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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 31 - 7:00 a.m.

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

Communion Service

Monday, October 31 – 5:30 p.m. AT ST. THOMAS

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

Monday, October 31 - 7:00 p.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

Melvin & Eleanor McClelland and JoAnne McClelland Harris (By John & Linda Colgan)

<u>Tuesday, November 1 – 7:00 a.m.</u> <u>AT ST. THOMAS</u>

All Saints Day

Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Danny Seals

Tuesday, November 1 - 8:30 a.m. AT HOLY FAMILY (School Mass)

Elinor Davis (By Jim & Doris Duvendack)

<u>Tuesday, November 1 – 5:30 p.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

Mary Kleinlein (By Bob Kleinlein)

<u>Tuesday, November 1 – 7:00 p.m.</u> <u>AT ST. THOMAS</u>

Kathy Mowen

<u>Wednesday, November 2 – 7:00 a.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

All Souls' Day Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

Grace Vose (By Deacon Paul & Charlotte Koch)

<u>Wednesday, November 2 - 8:30 a.m.</u> AT ST. THOMAS

Jerry & Marge Herkert

<u>Wednesday, November 2 – 5:30 p.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

Bill O'Sullivan (By Patty Koch)

Wednesday, November 2 – 7:00 p.m. AT ST. THOMAS

Carl & Dorothy Mast (By Ray & Teresa Bockhold)

<u>Thursday, November 3 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Martin de Porres, Religious Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

Becky & Mike Metzger (By Lora Decker)

<u>Thursday, November 3 - 8:30 a.m.</u> AT ST. THOMAS

Jerry Gunn (By the Family)

<u>Friday, November 4 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Joe Geisler (By Lyndall & Peggy Pyle)

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

Rita Simmons (By Robert & Linda Broverman)

Saturday, November 5 - 5:30 p.m.

St. John Paul II, Pope; BVM Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

Kathleen Salrin Root (By Emily & Charlie Morris & Family)

Sunday, November 6 - 8:00 a.m.

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Don Sharow (By Pat Sharow)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October, 2022

Holy Family: \$4,268.00 School Support: \$1,095.00 Sister Parish: \$10.00 World Mission: \$10.00 ACSA: \$20.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD: October 23, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,190.00 World Mission Sunday: \$115.00

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."

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

St. Thomas Youth Group - We will only be meeting once during the month of November.

November 13 at 6 p.m. Join us for Fun, Food and Faith.

All are welcome, especially those in Jr High and High School.

I want to thank the parishioners of St Thomas for their generous giving to the Pennies for Life Campaign for Adams County Right to Life this year which totaled \$323.37. This money will go toward the much needed support for the pro-life educational outreach provided by Right to Life of Adams County.

Thank you again! Claudia Coggeshall

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:Denise TaylorGreeters:J. Clausius Family

Lector:Laura EvansGift Bearers:J. Brady FamilyEucharistic Minister:Laura EvansCollection Counters:R. Coggeshall

Ushers: Mark Obert, Justin Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that when we seek to know Jesus, we discover how much more He is seeking us.

In the Gospel today, by the time Zacchaeus hears about Jesus, it's clear that Jesus had become a "must see" kind of person, a sensation of sorts for many. The miracles and healings Jesus performed had gained Him quite a following, so much so that Zacchaeus was unable to find a decent sightline in the crowd.

Undeterred by his lack of height, Zacchaeus was determined to get a good look at Jesus and so he resolutely obtained a bird's eye view in the now-famous sycamore tree (isn't it interesting how some details become so well-known while others are so easily over-looked!).

Zacchaeus found a way to see Jesus. But imagine Jesus looking up to Zacchaeus and saying to him "I am here to see you!" This is essentially what Jesus said to Zacchaeus. Even though Jesus was only passing through Jericho, surprisingly, He stays with the tax collector.

Once Zacchaeus opened his heart to seek the Lord, Jesus revealed His desire to seek him out. The key was that Zacchaeus made himself visible to Jesus. Rather than hide from Jesus because of his sins or shortcomings, he placed himself fully in the sight of the Savior.

Like Zacchaeus, we are called to seek out Jesus, knowing that He is also seeking us. This mutual "seeking" is what produces a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. When we seek out Jesus in prayer and the Sacraments, we come to know Him more deeply.

In prayer, we allow ourselves to be seen by God and have our lives transformed by His closeness to us. Jesus isn't content with us watching Him from a distance. He calls out to us and says," Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

Even though we are sinners, Jesus' desire to stay with us remains the same. It's so important to recognize Jesus' desire for us and, at the same time, our desire for Him. These mutual desires are each gifts of God, so that we might fulfill our created purpose for union with Him.

When we come to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, these mutual desires are profoundly met in the reception of Holy Communion. And our hope is that, by living the life Christ calls us to, these desires will be fully realized for all eternity, when our joy at seeing Jesus face to face will be surpassed only by His joy at having us share in Eternal Life in Heaven. The Lord comes to save all people but our salvation can never be presumed. May we live our lives each day in that hope for Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven.

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation. This is a high celebration in the Church as it has been elevated to a Solemnity. We celebrate those who have gone before us who now enjoy the glory of Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. May their holiness of life always be an example to us and may we always be reminded that they now share in what our ultimate end is. We ask the intercession of all the Saints.

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation where one is obligated to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. 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 will be celebrating Masses at both parishes that day and a Vigil Mass on Monday evening at both parishes. The Mass schedule for each parish is as follows:

Holy Family – 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31; 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1. The St. Mary School students, faculty, and staff will be present for the 8:30 a.m. Mass but everyone is certainly welcome to that Mass.

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31; 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 1.

-Wednesday, November 2 – The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). Rooted in ancient Christian Tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th century. All Souls Day is also significant but sadly has become dismissed by many as just another day. While it is always appropriate and necessary to pray for the dead, All Souls Day sets aside a day especially for this. Again, we remember those who have gone before us and we pray for the eternal redemption of their souls.

With the significance of All Souls Day and the importance of praying for the dead, I will be offering Masses this day at both parishes as well. The Mass schedule for All Souls Day is as follows:

Holy Family - 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

-Thursday, November 3 – Optional memorial of St. Martin de Porres, Religious. St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. A lay brother of the Order of Preachers, he humbly ministered to the poor and the sick, especially African slaves. He was a close friend of St. Rose of Lima and devoted to the Holy Eucharist. He is the patron saint of social justice and of people of mixed races. St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us!

On this day, I will celebrate Mass as usual at 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family. There will also be an 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas since the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be holding their meeting at St. Thomas that day.

-Friday, November 4 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop. Charles Borromeo was a Cardinal and Secretary of State at age twenty-two for his uncle, Pope Pius IV. He implemented reforms of the Council of Trent in his diocese of Milan and was considered a model pastor by many bishops including St. Francis de Sales. He held

five provincial councils and eleven diocesan synods. He is the founder of seminaries and the patron of catechists and of catechumens. He died on November 3, 1584 at the age of forty-six. St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us!

-CONGRATULATIONS – Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Reich who were married at Holy Family Parish last Saturday afternoon, October 22. We pray for Sam and Chloe's marriage and for all married couples and for those who are preparing for marriage. We pray also for good and Holy vocations.

If you are looking at marriage, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. It is important to talk with me initially at least 6 months in advance of a desired wedding date.

-POPE'S INTENTION – The Holy Father's Intention for November is for children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

I might also add that we continue to pray for children who suffer the pains of abortion and whose lives are purposely taken while in the womb. Make no doubt about the real pain and suffering of the child who is murdered by abortion.

-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." You should have already signed-up but if you didn't let me know if you will be attending.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, It's always a nice day. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., 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.

-FALL COLLECTION – The Fall Collection at Holy Family is under way. I am hopeful that you have already received your letter from me or you should be receiving it soon. The Fall Collection is important for operating the parish. I know there are many requests for many things and I appreciate your support of the parish through the Fall Collection.

-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 canned vegetables. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry to help those who are in need, you can bring your items (next week, canned vegetables) to church and place them in the tote in the vestibule.

-NOVEMBER – During November, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer II). The month of November, especially All Souls Day, is also a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones. I encourage you to keep all the faithful departed in your prayers each and every day and especially during the month of November and to also visit the graves of your loved ones.

-FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, November 4 is First Friday. We will be having our First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45 p.m., and Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. I encourage everyone to spend some time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and to join us for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I also encourage folks to regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – Saturday, November 5 is First Saturday. Nocturnal Adoration goes through the night at Holy Family and runs through 7:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Please be aware of the time change for this coming weekend. As such, according to my best calculation, Adoration will begin

technically at 11:00 p.m. On November 5 and will get back on schedule into the night when the time formally changes. (We change the Nocturnal Adoration clock before we begin.) If there are any questions, Jerry Shoopman fields most of those inquiries but you can also reach out to me if you cannot reach Jerry. It all works out if we're all willing.

-DONUT SUNDAY – Sunday, November 6 is the first Sunday of the month which means "Donut Sunday" at St. Thomas. I will not be able to join you this month as I will be returning to Mt. Sterling immediately after Mass for the Holy Family Turkey Dinner.

-TURKEY DINNER – Just a reminder that the Holy Family Turkey Dinner is next Sunday, November 6. It will be served drive-thru only at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Make your plans now to come and get your delicious meals to enjoy and don't forget to get your name in for the raffle. There are some great prizes to be had. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and your support of the Turkey Dinner.

-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – A reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6. At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, clocks are set back one hour. If you arrive an hour early for Mass, wonderful...spend an extra hour in prayer!

-VOCATION AWARENESS – Sunday, November 6 marks the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. I encourage each of you to pray for and do all you can for good and holy vocations. Please continue to join folks across the Diocese to pray one Hail Mary at 4:40 each day that our Diocese may have 40 seminarians.

-BROWN COUNTY DEER CLASSIC - The annual Brown County Deer Classic is back and scheduled for Saturday, November 12. I encourage everyone to take part. This is an important fundraiser for St. Mary School but also a wonderful opportunity for so many of us to come together. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you all for all you do and for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Your prayers are so very important. Please be assured of my continued

prayers for each of you as well. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time –</u> 30 October 2022

Whom Does Jesus Seek? The short of stature Zacchaeus runs ahead, climbs a tree, and seeks Jesus as he passes by. But Jesus stops, seeks Zacchaeus out, and invites himself to dinner. This story, as is all of the gospel, is about us, too. In our seeking Jesus, we discover he has been seeking us. All. The. Time.

- Why does Jesus want to stay with me?
- How does his invitation to stay with me urge me to change some behaviors?
- How does all of this help me to be more generious? What mercy work will I do this week?

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. Just a reminder that Tuesday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation and Wednesday, November 2 is All Souls Day. Please see the bulletin for Mass times.

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

Our Youth Group (and all youth) will help with serving meals at the Holy Family Turkey Dinner at the KC Hall from 10:45-1:00 p.m. The Youth Group will meet on Sunday night, November 6 for Grades 7-12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m in the Kof C hall and meet every other week. We look forward to seeing all of our youth again.

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, December 6 and 13 in the school cafeteria from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can order enough books.

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.

Cursillo News

St. Thomas will be hosting an Ultreya on Tuesday November 15. It will be in the St. Thomas Hall at 7 p.m. If you have already made a Cursillo, you are invited to attend. Refreshments and drinks will be provided. This is open to anyone in our community, Holy Family and St. Thomas. Any questions, please contact Gail 217-617-1731 or Gary Mast 217-617-1730.

