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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

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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, August 28 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, August 29 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

> Beth Clark (By David Krupps)

Wednesday, August 30 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

Elinor Davis (By Luke, Karla & Will Metz)

HOLY FAMILY - 8:30 a.m. - (CCW)

<u>ST. THOMAS – 6:30 p.m. - (PSR)</u>

Thursday, August 31 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

Becky & Mike Metzger (By Lora Decker)

<u>St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.</u>

Martha Koetters (By Margie Ahern)

Friday, September 1 - 8:30 a.m.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

> Patricia Parker (By Leona Dunn)

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

Evelyn Tooley (By Don Tooley)

Saturday, September 2 – 5:30 p.m. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By Carol Blentlinger & Family)

Sunday, September 3 – 8:00 a.m. Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

> Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

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John & Anne Norkus (By Pat Sharow)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 19-20, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,157.00 School Support: \$170.00 Sister Parish: \$40.00 Assumption: \$555.00 Mission Appeal: \$978.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>August 20, 2023</u>

St. Thomas: \$2,553.00 Assumption: \$85.00 Mission Appeal: \$565.00

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 <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 † 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 † Irene Norkus † Boone Holden **†** Sean Fink **†** Dan Ray **†** Elijah Craig + Joan Zurita + Kathy Cramblitt + Steve and Bonnie Sorrells **†** Katie Dunbar **†**

ST. THOMAS

<u>St. Thomas Ice Cream Social</u> - Sunday was a good day for ice cream. (Every day is a good day for ice cream!) Thank you to everyone. We had a wonderful time with delicious ice cream, good food, and sharing in fellowship. Among the fun things of the day, here are the results of the raffles: 50/50 drawing was won by Amy Hildebrand. The baskets were won by: Elizabeth Likes, Alex Post, Denny Campbell (2), Carol Price, Catherine Clark, Jim Clausius (2), Karen Janssen, and Emma Eyler.

Pastoral Council August 17, 2023 - Fr. Aaron, Janice Brady, Pat Sharow, Claudia Coggeshall

Pastoral Council-Missionary priest will be here weekend of August 19&20. October is the Month of the Rosary. Ideas were put forward for rosary before 10:00 Mass. Reminder to parishioners that Eucharistic Congress is coming up in October. Father said he still has tickets available for anyone that wants to go. Bulletin space discussed and a policy will be coming up for names on the prayer list. Names will be left on for a limited time, unless we hear back from you. More to come. SB Bill 1909 that was passed allowing Illinoisans to sue crisis pregnancy centers is on hold after a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction against it ruling the law violated the First Amendment. Ideas were discussed for who or what to give to at Christmas.

DRE- PSR Mass August 30, Catechetical Mass September 17

Men and Women- Ice cream Social August 20

Buildings and Grounds- repairing parking lot discussed.

Next meeting Thursday, September 14.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 3, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Jonah Coggeshall
Matt & Laura
Evans Family
Laura Evans
Mark & Amanda
Obert Family
Brent Obert
Dale & Sindy DeRousse
, Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we hear that Eliakim is given the tokens of the master of the palace and the Lord gives him authority over the palace to be a father to all Jerusalem. In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes to the Romans that God's knowledge and wisdom are unfathomable. In the Gospel, St. Matthew tells us that when Jesus asks the disciples who the crowds say He is, they give varied answers. Peter answers correctly and Jesus gives him the keys to the Kingdom.

We need to always remember to rely on God's wisdom. Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God Himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Rather than relying on our own intellect, may we be always open to what the Lord is trying to tell us...or else we may miss something crucial!

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 28 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Augustine was born in Tagaste, north Africa. After a dissolute life, he received Baptism at the age of thirtythree from St. Ambrose. He was made Bishop of Hippo and combatted Manichees. the Donatists, and Pelagius. Over five hundred of his homilies still exist. He is well known for his writing of Confessions and City of God. He is considered a founder of monastic lie in the West and his Rule is observed by some one hundred Religious Communities today. He died in 430 and, being named a Doctor of the Church, he is known as the Doctor of Grace. He is patron of converts to Christianity, Printers, and Theologians.

"A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But to get to really know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God Himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. "I say to myself, I will not mention him/I will speak in his name no more/But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart/imprisoned in my bones/I grow weary holding it in/I cannot endure it" (Jeremiah 20:9).

Augustine is still acclaimed and condemned in our day. He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity." (Franciscan Media)

St. Augustine of Hippo, pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 29 – Obligatory Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. This Memorial originates in the celebration of the dedication of the Church of St. John at Sebaste (Samaria) where, according to tradition, John the Baptist was buried by his disciples.

"The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ's saving grace." (Franciscan Media)

St. John the Baptist, Pray for us!

-THANK YOU – Over the last several weeks, Holy Family has collected items for the food pantry in Mt. Sterling. Thank you to those who were able to help with contributions to this and thank you to Marilyn Veith who organized this for us once again.

Last Sunday was the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social. Thank you to all who helped with it in any way and for those who came to support it. There was a quite a large crowd of folks enjoying the ice cream and visiting with one another when I was there.

-RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH – Last Saturday morning, August 19, I received Dusty and Emily Buss into the Church at Holy Family and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion with them. We give praise and thanks to God for His work in their life and bringing them to the Church and for Dusty and Emily's response to God's call. It was a great joy for me to bring them into the Church and to celebrate this with them. Please join me in extending a welcome to Dusty and Emily into the Church and Holy Family Parish.

-BULLETIN PRAYER LIST – Prayer is both necessary and powerful. Among the many prayers that we should offer, we should certainly offer intercessory prayers for those who may be sick or have a particular need (offering sacrifice for such intentions is also a good thing to do).

In our bulletin, you are well aware that we have a list of names and intentions that we have been asked to pray for. I encourage you to do just that.

Beginning September 1, we will be making a few changes to how we publish the names and intentions for the prayer list in the bulletin:

-Requests to have a name added to the prayer list in the bulletin must be made by the individual themselves or an immediate family member. Please be aware and considerate that some folks, though they both welcome and appreciate the prayers, do not want their name published.

-Names will remain on the prayer list in the bulletin for approximately sixty days and then removed. Certainly names can be removed sooner if the person or family lets us know. If a person is deceased, we should, of course, keep them in prayer but their name will be removed from this list and one should consider having Masses offered for them.

-Names can be added back onto the prayer list after they are removed for a week (again, by the person or immediate family member) by contacting the parish office. We will not "just leave a name on the list until you tell us to take it off."

-Names currently on the prayer list in the bulletin will remain there for about the next 60 days and then be removed.

As we make these changes, I will let you know of any other adjustments we need to make. In the meantime, please continue to keep one another in prayer, being mindful of the many needs and intentions that exist, known and unknown. -PSR – St. Thomas PSR begins this Wednesday, August 30 with Mass, registration and meeting the catechists. We will begin at 6:30pm. PSR families should plan to join us and everyone is welcome to join us for Mass.

St. Thomas PSR will not meet on September 6. On September 13, PSR will resume and meet in the classrooms.

-COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN – The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be having their next meeting this Wednesday, August 30. Holy Family is hosting. Mass will be in the Church at 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from about 7:30 a.m. until about 8:15 a.m. The Rosary will also be prayed in the Church.

After Mass, we will proceed to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling where there will be registration and a light breakfast and then the meeting. Lunch will be served. The day usually ends around 2:00 p.m. or so.

I encourage all women of the parishes to consider joining us for the day. If you have not already signed up, please do so right away on the sign-up sheet in the back of each church so that we can plan for enough seats and food for the lunch. If you miss the sign-up sheet before it is taken, let me know right away!

Thank you to the ladies of Holy Family Parish who are hosting the meeting and preparing the lunch for the day.

Please be aware that I will still celebrate our regularly scheduled 7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family that morning. Everyone, of course, is welcome to join us for the Mass at 8:30 a.m. as well even if you are not going to the CCW meeting.

-POPE"S INTENTION – The Pope's intention for the month of September is "for people living on the margins." We pray "for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance." -FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, September 1 is First Friday and we will be having our First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas with Eucharistic Adoration from Noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45, and Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Please plan to join us and spend some time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family is next weekend beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night, September 2 and goes through Sunday morning, September 3 at 7:45 a.m. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regular Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-MISSION APPEAL - It was good to have Fr. Bibin here with us last weekend. Thank vou to those who have already been so generous in making a contribution toward the Mission Appeal. If you were unable to make a contribution last week and still would like to, envelopes remain in the pews this week and in the back of church. Please put contributions to the Mission Appeal in these envelopes so we know that is what they are designated for. Checks should be made payable to the parish as we will forward the monies collected altogether on one parish check. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or mailed into the office.

-MICROPHONE – As most of you from Holy Family know, the microphone at the Ambo at Holy Family is very sensitive....sensitive in two ways.

One, when working correctly, it picks up one's voice very well which is great. If you are reading, you do not need to be real close to the microphone or right on top of it. You also do not need to have it directly in front of your mouth...in fact, it is better if it is not. Having it too close to your mouth can actually cause it to fade out when there is a harsh sound in the reading.

Two, and this is for everyone, it seems to be very sensitive to any kind of movement or adjustment. If it is moved in any way, it will often stop working. Please, please do not move or adjust the microphone at the Ambo. Please also be very careful around the Ambo. Sometimes even bumping the Ambo or moving it slightly will cause the microphone to fade out. Additionally, if you are moving the Lectionary, please be extra careful not to hit the microphone. I have also moved the small step stool that is sometimes used by children from under the ambo and have placed to the side so as to avoid it hitting the microphone cord.

With all that said, sometimes the microphone will fade out. I have been able to fix it thus far but please try to be very aware of the above information. I try to check the microphone before each Mass to make sure it is working properly. Thank you for your help and attention to this and your patience with the microphone.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my daily prayers for you. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion {PSR}) will start classes on Wednesday night September 6 at 6:15 -7:30 with Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the old convent grades K-6. If you have not already done so, please let me know if your children are coming to class this year. Just a reminder that 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 3rd grade students receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

RCIA classes are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic religion and/or coming into the Catholic Church. Please let me or Father Aaron know if you are interested in attending these classes or have any questions about the Catholic Faith.

(Ann O'Sullivan <u>--aosullivan2031@gmail.com</u> or 217-257-2516)

Blessings to you all this week.

Quincy Deanery CCW Summer Gathering

Please find the flyer and signup sheet in your church lobby for the Ouincy Deanery CCW summer gathering - Wednesday, August 30th at Holv Family Catholic Church. We encourage all women to join us as we further the work of Christ on earth. We learn, pray. gather new info and ideas to take to our parishes and families, and have fun making new connections in the faith. Grab a friend and come - all ages welcome! This is Holy Family's first hosting and we want to have a great turnout for their efforts. The signup sheet is to give us an idea for food amounts, but if you find you can come at the last minute, please do so - we look forward to having you with us! This is the month of the Immaculate Heart and we have some great ideas to pass along for family spirituality and for kids! We will also have information on the upcoming Convention in Springfield. Our Lady is the Spiritual Director of this group and she always leads us in what she wants accomplished at each of our gatherings. We hope you will come and answer her calling! Please call 217-285-5483 with any questions vou might have. -Angela Lipcamon-President of Quincy DCCW.

Safe Haven for the Unborn

You can help make Quincy a safe haven for the unborn. Because of the city's location on the Missouri border, Quincy is a prospective location for the abortion industry to establish a clinic or set up a mobile abortion van.

Go to Right to Life of Adams Count's website: htpps://rtlac.org click on: Learn about Quincy becoming a Safe Haven for the Unborn. There you will find links to Quincy City Representatives and Mayor, a link for online petition and links with additional background information.

You DO NOT have to be a resident of Quincy to support a safe haven for unborn babies in Quincy. Please educate yourselves on this topic. Don't wait until the abortion clinic has been established and think to yourself "What could I have done to prevent this?"

Contact Claudia Coggeshall or Dorothy Obert for questions or information.

