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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, May 1 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:11-18

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 2 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

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

Wednesday, May 3 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

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

<u>Thursday, May 4 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Dave Downey

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

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

Friday, May 5 - 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Amy Ormond Lucky (By Maurice & Karla Ormond)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS - 6:00 p.m.

JoAnn Ferrill Welty

<u>Saturday, May 6 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Kay Downey (By Legion of Mary)

Sunday, May 7 - 8:00 a.m.

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Jim Stout (By Mary Kay Rossmiller)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

April 22-23, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,290.00 School Support: \$40.00 Sister Parish: \$62.00 ACSA: \$25.00

Easter: \$110.00 Church in Europe: \$20.00 Catholic Relief: \$20.00 Seminary: \$20.00 Holy Land: \$20.00 Rice Bowl: \$10.00

Catholic Charities: \$20.00 Catholic Communication: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

April 23, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,130.85

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, May 2 at noon. A light meal will be provided.
- ❖ Nocturnal Adoration: Saturday, May 6 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on May 7 at 7:45 a.m.

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

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 † 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 † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Janice Hendricks † Kendall Atteberry † Mark Ebbing † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt † Jim Duvendack † Leeann DeJaynes † Megan Miller † Irene Norkus †

ST. THOMAS

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.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who made their First Reconciliation on April 19. Catechist Mrs. Denise Taylor did a wonderful job preparing them, Father Aaron helped to calm their nerves, and the parents provided spiritual support from the pew! Congratulations!

Psalm 51:7 Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

St. Thomas PSR once again participated in Adams County Right to Life Pro Life Poster Contest in March. After judging from the PSR teachers, the following students won placement ribbons.

1st place Ava Obert 3rd grade 2nd place Tess Obert 3rd grade 3rd place Alex Mock 5th grade 4th place Evan Hoelschar 3 grade

All posters were sent to Quincy to be displayed at the Quincy Mall and Adams County Right to Life office on 8th street.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

May 7, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:
Greeters:
Lector:
Gift Bearers:
Eucharistic Minister:
Collection Counters:
Gary Mast
PSR Students
PSR Students
Kim Gronewold
Dale & Sindy
DeRousse

Ushers: Denny Campbell, John Brady

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Yes, we continue this great and joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection so again, a Happy Easter to each of you. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated Good Shepherd Sunday. I speak more about that later on. We hear in the readings today how Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and that the sheep follow Him because they recognize His voice. He is present to us and leading us. Still, we have to be mindful of how we recognize His voice as we sort out and quiet the voices of strangers who lead us to slaughter and destruction. We pray that the Lord will teach us to hear His voice more clearly, draw us closer to Himself, and protect us from all evil.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, May 1 - Optional memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. To foster deep devotion to St. Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. This memorial extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, mankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth and to be productive in their labors. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is an example of the holiness of human labor.

In his encyclical, Laborem Exercens, Pope St. John Paul II says: "the Church considers it Her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." St. Joseph is held up as a model of such work.

To capture the devotion to St. Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870 Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

As a side, as many of you are aware, there is also the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, normally celebrated on March 19. St. Joseph the Worker, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, May 2 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as Bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the Doctrine of Christ's Divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism. Among his ascetical writings, his Life of St. Anthony achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.

Athanasius suffered many trials while he was Bishop of Alexandria. He was given the grace to remain strong against what probably seemed at times to be insurmountable opposition. Athanasius lived his office as Bishop completely. He defended the true faith for his flock, regardless of the cost to himself. In today's world we are experiencing this same call to remain true to our faith, no matter what. St. Athanasius, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, May 3 – Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles. Philip was from Bethsaida and among the first disciples called by Jesus. Tradition holds that he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis in the first century. Along with St. James, they are venerated as patron saints of Uruguay.

James, the son of Alphaeus was leader of the Jerusalem Church. St. James has an Epistle in Sacred Scripture ascribed to him. He is believed to have been beaten or stoned to death in the year 62. He is a patron of the dying and both he and St. Philip are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1).

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Saints Philip and James, Pray for us!

-WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - Sunday, April 30 this year is observed as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2023 marks the 60th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As we observe this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I encourage each of us to pray in a special way for these Vocations, today especially, but to also keep this in your prayers each day.

As a reminder, in our Diocese we are encouraged to pray one Hail Mary each day at 4:40 that we may have 40 seminarians for our Diocese.

-GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (this year, April 30) is referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Liturgy of the Word, we will hear the reference to Christ as the Good Shepherd. The following is taken from catholicculture.org and, in part, from Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.:

"Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfills Ezechiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His Word in the teaching that She gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through Her, He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls.

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

This is a misfortune that could happen to any one of us. unless we think often of our purpose and our end in life. We have a few short years, but short though they be, we can earn for ourselves an eternity of happiness during this life. Let the straying sheep boast of their false freedom and of the passing joys they may get in this life—this freedom and these joys are mixed with much sorrow, and will end very soon. We know that if we follow the Shepherd of our souls, we are on the way to the true life, the perfect life, the unending life which will have no admixture of sorrow, regret, or pain. Where Christ is, there perfect happiness is, and there with God's grace we hope and trust to be."

-MAY – The month of May has traditionally been known as the month of Mary. As such, I will be asking the music folks at both parishes once again to include Marian hymns for each Mass. These hymns are a rich treasure that we have in the Church.

We will also be having May Crownings at both parishes.

May Altars are also very much a tradition, especially in individual homes. I would encourage you to "build" your own May Altar at home for the month of May. A stature of the Blessed Virgin Mary along with flowers and perhaps a Rosary and whatever else to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Be sure to pray together as a family as well, perhaps the Holy Rosary each evening, and to talk about Mary's great role in salvation history and how she is a both a perfect example for us in living our Christian lives and a great intercessor.

In addition to your May Altars in your homes, I will be setting up a May Altar in each parish church during May as well. Mary, our Mother, pray for us!

-FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – Friday, May 5 at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at noon. Confessions from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Benediction at 5:45 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m. As always, I encourage you to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to join us for Mass and also to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.

-GRANDPARENTS' DAY – Friday, May 5 we will be having Grandparents/ Special person Day at St. Mary School. It is always good to see so many join us for this day. I am grateful for the support of St. Mary School and for those who work so diligently to make this an extra special day.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – Beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Holy Family and going through the night. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

I am grateful to see a number of new folks joining us for Nocturnal Adoration. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Mary Koch who is serving as President of our Nocturnal Adoration this year. You, of course, are also welcome to join us any time throughout the night...if you would then like to commit to one rotating hour each month, Mary will get you set up in a group.

-JUBILEE CELEBRATION – On Wednesday, May 3, the priests of the Diocese will gather in Springfield for the annual Priest Jubilee Celebration. It begins in the afternoon with a Spiritual talk for the priests followed by Solemn Evening Prayer and then dinner with recognition of the priests celebrating significant Jubilees. This year's Jubilarians are:

Celebrating 65 years of Ordination: Bishop Victor Balke, Monsignor David Peters, and Fr. John Sohm.

Celebrating 60 years of Ordination: Fr. Kevin Sullivan

Celebrating his Silver Jubilee (25 years of Ordination): Fr. Tom Meyer

Congratulations to each of these priests who are celebrating significant years as a

priest. Some of them are familiar to many of you as they have connections to this area. May God continue to bless them and their work in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ that the Lord has called them to. We are grateful for the work they have done and continue to do and I ask you to keep them in your prayers. I personally am especially grateful to share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ with these men.

-DONUT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, May 7 is the first Sunday of the month which means Donut Sunday at St. Thomas. Plan to join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the hall.

-REMINDERS – Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Wednesday mornings, 6:15 a.m. – 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.; Saturday evenings 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Sunday mornings 6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas Thursday afternoons, 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m.; 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. I had been doing Simple Exposition but I think I will move to Solemn Exposition for both of these which will include the hymns, prayers, Divine Praises, and Benediction.

-ST. MARY SCHOOL – If you are interested in learning more about St. Mary School or enrolling your children, please contact our Principal, Melissa Obert, at the school, (217)-773-2825.

As we remain in this Season of Easter, I thank you for your continued support and prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my continued daily prayers for you and 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)

RCIA will start again in the fall. If you are interested in learning about or coming into the Catholic faith, please let Father Aaron or myself know.

We will have Adult Faith Formation sessions next Advent and Lent on the subject of Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. More information will be out in the Fall.

Blessings to you all.

Youth Group:

April 30- Kent & Leigh Ann's House

HOLY FAMILY EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Mary Kassing - in memory of Vic, Allen & Joyce Kassing

Jim & Rosanne Ray - in memory of William & Ruth Ormond, Francis & Mary Ray, and Joan O'Connor, Joe Ray and Amy Ormond Lucky

Norma Hufnagel – in memory of Ramon E. Hufnagel, Elmer & Evelyn Hufnagel and Emmett & Dorothy Lehne

Kathy Rigg – in memory of Jim & Pat Volk, Neal Volk and Randy Rigg

Cheryl Dillard - in memory of Bob & Sylva Dixon, Julie Link and Terry Dillard

Jane Veith - in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Klingele, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Veith, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Veith

ST. MARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

We are nearing the end of the school year! Below are some dates in May that you may want to make a note of:

May 5: Grandparents/Special Friends Day

May 10: Awards assembly

May 20: All Graduates Mass - 5:30 p.m.

May 24: SMS graduation - 7:00 p.m.

The last day of school will be May 17!

We are planning to have a May Crowning with SMS students on May 6 at the 5:30 Mass.

