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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

<u>Monday, September 12 – 7:00 a.m.</u>

The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 13 - 7:00 a.m.

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Corinthians12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17

> Cindy Harper Coats (By the Geisler Cousins)

Wednesday, September 14 - 7:00 a.m.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

> Josephine Burkey (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Thursday, September 15 - 7:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:27-27

Becky Hill (By Mary Kassing)

<u>Friday, September 16 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

> Patricia Parker (By John & Linda Colgan)

Saturday, September 17 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, BVM 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Bob & Sylva Dixon and Julie Link (By Cheryl Dillard)

<u>Sunday, September 18 – 8:00 a.m.</u>

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Tom & Barb Kuhn (By Dawn Dunn)

<u>St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.</u>

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 3-4, 2022

Holy Family: \$4,537.20 School Support: \$890.00 Assumption: \$20.00

Sister Parish: \$35.00 ACSA: \$40.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>September 4, 2022</u>

St. Thomas: \$1,954.00 Mission Appeal: \$85.00 Guatemala: \$240.00 Candles: \$28.00

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."

SMS Hog Roast – Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18, 2022.

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

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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 **†** Cindy Harper Coats **†** Kendall Harper Passmore **†** Rick Kunkel **†** Marissa Atteberry

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas PSR – Our PSR year will kick off September 14 with Mass at 6:30. Afterwards, we will stay in the church where we will meet the Catechists and go over plans for the year! Registration forms are in the back of church, or you can contact Laura Evans at <u>levans@adams.net</u> or 217-316-1734 for one!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>September 18, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Lector:	PSR
Gift Bearers:	PSR
Eucharistic Minister:	Maurice Schmidt
Ushers:	John Brady Jerry Herkert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time and our readings for today remind us that God, who is merciful, seeks out and welcomes the lost.

Today's Gospel, and particularly the parable of the prodigal son, reminds us of the merciful love that God the Father has for all of us, His children. Jesus depicts so poignantly the love found in the character of the father who runs out to greet his wayward son before he is even home and who celebrates his son's safe return with the feast of a fatted calf.

We might wonder how a father can be so quickly and completely forgiving of a son who prematurely took a share of the father's wealth (to which he was not even entitled), abandoned the family, and wasted the hard-earned money on immoral and reckless acts. I suspect some folks may find such forgiveness difficult, at best.

But Jesus reminds us, as He did the Pharisees and scribes at the beginning of the Gospel, that God the Father Himself is merciful, for Jesus was sent to encourage sinners to turn away from their sins and toward God.

These readings challenge us on many levels. If we are like the younger, prodigal son, it might be hard to imagine that God could forgive us for the wrongs we might have done, for the times that we turned away from God. But in the second reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy that God not only forgave him (Paul) for his persecution of the Church, He called Paul to great glory as an Apostle. Paul describes himself as the foremost of sinners, who was mercifully treated, so that in him, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all His patience as an example for those who would come to believe in Him for everlasting life. Through His mercy for this most zealous persecutor of the early Christians, the Lord gave Paul the grace to become one of His greatest advocates and one of the shining stars of the Church.

If any of us feel that we have committed some wrong that can't be forgiven or have strayed so long that we can't be welcomed back, we can take courage and comfort from these readings. But, just as the readings encourage us to accept the mercy of God, they also challenge us to extend God's mercy to others. For we also know that the measure we give to others is what we shall receive. We are forgiven, as we forgive. And we have this good news to share with anyone who needs to hear it: come home! So let us then accept God's mercy, extend it to others, and rejoice, as the Father commands us, when those who are lost return home.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, September 12 - Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary. In this memorial, we recall that God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church. Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, September 13 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. John Chrysostom was named Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Noted for his outstanding preaching, he was called "golden mouthed." He was a strong defender of the poor and sought reform of the clergy. He was exiled twice due to royal opposition. St. John Chrysostom died on September 14, 407. He is the patron of preachers and Istanbul. St. John Chrysostom, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church above the empty grave of Jesus, a shrine marking the place of crucifixion, and a basilica in the square between the two churches. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. They were later rebuilt around the year 626 but destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present Church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149.

This day also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's Cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

- Thursday, September 15 - Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. This memorial celebrates the seven sorrows of Mary: the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; the Flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary; the Crucifixion; the taking down of Jesus' Body from the Cross; and Jesus' Burial. As we reflect on Mary as the perfect example for us of how to live a perfect Christian life and how to always say yes to God, we remain mindful of the sorrows of Mary and how close she is to us in our own suffering. Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

- Friday, September 16 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. Cornelius opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the lapsi controversy. He died a martyr in 253 and is buried in the cemetery of Callistus.

Cyprian was an ally of Cornelius and Bishop of Carthage. He authored *On the Unity of the Catholic Church*. Cyprian was the first African bishop to be martyred, decapitated on September 14, 258 under Valerian. He is the patron of North Africa and Algeria.

Both Cornelius and Cyprian are mentioned in the Roman Canon. Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Pray for us!

- Saturday, September 17 - Optional Memorials of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church.

St. Robert Bellarmine was a brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation. He died in 1621 and is the patron of catechists and catechumens. St. Robert Bellarmine, Pray for us!

St. Hildegard of Bingen lived from 1098-1179. She was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, poet, Christian mystic, visionary, and a person of wide-ranging knowledge and learning. She is especially known as a composer of sacred monophony and is considered a patron saint of musicians and writers. Her optional memorial was added to the General Roman Calendar just last year (2021) by Pope Francis. St. Hildegard of Bingen, Pray for us!

- SEPTEMBER 11 - As I noted in last week's bulletin, today, Sunday, September 11, marks the 21st anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We pray for an end to terrorism in the world and we pray for those who lost their lives on that day. We also honor all firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel who serve our local community.

Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York City on April 20, 2008, and his prayer included these words: "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred ... and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all." Perhaps these words can be part of our prayer as well. - HOG ROAST - Don't miss out on the St. Mary School Hog Roast on Sunday, September 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is being served at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. You'll also want to be sure and get your tickets for what has become our famous hog roast drawing. Come and get a great meal, your chance at our drawing, and support St. Mary School. Thank you for your continued support.

- BOSCO KIDS AND ST. THOMAS PSR -Holy Family Bosco Kids kicked off the new year with Mass on Wednesday, September 7.

St. Thomas PSR will kick off the new year with Mass on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The teachers will be there for you to meet, and if you haven't already registered, registration will take place then along with a few introductory things after Mass. PSR students and families should be present and everyone is welcome to join us.

I remind our families that parents are the first teachers of the faith. Religious Education needs to be a priority.

- YOUTH GROUPS - As I wrote last week, I am grateful for the folks in both parishes who have been working to form a Youth Group at each parish.

St. Thomas' group has already met once. They are planning to normally meet the first and third Sundays of the month. Their next meeting will be on Sunday evening, September 18.

Holy Family is planning to have their first Youth Group get together on Sunday evening, September 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling.

- CONVOCATION - Just a reminder, the Diocesan Priest Convocation will be held Monday, September 19 through Thursday, September 22, in Collinsville. I will be away from the parishes those days. I am hoping to have Deacon Mike celebrate a Communion Service on those mornings. As the priests prepare for and attend this year's Convocation, please keep us and Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

- CATHECHETICAL SUNDAY - Next Sunday, September 18, is Catechetical Sunday. We recognize those in the parishes who formally teach the faith. There will be a special blessing of Catechists at the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass for Holy Family and the Sunday morning Mass for St. Thomas. Thank you to those who take on this role.

- DCCW - The 93rd Annual convention of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Mattoon, IL. This is open to all women in the Diocese, and I encourage you to consider attending. Registration should have been made by Friday, September 7. However, if you act quickly, I think you can still register. I had placed a few registration forms in the back of each church. I saw that they were gone so if you need one and don't see them, let me know.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, the Quincy Deanery DCCW has also re-established itself and I encourage all women of both parishes to learn more about it and become involved in it. You can contact Claudia Coggeshall from St. Thomas for more information. Claudia is the Vice-President of the Quincy Deanery Council. Additionally, as of July 1, I became the Spiritual Advisor of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Again, I encourage the ladies to join us for the local meetings throughout the year and the Annual Convention.

As a side note, I believe the next Deanery CCW meeting is being hosted by St. Thomas and is planned for Thursday, November 3. Ladies of the parishes, please plan to join us!

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You continue to be in my prayers each day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>September 11, 2022</u>

Why Hang Around with the Lost Ones? We can read Luke chapter 15 as parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost child. But basically, they are stories of joy resulting in lavish parties for what is found: a full flock, a complete dowry, a returned relationship of parent and child. Ultimately, they show God's desire to be reunited with anyone who becomes lost in little or big ways. It needs to be our desire, too.

- For whom will I go looking who needs to be found?
- Whom am I called to hang around (I may be surprised)?
- How will I be like the generous father standing on the porch awaiting the return of _____?

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.

Important September activities:

Wednesday, 9/14 - Regular class

Saturday, 9/17, 5:30 Mass – Catechetical Sunday, Family Mass for SMS and Bosco Kids Families

Wednesday, 9/21 – Regular class

Wednesday, 9/28 – Family Night – God's Plan in Scripture – SMS and Bosco Kids students and families. 6:15-7:30

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 start on Sunday night, September 25, for Grades 7-12 and meet every other week. Our first meeting will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a cookout at the K of C Hall. We look forward to seeing all of our youth at this first meeting.

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.

Blessings to you all this week.



St. Mary School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/.

YMCA COMMUNITY BAND AND CHOIR

Great news, the YMCA community band and choir are back!

The choir meets on Mondays, starting September 12, and the band meets on Thursdays, starting September 15.

Both groups start practice at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

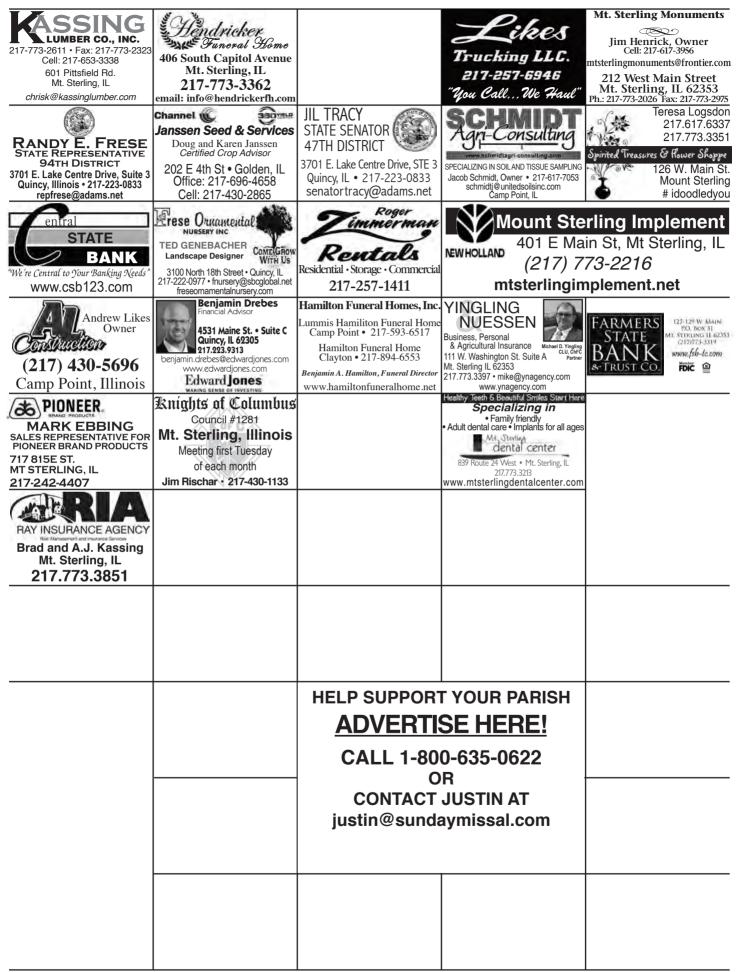
There is no cost to participate and you do not need to be a Y member. Anyone 14 and older can join.

Their joint concert will be Sunday, November 20.

Quincy Holy Family Fest

The Holy Family Fest is a program of the Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC) designed to create an environment unlike any other to help families grow in their faith. The Quincy Holy Family Fest is a mini version of the AFC family fest. The annual Holy Family Fests in Steubenville, OH are six nights. The Quincy Holy Family Fest will last one day with the support of the AFC. You should join if you are looking for a way to grow your family's faith in a fun way, hoping to pass your Catholic faith onto your kids, looking for guidance to help instill family values in a complicated world, wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Holy Family, or you are looking for that extra something to help your family thrive and grow together! It will be held October 22, 2022, at the Knights of Columbus in Quincy, IL from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is just \$40/household. Questions? Contact us at quincyholyfamilyfest@gmail.com or text/call 217-257-0816.





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