

Rectory: (217) 773-3233 E-mail: holy.family@smseagle.org

Parish Staff

Rev. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor – (217) 773-3233 *Emergency only* (217) 242-9669 *E-Mail:* akuhn@dio.org Deacon Michael P. Ellerman Ashley Guthrie, Bookkeeper Tammy McKeown, Parish & School Secretary Cheryl Dillard, Liturgical Music Coordinator Ann O'Sullivan, C.R.E.

School: St. Mary (217) 773-2825 Website: www.smseagle.org Principal: Melissa Obert

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

Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow

Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493 Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member: Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520 Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859 CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283 D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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, October 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John of Capistrano, Priest Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 24 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38

A Special Intention

Wednesday, October 25 - 7:00 a.m.

Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48

Josephine Burkey (By Barb Lehne)

Thursday, October 26 - 7:00 a.m.

Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53

Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

<u>St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.</u>

Jon Faubel (dec.) & His Family (By Ray & Teresa Bockhold)

Friday, October 27 - 8:30 a.m.

Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59

Marie Flynn (By John & Linda Colgan)

Saturday, October 28 - 5:30 p.m.

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

NO MASS

Sunday, October 29 - 8:00 a.m.

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 5:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

> William & Helen Koch (By Barb Lehne)

<u>St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 14-15, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,330.00 School Support: \$490.00 Sister Parish: \$10.00 Debt Reduction: \$100.00 World Mission: \$25.00 ACSA: \$200.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 15, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,094.00 Parish Improvement: \$50.00 Candles: \$14.00

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."
- Red Cross Blood Drive: The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, October 25, 12:00–6:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.

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 **†** Elijah Craig **†** Kathy Cramblitt **†** Steve and Bonnie Sorrells **†** Katie Dunbar + Alan Bowen + Dylan Hendricks † Bud Bordenkircher †

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Judy Wagner who passed away on October 13, 2023. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>October 29, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Dawn Peters	
Jim & Nora Clausius	
Tod Perry	
Matt & Laura Evans	
Family	
Pat Sharow	
Gary Mast Family	
Ushers: Alex Mock and Jerel Mock	

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings remind us that the Lord is King and there is no other. We are to render to God fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's Word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 23 – Optional memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest. John of Capistrano was a reformer of the Franciscans and Poor Clares, he preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and animated resistance against the Turks at the Battle of Belgrade. He died in 1456 and is the patron of military chaplains.

"It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the 14th century. One-third of the population and nearly 40 percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the Church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed, and the "Spirituals" were freed from interference in their stricter observance.

John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.

John Hofer, a biographer of John Capistrano, recalls a Brussels organization named after the saint. Seeking to solve life problems in a fully Christian spirit, its motto was: "Initiative, Organization, Activity." These three words characterized John's life. He was not one to sit around. His deep Christian optimism drove him to battle problems at all levels with the confidence engendered by a deep faith in Christ." (Franciscan Media)

St. John of Capistrano, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, October 24 – Optional memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop. Anthony Claret from Catalonia was a vigorous reforming bishop of Santiago, Cuba. He founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (the Claretians, C.M.F.) which todays totals about threethousand members. He was known to foster credit unions and the apostolate of the press. He died in 1870.

"The "spiritual father of Cuba" was a missionary, religious founder, social reformer, queen's chaplain, writer and publisher, archbishop, and refugee. He was a Spaniard whose work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, Paris, and to the First Vatican Council.

In his spare time as weaver and designer in the textile mills of Barcelona, Anthony learned Latin and printing: The future priest and publisher was preparing. Ordained at 28, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain's most popular preachers.

Anthony spent 10 years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary was never out of his hand. At age 42, he founded a religious institute of missionaries beginning with five young priests, known today as the Claretians.

Anthony was appointed to head the muchneglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin—whose release from prison Anthony had obtained—slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin's death sentence commuted to a prison term.

His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family's own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop—sugar. Besides all his religious writings are two books he wrote in Cuba: Reflections on Agriculture and Country Delights.

He was recalled to Spain for a job he did not relish—being chaplain for the queen. Anthony went on three conditions: He would reside away from the palace; he would come only to hear the queen's confession and instruct the children; and he would be exempt from court functions. In the revolution of 1868, he fled to Paris with the queen's party, where he preached to the Spanish colony.

All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets.

At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, Anthony won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, "There goes a true saint." At the age of 63, he died in exile near the border of Spain.

Jesus foretold that those who are truly his representatives would suffer the same persecution as he did. Besides 14 attempts on his life, Anthony had to undergo such a barrage of the ugliest slander that the very name Claret became a byword for humiliation and misfortune. The powers of evil do not easily give up their prey. No one needs to go looking for persecution. All we need to do is be sure we suffer because of our genuine faith in Christ, not for our own whims and lack of prudence." (Franciscan Media)

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Pray for us!

-Saturday, October 28 – Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

St. Simon is called the "Canaanite" and also the "Zealot," an anti-Roman party. He likely preached in Egypt and Persia and is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharist Prayer I). He was martyred in the First century.

St. Jude or Thaddeus (meaning "Courageous") likely preached in Palestine and Persia. He was also martyred in the First century and is mentioned in the Roman Canon. Many of us know St. Jude as the patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations, perhaps because of the similarity of his name with that of Judas Iscariot who betrayed and despaired.

"Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans-the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James, and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us." (Franciscan Media)

Saints Simon and Jude, Pray for us!

-WIENER ROAST – TODAY, Sunday, October 22 at John and Janice Brady's farm (2691 N 1800th Ave, Clayton, IL) for St. Thomas Parish, beginning around 3:00 p.m. Please plan to join us if you can. Hot dogs and buns, condiments, chips, ingredients for s'mores and maybe even some caramel apples along with tableware will all be provided. Bring your drink and a chair if you need one.

-NO SCHOOL – There is no school this Friday, October 27 at St. Mary School. Also, Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Wednesday and Thursday (October 25 & 26). School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on those two days. -IMPORTANT REMINDER – There will be no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family next Saturday, October 28. Mass schedule on Sunday will be as usual.

-MONTH OF OCTOBER – A reminder that October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. Please continue to pray for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages from conception until natural death. I also encourage you to pray the Rosary each day (not just in October) and especially with your family. Praying the Holy Rosary is also a great way to pray for the protection of and respect for all human life.

-ROSARY SIGN-UP – I encourage you to consider signing up to lead the Praying of the Holy Rosary before Mass on one or more Sundays at St. Thomas. The sign-up sheet is hanging in the back of St. Thomas Church.

-FOOD COLLECTION – Marilyn Veith is heading up a food collection at Holy Family for the local food pantry. She's beginning October 28 and, as in the past, will collect different kinds of food each week. For the week of October 28, the food item is cereal. If you would like to contribute, please place your food items in the tubs in church.

-BABY BOTTLES – I received a note from the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rushville that they received \$1,839.09 in contributions from the Baby Bottle Collection this year which we participate in each year.

They also asked that any remaining bottles be returned. If you happen to have a baby bottle from this, please return it to the church with or without a contribution, and I will make sure it gets back to them.

Thank you for your generosity and support for life!

-TURKEY DINNER – The Holy Family Turkey Dinner is fast approaching...Sunday, November 5, the first Sunday in November. It is served at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Letters have gone out to Holy Family Parishioners about the Turkey Dinner. If you'd like to make a contribution for the Turkey or turn in your raffle tickets, the box is in the back of Holy Family Church as in the past. Thank you for your support! -HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Wednesday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. We are required (obligated) to participate in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on that day or at a Vigil Mass the evening before celebrating the Solemnity.

The Mass schedule for the Solemnity of All Saints Day is:

-Holy Family: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31; 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1. Students, teachers, and staff from St. Mary School will join us for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone, of course, is welcome to that Mass.

-St. Thomas: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31; 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1 (PSR will attend this Mass).

-ALL SOULS DAY – Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, All Souls Day is significant and this year is on Thursday, November 2. Mass will be offered at both parishes at the regular times...7:00 a.m. at Holy Family, 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas.

-EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – Final reminder that the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is next Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. If you would still like to register and go, registration has been opened to everyone. You can go online to the Diocesan website to register or learn more. There are no Masses permitted that day in the Diocese (except the Mass at the Eucharistic Congress). There will be no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family on October 28 nor will there be a Mass that Saturday morning.

-SYNOD – The Synod on Synodality in Rome convened on Wednesday, October 4. Please keep the Synod in your prayers.

-NOVEMBER – During the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember and pray for all those who have died. I encourage each of us to do just that. We pray for the souls of all the faithful that, through the mercy of God, they may rest in peace. November is also an excellent time to visit the cemetery and pray for the dead. These are excellent habits for every single person.

-DEER CLASSIC – Brown County Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 11. More information on the website at bcdeerclassic.com. Tickets are now available for purchase either online or in person at Kassing Lumber in Mt. Sterling. Online auction will be up soon. This event directly helps support St. Mary School. Thank you for your continued support!

Another reminder, as in years past, the Vigil Mass that evening at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m. Please make note of that.

As you remain in my prayers each day, I thank you for your continued prayers and support as well. 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

Next Meetings:

October 29- Fall Party- Hayrack ride, bonfire and fun! Event will be held at Kent and Leigh Ann's House. More details as we get closer.

November 5- Service at Holy Family Turkey Dinner.

CASS SCHUYLER AREA HOSPICE

Cass Schuyler Area Hospice Volunteers are doing our annual wreath fundraiser. There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board in back of church. Money is to be turned in with the orders (other arrangements can be made). The wreaths will be delivered between November 19-22. Please call Karla Ormond by October 21 at 217-257-3835 or Karen Yingling at 812-459-2022.

HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER

Turkey time again! November 5 is the Annual Turkey Dinner. This will be a drive thru event from 11-1. Meals are \$10. Turkey donations (\$35) can be dropped in the box as you come into church. Letters will be going out with all the details, workers list, and raffle tickets. Extra copies will be available on the table in the back. Let us come together as a Catholic family to support our Church and School. Bless you.

BIRTHRIGHT TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION 2023

We are excited to announce that we will be having our 14th annual trivia night and silent auction on Saturday, November 4 at the QU Health and Fitness Center! Doors open and auction begins at 5:00 p.m.; trivia begins at 6:45 p.m. sharp. Registration is \$125 for teams of up to 8 people. Please visit www.birthrightquincyil.org or our Facebook page for more details and registration, or you may call the Birthright office at 217-224-1277 if you have any questions. This is our largest fundraiser which helps us continue to serve the needs of mothers and babies right here in our community. We hope you will join us!

POT OF GOLD

October Pot of Gold winners are:

- \$250.00 Tim Woodward
- \$100.00 Daniel Freymuth
- \$50.00 Shannon Brilley
- \$50.00 Tim Newton
- \$50.00 Steve & Sandy Quinn



