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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, March 13 - 7:00 a.m.

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, March 14 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Pat Volk

Wednesday, March 15 - 5:30 p.m.

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Marilyn Hammer

Thursday, March 16 - 7:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Jack Logsdon (By the Family)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Danny Seals (By the Family)

Friday, March 17 - 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

St. Patrick, Bishop Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Bill O'Sullivan (By Legion of Mary)

Saturday, March 18 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Sunday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m.

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Bob & Sylva Dixon and Julie Link (By Cheryl Dillard)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Barb Kuhn (By Mary Smith)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 4-5, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,434.70 School Support: \$976.00 Sister Parish: \$20.00 Parish Tithe: \$50.00 First Offering: \$5.00 Catholic Times: \$15.00 Catholic Charities: \$349.00

Church Central/Eastern Europe: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 5, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,842.00 Parish Tithe: \$20.00 Catholic Charities: \$380.00 Sister Parish: \$200.00 Candles: \$36.00

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

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 † I. I. Gronewold † John

Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin & family † Sheila Roberts † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf † Christine Colgan Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen † Janice Hendricks † Kendall Atteberry † Mark Ebbing † Joan Weilbacher † Roger Lanz † Aaron Koch † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt † Jim Duvendack † Leeann DeJaynes † Paul Koch † Joe Ray † Charlie Koch †

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deacon Mike is celebrating his birthday on March 17! Please wish him a Happy Birthday!

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Easter Choir - We are looking ahead to Easter. (Alleluia!) We would like to invite you to join us in singing for our Easter Sunday mass. No special talents required. Just a desire to share in Easter joy. We will have a few practices but they haven't been scheduled yet. If you have any questions, just ask any choir member or contact Pam at 242-2486.

SAVE THE DATE – JULY 6-8 - Stellar VBS will launch kids on a cosmic quest as they have a blast learning how to shine Jesus' light everywhere! It will be an out-of-this-world adventure filled with light years of faith-building fun. We'll help Jesus' light shine in and through the heart of every child at Stellar VBS! We will have a star-studded time Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday all day.

Children entering preschool - 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th - 12th grade are welcome as Crew Leaders. Adults are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Alicia Schmidt at 217-257-3210 ASAP if you'd like to volunteer.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

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

Sacristan: Denise Taylor

Greeters: Jacob & Alicia Schmidt

& Family

Lector: Brenda Hoelscher
Gift Bearers: John & Janice Brady

Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Wagner Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy

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Ushers: Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Lent. Once again, I pray that the Lenten Season is going well for you and is fruitful for your spiritual growth and holiness. Take a moment to consider the how it really is going for you and then give praise and thanks to God for all things and if you need to "make adjustments" to your Lenten observances, then don't fall into despair but make those changes this very moment.

Our response to the Psalm for today is "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts," a great reminder to carry with us. The Gospel gives us the account of "the woman at the well." Just as Jesus approaches this "outcast" with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so too does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satisfy our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear His voice.

May our hearts always be open to knowing, loving, and serving God in our life here on earth so that we might spend Eternal Life with Him in Heaven.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Just a reminder, all memorials are celebrated as optional memorials during Lent. This applies to memorials only, not to Feasts and Solemnities. -Friday, March 17 – Optional memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop. St. Patrick was born around the year 389 of Romano-British Origin. He founded the Metropolitan See of Armagh. He is the author of "Confessio" and is thought by many to be the author of "Lorica," a work praising Christ. He died in 461 at Down and is the patron of Nigeria and apostle and patron of Ireland. St. Patrick, Pray for us!

I'd like to note here that it is customary for many to enjoy corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. However, this year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday and the memorial of St. Patrick DOES NOT exempt one from the Lenten Regulation of abstaining from meat on Fridays. The following is from our Vicar General:

"St. Patrick's Day, March 17, this year falls on a Friday during Lent. Adhering to the obligation of abstaining from meat on this day as on the other Fridays of Lent is a commendable way to honor the heroic virtue and sacrifice of St. Patrick's life as a disciple of Our Lord. For a just cause in individual cases, a pastor can grant a dispensation from the obligation of observing a day of penance or can grant a commutation of the obligation into other pious good works (per canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law). The faithful who are desirous of such a dispensation or commutation of the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, should speak with their pastor."

With that said, any dispensation or commutation can only be given by one's Pastor on an INDIVIDUAL basis. There is no dispensation that can be given by a Pastor in general to a group of individuals. Such dispensations must be sought and given individually by one's Pastor. (As a side note, a Bishop may be able to dispense all those under his care in certain situations). Also, any dispensation must be for a just cause. Although there may be one or more, I cannot imagine right now such a cause for consuming meat on Friday. Let's enjoy the corned beef on Thursday or Saturday. And as an additional note, Solemnities, two of which we normally celebrate during the Season of Lent but not always, those being the Solemnity of St. Joseph and the Solemnity of the Annunciation, are handled differently than memorials.

Again, one may be tempted to think that these details are no big deal but they really are. Bishops, Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons all have different Ordinary roles (Ordinary meaning proper to

them, not ho-hum) and different authority in the Church. It is not a free-for-all and so, these details are important. So too, our celebrations in the Church have a rank of order that is followed...Memorials (Obligatory, Optional), Feasts, Solemnities and within each Liturgical Season, some celebrations take precedence over others.

Our Lenten observances are meant to help us grow in holiness, not to look for ways out of them. And sometimes it's difficult...often times it's difficult, which points all the more to our attachment to the things of this world. What a great gift we have in our Lenten Observances.

-Saturday, March 18 – Optional memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Cyril was known to be a great pastor and teacher. He was ordained bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He authored eighteen "Catecheses" and five "Mystagogical Catecheses" devoted to the Liturgy and the Sacraments. Exiled three times by the Arians, he died in 386. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Pray for us!

-SCRUTINIES – On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the First Scrutiny. This will be at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family

The Scrutinies (there will be three of them) are for the Elect, those who will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil, and are celebrated at a Sunday Mass (or at the Saturday Vigil Mass). The Scrutinies are beautiful rituals given to us by the Church to help those who are journeying toward Baptism and entry into the Church that their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ may be deepened. The Scrutinies are Rites of the Church for self-searching and repentance and have above all, a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The three Scrutinies occur on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Following the First Scrutiny, the Elect are presented with the Creed. Following the Third Scrutiny, the Elect are presented with the Lord's Prayer.

-SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE – Following is the anticipated schedule for the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday at both parishes:

At Holy Family:

- -Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- -Good Friday 5:30 p.m.
- -Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.Vigil
- -Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

At St. Thomas:

- -Holy Thursday 5:15 p.m.
- -Good Friday 3:00 p.m.
- -No Easter Vigil at St. Thomas
- -Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Please consider keeping this schedule handy somewhere for your reference. I may even print out small cards to have in the back of each church with the schedule so that you can take them for yourself or hand out to others.

The times are varied, I know, as I try to accommodate both parishes while keeping in mind what the Church intends. I will also try to offer Stations of the Cross on Good Friday...time and location still to come.

-HOLY THURSDAY - I need to have at least 2 people (or 2 couples) sign up to be present with the Blessed Sacrament after the Masses at both parishes on Holy Thursday night. Of course, anyone is both welcome and encouraged to spend some time in prayer that evening in front of the Blessed Sacrament but since I will be having Mass at both parishes, it will be necessary to make sure there is someone always present with the Blessed Sacrament as I cannot be at both places the entire time. I will put a sign-up sheet in the back of each Church. For St. Thomas, I will need folks starting at 6:30 p.m. through 11 p.m. At Holy Family, I will need folks from 8:00 p.m. through Midnight. Again, I encourage everyone to spend some time that evening in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament but am asking that I have at least 2 people at all times who can sign up for an hour and commit to being present. If you miss the sign-up sheet, just give me a call at the rectory (217)-773-3233.

-WASHING OF FEET – I will be doing the washing of feet during the Holy Thursday Liturgy. If you are planning to be present I'd ask you to consider having me wash your feet. Please let me know or be open to accepting when I ask.

-FUNERALS – I recently celebrated the Funeral Masses for Cameron Francis and Kay Downey at Holy Family. We continue to pray for the repose of their souls and for their families in this time of sorrow. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-THANK YOU – to all who helped with and supported the St. Mary School Fish Fry, the St. Thomas Fish Fry, The Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, and the St. Mary School Trivia Night. Your work and support are both needed and appreciated.

-ANNIVERSARIES - March 13 marks the anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis in 2013. March 19 is the Anniversary of the Installation of Pope Francis in 2013 as Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church. Additionally, March 19 also marks the Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination in 2003 of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki (note, this is not when Bishop Paprocki was named Bishop of Springfield but rather the date he was Ordained a Bishop, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago). Please keep Pope Francis and Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

-PRIEST MEETING – The Priests of the Diocese will be gathering for their annual Spring Meeting in Springfield this week on Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15. Please keep us all in your prayers. I will be away overnight but plan to be back in time for the evening Exposition & Adoration, Confessions, and Mass at Holy Family.

I ask you to continue to keep all of those preparing for Sacraments in your prayers.

-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.

-SCHEDULE CHANGES – Wednesday Masses during Lent at Holy Family will be at 5:30 p.m. only. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass. This will be through Lent only. During Lent on Wednesdays, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family will be from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

At St. Thomas, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays will be from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. with Mass remaining at 5:30 p.m.

-EVENING MASSES DURING LENT – Wednesday evenings, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family. Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas.

-ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES – Before each of the evening Masses during Lent...Wednesday evenings, 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. at Holy Family and Thursday evenings, 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. at St. Thomas.

Regularly scheduled confessions are 4:30pm – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at Holy Family and from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. on First Fridays at St. Thomas. You may call me anytime to schedule a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

-STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family. Friday evenings, 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas.

-40 DAYS FOR LIFE – A reminder that St. Thomas has the 40 Days for Life Calendar in the Back of Church. If you have not done so already, sign-up for one or more days to pray for life during Lent. If you've already signed up, consider taking another open day so that all the days are filled.

There are also 40 days for Life flyers/information sheets in the back of both churches which has both general information as well as contact information for the local 40 Days for Life.

Please be mindful of the important initiative of 40 Days for Life this year in the Prayer Vigil in front of Walgreens in Quincy during Lent that began on Ash Wednesday and will run through Palm Sunday. More information was in previous bulletins.

-RICE BOWLS – Are in the back of each church. Consider taking one and using it as part of the Lenten Season and your own Lenten practices. Rice bowls should be returned (with the contributions) to the church during Holy Week.

-UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

DCCW Meeting – The next Quincy Deanery meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy. I encourage all women of the parishes to attend.

This day's theme is "Spiritual Warfare/Spiritual Tools," with information from a well-known and knowledgeable speaker. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and finishes around 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

There is a sign-up in the churches to help plan for lunch. Again, I encourage all women of the parishes to attend. I serve as the Spiritual Advisor for the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. The meetings are always an enjoyable day.

-WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28 & 29 at the Villa Maria in Springfield. Sponsored by the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The retreat will include presentations, prayer, Mass, Rosary, Confession, and fellowship.

Registration forms are in the back of each church and include more information.
Registrations are due by March 21.

-MOWING – Just a reminder, if you would like to help with mowing and trimming at Holy Family, please contact Tammy at the school number (217)-773-2825. Tammy will be putting the schedule together for Holy Family.

Maurice Schmidt has the mowing and trimming schedule completed for St. Thomas. If you have any questions, please reach out to him.

Once again, thank you to all who help with the mowing and trimming at the parishes, keeping our grounds looking good!

Please know of my continued daily prayers for you and thank you for your prayers and support for me, one another, our 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 --

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

Bosco Kids and RCIA will meet Wednesday, 3/15 after Stations of the Cross, around 6:30-7:30.

Adult Faith Formation Bible study will continue every Tuesday night until 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.

Youth Group:

March 12: Next meeting at St. Mary's Gym

March 26: Kent and LeighAnn's House

April 16: Colton Dixon Concert @ Morrison Theater, QCY @ 7. Leave at 5:30 from KC Hall. Cost to attend will be \$20, transportation will be provided.

HOLY FAMILY CHOIR PRACTICE

Interested singers? Please join our choir practices to prepare for Easter. All are welcome.

Practices are Wednesdays after Mass and stations: March 15, and March 22.

Final practice will be Tuesday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Dinner

St. Rose Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Saturday March 18th. Note that this year dinner is day after since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent. This will also avoid competition with area fish fries. 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Drive Thru Only. Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage OR German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Apple or Cherry Pie. Can also have ½ beef & ½ pork. Price remains the same as last year at \$12 per Meal. St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy IL. Enter through alley off of 8th Street. Order from your car.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting

DEAR WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE: Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday**, **March 22**, **2023**. Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy is hosting the next Council of Catholic Women day meeting for our area-the Quincy Deanery of Catholic Churches (Quincy, Pittsfield, Winchester, Camp Point, Mt. Sterling, Mendon, Liberty). Please do your best to come and be a part of this important work for Christ through the women of the diocese. We meet 3 times per year and at our

meetings we educate, enjoy, and are equipped with spiritual renewal and info. which can be shared with parishes, communities and those we meet, in serving for Christ. The Faith is quickly passed along by this means. The Council of Catholic Women principles and goals are spirituality, leadership, and service for Christ. We were founded many years ago by the United States Catholic Bishops for unity in the women serving the church. Our spiritual guide is Our Lady of Good Counsel-the Blessed Mother herself! The National CCW is tied to the Diocesan one, which links all of the Deanery women of the Diocese together and the Deanery serves the Parish Women's Groups. Thus we are all linked to the women serving the various parishes. This is where the most impact comes from and that is why YOU are so important. Since the newly reestablishment of the Ouincy Deanery over 1 year ago, we have many participating, but not enough-we need YOU! Please come and join us! More information will be coming soon in your bulletin and church. The day's theme Our Lady has guided us to this time is: "Spiritual Warfare/Spiritual Tools"-much needed information from a well-known and knowledgeable speaker. The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and finish approx. 2:00 p.m. Lunch is served by the Ladies of Blessed Sacrament. Please watch for more details and make plans to join us and support this important work which serves our parishes. It's a great group of ladies who love the Lord and His Holy Mother! All ages welcome!



Preschool Open House at St. Mary School

Monday, March 27th 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Enter through Door A on the south side of the school, just off the parking lot.

