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## **Parish Staff**

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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 20 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Samuel 7:4-51, 12;14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

> Barb Kuhn (By Kathy Weast)

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

Jim Stout (By Jeff & Barb Kozak)

# <u>Tuesday, March 21 – 7:00 a.m.</u> Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Mary Franklin Brahler (By Maureen Norvell)

# Wednesday, March 22 - 5:30 p.m.

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Charlie & Norma Koch Family (By Charlie Koch)

# Thursday, March 23 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Exodus 32:7-14: John 5:31-47

Josephine Burkey (By Nocturnal Adoration Society)

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

Danny Seals (By Pauline Seals)

# Friday, March 24 - 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Marie Flynn (By Joan Zurita)

# Saturday, March 25 - 8:00 a.m.

The Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10: Hebrews 10:4-10

> Ramona Lehne (By Norma Hufnagel)

# St. Thomas - 9:30 a.m.

Barb Kuhn (By Barb Scoggins)

# Holy Family - 5:30 p.m.

Cameron Francis (By John & Linda Colgan)

# Sunday, March 26 - 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:25a, 26

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

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

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

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 11-12, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,731.00 School Support: \$440.00 Sister Parish: \$302.00 Catholic Charities: \$135.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 12, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,826.00 Catholic Charities: \$25.00 Sister Parish: \$50.00 Easter Flowers: \$345.00

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 † J. J. 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 † Megan Miller †

# ST. THOMAS

**St. Thomas Easter Choir** - Practices for our Easter choir will begin Monday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. at church. Even if you think you can't sing, don't let that stop you. We'll be making a "joyful noise to the Lord" along with a few alleluias. Come join us!

The fish fry committee thanks all who worked, donated \$10.00 and worked at the fish fry. Many hands make lighter work. Profit realized at least \$2,400. God bless you all.

**St. Thomas** received a thank you for the groceries and money contributed to the Community for Christ Assistance center for the Super Bowl of Caring. Thank you for helping the CFCAC continue "putting our faith in action."

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 26, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall Greeters: Maurice & Clara

Schmidt

**Lector:** Karen Janssen

**Gift Bearers:** Matt & Laura Evans

Family

**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Sharow

**Collection Counters:** Greg & Elizabeth Likes **Ushers:** Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare comes from the first word of the Antiphon at the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) and is the Latin word meaning Rejoice. It sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter Mystery as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments. Flowers may also be added to the Sanctuary for Laetare Sunday. Indeed, though we remain in the Penitential Season of Lent, we look forward to the glorious celebration of Easter.

It's once again at this point that I encourage each of us to look at your Lenten journey. How are you doing? Re-commit yourself to those Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and remain steadfast in your perseverance.

We are reminded in today's readings, in part, to live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness. At times, doing God's Will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others and yet we are called to persevere. In that perseverance, we should ask ourselves, are we preoccupied with what others will think or are we focusing on doing God's Will. May we always know God's grace to do and follow His Will in all things.

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK – This week, outside of our regular Lenten weekday celebrations, we have only two other celebrations but both of which are Solemnities.

On Monday, March 20 of this year, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is normally celebrated on March 19. However, Sundays of Lent always take precedence over other celebrations. Since the celebration of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is elevated to a Solemnity and since March 19 falls on a Sunday this year, the celebration is moved to the first available day, in this case, Monday, March 20. Solemnities are the highest celebrations in the Church.

I will be celebrating Mass at each parish on Monday, March 20 for the Solemnity. At Holy Family, Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Thomas, Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. I encourage everyone to join us if you can. You might recall that the past couple of years I have had a St. Joseph Table in conjunction with the celebration. Unfortunately, this year I don't think I will be able to although, you never know. If I'm able to, I will announce it at the Mass.

On Saturday, March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Once again, I will have Mass at both parishes for this Solemnity. At Holy Family, Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and at St. Thomas, Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Again, I encourage everyone to join us for the celebration of this Solemnity of you are able to.

-SCRUTINIES – Today the Church celebrates the second of the three Scrutinies. This will take place at Holy Family at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. I spoke more about the Scrutinies in last week's bulletin. Please continue to pray for all those who are preparing for Sacraments of Initiation.

-BAPTISM – Last Sunday, March 12, I baptized Wilkes Allen Mountain at Holy Family. Wilkes is the son of Kyle and Tracy Mountain. Congratulations to Wilkes and his family.

I'd like to take this opportunity to speak a bit about the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is a Sacrament, not an occasion of sentimentality, and must be taken seriously by everyone. Some folks have certain responsibilities in Baptism. The Church's 1983 Code of Canon Law, which is the Code that is currently followed, has 1752 canons, 30 of which speak directly to the Sacrament of Baptism. Yes, it is important. I will be highlighting some of the important information found in these canons here and in future bulletins.

Concerning the timing of infant Baptisms, the Code says "parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks; as soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared properly for it." Within the same canon, the Code makes clear that "An infant in danger of death is to be baptized without delay."

Concerning prerequisites for infant Baptism, "For an infant to be baptized licitly: the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent; there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason. An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death even against the will of the parents." I will just add here that generally speaking, baptism is not and should not be delayed except in an extraordinary circumstance. Still, parents and godparents need to reflect seriously on the Sacrament that they present the child for and their responsibility in raising the child in the faith.

Concerning Sponsors (godparents): "Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent to it."

"There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each."

"To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must: be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function; have completed the sixteenth year of age...; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism."

Baptism is necessary and is a joyful celebration. However, as I already mentioned, it is not based on sentimentality. Parents take on a serious responsibility for their children and in having their children Baptized. Godparents, too, are entrusted with a serious responsibility. We are reminded that the Sacraments have been instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church for our sanctification. They are not ours to do with as we wish or to celebrate how we like. Yes, the details are important and as a priest and pastor, I also have a great and serious responsibility...to do what the Church intends and to celebrate the Sacraments as they are intended to be celebrated.

-DCCW MEETING - The next Quincy Deanery meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is this coming 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." 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 – Next 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 Tuesday, March 21.

-MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS - A matching gift program for select schools in our diocese, including St. Mary School, is happening right now thanks to a generous donor who is offering a 1:1 donation match toward the 2023-2024 tax credit scholarships that help students in need. Gifts made through Empower Illinois for the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program at St. Mary School will be doubled up to \$10,000.

This program provides need-based scholarships to kids from low-income and working-class families. Donors earn a 75% state tax credit on their gift. Donors can direct their donations to the school of their choice, including St. Mary School.

Donations must be made before April 15 for St. Mary School to be eligible for the match. For more information on how to donate visit empowerillinois.org/donate or contact myself or our Principal, Melissa Obert.

I encourage you to seriously consider this opportunity. Let's try to reach the matching cap of \$10,000. Remember, in order to be matched, the gift must be made by April 15.

-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.

## -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 4:30 p.m. – 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.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please be assured of my prayers for you each day. May you have a most blessed week.

# 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, 3/22 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 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 22.

Final practice will be **Wednesday**, **March 29**, after Mass and stations.

# **POT OF GOLD**

March Pot of Gold winners are:

\$250.00 - Brittany Drahos

\$100.00 - Carmel Akins

\$50.00 - Courtney Garfield

\$50.00 - Alice Glasgow

\$50.00 - Roger McNeff

## **RIGHT TO LIFE**

Adams County Right to Life has a bus reserved for Tuesday March 21 to go to the March For Life Rally in Springfield. Anyone interested in going can contact Lynn Shlipman at 217-653-0075 to reserve yourself a spot for \$15.

Colleen Maalouf, coordinator of Quincy's 40 Days for life is asking for more Pro Lifers to sign up for the prayer vigil in front of Walgreen's.

To sign up simply go to www.40daysforlife.com/en/quincy.

## **QUINCY CATHOLIC CHARITIES WORK**

Did you know that Quincy Catholic Charities is more than a food pantry? In addition to our food pantry we have a mobile food pantry that delivers a 2-week supply of food to rural communities of the diocese in Adams, Brown and Pike Counties. We also provide professional counseling services for individuals, premarital, marital and families, intact family services to mitigate further child abuse and neglect and a MedAssist program to assist individuals with immediate medication cost/co-pays. The program targets individuals who have no, or limited prescription drug coverage. Since July of 2022, we have helped 178 individuals with medication assistance.

# 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."



#### Preschool Open House at St. Mary School

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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

