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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

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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, November 21 – 7:00 a.m.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 22 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

Steve & Sarah Kemper and
Cael Welty
(By Bob & Sandy Kemper)

Tuesday, November 22 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Jim McKeown
(By Tammy)

Wednesday, November 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

John Yeakel
(By Martha Fluckey)

Thursday, November 24 – 7:00 a.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

Amy Ormond Lucky
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Thursday, November 24 – 9:00 a.m. AT ST. THOMAS

Tom & Barb Kuhn
(By Pat Bastean)

Friday, November 25 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33

Joyce Ray
(By Joe Ray & Family)

Saturday, November 26 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

Charles, Maxine, Raymond &
David Colgan
(By John & Linda Colgan)

Sunday, November 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas
St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Oscar & Bonnie Meyer
(By Jim & Marilyn Stout)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 12-13, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,784.00
School Support: \$600.00
Sister Parish: \$90.00
All Saints: \$60.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 12, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,352.00
Sister Parish: \$ 85.00
All Saints Day: \$10.00
All Souls Day: \$10.00
Candles: \$43.00

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 † Brian Zurita

ST. THOMAS

Pastoral Council Minutes November 10, 2022 - Father Aaron, Pat Sharow, Janice Brady, Claudia Coggeshall.

Pastoral Council- Opportunities for more confession times at St. Thomas and possibility of Eucharistic Adoration for children discussed. Father attended the Pro Life dinner in Quincy October 27 and expressed his appreciation for the simple message the speaker promoted in also praying for women that are pregnant, the fathers and the abortionist. Discussed ways in making the Catholic Church's Pro Life message more visible in our community.

DRE- looking at Adult Faith Formation Study to begin after Christmas in January on Wednesday evenings to be held when PSR class is held. Looking at Why We're Catholic? By Trent Horn. More information coming.

Youth Group- Interest meeting was held for Catholic Heart Work Camp. Not sure at this time if there will be anyone attending.

Men and Women's- They would like to thank the men who served at the Catholic Women's Conference held at St. Thomas, Thursday November 3 so the women could participate. A planning meeting for the parish Christmas Party planned for December 11 will be held November 17. All are invited to attend with their ideas.

Next meeting January 12, 2023.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 27, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Gary Mast
Greeters:	Pat Sharrow
Lector:	David Leezer
Gift Bearers:	Brent Obert Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Kim Gronewold
Collection Counters:	G. Likes
Ushers:	Mark Obert, Justin Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This marks the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Liturgical Year.

The following has been taken from catholicculture.org, authored by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas. It is a short piece on today's Solemnity but is very much worth reading, perhaps even several times, and reflecting on it.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The {Solemnity} is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His Precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's Kingdom. This Kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit as King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "Kingdom is not of this world." And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, November 21 - Obligatory Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today's Memorial finds its origins in a Second century apocryphal source, the Protoevangelion of James, and the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary the New in Jerusalem on November 21, 543.

The Memorial celebrates the Presentation of Mary in the Temple by her parents, Anne and Joachim, and continues the impact, so to speak, of Mary's Immaculate Conception and Birth. It emphasizes the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond. The magnificence of Mary also enriches us who are Temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

-Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, November 22 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr. St. Cecelia is known from her legendary "Passio," a poem which exalts Christian virginity. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) and has been honored in Rome since the Fifth Century. She died a martyr in the Third Century and is the patroness of Sacred Music because of the song of God in her heart. St. Cecelia, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, November 23 - Optional memorials of St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; in the United States, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr.

St. Clement I was the fourth Bishop of Rome, known for his epistle that he wrote to the Corinthians, and is mentioned in the Roman Canon. He was martyred around the year 100 under Trajan. St. Clement I, Pray for us!

St. Columban (also known as Columbanus) was an Irish monk and missionary to France. He wrote a strict monastic rule and Penitential and founded several monasteries. He was exiled to Italy for denouncing court immorality and lax bishops. He died in 615 at Bobbio. St. Columban, Pray for us!

Blessed Miguel Pro was a Jesuit from Guadalupe, Mexico, noted for his sympathetic nature and firm piety. During

Mexican religious persecution, he was accused of plotting against the government and was executed exclaiming "Long live Christ the King!" He died on November 23, 1927 at the age of thirty-six.

-Thursday, November 24 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs. During the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, some 130,000 Christians suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation. This day's memorial remembers St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions, most of whom died between 1820 and 1883. All were canonized on June 19, 1988 by Pope St. John Paul II. St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Pray for us!

In the United States, Thanksgiving Day is also observed. While there is an option to use alternate readings and Propers, I will likely use the readings and Propers for the Memorial.

-Friday, November 25 - Optional memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr. St. Catherine of Alexandria was a learned woman of the early fourth century who, according to legend, following her conversion at the age of eighteen, preached the Gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt. While imprisoned by the emperor Magnus Maximus, she converted both the empress and the leader of the armed forces. For this, she was martyred. There is a story that upon her death, after a wheel of torture (known as "Catherin's wheel") broke, her body was carried by angels to Mt. Sinai. St. Catherine is the patron saint of philosophers, preachers, and unmarried women. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Pray for us!

-NO SCHOOL - There is no school at St. Mary School from Wednesday, November 23 through Sunday, November 27. Dismissal on Tuesday, November 22 is at 2:00 p.m. This serves as a small break for our teachers, staff,

and students and a time to spend time with family for Thanksgiving.

There will be an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 22 with the school kids and teachers present before they head out for Thanksgiving break. I will also celebrate the regular 7:00 a.m. Mass that day. You are, of course, welcome to join us for either Mass.

Although there is no school on Friday, November 25, Mass will still be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. as usual.

-THAKSGIVING - As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, I want to wish each of you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. I will be celebrating Mass at both parishes that morning...7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas. I encourage you to make every effort to join us as we give praise and thanks to God for all the gifts and blessings in our lives that He alone has bestowed upon us.

-ANNIVERSARY - Thursday, November 24 would also mark my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. As many of you know, dad died eleven years ago and mom died in February. I miss them both beyond words. I thank God for the gift of my very life, my parents, and my family. I will be offering Mass for mom and dad on this day and I encourage each of you to pray for those who have died and also to pray for good and holy vocations to Marriage, Single Life, and Priesthood & Religious Life and that within the great gift of family, all these vocations may be nurtured.

-NOVEMBER - A 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.

-THANK YOU - Thank you to all who helped make this year's Brown County Deer Classic a great success. No matter how you supported the event, thank you. All proceeds go to support St. Mary School.

It was quite an enjoyable evening and it was good to see the folks here. I know a lot of work goes into planning and carrying out such an event so thank you.

-ADVENT - Ordinary Time and our Liturgical Year are coming to a close. Our new Liturgical Year begins with the celebration next week of the First Sunday of Advent. Take time now to consider how you will spend the upcoming Season of Advent.

-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 food items of your choice. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry to help those who are in need, you can bring your items to church and place them in the tote in the vestibule. Thank you to all who have contributed and helped in any way. For now, this will be the last week that we are collecting.

-COATS FOR KIDS - The Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus distributed winter coats to kids last Thursday, November 17. Many of you helped by contributing cash donations. As of my writing this, I do not know if all the coats were distributed so if your child or the child of someone you know needs a winter coat, I would be happy to check for you. Again, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for this and to all who supported it in any way.

-ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY - Mark your calendar for St. Thomas Men's and Women's group parish Christmas party for all St. Thomas parishioners on Sunday, December 12 in the parish hall. They are planning to have folks sign-up so that they can plan accordingly so please be on the look-out for that and other information.

-CROPS FOR KIDS - Another reminder that you can still participate in the Crops for Kids for St. Mary School. You can simply ask that a portion of the funds

from the grain you are selling be sent to the school. Thank you to all those who have already participated this year!

-FALL COLLECTION - Also a reminder of Holy Family's Fall Collection. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this important event. Remember, if we receive your contribution before Thanksgiving, you will be entered into a drawing for a gas gift card.

-CHRISTMAS CARDS - Just a reminder, once again I 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 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.

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

-Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for
Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe, Solemnity – 20 November 2022

Who Is This Beloved Son? In today's gospel, we hear the conversations of the two thieves with Jesus. It is talk about the Kingdom of Heaven. The second reading is worth rereading all week long. It describes what we believe about this beloved Son, this firstborn from the dead, this Jesus the Christ.

- Spend time with the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds that affirm what we believe.
- How can I fall more and more in love with this beloved Son?
- What can I do and say to make my way to heaven?

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 convent for grades K-6 from 6:15-7:30. There is no class on Wednesday 11/23. Classes will resume on 11/30 with grades 3-6 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by regular class.

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 20th 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. I am facilitating the discussions.

Have a blessed week.

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.

COMMUNITY BAND & CHOIR

The Community Band and Choir will host a concert on Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. in the Brown County High School Auditorium.

The concert will feature patriotic and Christmas selections and is free to attend. The band and choir are sponsored by the Mt Sterling Community Center YMCA.

Please join them in starting off the holiday season!

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