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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

# Monday, February 13 - 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13

Communion Service

### Tuesday, February 14 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

Roberta Young (By Barb Lehne, Cheryl Dillard and John & Lana Nuessen)

## Wednesday, February 15 - 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

Lawrence & Gus Langan (By Kim Gronewold)

# Thursday, February 16 - 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

Glenn Stephenson & Brent Kindhart (By Donna Stephenson)

**St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.** 

Rita Simmons (By Robert & Linda Broverman)

# <u>Friday, February 17 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1

Emmett & Dorothy Lehne (By Don, Norma & Raymond)

# Saturday, February 18 - 5:30 p.m.

Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

Glenn Stephenson & Brent Kindhart (By Donna Stephenson)

# Sunday, February 19 - 8:00 a.m.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

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

Jim Stout (By Pat Sharow)

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

February 4-5, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,962.70 School Support: \$1,265.00 Sister Parish: \$40.00 ACSA: \$15.00

Church of Latin America: \$15.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

#### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

**February 5, 2023** 

St. Thomas: \$1,992.00 Catholic Times: \$20.00 Parish Improvement: \$400.00

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."
- ❖ Red Cross Blood Drive: The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 6:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome.
- ❖ 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.

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 †

#### ST. THOMAS

Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt †

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

**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 19, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Butch & Dorothy

Obert

**Lector:** Tod Perry

**Gift Bearers:** Tod Perry Family **Eucharistic Minister:** Jerry Herkert

**Collection Counters:** Dale &

Sindy DeRousse

**Ushers:** Brent Obert,

Tony Obert

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings for today help to teach us and remind us that God's Wisdom guides us to Love and Truth.

Human wisdom, hard as it may be to come by, differs qualitatively from the Wisdom of God. God's Wisdom draws not only on God's knowledge of all things but also on God's love of all things in totality and purity. This, of course, points to the reality that God is the Author and Creator of all things...of course He has complete knowledge of all things as well as perfect and total love...He is The Creator!

When we follow Christ, we are drawn deeper into God's way of love (total and pure). We seek and trust His Wisdom as the way of life. May we come to know the Wisdom of God more fully each and every day and so love more perfectly in that Wisdom.

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, February 14 – Obligatory Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop.

While the secular world celebrates Valentine's Day this day, the Church celebrates the Memorial of these two saints. Cyril and Methodius were brothers, known as the "Apostles to the Slavs." They are known to have prepared Slavic Liturgical texts and, quoting Pope St. John Paul II, served as the "spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western

traditions." Cyril died in 869 and Methodius in 885. They are the patrons of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and all of Europe. Saints Cyril and Methodius, Pray for us!

-Friday, February 17 – Optional memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, or Servites (O.S.M.), was founded by seven Florentine cloth merchants in 1223. Today, this Order numbers about eight-hundred Religious. The Servites popularized devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. Holy Founders of the Servite Order, Pray for us!

-WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – National Marriage Week began February 7 and runs through February 14 this year. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, World Marriage Day is observed today Sunday, February 12. This annual celebration normally falls on the second Sunday of February. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

From the USCCB website: "The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, 'Marriage...one flesh, given and received' highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as Real Flesh and Blood."

As I also wrote in last week's bulletin, the Sacrament of Marriage has been instituted and given to us by Christ. He alone is the Author of Marriage. Marriage is the life-long covenant of one man and one woman. As Marriage and Family Life and its Sacredness remain under attack, I encourage you to pray for good and holy vocations to the married life, for all those discerning and preparing for marriage, for all married couples, and for all families.

I will be offering a blessing to all married couples at the Masses this weekend and once again, the following is a prayer for married couples:

Almighty and Eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church; Look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-SUFFERING – In last week's bulletin, I began to talk just a bit about suffering and the Christian Meaning of Suffering. I'd like to continue to share a bit more, picking up where I left off last week.

Ever since the sin of our first parents, the devil has delighted in the misery of humanity. This delight reached its climax with his role in the crucifixion in the Son of God. But what, at the moment, appeared to be the devil's greatest victory, became his greatest defeat. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead and in doing so, He conquered sin, the devil, and death forever.

God the Father's "solution" to the problem of suffering was to send His own Beloved Son to rescue us. The answer to the problem of suffering is Jesus Christ. Jesus takes up the most heart-wrenching reality of human history and turns it into the path to glory and salvation. In Christ, suffering suddenly has new meaning.

God certainly could have done it all differently. But there is a clear logic to it all. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep (Jn 10:11). Why? That's what love does! God's love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ: "God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). True love is sacrificial: "By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 Jn 3:16).

God didn't have to save us. God didn't have to give us His own Son. Jesus didn't have to die on the Cross for us. (Be careful with what is being said here). All of this God did because He chose to. Out of His boundless love and mercy, God the Son became a man.

He lived a truly human life. He revealed God the Father to us. He rose from the dead for us. He opened the gates of Heaven for us. He will return in glory for us. This kind of love leaves us speechless.

This is but the beginning of the Christian Meaning of Suffering. I will hopefully continue with more next week.

#### -UPCOMING EVENTS:

-Saturday, February 18 – K of C Casino Night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling.

-Friday, February 24 – St. Mary School Fish Fry served at the Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus.

-Friday, March 3 – St. Thomas Fish Fry served in the parish hall.

-Friday, March 10 – Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling.

-Saturday, March 11 – St. Mary School Trivia Night held in the school gym.

-Friday, March 31 – Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Annual Raffle Drawing at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling.

-DEACON PAUL KOCH – As I mentioned at Masses last weekend, by Decree of Bishop Paprocki, Deacon Paul Koch has been appointed to assist the Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Mt. Sterling, IL while at the same time concluding his appointment to assist the Pastor of St. Alexius Parish, Beardstown IL and St. Fidelis Parish, Arenzville, IL. This became effective January 23, 2023.

There is no change to Deacon Mike's appointment with this new appointment. However, I will be working on the roles for both Deacon Mike and Deacon Paul in the next few weeks.

-LENT – The Liturgical Season of Lent is fast approaching. February 22 this year is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:

At Holy Family – 8:30 a.m. (with the school), Noon, and 5:30 p.m.

At St. Thomas - 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Additional Lenten opportunities will be in future bulletins. As we look forward to the Season of Lent, we remain mindful of its

marked characteristics...Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

For your reference, the following are the Lenten Regulations:

- 1. ABSTINENCE Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IS SERIOUSLY SINFUL.

-RESTORATION – It's been a little while since I've given an update on the exterior restoration work at Holy Family.

Work continues to progress. The slate on the roof is nearly complete as of this writing. As I mentioned previously, it was determined that the steeple could hold the weight of slate so we switched from the proposal to use asphalt shingles on the bell tower to using slate shingles. This change order did increase the overall cost of the project but in the long run it is well worth it.

Gutter work has continued and if you look closely, you can see that most of the guttering and original (restored) hangers are in place. The downspouts are not yet installed.

Work will continue for the next two to three weeks and then will stop for a while until the weather warms up and is expected to stay above freezing for an extended period of time. The work on the masonry will then resume as well as painting and some of the other work.

As of this writing, besides the masonry work, the lightening protection system still needs to be installed and the new cross at the top of the steeple needs to be put up. Work on the doors also needs to be done.

It is good to see this much needed work progressing. The scaffolding will likely remain up until at least the end of summer. I am grateful that the scaffolding was able to be re-configured in front of the church to make the front church doors more accessible, especially for funerals.

As the work continues (and even pauses for a while), our Capital Campaign for this project continues. Thank you for your generous contributions to this project. As I ask for your continued support, if you are able to make a new or an additional contribution to the Capital Campaign, I encourage you to do so. You can mail contributions into the parish office or drop them into the collection basket. Please mark contributions clearly for the restoration work. If you would like to speak with me about a contribution, give me a call at the parish office. Again, thank you for your continued prayers and support for this project.

-VISITOR – A seminary classmate of mine, Fr. Viet Nguyen of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, may be visiting me this week. If so, he and I will be doing some things together and so I just wanted you to be aware. It's always good when we are able to see one another.

-EXPOSITION – A reminder that I have added some additional times at each parish for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well as an additional weekday Mass at St. Thomas.

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.

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. and then 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.

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.

Please know of my prayers for you each day and thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, the parishes and school, and the Universal Church. 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**, parents and RCIA will meet on Wednesday, 2/15 from 6:15-7:30 in the convent. We will have our Bible Study "God's Plan for Salvation". Please bring your Bible and workbook.

Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday is February 22--We will attend Mass at 5:30 and then have class after that.

**Youth group** will meet Sunday February 19 at Kent and Leigh Ann's house 6:00-7:30.

Adult Faith Formation Bible study will continue starting on Tuesday night 2/28-3/28 from 7-8:30 in the school cafeteria. All are welcome--even if you did not attend during the Advent session. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

### POT OF GOLD

January Pot of Gold winners are:

\$250.00 - Sara Dawson

\$100.00 - Nathan & Stacey Briney

\$50.00 - Carol Steinberg

\$50.00 - Chuck Hancock

\$50.00 - Patty Koch

Alice Glasgow won for selling the most tickets.

Mark & Sandy Roberts won the Family drawing.

Some of these winners have donated back to the school.

Thank you school families and parishioners for purchasing FOSM Pot of Gold Tickets. A total of 440 tickets have been sold thus far. FOSM was able to help pay for part of the skate rental fees for Catholic School's Week.

Drawings will continue the first week of each month. There is still time to purchase a Pot of Gold ticket. For more information contact: Jane Veith, Beth Boylen or Marilyn Veith.

### CFCAC AND "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"

Your plans for Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, are being finalized as far as a menu, location, etc. Here's an idea to help you celebrate the Super Bowl in a different way.

Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of SuperBowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to unite our community for a higher good of helping those in need by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring?

Since its beginning in 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring has become a national, grass-roots, movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Over \$175 million and food nationwide has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities. The NFL Alumni also partner with this activity through their #tacklehunger program.

Therefore, Community for Christ Assistance Center is urging churches, youth groups, organizations, schools, and individuals to help by collecting canned food and/or monetary donations on the same weekend or during a specified time.

Please bring you items or money to St. Thomas Church on February 12 or 19 and they will be taken to CFCAC. Questions: Dorothy Obert 217-257-8625.

#### YMCA COMMUNITY BAND AND CHOIR

The YMCA community band and choir are both looking for new members. Practices for the spring concert start the week of February 20. The choir practices on Mondays and the band on Thursday's, both at 7 p.m. in the high school band room. All abilities age 14 and over are welcome.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER



#### SMS ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY



# **Drive Thru Only**

\$12 per meal

Menu – catfish/pollock, potato salad,
baked beans and cookies

