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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, October 9 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 10 - 7:00 a.m.

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke10:38-42

Kay Downey (By Karla & Luke Metz)

Wednesday, October 11 - 7:00 a.m.

St. John XXIII, Pope Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Jack Cannon (By Legion of Mary)

Thursday, October 12 - 7:00 a.m.

Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

Eugene Zackey (By Scott & Celeste Gillette)

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and No Mass

<u>Friday, October 13 - 8:30 a.m.</u>

Joel 1;13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Nancy Jo Hendricks (By Leona Dunn)

Saturday, October 14 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Jim Nuessen (By John & Lana Nuessen)

Sunday, October 15 - 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

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

Jim Stout (By Marilyn Stout)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 30-October 1, 2023

Holy Family: \$5,977.10 School Support: \$1,005.00 Sister Parish: \$85.00 ACSA/Parish Tithe: \$250.00 Assumption Holyday: \$20.00 All Saints Holyday: \$5.00 All Souls Holyday: \$5.00 World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 1, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,230.00 Parish Improvement: \$515.00 Candles: \$25.26

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 **†** Elijah Craig **†** Kathy Cramblitt **†** Steve and Bonnie Sorrells **†**

Katie Dunbar † Alan Bowen † Dylan Hendricks

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ST. THOMAS

Pastoral Council September 28, 2023 - Father Aaron, Janice Brady, Pat Sharow, Claudia Coggeshall.

Pastoral Council-Review of Mass liturgical practices and requests. Rosary before 10:00 mass sign-up sheet in back of church.

John and Janice Brady will be hosting a Parish Hotdog Roast Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m. at their farm. Hotdogs, hotdog buns and chips will be provided. Bring your own drink and lawn chairs. If you would like to bring a side dish, you are more than welcome to.

October Count will be done the first 4 Sundays of October.

DRE- Fall Adult Faith Formation series coming.

Men's and women's-Parish Christmas Party is being planned, tentatively, for Sunday, December 10.

Buildings and Grounds- church roof, church parking lot, hall speakers

Next meeting Thursday, November 9.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>October 15, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:Gary MastGreeters:John & Janice BradyLector:Bobbi MockGift Bearers:John & Janice BradyEucharistic Minister:Laura EvansCollection Counters:Jerel Mock FamilyUshers:Alex Mock and Jerel Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are reminded in our readings that if we remain in Christ, we will bear good fruit for the Kingdom of God. God has given us all we need to bear that fruit, but the Lord reminds us that the Kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and be given instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

Each one of us needs to be very careful about saying we believe in Christ (and trying to convince ourselves that we do) but then rejecting Him in our words, actions, indifference, or failure to act. We can also reject Christ by picking and choosing what we like about what God reveals to us or what He has laid out for us in His Church. If we are to believe in Christ, we must believe in the fullness of Christ and all that He reveals to us. That which we find challenging or difficult in Jesus' teaching is precisely where we need to work on our own conversion.

Let us pray that we will know and cooperate with the grace of God given to us to believe in Christ completely, without hesitation or condition, so that we may remain in Christ and bear fruit for the Kingdom.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 9 – Optional memorials of St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and St. John Leonardi, Priest.

Denis, or Dionysius, was the first Bishop of Paris. He was martyred in 258 along with the presbyter, Rusticus, and the Deacon, Eleutherius on Montmartre (or "mount of martyrs). He is the Patron of Paris and of France. St. Denis and Companions, Pray for us!

John Leonardi was from Lucca and founded the Congregation of Clerics regular of the Mother of God (O.M.D.) in 1574, today numbering about 120 members. In 1579 he formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and published a compendium on Christian doctrine in use until the Nineteenth Century. Along with St. Philip Neri, he cofounded the Collegio Urbano at Rome which, under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, trains priests for the foreign missions. John Leonardi died in Rome in 1609. St. John Leonardi, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, October 11 - Optional memorial of Pope St. John XXIII. Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881 in northern Italy to a farming family, John XXIII was ordained a priest in 1904. After serving in WWI as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He became a papal diplomat and with the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, he helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during WWII. He was named a Cardinal in 1953 and elected pope in 1958 at the age of seventyeight. He took the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's Cathedral, St. John Lateran. John XXIII died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963. His feast day, October 11, recalls the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council in 1962. He was declared Blessed in 2000 and was canonized along with Pope John Paul II on April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis. St. Pope John XXIII. Prav for us!

-Saturday, October 14 – Optional memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr. Callistus died a martyr in the year 222. He is known to have organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome. He also instituted what was known as Ember Day fasts. St. Callistus, Pray for us!

-MONSIGNOR LANTZ – Monsignor David Lantz, a recently retired priest of our Diocese, died on September 26. His Funeral Mass was October 5. Monsignor Lantz served in Quincy at St. Peter Parish and Quincy Notre Dame from 1978 to 1982, his first assignments after being Ordained to the Priesthood. He had a number of other assignments throughout his Priesthood. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

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.

-COLUMBUS DAY – Monday, October 9. No school at St. Mary School on Monday.

-WEINER ROAST – John and Janice Brady are hosting at their farm for St. Thomas Parish, Sunday, October 22, 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.

So that we have some idea on the number of people to plan for so as to have enough of everything, please sign up in the back of St. Thomas Church if you are planning to come.

-FATHER/SON EVENT - Craving screenless quality time with your children? Join Catholics in our diocese for The Holiest Adventure – father/son edition. The day will be packed with fun activities, Mass, adoration, and delicious food. The father/son edition is Saturday, October 14, and is for dads and their sons in grades 4-9. It's from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Villa Maria Catholic Life Center, 1903 E Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL. To register, go to dio.org/events. For questions, email Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org.

-EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. If you reserved tickets already through the parish, you will be receiving those either from me or by e-mail. If you would still like to register, 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.

-RESPECT LIFE MONTH – October is designated as Respect Life Month. Following are a few items related especially to Respect for Life:

-LIFE CHAIN – Last Sunday I attended the Life Chain in Quincy, an hour spent in a very public way in silent prayer for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages. It was good to see all of the people there and to give a very strong public witness to the sanctity of life through silence and prayer. Thank you to those who were able to join us.

Our faith is not a private matter, and the sanctity and protection of life is not a private matter though there are some who want to try to convince us otherwise through propaganda, false claims, intimidation, ridicule, and shame.

As I've reflected on the Prayer Chain, I wanted to share with you the real evil of the killing of children, called abortion, and the very real disrespect for human life that is manifested in a very real way.

As I joined many people in the Prayer Chain last Sunday there were certainly those who passed by who were united with us in our respect for life. The affirmation is not necessary in our efforts, of course, but it is important to know that many people recognize the sanctity of every single human life. God Himself places this into our hearts.

There were, however, a number of folks who passed by who revealed very clearly the evil of abortion. This is in no way calling out anyone as evil. The evil of abortion was manifested in the words and actions of a few of these folks. This evil was manifested in gestures toward those who were praying silently, in shouts and screams of vulgarity, and even verbally expressed desire for harm to those who were praying silently. These sorts of actions are nothing other than a clear manifestation of the evil in abortion and the disrespect for life. We keep these folks especially in prayer. Finally, there were likely those who passed by who were indifferent. Indifference is a real problem that affects many and can affect anyone. Indifference can creep into our lives, into our thinking, into our conscience, into our moral certitude. It weakens our resolve to live a holy life, to know and to work for and to pray for what is right and just. It tricks us into thinking that I'm ok where I'm at with God thus keeping us from any real conversion or advancements in holiness or the spiritual life. I'd urge all of us to be on guard against indifference in our lives...to be honest with ourselves where that indifference lies in our lives and then to seek the help of the Lord through prayer and the Sacraments to have the grace to overcome that indifference and to grow more fully in our holiness.

-40 DAYS FOR LIFE – St. Thomas has their 40 days for Life Calendar in the back of the church. Please sign up for one or more days to pray, especially for life.

-RESPECT LIFE DINNER – This Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.), at the Holiday Inn in Quincy. Though tickets needed to be purchased by October 7, if you are interested in going, let me know as there may be tickets available.

I am planning to attend so there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Mass that evening at St. Thomas.

-PRAYER & FASTING – Friday Prayer and Fasting initiative for the State of Illinois. This particular initiative is to help end abortion, the murder of children, in the State of Illinois.

-SANCTUARY CITY – Please continue to remain updated on the progress of making Quincy a Sanctuary City for the Unborn. This is an important initiative and one that smaller towns like ours may need to consider at some point. Keep this in your prayers and if you have any questions, reach out to Claudia Coggeshall.

-MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY – October is also known as the month of the Holy Rosary. On Saturday, October 7, the Church celebrated the Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Following are some excerpts regarding this that are helpful as we contemplate the Most Holy Rosary:

"On October 7, 1571, two years after the Vatican urged the Rosary for universal use, an event took place that caused the devotion to gain widespread popularity. One of the most famous (and bloodiest) naval battles in history took place that day on the Bay of Lepanto, off the coast of Greece. The opposing forces were Christians, made up of an alliance of fleets from Spain and Italy, against a far superior Turkish navy. The Muslim force was threatening to take over the Mediterranean Sea and hence be in a position to attack European countries. Pope Pius V asked the Christian faithful to prav the Rosary and seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother to defeat the Muslim navy. Despite being outnumbered, the Christian fleet prevailed. Accordingly, Pope Pius established October 7 as a feast day of Our Lady of Victory, thus perpetually bringing honor to the Blessed Mother for her assistance. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII (r. 1572-85) changed the name of the feast to Our Lady of the Rosary, a feast the Church continues to celebrate." (simplycatholic.com)

"...Our contemporary sensibilities might make us stir uncomfortably at the association of the Mother of the Prince of Peace with the memory of warfare, strife and the troubled history that preceded and followed the Battle of Lepanto. But the fact of the matter is that this feast was first understood as a celebration akin to what we commemorate on the Fourth of July or D Day. Pope Pius V (later Saint Pius V) interpreted the event as the movement of Providence in favor of the Church and European civilization. He had no gualms in the assertion that the triumph properly belonged to the Mother of God and that in the midst of the rancor of battle. her intercession had moved the "Holy League" to victory. Such warlike associations with Christian Faith and culture likely cannot be sustained today. Some find all this to be offensive to genuine Christian sensibilities.

Thus, the true history of this day has receded into the obscuring mists of the past. In our present circumstances we celebrate the prayer of the Rosary, not the battle of Our Lady of Victory. We recall its efficacy as a source for meditation and contemplation and encourage its practice. If there is reference to a battle at all, it is made to the conflicts of our interior lives, particularly in our desire to pray without the burden of distractions.

And yet I find my thoughts turned towards Our Lady of Victory, of the Mother of the Messiah, who proclaimed God mighty and victorious in her Magnificat, and in these words spoke of the strength of His arm to cast down the mighty and exault the lowly. I think of all those precursors of the Mother of God- Miriam, the prophetess, who took a timbrel in hand and on the shores of the Red Sea, singing songs in praise of the God of Israel's triumph over the army of Pharaoh; of Judith and Deborah and the fire that burned within their hearts for justice and the sword that they raised against the enemies of God's people; of Rahab and the spies and the fall of Jericho; of Esther the Queen, who risked her own life so that her people might be saved. The Bible is a book of battles. There is properly a peace-making quality to our Biblical Faith, a hope for a restoration of the concord that the Creator intended between himself and humanity. But there is also a properly oppositional quality to our Faith, the recognition that in knowing what we stand for, we also know what we stand against. We can no more excise conflict from the Bible than we can deny its reality in our own history. We have been placed in the midst of a fallen world, not merely to surrender to its failure to love, but to live in defiance to that which opposes God. Resist we must, but to do so, we attempt to imitate, not the fallen powers of this world, but Christ the Lord, who wrested power away from the powerful, not by force of arms, but in the strength of His Will to love us unto death. He is triumphant, but there still are battles left for Him to fight in all the Lepanto's that rage within our own troubled souls. In the midst of these battles. I know that Christ the Lord fights for us still, and that the Lady of Victory is at His side." (Fr. Steve Grunow, wordonfire.org)

-ROSARY SIGN –UP – The Rosary is prayed each Sunday morning at St. Thomas beginning at 9:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of church for folks to sign up to lead the Rosary each Sunday. Please sign-up for one or more Sundays.

-SYNOD – The Synod on Synodality in Rome convened on Wednesday, October 4. Please keep the Synod in your prayers. -TURKEY DINNER – The Holy Family Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, the first Sunday in November.

-DEER CLASSIC – This year's Brown County Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 11. The Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school and the Universal Church. Please know of my prayers for you each day. 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.



A semi will be going around the different counties on the above days, collecting grain from whoever wishes to donate! A meal will be served as well to the participating farmers.

If you know a farmer that would like to donate and they are not in the area, or these dates don't work. You can donate before or after the events at the listed locations.

1.Western Grain Marketing in Mt. Sterling 2.Cargill in Meredosia 3.JBS in Griggsville.

To donate crops to the school at any of these locations, the account name is St Mary's School Mt.Sterling.

Contact: Beth Boylen @ 217-242-1237 or Jon Boylen @ 217-257-5276 for more information.

