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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, January 16 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 17 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony, Abbot
Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Wednesday, January 18 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

Ed & Verna Veith
(By Marilyn & Pat Veith)

Thursday, January 19 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12

Mary Kleinlein
(By Bob & Judy Schenk)

Friday, January 20 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

Pat Parker
(By Denny & Suzanne Forsythe)

Saturday, January 21 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

Sunday, January 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;
Matthew 4:12-23

Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
(By Legion of Mary)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Jim Stout
(By Wilma Schrecke)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 7-8, 2023

Holy Family: \$5,193.70
School Support: \$327.00
Sister Parish: \$201.00
New Year's Offering: \$180.00
First Offering: \$70.00
Catholic Times: \$507.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 8, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,333.17
Candle Money: \$21.25

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 †
Abby Schuhardt † 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 †
Janice Hendricks † Kendall Atteberry †
Mark Ebbing † Joan Weilbacher † Roger Lanz †
Aaron Koch † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese †

ST. THOMAS

Card shower for Louise Waner. Her birthday is Jan. 15 and she will be 98 years young. Louise's picture was in the dedication booklet when our Church was built. Her address is 2207 N. 2900th Ave. Golden, Il 62339.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

January 22, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Greeters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Lector: Karen Janssen
Gift Bearers: Brent &

Jenni Obert Family

Eucharistic Minister: Tod Perry
Collection Counters: Greg &
Elizabeth Likes
Ushers: John Brady,
Denny Campbell

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. One may wonder what happened to the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Last Tuesday, we entered into the First Week of Ordinary Time, following the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday (which brought to a close our Christmas Season). Thus, we have arrived at the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. It's certainly worth knowing, and frankly, interesting to know but nothing to lose sleep over. A similar thing often happens with the Season of Advent. Many folks will often say there are four weeks of Advent...well, not always exactly...there are always four SUNDAYS of Advent that we celebrate but the Fourth Week of Advent is often shortened because of how the calendar falls. This year, however, we did have a full week of the Fourth Week of Advent.

Now some may say why get hung up on such details and I would agree that we shouldn't get hung up on it but we should have at least a basic understanding of these things as every aspect of the Church and Her Seasons and Celebrations point to the Paschal Mystery of Christ that we are baptized into. Without knowing these kinds of things (such as the Liturgical Year) on at least some level, we dismiss the connectedness of Christ to everything, including our very lives that we live. One can easily (and quickly) move from thinking that knowing the Liturgical Seasons is not all that important to thinking that knowing Christ and worshipping Him is not important. Additionally, we need to always be open to learning and renewing ourselves in the

Faith. The elements of our Faith bring us to know Christ and to follow Him and to obey His commands so that we might share in Eternal Life with Him in Heaven. I speak a bit more about the Liturgical Year and Ordinary Time further on.

Our readings for today remind us that Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the Light of the nations who came to do the Father's Will. In Christ, we have been called to be a holy people. Sadly, folks often times shy away from holiness and our very call to holiness. Yet that is exactly what we are called to live...a life of holiness, a life centered on Christ in all things that seeks to follow His commands, a life that seeks the Will of God in all things.

It may be helpful to remember that Isaiah (who we hear from in the First Reading) dealt with hardheaded people, and Paul (who we hear from in our Second reading) started out persecuting Christians before he became one. Jesus was tempted in the desert and agonized in the garden before He accomplished the Father's Will. We are in good company with our hesitations and difficulties but we have to be careful too in that thinking. While we might hesitate for what we think are good reasons, as believers and as followers of Jesus, we can never excuse ourselves from our responsibility to be God's servants.

Let there be no mistake. By virtue of our Baptism, we have been called to be servants of the Lord. There are no excuses or exemptions from this call. Our task, therefore, is to live out the call to serve, by growing in faith and holiness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Christians are "sanctified... [and] called to be saints" (CCC 1695). May we seek this sanctification in all that we do so, that with God's mercy and grace, we will one day join the Communion of Saints in Heaven giving glory to God forever.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, January 17 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot. St. Anthony or Antony, sometimes referred to as St. Anthony of the Desert, was born in upper Egypt in the year 251. He was a hermit and early founder of religious life. He is called the "Patriarch of Monks" and aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combatting Arianism (the heresy that denied the Divinity of Christ). He died in 356 at the age of 105. St. Anthony, Pray for us!

-Friday, January 20 - Optional memorials of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, and St. Sebastian, Martyr. Fabian was elected Bishop of Rome in 236. He was described as an "incomparable man, the glory of whose death corresponded with the holiness of his life." He died a martyr in the year 250 under Decius. His body was transferred from the Catacombs of Callistus to the Basilica of St. Sebastian. St. Fabian, Pray for us!

St. Sebastian was chief of the Praetorian cohort, said to have been pierced by arrows and later clubbed to death. He died a martyr around the year 288 and is the patron of archers, soldiers, and police associations. St. Sebastian, Pray for us!

-Saturday, January 21 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr. St. Agnes is noted as a patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence. St. Agnes is represented with a Martyr's palm and a lamb (her name in Latin, Agnus, means lamb). An interesting note, the wool from two lambs will be blessed this day and used to make the pallia (an ecclesiastical vestment conferred by the Holy Father) which will be blessed by the Pope on June 29. Metropolitan Bishops receive those pallia in a separate ceremony within their home Dioceses from the Apostolic Nuncio. St. Agnes was martyred around the beginning of the fourth century under Diocletian at the age of twelve. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon

(Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Agnes, Pray for us!

LITURGICAL YEAR - The Church has established a way for the faithful to remember, celebrate, and live today the events of Christ's life on earth. She offers a way to sanctify (make holy) every moment of every day through the celebration of the Mass and the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. By developing a special calendar, the Church gives us periodic reminders to keep our faith alive and to inspire us to grow deeper in our love for Christ with the passing years. In the celebration of special days, the Church helps us to redeem the gift of time.

Like the four seasons, the Church year follows a cycle. There is indeed a natural ebb and flow to the spiritual life of the Church. In accordance with the motions of human nature, the Church year gradually unfolds the mysteries of Christ's life, repeating the cycle each year. Beginning with the immense anticipation of the Incarnation during the Season of Advent, and the celebration of the Incarnation during the Christmas Season, the Church remembers and celebrates Christ's public ministry; His Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension; the coming of the Holy Spirit to the infant Church at Pentecost; and the ever-present hope for the coming of His reign as King of Kings.

The Church calendar has always revolved around the celebration of Easter and the mystery of the Redemption. Pope Pius V compiled a universal Church calendar in 1568 which was based on local church calendars. It was not until 1589 that the term "Church Year" was first used. As we have now entered into Ordinary Time, it may be helpful to understand what this Season entails.

Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments: from the day following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to

the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest season of the Liturgical Year. During this Season, we remember God's plan in salvation history and His covenant with His people.

The Liturgical color is green, the color of hope and growth. Within Ordinary Time, vestment colors of white and red and even on occasion, violet, might be worn for certain celebrations. The Church counts thirty-three or thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time (depending on how the calendar falls), inviting Her children to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ — His life, miracles and teachings - in the light of His Resurrection.

If the faithful are to mature in the spiritual life and increase in faith, they must descend the great mountain peaks of Easter and Christmas in order to "pasture" in the vast verdant meadows of tempus per annum, or Ordinary Time.

Sunday by Sunday, the Pilgrim Church marks her journey through the tempus per annum as she processes through time toward eternity.

-NO SCHOOL - In the United States of America, Monday, January 16 marks the celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. This is not a liturgical celebration, but it is a federal holiday. There is no school on this day.

-CHRISTIAN UNITY - In the United States of America, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday, January 18. We include in our prayers in a special way that week the unity of all Christians.

-SAUSAGE ORDERS - The Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus are taking orders for sausage. Bulk and patty sausage is available. It is well known that this is an excellent sausage. Be sure and get yours ordered soon. You can call Kent Boylen (217)-257-0761 with questions or to place an order.

-CATHOLIC TIMES - The Catholic Times is the official newspaper of the Diocese. Each edition is filled with great information for each one of us. Each January, we are asked to contribute to the publication of the Catholic Times. Because of some confusion on my part regarding envelopes in our regular pack of offering envelopes for Catholic Times, some of you may not have such an envelope. Still, I encourage you to make an offering for this valuable publication. If you have an envelope for Catholic Times, simply place it in the collection basket with your contribution. If you do not have a specified envelope, you may place your contribution in any envelope and clearly mark it "Catholic Times." I will also try to have some envelopes in the back of each church marked "Catholic Times" that you may use (I forgot to get them ready last week).

If you are not receiving the Catholic Times in the mail and would like to (I know some folks prefer to view it online), please let me know so that we can add you to their mailing.

-SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - Next Sunday, January 22 is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, "a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." We remain mindful of the necessity of the Word of God in our life and strive each day to capture its importance and significance for each of us. Sacred Scripture is the Living Word of God and our Lord is really present when Sacred Scripture is read during the Liturgy.

-PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - I ask you to continue to pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially the parishioners of our parishes and members of our school families.

-DAY OF PRAYER - In the United States, January 23, 2023 marks the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Throughout this month especially, let us pray for the protection of

all human life in all forms from conception to natural death.

The murder of children in the womb is a great tragedy and one that we cannot become complacent with. So too is the aiding and speeding up of death for anyone. God is the Author of all life. It is His gift given to us, not to be used in any way we want or to be disposed of at will but to be honored, respected, and protected at ALL stages.

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

-Fr. Aaron

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

Bosco Kids

Bosco Kids will meet from 6:15-7:30 in the convent.

RCIA

RCIA will meet in the church on Wednesday, January 18.

Youth Group

Youth group will meet on Sunday, January 22, at Kent and Leighann's house.

MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery will be closing their books for 2022 shortly. If you wish to make a contribution, please drop in the collection or mail to: Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery, P.O. Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

POT OF GOLD

Friends of St. Mary School have taken over the Pot of Gold this year. The profit from

this fundraiser helps us to pay for field trips, give teachers \$300 to help pay for items in their classrooms, etc. See any school family to purchase your Pot of Gold tickets.

TAX REPORTING

If any parishioner would like to receive a statement of contributions for calendar year 2020, please contact the school office at (217) 773-2825 (for Holy Family) and (217) 593-6685 (for St. Thomas). **A contribution statement will not be provided unless a request is received.** As always, we suggest you refer to your own personal contribution records if at all possible.

CATHOLIC TIMES

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FREE PRESENTATION

All are invited to a free presentation on helping men to become better fathers, husbands and Catholics. This event will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the Quincy Knights of Columbus Hall, 700 S. 36th St. Wives and family members are encouraged to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Mary Kassing and Family in memory of Vic, Allen and Joyce Kassing

Jim & Rosanne Ray in memory of William & Ruth Ormond, Amy Ormond Lucky, Francis & Mary Ray, Joan O’Connor

Jane, Julia and Betty Veith in memory of Joseph & Rose Klingele Family, Frank & Edith Veith Family, Lawrence & Mary Veith Family

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Gary & Jeanette Shields in memory of Bob & Jane Langan, Larry Langan, Lawrence Langan, Justin (Gus) Langan

Carol Blentlinger in memory of the Blentlinger & Volk Families

THANK YOU

If you remembered us with prayers, cards, or gifts during the Christmas season, we thank you. May God bless you in 2023 and always!

Father Aaron and Deacon Mike

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