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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, October 24 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 25 - 7:00 a.m.

Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21

Jack Logsdon (By the Family)

Wednesday, October 26 - 7:00 a.m.

Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30

Mary Franklin Brahler (By Maureen Norvell)

Thursday, October 27 - 7:00 a.m.

Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35

Cindy Harper Coats (By Donnie & Linda Howard)

<u>Friday, October 28 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Ephesians2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

Barb Kuhn (By Jean Evans)

Saturday, October 29 - 5:30 p.m.

St. John Paul II, Pope; BVM Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

Raymond, Mable & John Salrin (By Nancy Salrin & Family)

Sunday, October 30 - 8:00 a.m.

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2.2; Luke 19:1-10

Robert & Betty Koch (By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 15-16, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,555.00 School Support: \$210.00 Sister Parish: \$40.00 All Saints Day: \$25.00 ACSA: \$500.00 Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 16, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,978.00 Parish Improvement: \$30.00 Candle Money: \$24.00

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."
- ❖ Red Cross Blood Drive: The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the K of C Hall on Wednesday, October 26, 12:00 − 6:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Note location change due to road and sidewalk construction up town.

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 - 8:00 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 & 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 & 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

Pastoral Council October 13, 2022.

Pat Sharow, Janice Brady, Claudia Coggeshall, Fr. Aaron. Pastoral Council- Possible security system for church was discussed. Ministry sign ups have been completed. If anyone wishes to sign up they may still do so. Instructions and information on some ministries will be provided by Father after Mass Oct. 16. Ideas for possible Advent Tree discussed.

DRE- 2 different studies were discussed for Adult Faith Formation that will be held on Wednesday nights during PSR.

Men's and Women's-Plans for Quincy Deanery Catholic Conference of Women meeting that is being hosted by St. Thomas Nov. 3 was discussed. Christmas Party for the parish will be December 11.

Next meeting November 10, 2022.

Pennies for Life. The last collection with Pennies for Life for Adams County Right to Life will be held on October 23.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 30, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Lector: Alicia Schmidt

Gift Bearers: A. Llewellyn Family

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Clasius

Ushers: Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Times and we are reminded of a simple but powerful prayer that we can and should make our own..."O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

The Book of Sirach tells us that God listens to the prayers of every sinner, showing no preference. Yet He shows special care to those most in need...the last, the lowest, the vulnerable, and the oppressed.

God heard the prayers of the Apostle Paul with special favor, for when Paul wrote to

Timothy, he was in a prison cell in Imperial Rome, soon to be martyred for the faith. Paul identifies his own suffering with that of Christ, and he rejoices in it. His blood will be poured out like that of Christ. He had no one to speak in his defense at trial, and neither did Jesus. He forgave his betrayers just as Jesus did. God gave Paul the strength to preach the Gospel even in the midst of darkness and difficulty, much like Jesus the Son of God did. Paul's prayers were answered because of his humility.

In the Gospel today from Luke, Jesus compares and contrasts the prayers of the humble tax collector with the arrogant prayer of the Pharisee. The Pharisee was among the elite of Jewish religious and political society. He believed that he deserved God's love and the admiration of others, but no one loved the Pharisee more than the Pharisee himself. In fact, what the Pharisee says can hardly be called a prayer. It was more of a self-congratulatory speech.

The tax collector, on the other hand, had some difficulty experiencing the love of God, and expected no love from the Pharisee or the people of his town, most of whom despised him and were in debt to him. He prays to God as a son pleads with a father and he does so with no pretense or pomp.

The Pharisee asks for praise. The tax collector gives it. The tax collector asks for mercy because he needs it. The Pharisee shows no mercy because to him it is just a word for the weak.

Jesus favors the heartfelt prayer of the tax collector over the many supposedly righteous deeds and words of the Pharisee because it was the tax collector who was being sincere in what he prayed.

We can all learn from the tax collector. In prayer, we stand bare before God, seeing in ourselves what God sees in us, and worrying less about what others may think of us. The tax collector's prayer, O God, be merciful to me a sinner, fits well with the prayers of some of our greatest saints, such as Augustine who said: "Man is a beggar before God."

Saints were once sinners. We are sinners, called to be saints. That is so very important for us to remember...we are not called to be

admired, sought after, applauded, etc. in this world. We are called to be saints.

The Pharisee refused to admit any sin of his own which threatened his eternal salvation. The tax collector admitted his unworthiness and in doing so, became more worthy of the freely given love and mercy of God. The same can happen for all of us who approach the Lord in humility rather than pride.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 24 – Optional memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop. Anthony Claret from Catalonia was a vigorous reforming bishop of Santiago, Cuba. He founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (the Claretians, C.M.F.) which todays totals about three-thousand members. He was known to foster credit unions and the apostolate of the press. He died in 1870. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Pray for us!

-Friday, October 28 - Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

St. Simon is called the "Canaanite" and also the "Zealot," an anti-Roman party. He likely preached in Egypt and Persia and is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharist Prayer I). He was martyred in the First century.

St. Jude or Thaddeus (meaning "Courageous") likely preached in Palestine and Persia. He was also martyred in the First century and is mentioned in the Roman Canon. Many of us know St. Jude as the patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations, perhaps because of the similarity of his name with that of Judas Iscariot who betrayed and despaired.

Saints Simon and Jude, Pray for us!

-FOOD DRIVE – A reminder that we will be collecting different kinds of food each week at Holy Family for the Mt. Sterling Food Pantry at least through the end of November. Next week we will be collecting cereal. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry to help those who are in need, you can bring your items (next week, cereal) to church and place them in the tub in tote in the vestibule.

-RESPECT LIFE DINNER – The Respect Life Dinner in Quincy is on Thursday evening, October 27. Reservations were already due but if you'd like to go, a parishioner purchased a table for the dinner and, as of this writing, still has a couple of seats available. Let me know if you'd like to go and I'll see if any seats are still available.

-FALL COLLECTION - The Fall Collection at Holy Family is getting under way. Thank you to those who are helping with that. You may have already received your letter from me or you should be receiving it soon. Those letters are delivered by one of our parishioners. As I note in the letter, those who make a contribution to the Fall Collection before Thanksgiving will have a chance to win a gas gift card. The Fall Collection has been an important undertaking for many years at Holy Family and I encourage every parish family to prayerfully consider what you can contribute. The Fall Collection Parish Organization is co-chaired this year by Sharon Teefey and Jim Rischar. Parish Organization Funds are not included in the parish tithe calculation each month.

-SCHOOL – We have parent-teacher conferences this week at St. Mary's on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening. There is no school on Friday, October 28.

-FRIDAY – I may need to be in Springfield early on Friday, October 28. If that happens, there will be a Communion Service on that day, at 8:30am as usual. As noted above, there is no school that day. I will announce that as soon as I am able to, I'm just not sure yet as of this writing.

-CCW - The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be having their next meeting on Thursday, November 3. St. Thomas is hosting this meeting. I strongly encourage all women of the parishes to go if at all possible. With St. Thomas hosting, there is no excuse for it being "too far."

It's always a nice day. Registration begins at 8:00am, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by praying of the Holy Rosary. There is a light breakfast, and then the business meeting and different talks and presentations. Lunch is served around Noon and the meeting continues until mid-afternoon. There is

usually a lot of good information and hand-outs and also a silent auction table. Faith-filled and informative, the ladies who go also enjoy the day with one another.

Registration is \$6.00. If you would like to go and are not able to cover the cost, I am more than happy to pay it for you so please do not let that be a prohibiting factor. To help plan for the day, we would like to know if you are coming. Let me know or sign up in church as soon as possible.

There is a National Council of Catholic Women which the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is an affiliate of. Within the Springfield Council, each Deanery in the Diocese has a Council. Holy Family and St. Thomas belong to the Quincy Deanery. The Council of Catholic Women actively promote the Catholic faith through service and leadership.

Just not sure if you want to attend? Go ahead and go...ask someone to join you. I think you will find it to be an enjoyable day and one that helps strengthen your own faith life.

-ALL SAINTS DAY – The Solemnity of All Saints is November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check next week's bulletin for the Mass times for this Solemnity and Day of Obligation. It is seriously sinful to disregard completely the obligation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this day and on Sundays and all other Holy Days of Obligation.

I try to have ample opportunities for folks to attend Mass. Christ has to be at the center of our life and everything we do. This has to be a priority. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and all Holy Days of Obligation should never be something that we try to fit into our busy schedules but must be the priority of the day from which everything else flows.

-TURKEY DINNER – The Holy Family Turkey Dinner is Sunday, November 6, the first Sunday in November. Letters for the Turkey Dinner have gone out by U.S. Mail to Holy Family Parishioners. 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. Raffle tickets are in the back of church and you can also place those and other contributions in the chest there on the table.

-DEER CLASSIC - The Brown County Deer Classic Committee has been hard at work and the Deer Classic is just around the corner. This year's Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 12. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00pm.

-CATHOLIC TIMES – In the latest edition of the Catholic Times (October 16, 2022), there is an interview with a former abortionist. I encourage you to read this interview as it gives some insight into the horrors of abortion.

I urge each of you to continue to pray for the respect for and protection of all human life in all stages. Day after day there are more and more attacks against life, human dignity, human identity, marriage, family life, and God's Will for man, most centered around individualism and self-centeredness, consumerism, and profits & money. That which is against God's Will is nothing other than demonic.

If you do not receive the Catholic Times, you can view it online, but please let me know so that I can make sure your name is added for the print copy as well.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You remain in my daily prayers as well. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> – 23 October 2022

Does God Have Favorites? The first reading asserts that while God, indeed, attends to everyone, there is special attention to the cries of the poor, the weak and the oppressed, the widow and the orphan. (This is why the Church has a preferential option for the poor. See Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2443-2449.) The gospel parable of Jesus contrasts the prayers of a self-righteous religious leader with a despised and shady business man. The question: who is justified. The point: be humble.

- Why does God, who loves and cares for everyone, favor the poor, the week, the oppressed?
- What does this tell me about my own prayer?
- Since good prayer leads to good action, what mercy work will I do for those crying out in need?

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

Bosco Kids

Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria or the convent (your teacher will let you know where) for grades K-6.

Regular classes will be on Wednesday 10/19.

Family night is 10/26--all parents and children of Bosco Kids and SMS are invited to attend our second session of God's Plan in Scripture

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 23rd for Grades 7-12 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Kof C hall and meet every other week. Note the time change for this week. We have fun activities planned with a hayrack ride, scavenger hunt at the cemetery, and a hot meal afterwards. Please wear warm clothing and bring your cell phone for the scavenger hunt. We will meet and dismiss from the KC Hall. We look forward to seeing all of our youth again.

On November 6 our youth will help with serving meals at the Holy Family Turkey Dinner at the KC Hall from 10:45-1:00 p.m. with a pizza lunch served afterwards.

Catholic Heart Work Camp is July 9-15 in Nashville, TN. We are working with St. Thomas Parish. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to attend. The registration fee is \$100 and we will raise funds for the rest of the cost.

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.

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.

Turkey Dinner Note – We missed getting the raffle ticket sheets in the envelopes that were mailed out. There is a stack of raffle ticket sheets on the table by the drop box as you enter the church. Please take as many as needed and take some to give to others. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Turkey Dinner. Thanks!

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 greatrivertec.org 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 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 Oct. 31th and delivered before Thanksgiving (between November 15-22). Money is to be collected at time of order unless other arrangements made. Please make checks to Cass-Schuyler Area Hospice. Thank you!

Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction 2022: We are excited to announce that we will be having our 13th annual trivia night and silent auction IN PERSON on Saturday, November 5 at the QU Health and Fitness Center! Doors open and auction begins at 5:00 p.m.; trivia begins at 6:45 p.m. sharp! Registration is \$125 for teams of up to 8 people. Please visit www.birthrightquincyil.org or our Facebook page for more details and registration, or you may call the Birthright office at 217-224-1277 if you have any questions. This is our largest fundraiser which helps us continue to serve the needs of mothers and babies right here in our community. We hope you will join us!

Snow Removal

We are in need of volunteers for snow removal around the school once it starts snowing. If you are interested in helping with snow removal, please let Melissa know (217-773-2825 or mobert@smseagle.org). Thanks!



