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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 6 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Communion Service

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

Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Betty Koch (By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families)

Wednesday, February 8 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

> John Moorman (By Tammy)

Thursday, February 9 - 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Beth Clark (By Robin McGee)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Irene Baucom (By St. Thomas Men's & Women's Society)

<u>Friday, February 10 - 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Scholastica, Virgin Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Elinor Davis (By Joe Ray & Family)

Saturday, February 11 – 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Sunday, February 12 - 8:00 a.m.

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Ron & Judy Bull (By Brent & Jenni Obert)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 28-29, 2023

Holy Family: \$7,047.10 School Support: \$255.00 Sister Parish: \$45.00 First Offering: \$5.00 Catholic Times: \$45.00 Church of Latin America: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 29, 2023

St. Thomas: \$3,400.00

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."
- ❖ 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

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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 † Bill Lidgard † 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 †

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 12, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jim Clausius

Greeters: Jerry & Margie Herkert

Lector: Jenni Obert Gift Bearers: Mark &

Amanda Obert Family

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Likes Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall Ushers: Brent Obert, Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings are familiar to many of us as we hear about the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Indeed, in the short Gospel from St. Matthew for today, we hear Jesus say: "You are the salt of the earth," and "You are the light of the world."

When our lives are contaminated by sin and worldly attachments or when we focus only on our needs and neglect those around us, the salt "loses its flavor" and the light becomes dim.

Let us pray that we may always know and follow the Truth of Christ so as to more fully be that salt of the earth and that light of the world that God calls us to be. To do so calls for our own repentance (recall Jesus Himself saying Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand), our continual conversion, and our own transformation. May God give us this grace always.

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, February 6 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs. Paul Miki, a Jesuit scholastic, and his twenty-five companions, including two other Jesuits, six Franciscans, fifteen tertiaries (Third Order), and two laymen were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi on February 5, 1597 at Nagasaki. Among them was Felipe de Jesus from Mexico who was the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified. St. Paul Miki and his companions were canonized in 1862 by Pope Pius IX. St. Paul Miki and Companions, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, February 8 – Optional memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.

Jerome Emiliani was a Venetian soldier whose conversion led to the founding of the Clerks Regular of Somascha (C.R.S.) in 1534, today numbering some five hundred members. He was dedicated to the poor and the education of youth. He died in 1537 of the plague and is the patron of orphans and abandoned children. St. Jerome Emiliani, Pray for us!

Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in Sudan. Kidnapped as a child by slave traders, she was given the name "Bakhita" which means "lucky one." She was sold to a number of owners until she was purchased by the Italian Consul, Callisto Legnani when she was around twelve years old. Legnani brought Josephine to Italy to serve as a nanny. It was while she was in Italy that she was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the faith, baptized Giuseppina, and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and for some fifty years served her Sisters as cook, seamstress, and portress (doorkeeper) of their houses in Venice, Verona, and Schio. She was especially beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness, she died in 1947. Pope St. John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese saint on October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom. St. Josephine Bakhita, Pray for us!

This day is also observed as a Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.

-Friday, February 10 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin. Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict and was eventually interred in the same grave with her brother. Most of what we know of her comes from the "Dialogues" of Pope St. Gregory the Great who wrote "...so death did not separate the bodies of these two, whose minds had ever been united in the Lord." She died around 543 at Monte Cassino and is invoked against storms and is the patroness of Benedictine nunneries. St. Scholastica, Pray for us!

-Saturday, February 11 – Optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. According to St. Bernadette, the visionary at Lourdes in 1858, The Virgin Mary proclaimed Herself "The Immaculate Conception." Our Lady of Lourdes is the patroness of Portugal ("Mary the Immaculate") and of the Philippines. Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us!

This day is also designated World Day of Prayer for the Sick. More on that follows.

-DONUTS – This 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.

-ANNIVERSARY – Today marks the one-year death anniversary of my mother. I am happy to celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass for her. Thank you to all of you who have kept her and me in your prayers and offered support this past year.

The death of a loved one is always difficult. The death of a parent, and especially a mother is particularly difficult, especially for most priests. I still miss mom beyond words and yet confidently entrust her to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father who brings peace and comfort to all.

To those of you who continue to grieve the death of a loved one, please know of my prayers for you and may you know the peace and comfort of Christ who promises Eternal Life with the Father to those who follow Him.

-DAY OF PRAYER – As noted above, Saturday, February 11 is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Pope St. John Paul II designated this day in his letter dated May 13, 1992. In it, referring to this Day of Prayer, he says that it is "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the Face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

Suffering is so very often misunderstood. But suffering properly understood is redemptive. This is a great opportunity, as we pray for the sick, to really reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering.

Few things affect us so deeply as human suffering. This is the perennial and universal problem of all human history. Why, alongside all the good things in life, is there so much evil, pain, and suffering? Why do we have to lose loved ones to death? Why do we have to die at all? What's gone wrong with the world?

The answers to these questions are to be found at the very dawn of human history. Adam and Eve were created in complete friendship with God. There was no evil, no suffering, and no death. They were

at peace with God, with each other, and within themselves.

So what went wrong? They disobeyed the Lord. They chose to follow the words of the serpent rather than obey God. They rebelled against the very source of their own life and happiness. It was this rebellion that introduced sin, suffering, and death into human history. God is not to blame for the misery of the world; human beings are.

Ever since the sin of our first parents, the devil has delighted in the misery of humanity and thus we look to God's answer to suffering. I will continue with that in next week's bulletin as we look more deeply at the Christian Meaning of Suffering.

-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.

-WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – World Marriage Day is observed next 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."

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.

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.

-LENT - It is hard to believe that we will soon be entering the Liturgical Season of Lent in the Church. February 22 this year is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. I am working on finalizing the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday and other Lenten opportunities and hope to have that in next week's bulletin. There will be additional Mass times, Stations of the Cross, additional times for Reconciliation, etc. 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.
- -UPCOMING EVENTS:
- -Saturday, February 18 K of C Casino Knight 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.
- -Friday, March 31 Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Annual Raffle Drawing at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling.

Thank you for your continued payers for me, one another, our parishes and school and the Universal Church. Please know of my prayers for you each day. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

Announcements from the Holy Family Parish Coordinator of Religious Education (Ann O'Sullivan --

<u>aosullivan2031@gmail.com</u> or 217-257-2516)

Bosco Kids and RCIA will meet on Wednesday, 2/8 from 6:15-7:30 in the convent.

Youth group will meet Sunday, February 5 at the KC Hall at 5 p.m. Will be back at 9 p.m.

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.

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 was the week of January 30.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

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.



