welcome all those who were brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil. What a wonderful celebration!

More information on those who came into the Church at Holy Family in a future bulletin.

- EASTER FLOWERS - I would like to thank those who made contributions to the Easter flowers this year. Thank you also to those who help with decorating to make our churches even more beautiful for the Liturgical seasons and celebrations. If you made a contribution in memory of someone, please be assured of my prayers for them. If you would still like to make a contribution, you certainly can. Simply put your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" and put it in the collection basket or mail it into the office.

- ANNIVERSARY - Wednesday, April 20, marks the anniversary of the Appointment of our Diocesan Bishop, Thomas John Paprocki. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - As I mentioned above, next Sunday, April 24, the Second Sunday of Easter and the Octave Day of Easter, is designated Divine Mercy Sunday.

At Holy Family, after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, April 23, I will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass until 7:30 p.m. and will close with Benediction. I will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during that time, beginning shortly after the conclusion of Mass.

At St. Thomas I will have the same immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 24, until Noon.

I encourage each of you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this day, receive Holy Communion, and spend some time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

- MOWING - As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we've already had to begin mowing. At Holy Family, we could still certainly use more volunteers to help occasionally. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. If you can help,

please let Tammy know as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration. I sincerely appreciate it.

Again, a very Happy and Blessed Easter to each one of you. Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my continued daily prayers for you as well. May you have a most blessed week and Easter Season.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Believing in Risen Life. After His death and burial, the apostles saw the risen Jesus. They talked with Him. They touched Him. They ate with Him. These things are not done with the dead. They knew He was alive. We believe this still today because we experience His presence in many ways.

- How do I see the risen Lord's activity still happening today?
- How can I foster belief in the risen Lord by what I say and do?
- How does this belief change my life, my attitudes, my priorities?

Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids classes will resume on Wednesday 4/20/22 from 6:15-7:30 in the school cafeteria.

EASTER FLOWERS

Holy Family Women's Guild is accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Donations may be placed in the collection (checks should be made payable to Holy Family Women's Guild). Please include a note with the name of your loved ones.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ladies, Please Mark Your Calendar!

The next meeting for the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be cohosted by the ladies of St. Peter's and St. Anthony's on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Maine St. in Quincy. More details will be forthcoming in midsummer for the sign up, etc. Hope to see you all there!

SAVE THE DATES: The Springfield Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is pleased to announce the dates of the Celebration of the 2022 Our Lady of Good Counsel Women of Distinction and the 2022 SDCCW Annual Convention. The Celebration of the Women of Distinction Award will be on **Saturday, July 23**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, followed by a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza. The 2022 SDCCW Convention will be held on **Wednesday, September 28**, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon. Additional information and registration for both events will be forthcoming.

COME HONOR A VETERAN

You are invited to the Mt. Sterling American Legion on April 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. for a memorial service for Wayne Yockey. Wayne survived the Bataan Death March during World War II. Wayne's family will unveil a memorial in his honor. There will be a short presentation, music, and refreshments.





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