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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, June 5 - 7:00 a.m. St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, June 6 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Tobit 2:9-14: Mark 12:13-17

Communion Service

Wednesday, June 7 - 7:00 a.m.

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27

Communion Service

Thursday, June 8 - 7:00 a.m.

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34

Communion Service

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Communion Service

Friday, June 9 – 8:30 a.m.
St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37

Communion Service

<u>Saturday, June 10 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44

Iennifer Volk (By Cheryl, Rosemary, and Carol)

Sunday, June 11 – 8:00 a.m.
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

> Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Allen, Mary & James Stout (By Russ & Karen Ebbing)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 27-28, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,578.00 School Support: \$155.00

Sister Parish: \$20.00

Catholic Communication: \$35.00

Seminary: \$20.00

Cemetery Support: \$700.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$630.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 28, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,577.00 Parish Improvement: \$100.00 Retired Diocesan Priests: \$195.00 Home Mission Appeal: \$50.00 Candle Money: \$18.00

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. June 6th at noon. A light meal will be provided.

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 † Boone Holden † Sean Fink †

ST. THOMAS

Seven Sister's Apostolate meditation -St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, a Spanish Bishop called the "Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle" challenged the faithful to realize how much Christ is left alone in the tabernacle of hearts and lives. He tirelessly encouraged Eucharistic visits. He is patron of Eucharistic revival and loved his priesthood. "If I should be born a thousand times, a thousand times I would be a priest". (+1940). St. Thomas/Holy Family SevenSisters Apostolate is needing women of the parishes to commit one Holy Hour per week solely for the intentions of our pastor at St. Thomas church or Holy Family church. Visit sevensistersapostolate.org and pamphlets will be at the back of church for more information. Call or email Claudia Coggeshall for more information, rccogg@adams.net or 217-653-6716.

Scout Troop 42's Picnic in the Park - Sunday, June 4 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bailey Park, Camp Point, IL

Menu: Pork chops & Hot dogs, baked beans, apple sauce, chips, assorted desserts, lemonade, tea, or water.

Carry outs available.

Free will donation, all proceeds to fund Troop 42 of Golden, IL.

I scream for ice cream—you scream for ice cream—we all scream for ice cream

Ice cream for the 4th of July.

We have again been invited to have our ice cream and pie stand at the July 4 celebration. We will be freezing the ice cream on July 1.

Lots of help will be needed that day and also on the 4th. Please be generous with your time.



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! Register TODAY!

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be held the July 6-8. On July 6 and July 7, VBS will be from 5:30-7:30. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30. On July 8, VBS will be from 9:00-4:00. Lunch and snacks will be provided. A mass will follow at 4 PM for all families of VBS and the parish. After mass, we will have a cookout, and the VBS kids will sing some of the songs they learned.

Children entering preschool - 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th - 12th grade are welcome as Crew Leaders. Please register both campers and crew leaders.

A \$10 donation for each child to cover some of the cost of VBS is suggested. It is only a suggestion and not required.

Please consider serving in one of the many volunteer roles. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Alicia Schmidt at 217-257-3210.

Please direct questions or concerns to Alicia Schmidt, 217-257-3210 or a_ordner@hotmail.com.

Register at:

https://forms.gle/yY4yzQa591Uxovdv9.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 11, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:Jonah CoggeshallGreeters:Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Lector: Jenni Obert

Gift Bearers: Maurice & Clara Schmidt

Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt **Collection Counters:** Robin Coggeshall **Ushers:** Elijah Perry, Tod Perry

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, one of the great Mysteries of our Faith; One God in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Mysteries of our Faith help us to grow ever closer to the Lord when properly understood and responded to. May our lives and all that we do reflect the Triune God in which we profess our faith.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, June 5 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr. "Boniface was an English Benedictine monk marked by two characteristics that stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life.

What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops.

Boniface was instructed to reform the German Church and was made a regional bishop and organized the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control.

During a final mission to the Frisians in 754, Boniface and 53 companions were martyred while he was preparing converts for Confirmation.

Boniface bears out the Christian rule: To follow Christ is to follow the way of the Cross. For Boniface, it was not only physical suffering or death, but the painful, thankless, bewildering task of Church reform. Missionary glory is often thought of in terms of bringing new persons to Christ. It seems—but is not—less glorious to heal the household of the faith." St. Boniface, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, June 6 – Optional memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop. "In the 12th century Norbert founded a religious Order known as the Norbertines. His founding of the Order was a monumental tasks: combating rampant heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalizing many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies.

Norbert entertained no pretensions about his own ability to accomplish this multiple task. Even with the aid of a godly number of men who joined his Order, he realized that nothing could be effectively done without God's power. Finding this help especially in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he and his Norbertines praised God for success in converting heretics, reconciling numerous enemies, and rebuilding faith in indifferent believers.

Norbert became archbishop of Magdeburg in Germany. In this position he zealously and

courageously continued his work for the Church until his death on June 6, 1134.

A different world cannot be built by indifferent people. The same is true in regard to the Church. The indifference of vast numbers of nominal faithful to ecclesiastical authority and essential doctrines of the faith weakens the Church's witness. Unswerving loyalty to the Church and fervent devotion to the Eucharist will continue immeasurably toward maintaining the people of God in accord with the Heart of Christ." St. Norbert, Pray for us!

-Friday, June 9 - Optional memorial of St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church. "Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem took upon himself the task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church. His writings best illumine his holiness and his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. Ephrem also wrote hymns against the heretics of his day and became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373. St. Ephrem, Pray for us!

-RETREAT – I will be on retreat this week from Sunday evening until Friday evening. Deacon Mike and Deacon Paul will be having a Communion Service each day at the regularly scheduled Mass times.

Should an emergency arise, please try to contact Tammy first in the school office (217)-773-2825. If you cannot reach her, call my cell phone number found on the front of the bulletins. I will try to check messages as often as possible but as I will be on retreat, it may be a while before I can listen to a message. For anything else, please either leave a message on the rectory phone or send me an e-mail message. I will respond as soon as I can.

Priests are Canonically required to make a 5-day retreat each year. The retreat is not just some "time away" or "time to myself" or "time to relax." It is a time of intentional Spiritual renewal which, by requiring it each year, the Church recognizes its importance for Her

priests. I ask for your prayers for me and for the other priests who will be on this retreat.

-CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – On Saturday, June 3, the children from both parishes who just finished Third Grade received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, administered by Bishop Paprocki at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Con Conception in Springfield.

The Confirmandi from St. Thomas are (Confirmation Name in parentheses): August Hesse (Isidore), Evan Hoelscher (Florian), Miles Kearby (Joseph), Ava Obert (Mary Magdalene), and Tess Obert (Abigail).

The Confirmandi from Holy Family are: Vince Ingram (Sebastian), Mary Rylin Jarboe (Maria), Jacie Kassing (Pauline), Madison Kassing (Teresa), Ariana Maynard (Elizabeth), Ashleyn Metz (Ann), Genesis Sanchez (Rosaline), Lillian Schurfeld (Mary), Griffin Stults (Michael).

Please keep these Confirmandi in your prayers as well as their parents (the first and primary teachers of the faith) and their sponsors who take on an important role and responsibility in the faith formation of these young people.

-BAPTISM – With great joy, I celebrated two Baptisms last Sunday, May 28 at St. Thomas. Samuel Ross Evans is the son of Laura and Matt Evans. Aurora Islamae Myers is the daughter of Spencer and Katie Myers. Congratulations and welcome to St. Thomas!

-CORPUS CHRISTI - Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

With this celebration, I will be processing around the interior of each Church with the Blessed Sacrament and offer Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction after the procession. Public Eucharistic Processions are common on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Some year I still hope our parishes can do that as well.

At Holy Family, I will process with the Blessed Sacrament after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Eucharistic Adoration will be until 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction. (Exposition will still be before Mass as well from 4:15 - 5:15). At St. Thomas,

I will process with the Blessed Sacrament after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Adoration will be until Noon followed by Benediction.

-VIRTUE AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – Two weeks ago I started a series of articles in the bulletin written by a priest for Catholic Answers concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they relate to the Virtues. Again, I found them to be excellent articles and fairly easy to read and understand. Last week I did not have room to include the next article so here it is, titled "What is the Fear of the Lord."

"In a previous article, we introduced the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are first imparted at baptism and then fully given at confirmation. We must not underestimate these gifts. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. ... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (catechism, No.1830-31).

We will now proceed to each gift. The basic definitions that follow are quoted from Dominican Father Jordan Aumann's classic work, Spiritual Theology. Another good reference is Adolphe Tanquerey's The Spiritual Life. Pope St. Gregory the Great, wanting to capture the spiritual dynamism of these gifts, posited the following order: "Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge we derive strength, from strength counsel, with counsel we move toward understanding, and with intelligence toward wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven" ("Homiliae in Hiezechihelem Prophetam," II 7,7).

So, we begin with the gift of fear of the Lord. This gift enables a person "to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God." Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God who is the supreme being. Here, a person realizes his "creatureliness" and dependency upon God, has a true "poverty of spirit," and never would want to be separated from God,

who is love. As such, this gift arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

This gift of fear of the Lord is sometimes misunderstood because of the word "fear." "Fear of the Lord" is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he fears punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of hell. A genuine relationship with God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this "fear of the Lord" is a filial or reverential fear that moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love. In a similar way, a child should not be motivated to obey a parent simply because of fear of punishment, but because of love and respect: a person who loves someone does not want to disappoint or to break the other person's heart. One should fear hurting a loved one and violating that person's trust more than one should fear punishment. Nevertheless, one should have a healthy sense of fear for the punishment due to sin, including the fires of hell, even though this should not be the motivating factor for loving God.

Therefore, this gift motivates the person in three ways: first, to have a vivid sense of God's infinite greatness; second, to have a real sorrow for sin, even venial sins, and to do penance to atone for sins committed; and third, to be vigilant to avoid the near occasions of sin, to struggle against personal weakness and fight temptation.

The gift of fear brings to perfection the virtue of hope. A person respects God as God, trusts in His will, and anchors his life in Him. He approaches the Lord with humility, docility and obedience. He believes in His promises of forgiveness of sin and eternal life in heaven. Also, this gift is the launchpad for the other gifts. As sacred Scripture attests, "Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands" (Ps 112:1), and "the beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord" (Sir 1:12).

This gift also perfects the virtue of temperance, which seeks to use all things wisely and in moderation, neither in excess nor in defect, especially those sensible pleasures. With reason enlightened by faith, temperance controls the passions. Temperance is related to the gift of fear because one's respect for God, and one's awareness of being made in His image and likeness, and being redeemed by Christ motivate a person to give glory to God by being temperate in actions and desires, not using, doing, or indulging in anything to excess or defect. For example, chastity is a virtue of temperance, which respects the goodness of one's own sexuality, the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of marital love. A person moved by the gift of fear strives to live a chaste life because God is the creator of these goods, and a chaste life gives glory and praise to Him.

This gift also prevents us from being too familiar with God. We are the victims of original sin and suffer from concupiscence: therefore, each of us struggles with a rebellious heart. A person could easily take God's love for granted and presume forgiveness without real contrition; or forget God's majesty by taking His holy name in vain; or make demands of God and then be angry when He does not meet them; or forget that every gift is from God and be selfish; or neglect prayer and worship because there is not enough time for Him; or disregard God's commandments and the teachings of His church. And without fear of the Lord, such a person might say, "God loves me just the way I am, and I am going to heaven." One has to ask, "Does such a person really love God?" While the Lord will never spurn a humble and contrite heart, He will humble the haughty.

A good way to cultivate this gift is through daily prayer and worship at Mass. Regular and careful examinations of conscience also are important, as well as the regular use of the sacrament of penance. Also, meditating on the infinite majesty of God, like gazing upon the icon of Christ Pantocrator" (Christ as ruler of the universe). "For myself, looking at the beautiful mosaic of Christ in Majesty at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington reminds me not only that I am simply a lowly creature who needs God's mercy, but also I am a child who is loved by the Lord.

At his audience (on June 11), Pope Francis reflected on fear of the Lord: "This is the fear of God: abandonment into the goodness of

Our Father who loves us so. ... This is what the Holy Spirit does in our hearts: He makes us feel like children in the arms of our Daddy ... with the wonder and joy of a child who sees himself served and loved by his Father." Therefore, this great gift of fear of the Lord allows us to have an intimate relationship with the Holy Trinity."

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

Great River TEC

Welcoming all 16-21 year olds and older! Great River TEC has a retreat coming up June 10-12, 2023. In a three-day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. Please contact Colleen Schlipman 217-653-3567/operationaldirector@greatrivertec.org for questions. To learn more or register please go to www.greatrivertec.org/tec.



