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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

Eucharistic Adoration First weekend of month Phone (217) 593-6685, (217) 773-3233 E-mail: stthomascp@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow

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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, April 3 - 7:00 a.m.

Monday of Holy Week Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 a.m. Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

James G. & Norma M. Wort (By the Children)

Wednesday, April 5 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass) Wednesday of Holy Week Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Tommy Clark & Bruce Dieker (By Kay Downey)

Wednesday, April 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob and Judy Schenk & Family)

Thursday, April 6 - 5:15 p.m.

AT ST. THOMAS Holy Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Norbert & Rita Cramsey (By Sarah & Brent Kearby Family)

<u>Thursday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

Richard & Marjorie Salrin (By Emily & Charlie Morris & Family)

<u>Friday, April 7 - 11:30 a.m.</u>

Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

<u>Friday, April 7 – 3:00 p.m.</u> <u>AT ST. THOMAS</u> Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday Services

<u>Friday, April 7 – 5:30 p.m.</u> <u>AT HOLY FAMILY</u>

Good Friday Services

<u>Saturday, April 8 – 8:00 p.m.</u> AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Saturday

Vic Kassing (By Mary Kassing & Family)

Sunday, April 9 - 6:30 a.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Holy Family - 8:00 a.m.

Pat Volk (By Kathy Rigg)

<u>St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Barb Kuhn (By Joe Whewell)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 25-26, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,441.00 School Support: \$15.00 Catholic Charities: \$50.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

March 26, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,217.18 Sister Parish: \$65.00 Rice Bowl: \$20.00

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."
- Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday April 4 at noon. A light meal will be provided.

Please contact Tammy at (217) 773-2825 or <u>tmckeown@smseagle.org</u> 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 + 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 + Janice Hendricks + Kendall Atteberry **†** Mark Ebbing **†** Aaron Koch † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt + Jim Duvendack +

Leeann DeJaynes † Paul Koch † Charlie Koch † Megan Miller † Irene Norkus †

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!

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

<u>April 9, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Denny & Nancy
	Campbell
Lector:	Tod Perry
Gift Bearers:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Eucharistic Minister:	Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers: Jerry Herkert, Andrew Llewellyn	

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week. Our Liturgy begins joyously as Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is recounted and we hear and proclaim Hosanna in the Highest. Yet very soon the mood of the Liturgy changes, in a sense, as we hear the Passion of the Lord proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word.

As we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week, we recall the suffering of Christ and what He has done for us. Do we really know and understand and take the time to contemplate this and the salvation that Christ brings to us?! It is incredible and frankly, should leave us in awe though sadly, sometimes it doesn't. We are reminded that indeed, we must enter into the suffering and death of Christ in order to share in the glory of His Resurrection. And really, that is what we live the entirety of our Christian lives for and so it is not only good, but necessary for us to both reflect on this and keep it always in our minds and our hearts.

We are reminded also of the suffering of others and our responsibility for compassion, that being much more than just kindness or even concern but the entering into the suffering of another.

Each year on Palm Sunday, we recount Jesus' Passion. We hear of the events leading up to His arrest, the agony of His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the passing of His case back and forth between Pilate, Herod, and the Sanhedrin. We can only try to imagine what it was like for the very Incarnation of God to be judged by human beings.

Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Paschal Mystery and we accompany Jesus during these trials. It is certainly not the pleasant escape that we might find when we watch a movie or read a book. Rather, with Jesus' eyes we see the crowd whom He loves, shouting for His very death. With Him, we witness His closest friends abandon, deny or watch from a distance. We see the cruelty of rulers and soldiers who mock Him, beat Him, and gamble for His garments. Jesus endures horrible suffering and a terrible death, a public and agonizing death of being nailed to a cross. Unpleasant, for sure! Why would He endure such? The answer...for you and His love for you.

Jesus' Death and Resurrection saves us from sin and death but even in Jesus' own terrible suffering and His triumph over death through His resurrection, suffering is not removed from our lives or the lives of those we love.

It can be terrifying to experience suffering ourselves or to walk with someone who is in distress. And we have choices when we do. We can be like Peter who denies, or the soldier who jeers, an acquaintance who watches, or Pilate who washes his hands of the matter. Or we can be like Joseph of Arimathea, who refuses to participate in an unjust persecution, or like the women who do not run from the agony of Jesus' death, but tended to his broken, lifeless body. Perhaps we will be like the centurion who praises God, even in the midst of darkness.

It is much easier, in the midst of affliction and suffering, to find a distraction...to turn on the television, to shop for the newest gadgets, to escape. Yet each year, Palm Sunday puts suffering squarely in our midst. Why? Because our suffering, and the suffering of the world, are bound to Christ's suffering. We are asked to enter into our Lord's Passion – to walk with Him, to accompany Him as He faces utmost cruelty, injustice, pain, abandonment, so that we may walk with others who suffer, that we may live out that responsibility of compassion.

Suffering is so very real for all of us and it's not just about physical pain. Suffering is found in our lives in a multitude of ways, often times hidden or unnoticed. As we enter into Christ's Passion and partake of His victory found in the Holy Eucharist, let us pray for the grace to see what is before us, to open our hearts to those who need us, and to be filled with compassion for those who suffer, just as Christ did, and continues to do, for us.

And now just a few notes:

- HOLY WEEK – Following is a summary of the celebrations during Holy Week. The schedule of these celebrations for both parishes are toward the end. This is the holiest of weeks and I encourage you to be very deliberate in keeping it holy.

-PALM SUNDAY - Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, this year, April 2.

-CHRISM MASS – For our Diocese, this takes place on the Tuesday of Holy Week in the evening (this year, April 4). Everyone is invited to attend and I encourage that. The Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Priests gather at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral that day for a Holy Hour.

This Mass is particularly significant for priests since at this Mass, the priests renew their Ordination Promises and the Bishop blesses the Sacred Oils that will be used for the year throughout the Diocese.

Each parish's new oils are sent home with the priests (or their representative) that evening. There are three Sacred Oils: Oil of Catechumens (used when bringing folks into the Church through Baptism), Oil of the Sick (used to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick where a person's forehead and palms of hands are anointed with this oil); Sacred Chrism (this oil is infused with Balsam which gives it a very pleasing smell). It is used in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

All of the oils are pure olive oil. The previous year's oils are burned in the "Easter" fire at the Easter Vigil. The new oils will be brought forward at each parish just prior to the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

-PASCHAL TRIDUUM - This is a continuous celebration that begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. Lent ends before Evening Prayer is celebrated on Thursday.

-HOLY THURSDAY (this year, April 6) the celebration of the Lord's Supper. During the Liturgy, the priest (optionally) washes the feet of 12 people present. Enough hosts are consecrated for both that Liturgy and the celebration of Good Friday the following day since no Mass. anywhere in the world, is celebrated on Good Friday. At the conclusion of the Mass, there is a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the Church with the Blessed Sacrament being reposed at a "side" chapel or Altar. Folks are encouraged to spend time praying that evening by either remaining after Mass or returning sometime during the night.

Around Midnight, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in a Tabernacle other than the main Tabernacle. The main Tabernacle remains empty and open until The Easter Vigil.

After the Holy Thursday Liturgy, the Altar of Sacrifice is stripped and the Sanctuary is mostly emptied. It will remain this way until the start of the Easter Vigil with the exception of a Good Friday Service where only the necessary items are brought into the Sanctuary when needed.

-GOOD FRIDAY (Friday of the Passion of the Lord) – this year, April 7. On this day, there is only a Service, no Mass.

Stations of the Cross are often prayed on this day. Silence is observed by many from Noon until 3:00 p.m., with this time spent in prayer and reflection.

The service includes 3 parts – Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion (Consecrated the night before at the Mass on Holy Thursday).

This is a Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence. The Paschal fast is observed everywhere and if possible should extend from this day until the Easter Vigil to honor the Suffering and Death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in His Resurrection.

On this day, the Passion of the Lord is proclaimed once again during the Liturgy of the Word and the Solemn Intercessions are offered.

-HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil) - This is the Liturgy where the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Eucharist) will be administered. The Easter Vigil is a more lengthy but beautiful celebration.

The Vigil may not begin before nightfall and must be concluded before daybreak on Sunday. The Vigil begins outside (if possible) where a fire is made (if possible) and the new Paschal candle is prepared.

The procession into the Church then takes place. The lights of the Church are off and those who are present will have individual candles that will be lit from the Paschal Candle during the procession in.

After the procession in and the lights of the Church are turned on, the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) is made. This is followed by the Liturgy of the Word. In it, there are 9 readings total, seven from the Old Testament (it is permissible to have only 3) which is followed by the Gloria and the lighting of the Altar candles. Then there is one Epistle from the New Testament followed by the Gospel and a brief homily.

The Baptismal Liturgy occurs after the homily. The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows and the Mass concludes as usual with a Solemn Blessing and Dismissal.

-EASTER SUNDAY (of the Resurrection of the Lord) – While the celebration of the Easter Vigil fulfills one's obligation to participate in the celebration of the Easter Liturgy, the faithful who participated in the Easter Vigil are, of course, welcome and even encouraged to participate in the Easter Sunday Liturgy as well. -PASCHAL FAST – As noted above, Good Friday (this year, April 7) is a Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence. The Paschal fast is observed everywhere and if possible should extend from this day until the Easter Vigil to honor the Suffering and Death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in His Resurrection.

Following are the Lenten regulations concerning Fast and Abstinence:

ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

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.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

-HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

-Monday, April 3 – Communion Service at Holy Family, 7:00 a.m.

-Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 a.m. Weekday Mass at Holy Family; Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield, 6:30 p.m.

-Wednesday, April 5 – 8:30 a.m. Weekday Mass at Holy Family with the School and 5:30 p.m. evening weekday Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

-Holy Thursday, April 6 – No morning Mass. Mass at St. Thomas, 5:15 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family at 7:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at a side Altar after each Mass for prayer and Solemn Adoration...at St. Thomas, until 11:00 p.m. and at Holy Family until Midnight.

-Good Friday, April 7 – No Masses this day anywhere in the world. Services at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas; Services at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family. Additionally, Stations of the Cross at Holy Family at 11:30 a.m.

-Holy Saturday, April 8 – No Masses until Easter Vigil. Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Family.

-Easter Sunday, April 9 – 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses at Holy Family; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas.

-CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK:

Holy Family:

-Wednesday, April 5 – 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

-Holy Thursday, April 6 - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

-Good Friday, April 7 - Noon - 12:30 p.m.

-Holy Saturday, April 8 - 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Thomas:

-Holy Thursday, April 6 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

-Good Friday, April 7 – 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

-Holy Saturday, April 8 - Noon - 12:30 p.m.

-EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter flowers, you still have time. If you do not have an envelope for this, simply place your contribution in an envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers." These contributions are often times made in memory of someone. If you are making such a contribution, please include the names of those folks either on or in the envelope so that I may offer prayers for them.

Please know of my prayers each day for each of you and thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. 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)

There are no Bosco Kids or RCIA classes on 4/5. Please plan to attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

Classes will resume on 4/12 at 6:15-7:30 in the convent.

Youth Group:

April 16- Colton Dixon Concert- We have a select amount of tickets ordered. If you are interested in going, please notify Leigh Ann by March 31 so she can assure we have enough tickets. Leigh Ann's number 217-257-6415.

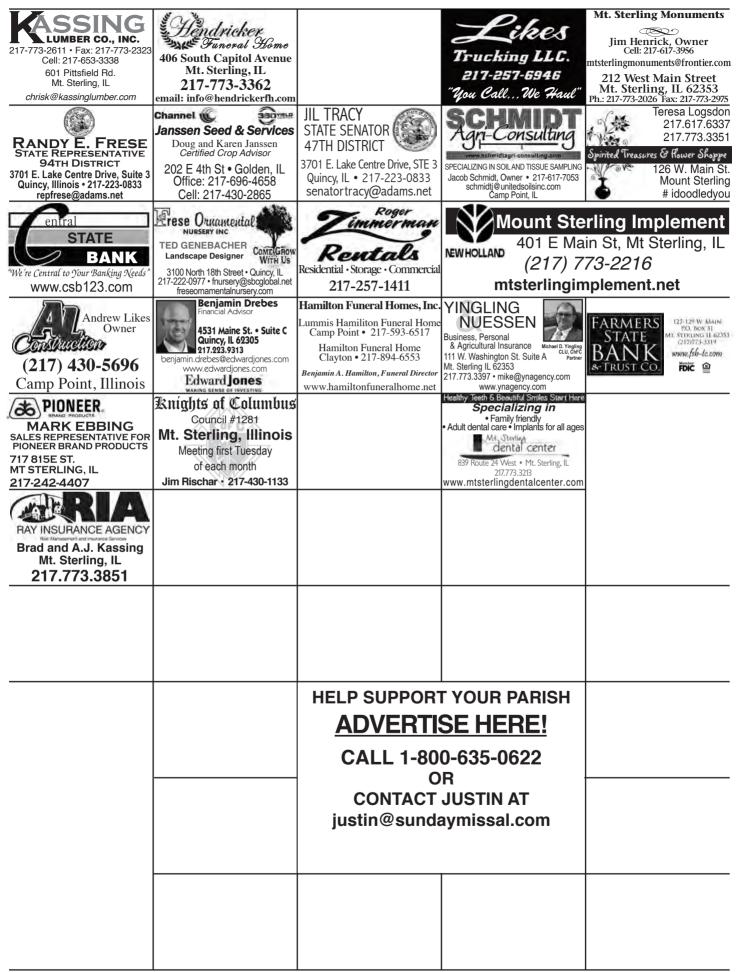
April 30- Kent & Leigh Ann's House

EASTER FLOWERS

Holy Family Women's Guild is accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Donations may be placed in the collection (checks should be made payable to Holy Family Women's Guild). Please include a note with the name of your loved ones.

MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery will be having their yearly spring clean-up March 31 – April 7. Please remove all items that you wish to keep. Everything left will be discarded. You may replace items after April 17. NOTE: NO GLASS IN THE CEMETERY, PLEASE!



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