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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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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, November 14 – 7:00 a.m.</u>

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 15 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

> John Bullard (By the Family)

Wednesday, November 16 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

Josephine Burkey (By Nocturnal Adoration Society)

Thursday, November 17 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

Lawrence & Gus Langan (By Kim Gronewold)

<u>Friday, November 18 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

> Marie Flynn (By Norma Hufnagel)

Saturday, November 19 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

Sunday, November 20 – 8:00 a.m.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Edward (Rocky) & Mary Griffitts (By Carol Blentlinger)

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

Kathy Minder (By Jerel Mock Family)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 5-6, 2022

Holy Family: \$5633.70 School Support: \$1,097.00 Sister Parish: \$60.00

> All Saints: \$315.00 ACSA: \$30.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 6, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,880.00 Sister Parish: \$280.00 All Saints Day: \$554.00 All Souls Day: \$10.00

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 <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 - 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

<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 & 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 + Ieanette 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 +

<u>ST. THOMAS</u>

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.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 20, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Greeters: Lector: Gift Bearers: Eucharistic Minister: Collection Counters: Ushers: Jonah Coggeshall J. Schmidt Family Karen Janssen J. Herkert Family Jim Clasius J. Mock Mark Obert, Justin Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our Liturgical Year is quickly coming to an end.

Our readings for today remind us that endurance and fidelity are essential aspects of our life in Christ. As Catholics, who have been given the fullness of Truth, we cannot allow the dark forces of evil to have their way. The world needs the Gospel and the Truth more than ever! It needs believers to witness to forgiveness and the pursuit of peace, the beauty of each and every life, the hope of new life in Christ, and the fullness of the Truth of Christ.

Endurance is difficult but the Lord makes endurance, like He does all things possible. The fidelity that we are called to is also very difficult for many and all-too-often dismissed...sometimes because of persecution and sometimes because it just doesn't fit into our worldly pursuits.

May we always trust in the Lord so that we may endure and may we strive each and every day for that fidelity to the Truth

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, November 15 – Optional memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. A member of the Order of Preachers (O.P.; Dominicans), St. Albert the Great was a master of philosophy, theology, and the natural sciences and was a prolific writer. He was the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. He died in 1280 at Cologne and is the patron of scientists. St. Albert the Great, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, November 16 – Optional memorials of St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude, Virgin.

St. Margaret of Scotland was born in Hungary and was the wife of King Malcolm III of Scotland. She was the mother of eight children. She helped root out paganism and her love for the poor became legendary. She died in 1093 and is the patroness of Scotland. St. Margaret of Scotland, Pray for us! St. Gertrude, called "the Great" was born in Thuringia and was a mystic of the Benedictine Abbey of Helfta in Saxony. She wrote on the meaning of suffering, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Trinity, and God's love. Her most notable work is "The Herald of Divine Love." St. Gertrude died on November 17, 1301. St. Gertrude, Pray for us!

Thursday, November 17 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious. St. Elizabeth was the wife of Louis IV of Thuringia and the mother of three. As a widow, she became a Third Order Franciscan, dedicated to the needs of the poor and the sick. She died in 1231 at the age of twenty-four and was canonized just four years after her death. She is the patroness of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for us!

-Friday, November 18 – Optional memorials of The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles and, in the United States, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin.

Around the year 330, Constantine built a Basilica over the tomb of St. Peter. Reconstruction began in the Fourteenth Century and the present Basilica of St. Peter was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. The construction of St. Paul's Basilica was begun in the year 386 by Valentinian II, taking the place of a smaller church built by Constantine. Destroyed by fire in 1823, the new Basilica was consecrated on December 10, 1854 by Pope Pius IX who joined in one solemn celebration the dedication of these two basilicas.

-St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was from Grenoble, France and founded the first American House of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. She also opened the first American free school west of the Mississippi. She is known for her courage and her desire to serve Native Americans, especially the Potawatomi who called her "the woman who prays always." She died in 1852 at the age of eighty-three not so far from us...St. Charles, Missouri. The Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is located in St. Charles, Missouri. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Pray for us! -NO SCHOOL – There is no school at St. Mary's on Friday, November 18. Mass will still be at 8:30 a.m. that morning.

-CHRIST THE KING – As I noted in last week's bulletin, next Sunday, November 20 marks the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (commonly referred to as Christ the King). This is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the Liturgical Year. Mass Times are as usual that weekend. I will also be having Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes.

At Holy Family, Exposition and Adoration will be after the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, November 19 and will go until 7:30 p.m. Benediction will be at 7:30 p.m.

At St. Thomas, Exposition and Adoration will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 20 and will go until Noon. Benediction will be at Noon.

I will expose the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the Distribution of Holy Communion. Mass will conclude as usual and I urge you to stay in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you need to leave, please leave in silence.

-PHONE – A few notes about the rectory/parish phone:

When no one is in the St. Thomas office, calls to the St. Thomas phone number are forwarded to the rectory.

If you need to call me for a non-emergency, please call the rectory number (217)-773-3233. If I am not able to answer, leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. You may also e-mail at any time. Please note that I am normally not in the office on Mondays.

If you have an emergency and call the rectory number but I do not answer, when the voicemail greeting comes on, press zero which will forward the call to my personal cell phone. This instruction is included in the voicemail greeting. I recently changed the rectory voicemail greeting. It was a bit long since I gave my cell phone number for emergencies and repeated it. This change should help make things easier.

For emergencies, you can also call my cell phone directly any time of the day or night. Please do not hesitate to do so for an emergency including and especially for a Sacramental emergency. I kindly ask that you reserve the use of my cell phone number for emergencies.

There are certainly times when I am unable to answer even my cell phone. I will return emergency calls to my cell phone that I am unable to answer just as soon as I am able to listen to the voicemail. Regular "business" calls will be returned when I am in the office.

If you are calling for an emergency and need to leave a message, please leave me enough information so that I know how to contact you or where I may need to go.

As a reminder, I do not text. If you send me a text, I normally can see it but not always. If I receive a text that requires a response, it will normally be with a phone call.

I'm not aiming to make this slight change complicated. I just wanted to give the information and provide reminders.

One final note, if you need to speak with Tammy, she can normally be reached at the school office (217)-773-2825.

-THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES – I am planning to offer a Thanksgiving Day Mass at each parish, 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas. As you make your plans for Thanksgiving Day, why not start the day off with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

-FOOD DRIVE – Once again, a reminder that we are 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 soup. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry to help those who are in need, you can bring your items (next week, soup) to church and place them in the tote in the vestibule. Thank you to all who have contributed and helped in any way.

-THANK YOU – Many thanks to all who made the Holy Family Turkey Dinner last Sunday a great success and all who supported it in any way. It is so good to see so many parishioners come together and work to bring about such an event. I'm told there were about 850 meals served. I will try to have more details for you later on. -BAPTISMS – Last Saturday evening, November 5, I celebrated two Baptisms after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Evie Drew Llewellyn is the daughter of Adam and Alison Llewellyn. Owen Douglas Schaefer is the son of Conner and Jennifer Schaefer. Welcome, Evie and Owen, as two of the newest members of God's Church and the newest members of Holy Family Parish.

It is always such a great joy to celebrate the Sacraments. If you have a baby that needs to be Baptized or are expecting, please let me know so that we can get the Baptism scheduled.

-CROPS FOR KIDS – Just a reminder that you can still participate in the Crops for Kids for St. Mary School. You can simply direct a portion of your crop harvest to St. Mary School. Thank you to those who have already participated.

-NOVEMBER – Another reminder that during the month of November especially, we remember and pray for the dead. Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. As we do so, it is also a good time to visit the cemetery and pray for those who have died. Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-CHRISTMAS CARDS – As I noted last week, once again I am making available to you some beautiful and solidly Catholic Christmas cards. They are available in the back of church at both parishes while they last.

There are also envelopes available (marked Christmas Cards) for you to make a contribution toward the cards if you'd like...you can drop that in the collection basket or give it to me.

Once again, I am personally making these available to you myself. There is no cost to the parishes. Any contributions beyond the cost of the cards will go to the parishes. Likewise, costs not covered by contributions will be covered by me. I want folks to use these if they desire so, please do. If you cannot make a contribution at this time, that is fine. Do not let that stop you from using the cards. I am happy to make these available since they are solidly Catholic and beautiful cards, and it is so important that we remember what Christmas is and what it celebrates and that we share that with others. Sending cards and notes, something that has become lost and forgotten by many, is also a great way to reach out to folks. I also urge you to use the Religious stamps from the Post Office when sending your cards and other mail. Those tend to sell out early so I urge you to get them as soon as they are available.

-INVITATION TO MASS – Last year I invited you to give me names and addresses of folks you know who may not be attending Mass regularly so that I could send them a note inviting them to join us again along with our Mass times. I am happy to do that again this year if someone desires. However, I am also planning to have some cards made up that will have our Christmas Masses and Confession schedule that you could take copies of and include in cards or other correspondence that you send out to folks. I will try to have those in the back of each church very soon.

-FALL COLLECTION – The Fall Collection at Holy Family is underway and is important for operating the parish. Thank you to those who have already made their contribution. Contributions may be mailed into the parish office or put into the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked Fall Collection. If you have not received my letter for the Fall Collection, please let me know so that I can make sure our information is up-to-date.

Remember, if we receive your contribution to the Fall Collection before Thanksgiving, you will be entered into a drawing for a gas gift card. Also, the funds raised through the efforts of the Fall Collection Parish Organization, co-chaired by Jim Rischar and Sharon Teefey, are exempt from the monthly parish tithe calculation.

-RESTORATION UPDATE – Exterior restoration on the Church at Holy Family continues to progress. As I write this, the workers are once again working on the roofing now that the slate for it is all here. I suspect the slate will be installed on the roof very soon. It is difficult to see but the gutter hangers have been restored and re-hung and a lot of new guttering is in place.

As you can see, the cross atop the steeple has been removed and a new cross is being constructed. The old cross is being used as a model. I am hopeful that we can receive the old cross back, but I do not know for sure that we will, since it is being disassembled for modeling the new cross. We will just have to see how that goes.

Some painting has been done but it is mostly not noticeable to someone just passing by. A lot of the painting will be done closer to the end of the project.

There will be work occurring on the woodwork around the bell tower and the church doors sometime soon.

A lot of brickwork has been done. However, with colder temperatures moving in, that work will soon be suspended. Therefore, the scaffolding will remain throughout the winter and the brick work will resume as soon as temperatures rebound in the Spring. Because of this, there is going to be an attempt to re-configure the scaffolding directly in front of the church so as to make the center doors more accessible. If this is possible, it should occur in the next 4-6 weeks.

Though it would be great to have everything completed sooner, the reality is that this does not come as a complete surprise. The workers have been working diligently and there really is nothing we can do about the weather. It will all work out and I appreciate your patience with it all. I much rather have things done correctly and take a little longer than hurried and sloppily done.

With all of that, I thank you for your continued prayers and support of this much needed restoration work. As a reminder, we continue our capital campaign for this project. If you'd like to make a financial contribution toward the work, envelopes are in the back of the church for you to use. If you'd like to talk to me about a gift, please contact me.

-ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Looking ahead, the St. Thomas Men's and Women's group will be hosting a parish Christmas party for all parishioners on Sunday, December 11 in the parish hall. Be on the lookout for more details.

May you all have a most blessed week. Please know of my prayers for you each day. I ask you to keep me in your prayers along with our parishes and school and the Universal Church.

-Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for <u>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –</u> <u>13 November 2022</u>

Why Should We Care for the Poor? The first and gospel readings are responses to the long and tedious waiting for the Lord to come again. It might not be pretty while we wait for this unknown time. What shall we think? How shall we behave, then? Pope Francis, among a long list of popes, tells us to care for the poor. Read again the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, Chapter III, nos. 63-72.

- Why are there still poor among us?
- Who are the poor among us in my town, in my neighborhood?
- What will I do to help?

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 convent for grades K-6 from 6:15-7:30. This week, 9/16, is our third Family night where we will study God's plan in scripture for all SMS, BK, and RCIA families.

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

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday night, November 20 for Grades 7-12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the KofC 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.

This Bible study program helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can order enough books.

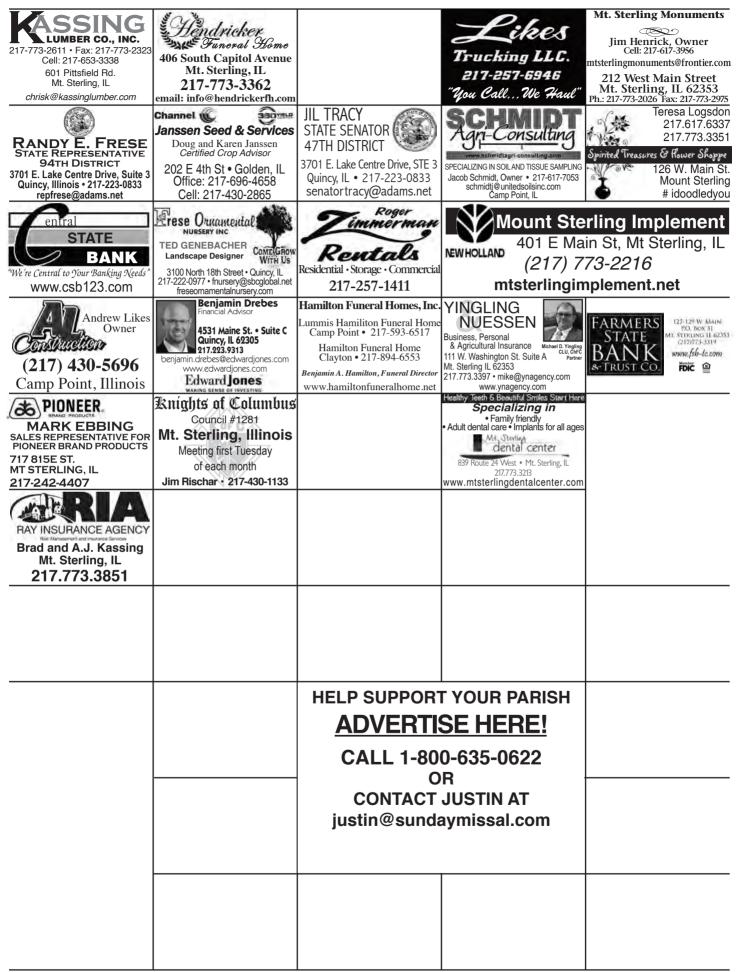
Blessings to you all this week.

HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER

God gave us a beautiful day for the annual Turkey Dinner. We served approximately 850 meals. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the day successful! Special thanks for the beautiful Christmas Quilt handmade by Karen Wear. Raffle winners in order drawn by Fr. Aaron and the prize they chose: Mary Reich - \$50 <u>Hagel Gift Certificate; Matt and Jessie Hill –</u> Christmas Quilt; Dave Utter – Ribeye Meat Package; Kathy Grady -- \$250 FS Gas Card; Kriss Johnson -- \$250 FS Gas Card; Jessica Matthewson -- \$100 Dorothy's Market Gift Certificate; Sue Flynn -- \$50 Hagel Gift Certificate; Dan Volk - \$25 Conoco Gas Card and Jessica Clark -- \$25 Conoco Gas Card.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Holy Family Women's Guild is again accepting donations for Christmas poinsettias in memory of loved ones. Donations may be placed in the collection (*checks should be made payable to Holy Family Women's Guild*). Please include a note with the name of your loved ones.



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