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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

Monday, January 30 - 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews11:32-40: Mark 5:1-20

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 31 - 7:00 a.m.

St. John Bosco, Priest Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

Dave Downey

Wednesday, February 1-7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 12:4-7; 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

Thursday, February 2 - 7:00 a.m.

The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4: Hebrews 2:14-18: Luke 2:22-40

> James G. & Norma M. Wort (By the Children)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Evelyn Tooley (By St. Thomas Men's & Women's Society)

Friday, February 3 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

Dan Wort (By Maurice & Karla Ormond)

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

JoAnne Welty Ferrill

Saturday, February 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

James R. Nuessen (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Sunday, February 5 – 8:00 a.m.Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Barb Kuhn (By Mary Smith)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 21-22, 2023

Holy Family: \$2,040.00 School Support: \$265.00 Sister Parish: \$3.00 First Offering: \$10.00 Catholic Times: \$30.00 Church of Latin America: \$65.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 22, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,794.00 Catholic Times: \$110.00 Candles: \$30.00

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."
- **SMS Annual Lenten Fish Fry** will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 at the K of C Hall from 5-7 p.m.
- SMS Trivia Night will be held on Saturday. March 11, 2023. Information and a registration form will be coming shortly

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 † Jim Duvendack † Leeann DeJaynes † Paul Koch † Bill Lidgard †

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Fish Fry - Get ready for a delicious fish dinner! St. Thomas Fish Fry on Friday, March 3, 4:00-7:00. The menu is fish, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, desserts, beverages. All you can eat. Dine in or carry outs. Prices: Adults: \$12; children 6-12: \$6; children 5 & under: free.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

February 5, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor
Greeters: Andrew & Amanda

Llewellyn Family

Lector:Bobbi MockGift Bearers:Justin & Emily

Obert Family

Eucharistic Minister: Gary Mast **Collection Counters:** Ierel Mock Family

Ushers:

Brent Obert,

Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel from Matthew is the beginning of Chapter 5 and is what we commonly refer to as the Beatitudes. In them, we are reminded that discipleship with Christ is not without cost but that it will be rewarded. Suffering today is so misunderstood. Our Gospel for today helps us to begin to understand suffering more fully, more completely, more accurately. Suffering does not and will not have the last word. Rather, as Beatitudes make clear, those who suffer will be rewarded. With a Beatitude perspective, we are reassured and inspired to press onward with rejoicing rather than fear. A lot of fear comes from the work of the devil who seeks to keep us from growing closer to Christ. Let us embrace the Beatitudes with great sincerity as we trust in the Lord and what He says to us.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, January 31 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest. John Bosco, dedicated to educating youth, founded the Selesian Religious Order (S.D.B.) in 1859 which today numbers almost fifteen thousand Religious. Along with St. Mary Mazzarello, he also founded the Selesian Sisters. John Bosco was known to be a pioneer in vocational training. An interesting note about him, he was the first saint in history to have submitted to a press interview. John Bosco died in 1888 in Turin and some forty-thousand people filed past his body. He is the patron of editors and known as the "Apostle of Youth." He was the first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy. Also of particular interest for us, St. John Bosco is where our PSR for Holy Family takes its name, "Bosco Kids." St. John Bosco, Pray for us!

-Thursday, February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast originated in Fourth Century Jerusalem and came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the Fifth century under its Greek Title, translated as "Feast of the Meeting." This Day is also known as Candlemas Day. This Feast, forty days after Christmas, celebrates Jesus' Presentation in the Temple. For many years, this day was known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the events of the presentation and purification remain closely connected.

Friday, February 3 – Optional memorials of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St. Ansgar, Bishop.

Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and is associated with the healing of throats.

St. Blaise is also venerated by the Eastern Church. He is believed to have been martyred in the persecution of Licinius in the early Fourth Century. There is a tradition of blessing throats on the memorial of St. Blaise which I plan to do at Mass that day. More specific information follows about that.

St. Blaise, pray for us!

Ansgar was a Benedictine missionary to Denmark and Sweden and was named Bishop of Hamburg. Known as the "Apostle of the North," he was a great preacher and administrator. He died in 865 at Bremen and is patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland. While difficulties and struggles abound around the world, perhaps it would be good to seek the intercession of St. Ansgar in our prayer for Germany and their struggles within the Church and for our own faithfulness to the Truth of Christ.

-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Catholic Schools Week is this week. We recognize the great gift of Catholic Education throughout the country and especially for us, in our very own community, with St. Mary School. St. Mary School is a great gift and blessing and a mission of the Church that has been with us for many years and which we have been entrusted with. Thank you for your generous and continued support of St. Mary School.

In addition to our other supporters, I want to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to our Principal, Mrs. Melissa Obert, and all of our teachers and staff who work so diligently each day to make St. Mary School such a great place. Thank you for all you do.

-SOUP SUPPER – In conjunction with the start of Catholic Schools Week, there will be a soup supper hosted in the school cafeteria after the Saturday evening Mass at Holy Family this Saturday, January 29. I apologize for the late notice and that I didn't let you know sooner. I do hope that you can join us.

-POPE'S INTENTION – The Holy Father's intention for February is for parishes. We pray that parishes may increasingly become communities of faith, unity, and welcome toward those most in need.

-CONSECRATED LIFE – Thursday, February 2 is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. St. John Paul II in 1997 wrote that its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of Consecrated Life and the Evangelical Counsels in several paragraphs beginning in paragraph 914. A read of this would be helpful as we observe this day for Consecrated Life.

-BLESSING OF THROATS - As noted before, Friday, February 3 is the memorial of St. Blaise. The Church allows for the blessing of throats to be given on this day during Mass, following the appropriate Rite and Prayer. The blessing during Mass is primarily to be done immediately following the intercessions. I will be offering the individual blessing of throats with crossed candles at the Masses on this day (Deacon Mike will likely be assisting as well). Mass on Fridays is at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Family. St. Mary School joins us for the Friday Mass when school is in session. February 3 is also First Friday this year and so the blessing of throats will also take place at the Mass at St. Thomas that evening. I encourage you to join us if you can. The following is the formula of blessing: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

-FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, February 3 is First Friday and so we will be having our First Friday Devotions at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at Noon and goes until 5:45 p.m. Benediction is at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. As noted above, since this is the memorial of St. Blaise, I will be offering the blessing of throats at this Mass. As always, I encourage you to join us.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family begins on Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 p.m. and goes through the night with Benediction at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass. Once again, I encourage you to join us.

-ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING – And just another reminder that 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.

-DONUTS - Sunday, February 5 is the first Sunday of the month which means Donut Sunday at St. Thomas. Come on over to the hall after Mass and enjoy a donut and a cup of coffee and visiting with parishioners. I recognize that the new Exposition "schedule" overlaps this. My suggestion might be to go enjoy a donut and then come back to Church in time for the closing of Exposition (and Benediction if I have it) which will be around 12:15 p.m.

-FALL COLLECTION – Thank you for those who have contributed to this year's Fall Collection at Holy Family. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you still need to make a contribution to Fall Collection, you certainly can.

As I noted from the very beginning of this year's Fall Collection and included in the letter for Parishioners, anyone who made a contribution before Thanksgiving would be entered into a drawing for a gas gift card. That seems like a while back (my hopes were that you'd all just forget about it...I'm just kidding). I recently drew the name for the gas gift card from among those who made a contribution to the Fall Collection before Thanksgiving. The draw was carefully secured, observed, audited, and verified by our very own, Tammy McKeown. Tammy allows

for no funny business in such matters (she must not have noticed me dropping the first name drawn back in...I'm kidding again, don't get all worked up!). So, who is the winner? Marilee Crooks. Now, I haven't yet told Marilee, I decided first to see if the winner reads the bulletin. Here's my suggestion...if you're reading this, don't tell her and if she doesn't say anything to claim it by the claim deadline of January 22, we'll just keep it! Again, thank you all for your generous support!

-EXPOSITION – As I wrote in last week's bulletin, I had been considering for some time how to offer additional times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes. There is no perfect "schedule" and so I will continue what we began this past week and adjust as necessary.

At Holy Family, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before and after the 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Masses... 6:15 a.m. – 6:45 a.m. and then after Mass until 8:00 a.m. I will also expose the Blessed Sacrament before the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Mass...Saturday afternoons from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. and Sunday morning from 6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. (weekends of Nocturnal Adoration will occur as usual).

At St. Thomas, I will be celebrating a Mass each Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before and after Mass...4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.; after Mass until 6:30 p.m. On Sundays, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament from about 11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

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. Holy Family Church remains open for prayer at all times. I am grateful that we also have folks who are opening St. Thomas Church during the day on most weekdays.

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.

-REMINDER - As I write this, there is anticipation of the possibility of some heavy winter weather headed our way. It's a good time to remind everyone that I will do my very best to be where I need to be when I need to be there (especially for Liturgical celebrations). The same is true for an emergency (such as an urgent need for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick). If this becomes impossible (because of weather or other serious reason), I will try to alert you as best as I can and as quickly as possible. For winter weather, please be aware your very selves of travel and possible conditions of parking lots and sidewalks. We have folks at both parishes who clear our lots, and we have parishioners who work hard to try to keep sidewalks clear but that can all be affected by timing and amounts and how much help we have.

-SISTER PARISH – As many of you know, both parishes help to support our Sister Parish in Guatemala. On Tuesday, February 7, there will be a "Sister Parish gathering" at Blessed Sacrament in Quincy from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. I am planning to be there and would like to invite anyone else from the parishes who would like to go. I don't know what the plans are as far as discussion but perhaps we can learn more about the relationship with our Sister Parish. If you'd like to go, please let me know as soon as possible (but no later than Friday, February 3) so that I can make reservations.

-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 on Wednesday.

Youth Group

Sunday, February 5. Meet at the KC Hall at 5 p.m. Will be back at 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 19. Meet at Kent and Leigh Ann's house 6:00-7:30.

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. The first drawing will be the week of January 30.

TAX REPORTING

If any parishioner would like to receive a statement of contributions for calendar year 2022, 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!

DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: PRAYER - PLANNING - PARTICIPATION: Springfield Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting: WED., FEB 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., Sept. 27, 2023: Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus, Mass - St. Agnes Church. R.S.V.P. to Janet Zimmerman, Springfield, Deanery Pres. janetzim14@vahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

Nocturnal Adoration Society (NAS) will hold their annual meeting following the 8 a.m. mass at 9:30 a.m. on 2/12/2023 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

A light breakfast will be served followed by a short annual meeting with an informative presentation and fellowship.

All members and all who are interested in learning more about the NAS are encouraged to attend.

Please call Joe Sullivan at 217-242-9862 if you have any questions.

PARISH MISSION

Renowned Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano will give a parish mission at St. Francis Solanus Church, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, Feb. 13-14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Free will offering.

Steve is internationally known in the Catholic music world as a composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. He delves into the beauty of Divine Mercy through his

story-telling and popular songs. Steve is funny, inspiring and gifted. If you can't attend the mission, Steve will be playing at all masses at St. Francis the weekend of Feb. 11-12.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Annual 'Rosary Prayer Service' will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto' at the spring dedicated by Fr. John Carberry of St. Boniface on Feb. 11, 1998 and named by Fr. Francis Lee of St. Rose in May 16, 1997. The Grotto is located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Roads, Quincy, IL 62305. All are invited. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair. For information contact Janice E. Pohlman at 217-222-5769 or 217-257-2400.

<u>LENTEN PARISH MISSION @ ST. PETER -</u> FEBRUARY 18-20

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, Benedictine Monk & Priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey will be leading a Lenten Parish Mission at St. Peter. The Parish Mission will begin with the weekend Masses of February 18 & 19 and will continue with conferences at 6:30 p.m. on both February 19 & 20. Fr. Denis's homilies and conferences will be focused on the Eucharist and will be a great opportunity for us to learn about this central part of our Catholic faith. Childcare will be provided in the Cafeteria. All are welcome!

REPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE."

