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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

# <u>Monday, January 23 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30

For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

# ST. THOMAS - 5:30 p.m.

For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

# Tuesday, January 24 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35

> Maryann Yeakel (By Mary Kassing)

# Wednesday, January 25 - 7:00 a.m.

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Raymond & Marie Koch (By Joan Zurita)

# Thursday, January 26 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Titus 1:1-5

Jim McKeown (By Tammy)

# <u>Friday, January 27 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Angela Merici, Virgin Hebrews 10-32-39; Mark 4:26-34

Pat Boylen (By K of C Council 1281)

# Saturday, January 28 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41

> Bill & Ruth Ormond (By Maurice & Karla Ormond)

# <u>Sunday, January 29 - 8:00 a.m.</u>

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

# St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Stacey Flesner (By St. Thomas Men & Women's Society)

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

# January 14-15, 2023

Holy Family: \$5,599.00 School Support: \$125.00 Sister Parish: \$50.00 New Year's Offering: \$5.00 Christmas: \$5.00 First Offering: \$30.00 Catholic Times: \$120.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$30.00 Church of Latin America: \$40.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

# ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 15, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,466.00 Catholic Times: \$60.00

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.

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# 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 † 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 † Carolyn DeWitt †

# ST. THOMAS

Pastoral Council Meeting January 12, 2023. Elaine Brady, Pat Sharow, Claudia Coggeshall, Fr. Aaron.

Pastoral council- There will be an information gathering for Sister Parish Missions at Blessed Sacrament February 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., dinner included. More opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration were discussed. Christmas cards for homebound and nursing home parishioners discussed for next year. Ideas for observing the Lenten Season this year were discussed.

DRE- Why We Are Catholic, parish wide study was started January 12, from 6:30-7:30.

Men's and Women's- Christmas Party went well this past year." Thank You" to everyone who participated. March 3 Fish Fry from 4-7.

Next Meeting February 9, 2023 5:30 in the Church Hall.

# ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

# January 29, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Greeters: PSR Lector: PSR Gift Bearers: PSR

Eucharistic Minister: Brent Obert

**Collection Counters:** Gary Mast Family

**Ushers:** John Brady,

Denny Campbell

# From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that we are freed from our burdens by Jesus Christ, the Light who came into our darkness.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus saying "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This message "appeals" to many whom Jesus calls. Others will hate Him for it and crucify Him. The message isn't just for those of long ago, the message is for each one of us... "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." What is our response?

The freedom found in Christ is what impels St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians which we hear from today. He is concerned about a growing lack of unity among them, in mind and purpose. So he reminds them of the Cross of Christ, the one true sacrifice made for all, into which they are baptized, that it might not be emptied of its meaning. For it is not specific people or human words that give them life. It is Christ crucified who freed them from all burdens. Again, that message from St. Paul is for each of us.

There are certainly people who still walk in darkness and there remains division. Yet we are freed from our burdens by Jesus Christ, the Light who came into our darkness. With the gift of faith we can cast aside the nets of doubt, and through graces outpoured we can resolve to follow Christ, our Light and our Salvation.

And now just a few notes:

- -LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:
- -Monday, January 23 In the United States of America, optional memorials of St. Vincent,

Deacon and Martyr and St. Marianne Cope, Virgin. Also in the United States, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Vincent was a Deacon of the church of Saragossa. He was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian at Valencia in the early Fourth Century. He is the patron of wine producers. St. Vincent, Pray for us.

Marianne Cope was a Religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York known for her charitable works and virtuous deeds. For thirty-five years she cared for the lepers on the island of Moloka'i. She died in 1918 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. St. Marianne Cope, Pray for us.

In the United States of America, this day is also recognized as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (normally observed on January 22). According to the General Instructions of the Roman Missal, #373, On this day, all Dioceses of the United States shall observe a "day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." I will be offering Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that day at both parishes. Details are further on.

-Tuesday, January 24 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Francis de Sales was Bishop of Geneva. He sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings. One of his most well-known works is "Introduction to the Devout Life." St. Francis de Sales is the co-founder (along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal) of the Visitation Order. Francis de Sales died in 1622 and is patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf. St. Francis de Sales, Pray for us!

I have mentioned before that St. Francis de Sales is a saint that I more recently came to learn more about. A close friend of mine introduced him more fully to me. His writings are excellent, and I have found learning more about him and reading some of his writings to be spiritually beneficial.

-Wednesday, January 25 - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. This celebration of St. Paul's conversion is a significant celebration in the Church, elevated to a Feast. We remain mindful of St. Paul's conversion as we reflect on our own conversion and pray for the conversion of others. St. Paul's conversion is a humbling example of God's power in the life of every person. St. Paul, Pray for us, for our conversion, and the conversion of the world!

-Thursday, January 26 – Obligatory Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops. Timothy was from Lystra in Asia Minor and Titus was of Greek origin. They were companions of St. Paul and overseers of the Churches in Ephesus and Crete. The two died in the first century. Saints Timothy and Titus, Pray for us!

-Friday, January 27 – Optional memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin. Angela Merici was orphaned at the age of ten. She is the foundress of the Ursulins, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls. Angela Merici sought to re-evangelize families through the education of future wives and mothers. She died in 1540. St. Angela Merici, Pray for us!

Perhaps St. Angela Merici is one whom we can look to and invoke intercession from as we work to recognize and promote the importance and necessity of family, the dignity of women, and the extraordinary role of many of those women as wives and mothers. Motherhood, for those women called to be mothers, is indeed something extraordinary and something to be celebrated as a gift from God. All-too-often, modern culture dismisses motherhood as insignificant. Mothers are necessary and cannot be replaced and their role cannot be filled by another. May we always honor our own mothers and mothers everywhere.

-Saturday, January 28 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican and is known as the "Angelic Doctor." He is known for his writings, especially the Summa Theologia. He also wrote Adoro te devote, O salutaris, Tantum ergo, and Pange lingua. Aquinas' writings are a valuable contribution to the faith and are widely studied and used. He died in 1274 and is the patron of Catholic schools, colleges and universities, philosophers, theologians, and booksellers. St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us!

-SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, is to be devoted to the Word of God. In his moto proprio of September 30, 2019, Aperuit illis, Pope Francis declared that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God...A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break bread in the community of believers."

-SILENCE – Silence is such an important part of one's life and yet rarely do most of us find ourselves in silence, especially with the busyness of life and the various "noise" that surrounds us (not always audible noise). We can, however, be deliberate about bringing silence into our lives and I encourage all of us to do so.

One way we can begin to do this in the parishes is bringing silence more into the Liturgy...sacred silence, not just empty silence. While I try to have some silence after the homily and after the receiving of Holy Communion on Sundays, I will try to be more deliberate about this, hopefully having at least several minutes of silence to reflect on the Living Word of God and to contemplate the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

-DAY OF PRAYER – As I've mentioned in several previous bulletins, in the United States, Monday, January 23, 2023 marks the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. I will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament and celebrating Mass at each parish on that day.

At Holy Family, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. Simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be both before and after Mass. I will expose the Blessed Sacrament at approximately 6:15 a.m. until approximately 6:45 a.m. and then again immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion until 8:00 a.m.

At St. Thomas, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will again be both before and after Mass. I will expose the Blessed Sacrament at approximately 4:45 p.m. until approximately

5:15 p.m. and then again immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion until 6:30 p.m.

I encourage everyone to make an effort to join us. Keep in mind also that in addition to prayer, as mentioned above, this day calls for penance from each one of us for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

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 from the moment of conception.

While the Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade has been overturned, we still have much to do for the protection of life, especially life in the womb of a mother and especially in the very State that we live in. Your prayers and sacrifice and penance are so very important.

-EXPOSITION – I have been considering for some time now how to offer additional times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes. There are several ways to do this but without delaying it even further to come up with a "grand plan," I've decided to just start and then add or adapt.

At Holy Family, I will try to expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration every Wednesday morning similar to what I described above. I will expose the Blessed Sacrament around 6:15 a.m., repose around 6:45 a.m., celebrate the 7:00 a.m. Mass, and then expose immediately after Mass until 8:00 a.m. I will also plan to expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration before the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturdays and the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. On Saturday evenings, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament around 4:15 p.m. until about 5:15 p.m. On Sunday mornings, I will try to expose the Blessed Sacrament around 6:45 a.m. until about 7:45 a.m. (weekends of Nocturnal Adoration will occur as usual).

At St. Thomas, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from about 4:45 p.m. until about 5:15 p.m. I will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. and then expose the Blessed Sacrament again after Mass until about 6:30 p.m. This also provides a weekday Mass for St. Thomas which I have been wanting to establish. On Sundays, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament from about 11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. I will do this on Sundays until I can work something else out.

This "schedule" will certainly not work perfectly for everything and everyone but it is a start and will be adjusted as necessary. The above times will begin immediately, starting Wednesday, January 25. Changes will be announced and included in the bulletin when possible.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is important and powerful. I remind you that Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not confined only to when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. The Lord is truly and fully present in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Stopping in for a visit and Adoration even when the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed is always a good thing to do.

Please keep Exposition and the Real Presence of the Lord always in mind when you are in the churches. Great reverence is always necessary in the church. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we should be especially mindful of that reverence. Conversation during Exposition should be avoided.

- -NOCTURAL ADORATION Just a heads up, the Nocturnal Adoration annual breakfast meeting will be Sunday, February 12 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling following the 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Family.
- -SATURDAYS Just a reminder that I normally celebrate the Saturday weekday Mass each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Family. Though it is not listed in the bulletin, you are, of course, always welcome and encouraged to join us. Occasionally I have to be gone on Saturday mornings but I try to let folks know in advance.
- -CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK The annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week for this year is Sunday, January 29 through Saturday, February 4. We remain ever grateful for the gift of St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling and the Catholic Education made available to our community.
- -CATHOLIC TIMES Thank you for those who have already made a contribution to the

Catholic Times. The Catholic Times is the official newspaper of the Diocese and is filled with great information for each one of us. You may place your contribution in an envelope marked "Catholic Times" and place it in the collection basket.

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.

-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.

Thank you for your continued prayers 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

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 Boylen's house from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

# 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**

Please donate to support Catholic Times -Catholic Times has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements. teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. The magazine's commitment to local coverage means when each edition is opened, readers will see stories that are important to their lives and read stories written by people and priests they know. Please support Catholic Times so the magazine can continue serving Catholics in our diocese. You can give through your second collection envelope or online at dio.org/give. Thank you!

# 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.

#### **HOUSE BILL 4664**

On Friday January 13, 2023 Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 4664. Listed are just some of what the bill does:

Allows nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and midwives to perform abortions;

Requires insurance companies to cover abortion pills and hormonal "treatment" and surgery for gender dysphoria;

Allows doctors, nurses, midwives, etc. who have lost medical license/certification in another state to perform abortions in Illinois;

Allows any medical personnel (including therapists and counselors) who have lost medical licenses in another state to practice in Illinois.

The Pro Abortion crowd has vowed to make Illinois the Abortion Hub of the Midwest and are on their way to succeeding. Roe V Wade has been overturned but the fight for human life in America, especially in Illinois, if anything has been ramped up. The Devil does not rest. Please continue to Pray and Fast on Fridays for a change of heart in our Illinois leaders and citizens regarding the unborn babies.

# DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: PRAYER - PLANNING - PARTICIPATION: Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting: WED., FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Lunch: NOON), Christ the King Parish Hall, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield. We will continue planning the 2023 SDCCW Convention: Wed., September 27, 2023: Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus, Mass - St. Agnes Church. R.S.V.P. to Janet Zimmerman, Sprfld. Deanery Pres. janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

