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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

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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, July 31 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 1 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9;28; Matthew 13:36-43

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

Wednesday, August 2 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian
Eymard, Priest
Exodus 34:29-34; Matthew 13:44-46

Parke Gillon
(By Byron & Kris Johnson)

Thursday, August 3 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 40:16-21; 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53

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

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

A Special Intention

Friday, August 4 – 8:30 a.m.

St. John Vianney, Priest
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58

Russell & Georgia Volk
(By Carol Blentlinger)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Evelyn Tooley
(By Don Tooley)

Saturday, August 5 – 5:30 p.m.

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Terry Dillard
(By Cheryl Dillard)

Sunday, August 6 – 8:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Fr. John Sohm
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas
and Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 22-23, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,114.00
School Support: \$35.00
Sister Parish: \$25.00
Seminary: \$5.00
Cemetery: \$225.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 23, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2630.01
Candle: \$21.00
Parish Improvement: \$125.00

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 - Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 †
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 Boyd Tenhouse † Janice Leverton † Margo Pool †
 Gary Shields † Abby Schuhardt † Jim Steinkamp †
 Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms †
 Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus †
 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 †
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 Leeann DeJaynes † Irene Norkus † Boone Holden †
 Sean Fink † Dan Ray † Elijah Craig † Joan Zurita †
 Kathy Cramblitt † Steve and Bonnie Sorrells †
 Katie Dunbar †

ST. THOMAS

Gallon Ice Cream Containers Needed - Please save any gallon ice cream containers that you have. We need them for our ice cream social on August 20. If you can donate them, please bring them to the back of church (cloak room) or to the parish hall. We appreciate your help. Thank you!

Birthright will again have a booth at the KC BBQ picnic in Quincy. All the churches in the area will be invited to bring home made baked goods for the bake sale. We will also sell chances for a beautiful handmade quilt and a \$200 dining package. The picnic will be August 11-13

We will need volunteers to sell chances, work at the bake sale, and to help in the kid’s games.

This event and “trivia” in November are the largest source of income to help our clients with their crisis pregnancy.

Contact Butch & Dorothy with questions.
 217-257-6825.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 6, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Brent Obert
Greeters:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt Family
Lector:	Jenni Obert
Gift Bearers:	Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Teresa Bockhold
Collection Counters:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Justin Obert, Mark Obert

From the Pastor’s Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings for today remind us that the person of true wisdom seeks the reign of God and treasures it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver and the one who seeks it will be conformed to the image of Christ. May we always seek the reign of God and treasure it ourselves above all other things.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, July 31 - Obligatory
 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest.

“The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper’s hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*—“for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.”

Saint Ignatius died in 1556 and is the Patron Saint of retreats. St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Alphonsus was a lawyer who came to found the Redemptorists (C.S.S.R.), today numbering about five thousand four hundred members. He was known for opposing the Jansenism heresy (which, in short, denied the role of free will in the acceptance and use of grace). Alphonsus also stressed Christ’s love and Mary’s help and was a master of moral theology.

“Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life

is indeed a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things. He is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all.”

St. Alphonsus died in 1787 and is patron of confessors and moral theologians. St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, August 2 - Optional memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest. St. Eusebius is known for uniting the clerical and monastic life. He died in 371. St. Peter Julian Eymard founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (S.S.S.), today numbering some 875 members and in 1858 founded the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a contemplative women’s community. He died on August 1, 1868.

“Someone has said that if there had been no Arian heresy denying Christ’s divinity, it would be very difficult to write the lives of many early saints. Eusebius is another of the defenders of the Church during one of its most trying periods.

He was sent by Pope Liberius to persuade the emperor to call a council to settle Catholic-Arian troubles. When it was called at Milan, Eusebius went reluctantly, sensing that the Arian block would have its way, although the Catholics were more numerous. He refused to go along with the condemnation of Saint Athanasius; instead, he laid the Nicene Creed on the table and insisted that all sign it before taking up any other matter. The emperor put pressure on him, but Eusebius insisted on Athanasius’ innocence and reminded the emperor that secular force should not be used to influence Church decisions. At first the emperor threatened to kill him, but later sent him into exile in Palestine. There the Arians dragged him through the

streets and shut him up in a little room, releasing him only after his four-day hunger strike. They resumed their harassment shortly after.

His exile continued in Asia Minor and Egypt, until the new emperor permitted him to be welcomed back to his see in Vercelli. Eusebius attended the Council of Alexandria with Athanasius and approved the leniency shown to bishops who had wavered. He also worked with Saint Hilary of Poitiers against the Arians.

Eusebius died peacefully in his own diocese at what was then considered an advanced age.”

“Born in La Mure d’Isère in southeastern France, Peter Julian’s faith journey drew him from being a priest in the Diocese of Grenoble in 1834, to joining the Marists in 1839, to founding the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856.

In addition to those changes, Peter Julian coped with poverty, his father’s initial opposition to Peter’s vocation, serious illness, a Jansenistic overemphasis on sin, and the difficulties of getting diocesan and later papal approval for his new religious community.

His years as a Marist, including service as a provincial leader, saw the deepening of his Eucharistic devotion, especially through his preaching of Forty Hours in many parishes. Inspired at first by the idea of reparation for indifference to the Eucharist, Peter Julian was eventually attracted to a more positive spirituality of Christ-centered love. Members of the men’s community which Peter founded alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. He and Marguerite Guillot founded the women’s Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

Peter Julian Eymard was beatified in 1925 and canonized in 1962, one day after Vatican II’s first session ended.

In every century, sin has been painfully real in the life of the Church. It is easy to give in to despair, to speak so strongly of human failings that people may forget the immense and self-sacrificing love of Jesus, as his death on the cross and his gift of the Eucharist make evident. Peter Julian knew that the Eucharist was key to helping Catholics live out their baptism and preach by word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

St. Eusebius and St. Peter Julian Eymard,
Pray for us!

-Friday, August 4 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest - Universally known as the “Curé of Ars,” he was known to be a compassionate counselor who spent hours every day in the confessional. St. John Vianney is especially significant to me and to parish priests as he is the patron of priests and the parish clergy.

“A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for “impossible” deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

Indifference toward religion, coupled with a love for material comfort, seem to be common signs of our times. A person from another planet observing us would not likely judge us to be pilgrim people, on our way to somewhere else. John Vianney on the other hand, was a man on a journey, with his goal before him at all times."

St. John Vianney, Pray for us!

-Saturday, August 5 - Optional memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Following the declaration of Mary as "God-bearer" by the Council of Ephesus in 431, Pope Sixtus III erected in Rome this oldest Basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God.

"First raised at the order of Pope Liberius in the mid-fourth century, the Liberian basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III shortly after the Council of Ephesus affirmed Mary's title as Mother of God in 431. Rededicated at that time to the Mother of God, St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring God through Mary. Standing atop one of Rome's seven hills, the Esquiline, it has survived many

restorations without losing its character as an early Roman basilica. Its interior retains three naves divided by colonnades in the style of Constantine's era. Fifth-century mosaics on its walls testify to its antiquity.

St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal churches in memory of the first centers of the Church. St. John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St. Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, allegedly the see presided over by Mark; St. Peter's, the See of Constantinople; and St. Mary's, the See of Antioch, where Mary is supposed to have spent most of her later life.

One legend, unreported before the year 1000, gives another name to this feast: Our Lady of the Snows. According to that story, a wealthy Roman couple pledged their fortune to the Mother of God. In affirmation, she produced a miraculous summer snowfall and told them to build a church on the site. The legend was long celebrated by releasing a shower of white rose petals from the basilica's dome every August 5.

Theological debate over Christ's nature as God and man reached fever pitch in Constantinople in the early fifth century. The chaplain of Bishop Nestorius began preaching against the title *Theotokos*, "Mother of God," insisting that the Virgin was mother only of the human Jesus. Nestorius agreed, decreeing that Mary would henceforth be named "Mother of Christ" in his see. The people of Constantinople virtually revolted against their bishop's refutation of a cherished belief. When the Council of Ephesus refuted Nestorius, believers took to the streets, enthusiastically chanting, "*Theotokos! Theotokos!*"

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

-EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. Last call for a ticket...I have to turn this information in on July 31. If you

have not already done so, let me know immediately if you think you may go

More information to follow. You can also refer to the Diocesan website and the Catholic Times. Please note that there will be no Saturday evening Vigil Mass at Holy Family on that day. No Vigil Masses are allowed that day at parishes in the Diocese. Also, no funerals or weddings are allowed that day.

-POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's prayer intention for August is for World Youth Day. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

-TRANSFIGURATION - The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on August 6. This year, August 6 falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is on this day that we celebrate the Lord being Transfigured in glory. The Transfiguration is one of the Luminous Mysteries we reflect on in praying the Holy Rosary. The Apostles Peter, James, and John were witnesses to the Transfiguration of the Lord, where the glory of the Lord's Divinity was revealed and which we hope to share in.

-FIRST FRIDAY - First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas on Friday, August 4. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 5:45 p.m followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - At Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5 with Exposition and Adoration until 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by Benediction and the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-BIRTHDAY - August 5 is Bishop Paprocki's birthday. Please keep him and all bishops in your prayers.

-DEATH ANNIVERSARIES - August 5 marks the 12th anniversary of my father's death. Mom and dad certainly exemplified

the reality that parents are the first teachers of the faith. For those of you who have lost a parent and especially both parents, you recognize what that loss is. Still, we find peace as we keep Christ at the center of our life and hope in His promise of Eternal Life. Our loved ones are indeed great gifts from God.

-August 6 marks the death anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI in 1978. St. Paul VI, Pray for us!

-DONUT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, August 6 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the parish Hall. Plan to join us!

-FOOD PANTRY - Holy Family is collecting items for the food pantry once again over the next several weeks. This week was cereal. Next week we will be collecting canned vegetables. If you'd like to contribute, please bring the items to Holy Family Church and place them in the totes that will be out. Thank you for your support.

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 as I continue to keep you in my prayers as well.

-Fr. Aaron

Quincy Deanery

To All Catholic Women:

It will soon be time for our Catholic women of the Quincy Deanery area to get together again! This meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Mt. Sterling and hosted by the women of Holy Family Catholic Church. This will be our first time at Holy Family since the re-institution of the Quincy Deanery and we are excited they are having us! Please plan to attend and support their efforts to host this! More information on this day will be forth-coming soon so please keep watch for it in your bulletin and please mark your calendars!

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