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Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: Will be Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

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Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. Holy Day: Will be Announced

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12.00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. with

Reconciliation prior 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m.

Website: www.stthomascp.org https://stthomascp.formed.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 8 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 9 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Maryann Yeakel (By Martha Fluckey)

Wednesday, August 10 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Mark Ebbing, Mark Carlock, Jeff Kozak and their Families (By Friends)

Thursday, August 11 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Clare, Virgin Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Mark Bowers (By Mary Kassing & Family)

Friday, August 12 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12

Mary Margaret Bullard (By the Family)

Saturday, August 13 – 5:30 p.m.

Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; BVM Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

Jan & Matt Hall (By Susie Woodward)

<u>Sunday, August 14 - 8:00 a.m.</u>

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Pat Boylin (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 30-31, 2022

Unavailable. Will be reported in upcoming bulletin

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 31, 2022

Unavailable. Will be reported in upcoming bulletin

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$2,635

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Legion of Mary meets each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us and learn more about the Legion. "With Mary's help we guide, console and enlighten others."

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 to Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 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 † Janice Leverton † Margo Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus † Jim Wort

† Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal
Noelke † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank
† Elaine Parkin and family † Sheila Roberts
† MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey
† Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie
Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan
Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori
Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Susie Parker
Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette
Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan
† Oakley Ham † Cameron Francis † Norma
Herbster † Fritzi Harper † Steve Bunch
† Rick Flatt † Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy
† Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes
† Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen † Roger Busen

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Cursillo News: Gary and Gail Mast are the Area Representatives for St. Thomas Church. We will be having our first informal Ultrea for the St. Thomas community Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. in the Hall. If you have already made a Cursillo you are invited to attend.

We are also updating our email list. If you have attended a Cursillo and are not currently receiving emails from us, please email: gailandgary92@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and your original Cursillo #.

ST. THOMAS ICE CRAM SOCIAL - NEW DATE!



Join us on SUNDAY, August 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social! Please notice that it will be on a Sunday this year. The menu includes homemade ice cream (!), Maid Rites, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. FREEWILL OFFERING. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and basket raffles.

We need your help. We'd like everyone to be involved, one way or another, either helping or donating. Assignment sheets were made up. Look for yours at the back of church. Thanks for your dedication to St. Thomas!

Quincy K of C BBQ will be Friday to Sunday on August 12-14. Birthright will again be having a large bake sale. Our church will be asked to donate baked items. Delivery will be Saturday and Sunday and Obert's will deliver to Quincy. Birthright will also be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt and a dinner out prize with gift certificates to restaurants.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help run the games and sell baked goods. Contact Dorothy Obert with questions.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 14, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Lector: B. Mock

Gift Bearers: J. Clausius Family

Eucharistic Minister: Clara Schmidt

Ushers: John Brady,

Darren Hildebrand

From the Pastor's Desk

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. As we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we find those words from the Lord Himself in the Gospel for today.

In the Gospel parable that we hear from Jesus today, the master is away at a wedding feast. In Jesus' telling of this story, He focuses on those who await the master's return. They have been given instructions and are expected to carry them out. The servants do not know when the master will return. They wait and make preparations and act in accord with his will. And they are ready.

If we put ourselves in the place of the servants with Jesus as the Master, here we will find the Good News of the Gospel. Being ready for Jesus' Second Coming involves what we choose to do while we wait.

We, too, have been given instructions and commandments, and there is no time to waste in preparing and participating in God's kingdom. Through the grace of Baptism we have been grafted into Christ, giving us, as the Book of Wisdom says of our ancestors in the First Reading, sure knowledge of the oaths in which we put our faith.

This is the faith which is the realization of what is hoped for, redemption in Jesus Christ. It is this faith that gives us the desire, as it gave Abraham, to obey God's call, and the courage to journey wherever God has prepared for us to go.

With prayer and action, we prepare ourselves and one another for the return of our Master. We do whatever it means, individually, for each one of us to sell our belongings and give alms, to gird our loins and light our lamps, to defend our house from thieves. May we know God's Will and follow it soberly and attentively. Let us do these things by God's grace so that we may rejoice when we once again see the Son of Man.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, August 8 Obligatory Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest. Dominic de Guzman was born in Caleruega, Spain. He founded the Order of Preachers (O.P.) commonly known as the Dominicans, today numbering about six thousand five hundred Religious. The Order of Preachers was founded as an elective, fraternal form of community life devoted to contemplation, study, and preaching. Dominic (and his order) sought to bring Albigensians back into the Church through preaching and evangelical poverty. Dominic died on August 6, 1221 and was canonized in 1234. St. Dominic, Pray for us!
- Tuesday, August 9 Optional Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) in 1891 to Jewish parents. She studied Philosophy under Husserl. Inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she was baptized on January 1, 1922. She taught in various schools for ten years until she was forced to resign because of anti-Semitic legislation. In 1933 she entered the Discalced Carmelite Convent in Cologne where she received the name Teresa Benedicta of the

- Cross. At the end of 1939 she moved to the convent in Echt, Holland on account of the Nazi persecution of the Jews. But in 1942, during the German occupation of Holland, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and killed on August 9 at the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. She was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Pray for us!
- Wednesday, August 10 Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. St. Lawrence is said to have cared for the temporal welfare of the Roman Church. He was martyred in 258, four days after four other deacons and Pope Sixtus II were killed. It is said that he was burned alive on a gridiron. After Saints Peter and Paul, St. Lawrence is venerated as patron of Rome. He is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Lawrence, Pray for us!
- Thursday, August 11 Obligatory Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin. St. Clare of Assisi was a disciple of St. Francis and founded the Poor Clares. She was known to have lived an austere life, rich in the practice of charity and loving care. She died in 1253. St. Clare, Pray for us!
- Friday, August 12 Optional Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious. St. Jane Frances de Chantel was a wife and mother of six children, two of whom died at birth. As a widow, with St. Francis de Sales, her Spiritual Director, she founded the order Visitation Nuns and established some eighty-five monasteries before her death on December 13, 1641. St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Pray for us!
- Saturday, August 13 Optional Memorial of Saints Pontian, Pope and Martyr, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr. St. Hippolytus was a stern rigorist. He and Pontian were both exiled to Sardinia where they would eventually reconcile. St. Pontian was Martyred in 235 and St. Hippolytus was martyred in 235 or 236. St. Hippolytus is credited as being the source of Eucharist Prayer II. Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Pray for us!
- SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15. This year, that falls on a Monday. This Solemnity is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation is lifted. Still, this is a significant celebration in the Church and so I will be celebrating Mass at

both parishes that day and I encourage you to make every attempt to participate. It's very sad when folks choose not to go to Mass for the very reason that they "don't have to." Why some folks reject the great and privileged opportunity of celebrating the great gift of the Holy Eucharist remains unknown to me.

On Monday, August 15, I will celebrate Mass at Holy Family at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. I will try to arrange it to have both of these Masses in the church, but please be aware that I may need to move one or both.

At St. Thomas, I will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 21, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.
- TEACHING THE FAITH In a recent edition of *Catholic Times*, the question for the "Hey Father" piece was asking about teaching children to pray the Holy Rosary. The question specifically was regarding who was responsible for this teaching, parents or Catholic Schools, but the question and answer are much broader than just learning to pray the Rosary.

Fr. John Titus offered the answer for this question, and I would encourage you to read it in its entirety, but there are a couple pieces of his response that I wish to share here. Fr. Titus began his answer with this: "As a priest, I always find one of the most powerful parts of the Order of Baptism of Children is the blessing over parents reminding them that they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith." In that, we also pray that they "may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child."

This is so very important and a role that parents should not take on lightly. Children need their parents to guide them in and teach them the faith from the very beginning. Certainly, the Church, Catholic Schools, and Religious Education seeks to help parents with this task. But the Church recognizes that parents are the first teachers of their children...in matters of faith and in all things, really.

Fr. Titus goes on later to say: "Even with their limited time constraints, I hope every Catholic school and faith formation program is able to introduce the Rosary to our students. The Catholic schools/faith formation programs that I am familiar with in our diocese does this. But, like every other teaching and practice of our faith our schools and faith formation programs attempt to impart on children, the teaching of the prayers, mysteries, and form of the Rosary will have minimal impact unless our young people see it lived in their own homes and in the lives of the people they love the most. As Roy Lanham, director of Campus Ministry for our diocese, likes to say, 'This is not a question of an either/or but a very Catholic both/and.' Children 'learn' what they are taught at school when they experience it being modeled for them at home."

Parents, as you seek to carry out the great task you have, I share one final piece from Fr. Titus' response: "As the late Father Don Meehling used to say, 'Our children should never remember a time when they didn't come to Mass." That is so very powerful for all of us.

- RESTORATION - I have had to write this column a little earlier than I normally do but as of this writing, the restoration work at Holy Family is coming along nicely. Thank you for your continued support.

I have placed this restoration work under the Patronage of the Holy Family. How appropriate! Not only does the Holy Family reflect the name of the parish, but we have the purity of our Blessed Mother and the strength of St. Joseph watching over and interceding on our behalf and we have the Child Jesus who is the Foundation of all that we do.

And so we pray, "Lord, You have entrusted this Church building to our care. Through the intercession of the Holy Family, bless our efforts to sacrifice and to restore this building of Your Church." Amen.

Please pray each day for this restoration work. I am also asking you to continue to financially support these efforts in whatever way you can. We need your continued help.

- BISHOP'S ARTICLE - I hope you all take the time to read Bishop Paprocki's articles in each edition of the *Catholic Times*. They are excellent. The following is a portion of one of his most recent articles entitled "Politicians/business leaders who promote abortion policies/benefits are not to receive holy Communion": "My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The following letter was sent by a Congressman to one of his constituents in Springfield:

'I believe we should end abortion on demand, and at every opportunity I have translated this belief into votes in the House of Representatives. I am opposed to the use of federal funds to pay for elective abortions, and will continue to support amendments to prohibit the funding of elective abortions for federal employees and Medicaid recipients. ...I continue to believe the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade should be reversed.'

That letter was sent on August 14, 1989, by then-Rep. Richard J. Durbin. Now Sen. Durbin's wish has finally been granted by the Supreme Court's recent decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, reversing Roe v. Wade.

Similarly, when Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973 just 17 days after Joseph Biden entered the U.S. Senate, he said, 'I don't like the decision. I think it went too far.' His wish has now been granted, too.

Unfortunately, Biden and Durbin and other formerly pro-life politicians have flip-flopped their positions 180 degrees and are now promoting a very pro-abortion agenda. In his opening statement on July 12 during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing entitled "A Post-Roe America: The Legal Consequences of the Dobbs Decision," Sen. Durbin said, 'A woman's choice to get an abortion is her choice alone.'

President Biden has gone beyond words by issuing an executive order on July 8 to promote access to abortion. The Office of Personnel Management issued guidance that allows for federal workers to take paid sick leave to cover absences for travel to obtain an abortion. This is truly scandalous in that it leads others to take similar immoral actions. Following the lead of the Biden administration, dozens of companies announced that they will pay for employees who want to get an abortion...It would be good to keep these companies in mind and avoid buying their products whenever possible.

These actions in promoting abortion have crossed a significant line with profound moral implications for their proponents, moving from what might have been considered material cooperation with evil, which sometimes is excusable, into the realm of formal cooperation, which is always sinful. The difference is that material cooperation does not share in the intent to commit sin but may involve unintentional cooperation with evil. An example would be paying taxes in a state like Illinois which provides for taxpayer funding of abortion. When paying sales tax for purchasing goods in Illinois, the purchaser is a material cooperator in evil since the sales tax will go into the state treasury from which abortions are funded. Such material cooperation is remote and usually unavoidable, which means that it is not sinful.

Formal cooperation shares the intent to commit evil and is therefore sinful. In the case of a person who deliberately purchases goods in Illinois with the intent of providing the State with sales taxes to help pay for abortions, that person is formally cooperating in grave evil and thereby is committing a serious sin. One of the consequences of formal cooperation with grave evil is that those who commit serious sins are not permitted to receive holy Communion unless they repent and receive sacramental absolution.

When Catholic politicians like Joe Biden, Dick Durbin, and Nancy Pelosi proactively promote abortion in their words and actions. they can no longer claim that they are 'personally opposed to abortion but are not going to impose their beliefs on others.' They are in fact intentionally imposing their pro-abortion beliefs on others and hence are now formally cooperating in evil. As such, they are not to receive holy Communion because of their manifest, obstinate, and persistent promotion of grave sin and their strident support for applies intrinsic evil. This to business executives who promote abortion policies as well.

In a television interview broadcast July 12, Pope Francis responded to a question about President Biden's support for abortion by saying, 'Let him talk to his pastor about that incoherence.' It is indeed incoherent for Catholics to promote abortion and it is incoherent for such Catholics to receive holy Communion. We must continue to pray for their conversion and return to full communion with the Catholic Church."

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May you have a most blessed week.

Bulletin Short for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2022

What Shall We Do? Jesus tells us today: "Do not be afraid any longer." He also tells us what to do next. Here is the list: Give alms. Gird your loins, that is, put on comfortable clothes so you can work. Wait at the ready for the coming of the Lord. Be prepared all the time. Know what God wants. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to be about His business and His Father's business – not our own. Our business is also God's business.

- What fear will I let go; what fear will I give up?
- What does God want me to do this week?
- How will I be full of mercy by _____?

Knights of Columbus Bar-B-Q

August 12 · 13 · 14

Food, refreshments, entertainment, games, and carnival rides all three days. Large 50/50 Raffle on Saturday. Tickets will be sold on Saturday only, from 6:00 to 8:45. Drawing at 9:00. Baby contest on Sunday at 1:00. Monies raised help support charities in our area.



Announcements from the Holy Family Parish Coordinator of Religious Education (Ann O'Sullivan, <u>aosullivan2031@gmail.com</u>, or 217-257-2516)

Bosco Kids

Can you believe the start of the school year is coming up very quickly?? Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion [PSR]) will

start classes on Wednesday night, September 7, at 6:15-7:30. We will start the school year with a Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria and classrooms for grades K-8. We received a grant from the diocese to start a new program on Bible study, God's Plan in Salvation, for students and their parents this year. We're very excited to have this program and we will share more information at our opening night on September 7. We are getting ready to order books for the year and need to know how many students we will have in each class. If vou have not already done so, please let me know if your children are coming to class this year. Just a reminder that 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 3rd grade students receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

RCIA

We will start Right of Christian Initiation (RCIA) classes on September 28 from 6:30-7:45 weekly. These are classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic religion and/or coming into the Catholic Church. Please let me or Father Aaron know if you are interested in attending these classes or have any questions about the classes.

Youth Group

We are in the beginning stages of forming a youth group for our teens. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for this group or would like to help. We will keep you informed as we firm up the plans.

Adult Faith Formation

We also received a grant from the diocese for a program called *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. We will start these sessions and share more information about this program later in the fall.

Blessings to you all as we finish these last few weeks of summer break.



