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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

Eucharistic Adoration First weekend of month Phone (217) 593-6685, (217) 773-3233 E-mail: stthomascp@gmail.com

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Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493 Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member: Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520 Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859 CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283 D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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, October 3 - 7:00 a.m.

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 4 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

James G. & Norma M. Wort (By the Children)

Wednesday, October 5 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk And Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

Thursday, October 6 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

Russell Volk (By John & Rosemary Holler & Family)

> Friday, October 7 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass) Our Lady of the Rosary Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

Mike Metzger (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS - 6:00 p.m.

Norbert & Rita Cramsey (By Sarah & Brent Kearby Family)

<u>Saturday, October 8 – 5:30 p.m.</u>

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Sunday, October 9 – 8:00 a.m. 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

> Eugene Zackey (By Barb Lehne)

<u>St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.</u>

In Gratitude for Jim and Marilyn Stout's 59th Wedding Anniversary

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 24-25, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,728.50 School Support: \$65.00 Sister Parish: \$17.00 ACSA: \$275.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>September 25, 2022</u>

St. Thomas: \$2,815.00 Sister Parish: \$55.00 ACSA: \$100.00 Candle Money: \$19.00

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."
- Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday, October 4, at Noon. A light meal will be provided.

Please contact Tammy at 217-773-2825 or <u>tmckeown@smseagle.org</u> 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 Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is 217-773-2825.

The Rectory phone number is: 217-773-3233.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>Please keep the following in your prayers:</u>

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 + Kay Downey + Marilyn Clark + Jim Heaton + Vera Marie Rolf + Nancy Salrin + Christine Colgan Moore **†** Maddy Perry **†** Dwayne Koch + Lori Bradshaw + Susie Parker Campbell *†* Debra Parker Baker *†* Jeanette Shields **†** Connie Johnson **†** Tom Langan **†** Oakley Ham **†** Cameron Francis **†** Norma Herbster **†** Fritzi Harper **†** Rick Flatt **†** Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy **†** Mark Carlock + Jeff Kozak + Carol Likes + Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen † Roger Busen † Carol Walker **†** Sandy Smith **†** Janice Hendricks **†** Kendall Harper Passmore **†** Rick Kunkel **†** Marissa Atteberry **†** Mark Ebbing **†** Joan Weilbacher **†** Roger Lanz

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

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

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Lector:	David Leezer
Gift Bearers:	J. Brady Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, and as we are reminded faith is a gift, and that God is the source and giver of that gift.

In the Gospel passage for today, the request from the Apostles for an increase in faith seems to come out of the blue. We may ask ourselves what prompted the Apostles to make this seemingly unusual request?

To begin to answer that question and to understand more fully, we go back to previous passages in Luke's Gospel that we heard over the last few weeks...the parables about the prodigal son, the dishonest steward, Lazarus and the rich man. Together, they point to a reality that God's ways are different from our ways. They remind us that if we are to be faithful disciples, then we must take our cue not from the world, but from Christ who reveals to us the very mind of God.

We use the word "faith" in different ways...from our denominational identity to our creedal statements. But when Luke speaks of faith in the Gospel today and when Paul speaks about the gift given through the laying on of hands, they are not simply speaking about creedal statements or identity. Instead, they refer to that gift from God that binds us and strengthens us to follow and live in Christ. This is what the disciples sought: an increase in that most precious of all gifts, a strong and enduring relationship with Christ.

It has never been easy to be a Christian. The early Christians had to deal with all sorts of threats and persecutions. Up to this very day, Christians who profess the fullness of Truth remain persecuted and threatened themselves. So we can certainly understand why this call to faith is at the heart of the Gospels.

By asking Jesus for an increase in faith, the disciples are recognizing that it is God who is the source of this supernatural faith, and that such a faith is not the outcome of human strength or willpower but is sheer gift from God. Because it is a gift, it can never be seen as something we can boast of as our own achievement. We are servants of the Word, and when we respond to it we are simply doing our duty. Jesus makes this very clear in today's Gospel and it is a powerful statement, one that we may find hard to accept at times.

We live in a world and a culture where it can be and is often times difficult to be faithful disciples. In such a world, our living, acting faith is of greater and greater importance. To be a faith-filled Christian is not simply about having an inner conviction, but the courage and strength to live that faith on a daily basis.

Christ's Word to us today is a word of encouragement, that we need only a little trust in His strength to carry us through in this life here on earth. A "little trust" that Jesus describes as "the size of a mustard seed." Often times our trust, our faith, falls short of this. Yet, we are reminded that it is the power of God living in and through us that will ultimately strengthen us to be faith-filled and faithful.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday, October 4 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Interestingly, St. Francis of Assisi was a deacon, not a priest. He founded the Franciscan Family which includes the Friars Minor (Capuchins, Conventuals, and Leonine Union), Poor Clares, Third Order Religious, and Secular Franciscan Order. St. Francis received the stigmata on September 14, 1224. He is noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all, and love for God's creation, renouncing wealth to live a life of poverty.

It is often interesting to hear how folks think of St. Francis. Today he is often thought of as this nice guy who loved nature and animals. While he may have had a kind and peaceful demeanor, he was anything but lackadaisical in the faith. I suspect Francis would be abhorred by some of the Liturgical abuses seen today, the lack of faith by so many, the irreverence for and lack of understanding of the Holy Eucharist, and the attacks against the dignity of the human person.

St. Francis is a model of holiness for us, and especially a model of detachment from the world. He died on October 3, 1226, and was canonized just two years after his death. He is the patron of Italy and ecologists. St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, October 5 - Optional Memorials of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin and, in the United States of America, of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest.

St. Faustina is venerated as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy." Born in Glogowiec, Poland on August 25, 1905, she professed her first religious vows in the Congregation of Our Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1928. Beginning in 1924 and throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with Him which she noted in her diary. This diary was later published. On February 22, 1934, Faustina had a vision of Jesus who presented Himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from His heart. She heard Jesus ask her to become the apostle and secretary of divine mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument of implementing God's plan in the world. Faustina died on October 5, 1938, was beatified on April 18, 1993, and canonized on April 30, 2000, by Pope St. John Paul II. Her optional memorial was added to the General Roman Calendar by Pope Francis on May 18, 2020. St. Faustina Kowalska, Pray for us!

Born in Germany in 1819, Francis Xavier Seelos entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, was sent to North America, and was ordained a priest in 1844. He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburg and would eventually become a full-time itinerant missionary preaching in both German and English in a number of different states. He died on October 4, 1867, in New Orleans and declared Blessed by Pope St. John Paul II on April 9, 2000. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Pray for us! - Thursday, October 6 - Optional Memorials of St. Bruno, Priest and, in the United States, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin.

St. Bruno sought to "seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully." He founded the mother house of the Carthusians whose motto is "While the world changes, the Cross stands firm." St. Bruno died in 1101. St. Bruno, Pray for us!

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher was born in Quebec and began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women. She founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian Education. She died in 1849 at the age of thirty-eight. Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Pray for us!

- Friday, October 7 - Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This Memorial was established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571, and recalls the Holy Rosary and its meditations on the Mysteries of Christ and our Salvation. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

– FIRST FRIDAY – October 7 at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at Noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. I encourage you to join us.

- RESPECT LIFE MONTH - October is designated as Respect Life Month and Sunday, October 2, is designated as Respect Life Sunday. We remain mindful of the tragedy of abortion that kills thousands of babies each year and our need to continue to pray for an end to abortion and to work for the protection of all human life in all stages. Abortion is a great tragedy, there is no denving that! Respect for Life is much broader than just abortion. When we hear respect for life, our thoughts often turn to the tragedy of abortion, which indeed is the ultimate disrespect for human life; it is the direct killing of a child. Could there be any greater disrespect for human life?!

Respect for life calls us to respect and care also for the poor, the family, our own bodies and so on, every human life from conception to natural death. Disrespect seems to be everywhere today. Again, I encourage you to spend some additional time, this month especially, in prayer and sacrifice for the respect for life and to work against all those things opposed to life. There are many!

- LIFE CHAIN - This Sunday, October 2, there will be a Life Chain in Quincy. This will be on the south side of Broadway between 14th and 18th Streets. This is an opportunity to spend an hour in silent prayer in a very public way for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages. If you are able to go, I encourage you to do so.

- 40 DAYS FOR LIFE - St. Thomas has their 40 Days for Life Calendar in the back of the church. If you have not done so already, sign up for one or more days to pray especially for life.

- RESPECT LIFE DINNER - The Adams County Right to Life is hosting its annual Respect Life Dinner on Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Quincy. Tickets need to be purchased in advanced by October 11. If you are interested, let me know. There may be tickets available for tables purchased by parishioners.

– PRAYER AND FASTING – A reminder of the Friday Prayer and Fasting initiative for the State of Illinois. Prayer and fasting and other sacrifice are powerful elements of the Christian life and should be a part of every Christian life.

- PENNIES FOR LIFE - St. Thomas will be holding their Pennies for Life collection this month. Folks will be collecting a penny for each year of your life (or other donation you'd like to make) on Sunday, October 9, and/or Sunday, October 26. These funds are forwarded to Adams County Right to Life to help with the work they do.

- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY -October is also known as the month of the Holy Rosary. As noted above, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. I would encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary each day, especially with your family. The Holy Rosary, as we meditate on the Life of Christ through the Mysteries, is a most beautiful and powerful prayer. If you are unsure on how to pray the Rosary, there are pamphlets in the back of each church to help you, or please reach out to me and I'd be happy to help.

- MINISTRY SIGN-UP - Happening at St. Thomas this weekend after Mass in the Hall along with donut Sunday. Please take a few minutes to review the sign-up sheets. If you wish to continue in what you are doing, initial by your name; if not, cross your name off. Please do not initial or cross off for anyone else. If you are interested in one of the ministries and your name is not on the list, please write it in along with your contact information. If your name is currently on the list but you do not initial it, we will take that to mean you do not wish to continue and remove your name from the list.

- COATS FOR KIDS - Just a reminder about the Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. If you would like to make a monetary contribution toward purchasing coats and have not already done so, please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes are in the back of each church and may be dropped in the collection basket or mailed into the Parish Office.

- PRIEST CONVOCATION - As you all know, I was away from the parishes a couple of weeks ago attending our Diocesan Priest Convocation. Thank you for your prayers. We had an excellent speaker at the convocation who spoke to us on the Holy Eucharist. With the great misunderstanding of the Holy Eucharist by some folks, denial of the Real Presence by many, and the irreverence toward the Holy Eucharist seen all-too-often, it was a refreshing and renewing convocation.

- TURKEY DINNER - The Holy Family Turkey Dinner will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 6, the first Sunday in November. Also, to the Holy Family Parishioners, letters for the Turkey Dinner have gone out by U.S. Mail. If you have not received a letter, please let me know. I encourage you to help support the Turkey Dinner as you have done so graciously in the past. - DEER CLASSIC - The Brown County Deer Classic Committee has been hard at work, and I appreciate their efforts. This year's Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 12. More information to come. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As a side note, as has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

- HOLY FAMILY RESTORATION - As the exterior restoration work continues at Holy Family, I ask you once again to prayerfully consider any support that you may be able to give toward the project. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. As you remain in my prayers each day, may you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary</u> <u>Time – October 2, 2022</u>

What About Seed and Service? Here are two puzzling teachings for today. One, of mulberry tree and mustard seed. Another, of servant and master. The first assures us that even a little faith can accomplish very big, even unimaginable things. The second distinguishes between part-time or full-time service. Add to this Paul's advice to Timothy: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel." Disciples, that is, followers of Christ, need to be all-in.

- What big things will my faith in God accomplish today?
- What hardship will I bear to be a full-time follower?
- What mercy work can I do to accomplish this?

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

Bosco Kids

Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria and classrooms for grades K-6.

RCIA

RCIA classes are 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 Catholic Faith.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Sunday night, October 9, for grades 7-12, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the K of C Hall and meet every other week. Please pray for our 7th and 8th graders attending QUEST in Quincy on October 7-8. We look forward to seeing all of our youth again.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions on *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* will start on Tuesday, November 29, and run for 3 weeks during Advent. More details and sign up information will be posted in early November.

IT'S TURKEY TIME

The Annual Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, serving from 11-1. May this year be as successful as the last two. Proceeds from 2020 was \$11,324 and 2021 was \$9,678. Letters will be mailed this week with all the details, raffle tickets, and the workers list. If there are any questions or you do not see your name on the workers list and would like to help, please call Lora Decker at 217-440-6696. FOR THE YOUTH – Upcoming QUEST – October 7 and 8. QUEST is for youth ages 13-15. It's an overnight experience to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled atmosphere. Go to <u>greatrivertec.org</u> for more information and to register. Open to all Christians.

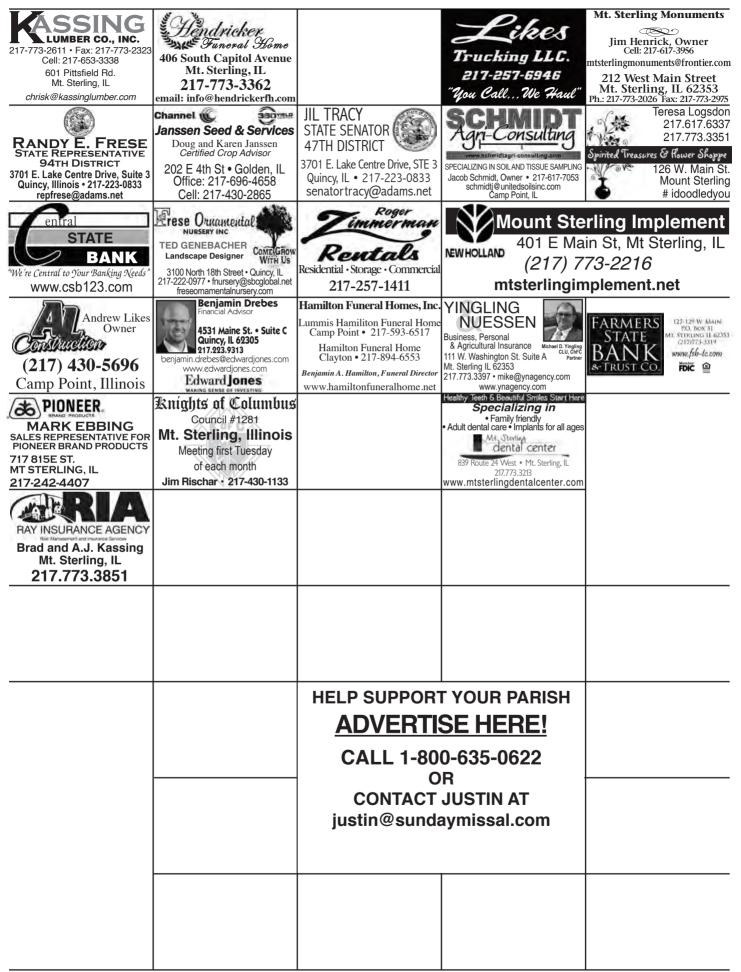
Teens Encounter Christ

FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS – Upcoming TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) – November 12-14. TEC is for teens 16 and older. TEC provides a space to reflect upon one's own ideals, hopes, dreams, problems and discover how God works in their lives. Go to <u>greatrivertec.org</u> for more information and to register. Open to all Christians.

Women's Cursillo Set for November 3 to 6 Does your life need a spiritual recharge? Are you ready to charge up your faith? How about spending quality time learning, growing, and contemplating on what God is calling you to do in your life. The Quincy Cursillo is hosting its next Women's Cursillo November 3 to 6 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located on Quincy University's North Campus. Imagine spending a few days in spiritual renewal with other Catholic women eager to deepen their relationship with Jesus. For more information Contact Ann O'Sullivan or Gary & Gail Mast

HOLIDAY WREATHS

Cass-Schuyler Area Hospice Volunteers are selling "Beautiful Holiday Evergreens from Sherwood Forest Farms" again this year. There are 3 different fresh wreaths, garland, a door swag, and a centerpiece. And also a cute Reindeer set. A product flyer is displayed on the bulletin board in back of church. If you are interested in supporting Hospice, call Karla Ormond, 217-257-3835, or Karen Yingling, 812-459-2022. Orders will be taken through October 31 and delivered before Thanksgiving (between November 15-22). Money is to be collected at time of order unless other arrangements are made. Please make checks to Cass-Schuvler Area Hospice. Thank you!



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