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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 6 - 7:00 a.m.

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Communion Service

## Tuesday, March 7 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Isaiah 1:10. 16-20: Matthew 23:1-12

Mary Ann Yeakel (By Bob & Judy Schenk)

#### Wednesday, March 8-5:30 p.m.

St. John of God, Religious Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Mary Klingele Ahmed (By Rodney & Sue Flynn & Family)

#### Thursday, March 9 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Frances of Rome, Religious Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

> Norma Stone (By Legion of Mary)

## <u>St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.</u>

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

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

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Cindy Harper Coats (By Lyndall & Peggy Pyle)

#### Saturday, March 11 – 5:30 p.m.

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Tracy Family (By Larry Volk)

## Sunday, March 12 - 8:00 a.m.

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

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

Faye Greenwell (By St. Thomas Men's & Women's Society)

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

February 25-26, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,248.00 School Support: \$1,135.00 Sister Parish: \$600.00 Parish Tithe: \$250.00 Catholic Times: \$15.00

Church Central/Eastern Europe: \$175.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

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

February 26, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,157.00
Parish Tithe: \$95.00
Parish Improvement: \$30.00
Church Central/Eastern Europe: 260.00

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 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 † 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 † Norma Herbster † Fritzi Harper + 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 †

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of Arlyn Robbins who passed away on February 19, 2023 and Cameron Francis who passed away on February 25, 2023. May God keep you in His care! 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.

#### **31. 1 HUMA 3**

**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 12, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:Dawn PetersGreeters:Tod Perry FamilyLector:Kim GronewoldGift Bearers:Denny & Cathy

Wagner

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Bockhold Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall Ushers: Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Lent. I pray that the Lenten Season is going well for you. As a way of encouragement, I'd suggest that you reflect on your own Lenten observances. If you are doing well, great...give praise and thanks to God for all things. If you are struggling or seem to think you have "already" failed, make the firm resolve this very moment to continue with renewed vigor and with the grace of God. The devil desires us to "give up." Don't let that happen. Continue to turn away from satan and toward God who will sustain you in all things.

In the Gospel for this Sunday, we hear the account of the Transfiguration, where the true and full identity of Jesus is revealed. In this, we are shown that the Father has entrusted to Jesus the salvation of the world. In seeing the glory of the Lord upon Jesus, we can come to understand that we are meant to share in that glory when the fullness of the Kingdom is at hand. May we always strive to live our lives in accord with the demands of the Gospel and so prepare ourselves for that hope of eternal glory with the Father 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.

-Tuesday, March 7 – Optional memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs. Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave, were martyred at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus. Their names are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, March 8 – Optional memorial of St. John of God, Religious. St. John of God was a shepherd, a soldier, and an entrepreneur before his conversion at the age of forty-two. He laid the foundation for the Order of Hospitallers (O.H.) which today numbers about 1,100 religious. St. John of God died in 1550 in Granada and is patron of hospitals, the sick, nurses, and booksellers. St. John of God, pray for us!

-Thursday, March 9 – Optional memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious. St. Frances of Rome was a noblewoman, wife, and mother who founded a community of Benedictine women Oblates committed to serving the poorest of the poor. She died in 1440 and is the patroness of widows and motorists. St. Frances of Rome, Pray for us!

-RITE OF ELECTION – Last Sunday afternoon, February 26, Bishop Paprocki celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. The Rite of Election is for those who are preparing for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Thus, the Rite of Election is only for those who are not baptized; those already baptized and seeking full initiation into the Church through Confirmation and First Holy Communion do not participate in the Rite of Election.

The Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, in part, says the following concerning the Rite of Election:

"on the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists and of the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the Sacraments of Initiation. Thus the Church makes its "election," that is, the choice and admissions of those catechumens who have the disposition that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the Sacraments of Initiation."

"This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts." This is such an important point for all of us to know and recall and one that Bishop Paprocki made in his homily on Sunday.

"The step is also called the enrollment of names because as a pledge of fidelity the catechumens inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation."

"Before the Rite of Election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity. With deliberate will and enlightened faith they must have the intention to receive the Sacraments of the Church, a resolve they express publicly in the actual celebration of the Rite."

"The election, marked with a rite of such solemnity, is the focal point of the Church's concern for the catechumens. Admission to election therefore belongs to the Bishop himself or a priest or a deacon who acts as the Bishop's delegate."

"Within the Rite of Election the bishop celebrant or his delegate declares in the presence of the community the Church's approval of the catechumens. Therefore, to exclude any semblance of mere formality from the Rite, there should be a deliberation prior to its celebration to decide on the catechumen's suitableness...During the celebration of Election, the assembly is informed of the decision approving the catechumens."

"From the day of their election and admission, the catechumens are called 'the elect'." Bishop Paprocki made the point in his homily that the words elect and election come from the Latin word meaning chosen. In the case of the Rite of Election, it should not be seen so much as an individual "choosing the faith," but rather, that it is God who first chose the catechumen and the elect. The individual is

responding to God's working in his or her life but it is God who has chosen the individual. Alltoo-often, this is entirely misunderstood and even miscommunicated.

Why all this information and detail you might ask. It seems so trivial, right? Well, not at all. Each of us need to continually grow in our understanding of the Church and to know that what the Church authentically "does" is from God Himself. What the Church has established, including Her Rites, are to be followed in accordance with how they are set forth, certainly not in a manner that pleases our own desires. The information and details are important and necessary so that each one of us has a deeper and renewed understanding of the Church.

All-too-often, folks have either a misunderstanding of the Church, in whole or in part, or seek to make Her something She is not based on human desire, feelings, or sentimentality. This manifests itself in any number of ways including celebration of the Sacraments which the Catechism clearly defines as being "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ, and entrusted to the Church, by which Divine Life is dispensed to us through the work of the Holy Spirit."

The Church is instituted by Christ Himself and contains the fullness of Truth. It is through the Church that we come to know Christ in His fullness and Eternal Life with the Father. All that is contained in the Church, including Her Doctrines, Sacred Scripture, and Sacred Tradition are not ours but belong to Christ. Truth is unchangeable and we have no authority or ability to change what is not ours, that being the Truth of Jesus Christ. The Church is the instrument of our salvation in which Christ is fully present and which our loving God makes available to us, demanding, though, that we follow that which makes us truly free, His Divine Law. Our human nature can make this difficult at times and uncontrolled desires of human nature can make it seem idealistic at best and even impossible. Sadly, it is then that folks seek what makes them "feel good" rather than the fullness of that which brings salvation and brings them to Eternal Life.

God desires our salvation and has made available to us the Church for this salvation.

-ELECT AND CANDIDATES – We have a number of folks preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation.

St. Thomas has a young man, Bryson Calvert, who is now one of "the elect." Bryson will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

At Holy Family, Aurie Lichtsinn is also now one of "the elect" and will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. There are also four candidates who are planning to come into full communion with the Church on Divine Mercy Sunday at the Vigil Mass. The candidates are Kara Jarboe, Mercedes Kemper, Adam Llewellyn, and Megan Woodward. Ashleigh Patrick is also preparing to come into full communion with the Church in June.

Please keep these folks in your prayers and all those preparing for full initiation into the Church.

#### -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 now be from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. with Mass remaining at 5:30pm. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Thursday evening Mass.

-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. – 5:45p.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 – 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.

One important initiative of 40 Days for Life is the Prayer Vigil in front of Walgreens in Quincy during Lent that began on Ash Wednesday and will run through Palm Sunday.

Why the Prayer Vigil? Because Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid have applied for certification to dispense the chemical abortion pills mifepristone and misoprostol. Make no doubt about it, besides carrying significant risks for women who take them, these abortion drugs are not healthcare nor are they used to prevent pregnancy. They are used to "end a pregnancy" also called abortion which is nothing less than murder of a child.

It is estimated that more than half of all abortions are now chemical abortions. 40 Days for Life has been leading Prayer Vigils and engaging in fasting for an end to abortion for almost 20 years. Until now, they have concentrated their efforts on abortion centers. For the first time, 40 Days for Life is expanding their Prayer Vigils to pharmacies as well.

This Prayer Vigil is just that, a Prayer Vigil, not a protest, but a Prayer Vigil for expectant mothers and fathers, for healthcare workers, for legislators, for unborn babies, for life. Never underestimate the need for and the power of the prayer you offer and never doubt God's Providence.

-RICE BOWLS - 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 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 in the gym. See the flyer in the back of church for more information. To register, go to the school website, e-mail Karla Metz (karla.metz@bcsb.com) or call the school office (217-773-2825).

-Friday, March 31 - Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Annual Raffle Drawing 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 8:00am and finishes around 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

There should be a sign-up in the churches soon 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 St. Thomas, please contact Maurice Schmidt (217-257-0668). Maurice is putting together the schedule now.

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.

Please reach out to Maurice or Tammy as soon as possible so they can get the schedule together.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You remain in my prayers each day. Our prayers for one another are so very important as we face the battle with evil. May you have a most blessed week.

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

aosullivan2031@gmail.com or 217-257-2516)

**Bosco Kids and RCIA** will meet Wednesday, 3/8 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 8, March 15, and March 22.

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

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION**

During the weekend of March 4/5, 2023, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will be held again. If you would like to give online this year, simply scan the QR code and select your area office of choice under location and select Parish Annual Collection under program. Thank you for your continued support!



# St. Mary School TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Pre-game 6:30pm/Game 7:00pm St. Mary School Gym

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## March 10th K of C Hall

Quincy Rd Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

## Serving 5-7PM

\$12 Adults (10Yrs+) \$6 Children (6-10Yrs) Free for Children Under 6Yrs

## Dine In or Take Out Fish (Buffalo Catfish)

Potato Salad and Baked Beans Desserts and Beverages





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