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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, September 11 - 7:00 a.m.

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 12 - 7:00 a.m.

The Most Holy Name of Mary Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

James J. Wort (By John & Linda Colgan)

Wednesday, September 13 - 7:00 a.m.

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

Paul Mueller (By Mary Koch)

Thursday, September 14 – 7:00 a.m.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

> Mary Franklin Brahler (By Maureen Norvell)

<u>St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.</u>

JoAnne Welty Ferrill

Friday, September 15 - 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27

Aaron Koch (By Paul & Charlotte Koch)

Saturday, September 16 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

> Terry Dillard (By Cheryl Dillard)

Sunday, September 17 - 8:00 a.m.

Sirach 27:30-28.7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Randy Rigg (By Kathy Rigg)

<u>St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.</u>

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 2-3, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,061.70 School Support: \$887.00 Sister Parish: \$45.00 ACSA: \$670.00 Assumption: \$5.00 Mission Appeal: \$62.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>September 3, 2023</u>

St. Thomas: \$1,665.00 Sister Parish: \$255.00 Parish Tithe: \$475.00

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."
- St. Mary School Hog Roast will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the KC Hall.

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

<u>Please keep the following in your prayers:</u>

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 **†** Alan Bowen **†**

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>September 17, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	PSR
Lector:	PSR
Gift Bearers:	PSR
Eucharistic Minister:	Cathy Wagner
Collection Counters:	Jerel Mock Family
Ushers: Brent Obert,	Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel and our Psalm today remind us to turn away from our sin and not let our hearts be hardened. In the Second Reading from St. Paul and in the Gospel from St. Matthew, we are reminded that in our love for one another, we may be called to confront another for the wrong they may be doing.

May we always seek true wisdom to know how to love more fully in the Truth of Jesus Christ.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, September 12 – Optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary. In this memorial, we recall that God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

The memorial "of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV of Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's infinite goodness. She helps us to open our hearts to God's ways, wherever those may lead us. Honored under the title "Queen of Peace," Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights of all peoples." (Franciscan Media)

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, September 13 – Obligatory Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. John Chrysostom was named Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Noted for his outstanding preaching, he was called "golden mouthed." He was a strong defender of the poor and sought reform of the clergy. He was exiled twice due to royal opposition. St. John Chrysostom died on September 14, 407. He is the patron of preachers and Istanbul.

"The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His lifestyle at the imperial court was not appreciated by many courtiers. He offered a modest table to episcopal sycophants hanging around for imperial and ecclesiastical favors. John deplored the court protocol that accorded him precedence before the highest state officials. He would not be a kept man.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Aloof, energetic, outspoken, especially when he became excited in the pulpit, John was a sure target for criticism and personal trouble. He was accused of gorging himself secretly on rich wines and fine foods. His faithfulness as spiritual director to the rich widow, Olympia, provoked much gossip attempting to prove him a hypocrite where wealth and chastity were concerned. His actions taken against unworthy bishops in Asia Minor were viewed by other ecclesiastics as a greedy, uncanonical extension of his authority.

Theophilus, Archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople and took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled.

John Chrysostom's preaching, by word and example, exemplifies the role of the prophet to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. For his honesty and courage, he paid the price of a turbulent ministry as bishop, personal vilification, and exile." (Franciscan Media)

St. John Chrysostom, Pray for us!

-Thursday, September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church above the empty grave of Jesus, a shrine marking the place of crucifixion, and a basilica in the square between the two churches. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. They were later rebuilt around the year 626 but destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present Church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149.

This day also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's Cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

"Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The Cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the Cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority-including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration." (Franciscan Media)

-Friday, September 15 – Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. This memorial recalls the seven sorrows of Mary: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; The Flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; The meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary; The Crucifixion; The taking down of Jesus' Body from the Cross; Jesus' Burial. As we reflect on Mary as the perfect example for us of how to live a perfect Christian life and how to always say yes to God, we remain mindful of the sorrows of Mary and how close she is to us in our own suffering.

"For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over His Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history." (Franciscan Media)

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

-Saturday, September 16 – Obligatory Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. Cornelius opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the lapsi controversy. He died a martyr in 253 and is buried in the cemetery of Callistus.

Cyprian was an ally of Cornelius and Bishop of Carthage. He authored "On the Unity of the Catholic Church." Cyprian was the first African bishop to be martyred, decapitated on September 14, 258 under Valerian. He is the patron of North Africa and Algeria.

Both Cornelius and Cyprian are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharist Prayer I).

"There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men."

The greatest problem of Cornelius's twoyear term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop.

In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile not only the apostates, but also those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage! Cornelius had the support of most of the Church (especially of Cyprian of Africa) in condemning Novatianism, though the sect persisted for several centuries. Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the "relapsed" to be restored to the Church with the usual "medicines of repentance."

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up. A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totaled about 50,000. He died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

It seems fairly true to say that almost every possible false doctrine has been proposed at some time or other in the history of the Church. The third century saw the resolution of a problem we scarcely consider-the penance to be done before reconciliation with the Church after mortal sin. Men like Cornelius and Cyprian were God's instruments in helping the Church find a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity. They are part of the Church's ever-living stream of tradition, ensuring the continuance of what was begun by Christ, and evaluating new experiences through the wisdom and experience of those who have gone before." (Franciscan Media)

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Pray for us!

-HOG ROAST – The annual St. Mary School Hog Roast is this Sunday, September 10, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Be sure to come by!

-REST IN PEACE – Last Saturday, September 2, I celebrated the Funeral Mass for Joseph Wagner at Holy Family. Please pray for the repose of Joseph's soul and for his family in this time of sorrow.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

-SEPTEMBER 11 – Monday, September 11 marks the 22nd anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We pray for an end to terrorism in the world and we pray for those who lost their lives on that day. We also recognize all firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel who serve our local community and keep them in our prayers as well.

I share once again some of the words Pope Benedict XVI used in his prayer in 2008 when he visited Ground Zero in New York City that perhaps we can make part of our own prayer: "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred ... and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all."

-CATHECHETICAL SUNDAY - Next Sunday, September 17 is Catechetical Sunday. We recognize those in the parishes who formally teach the faith. There will be a special blessing of Catechists at the Masses. Thank you to those who take on this role.

-CONVOCATION - The Diocesan Priest Convocation will be held Monday, September 18 through Thursday, September 21 in Collinsville. I will be away from the parishes those days. As we prepare for and attend this year's Convocation, please keep the priests and Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

-DCCW CONVENTION - Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Griffin High School's West Campus in Springfield. Registration is \$50, includes morning refreshments and lunch. If you still need a registration form, let me know.

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

-Fr. Aaron

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids - Bosco Kids meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 -7:30.

Linda Howard is teaching 3rd grade and Hannah Howard is teaching 2nd grade. The class schedule may vary each week.

Ann O'Sulivan and Kriss Johnson are teaching 4th-6th grades on Monday nights from 6-7 p.m.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

RCIA - 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.

Blessings to you all this week.

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH GROUP

September 17- Youth Group will be going to the comedian show at the BCHS Auditorium-Jeff Allen. Meet at 6:30 at BCHS for event.

October 1- Youth Group meet at KC Hall.



If you are interested in attending Catholic Heart Work Camp this upcoming summer, please email Melissa at mobert@smseagle.org or call 217-773-2825. CHWC is for students entering 8th grade or older. The location for next summer and the number of students attending must be decided by the beginning of October!! Contact Melissa TODAY!!!

POT OF GOLD

September Pot of Gold winners are: \$250.00 - Sheila Wilson \$100.00 - Jim Rischar \$50.00 - Charles & Chelsea Erwin \$50.00 - Joseph Elliott \$50.00 – Joe & Charlene Clifford

> ST. MARY SCHOOL HOG ROAST (Drive-Thru at Mt. Sterling KC Hall)

> > September 10, 2023 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Menu: 1/4 lb Pulled Pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert.

Cost: \$10 per meal *Food subject to mailabilit

THANK YOU to Kassing Family YOU to Dave Ferrill for donating the meat for the Hog Roast. THANK YOU tickets or call the school at 217-to Roulens for preparing the meat! 773-2825.

Hog Roast Raffle Items: 2 Pork Bundles THAIR YOU to Houser Meats for denating the processing fees. THAIR UIL to Proceeding to the processing fees. THAIR win! Contact any SMS family for

