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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, November 13 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 14 - 7:00 a.m.

Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Beth Clark (By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

Wednesday, November 15 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

John Bullard (By the Family)

<u>Thursday, November 16 – 7:00 a.m.</u> St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25 John Yeakel (By Doug & Crissy Yeakel)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Danny Seals

Friday, November 17 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Patricia Parker (By Norma Hufnagel)

Saturday, November 18 - 5:30 p.m.

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Becky & Mike Metzger (By Raymond Metzger)

Sunday, November 19 - 8:00 a.m.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Scotty Blentlinger (By Liz Balzer)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 4-5, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,869.00 School Support: \$1,502.00 Sister Parish: \$30.00 All Saints: \$395.00 All Souls: \$140.00 Cemetery: \$450.00 ACSA/Parish Tithe: \$35.00 Debt Reduction: \$245.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 5, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,878.00 Sister Parish: \$80.00 All Soul's Day: \$225.00 All Saints Day: \$367.00

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 - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.

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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dylan Hendricks † Bud Bordenkircher †
Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 19, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert

Greeters: Andrew & Amanda

Llewellyn Family

Lector: Kim Gronewold

Gift Bearers: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Ushers: John Brady, Denny Campbell

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that we seek many things in this life, but it is the Lord and His Wisdom that we should seek first. Living in this way, we will keep vigil for the Lord as we await His return in glory.

Let us contemplate what it is that we seek and may our hearts be always moved to seek the Lord and His Wisdom first in all things.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, November 13 – In the USA, Obligatory Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in the Italian region of Lombardy, the youngest of thirteen children. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For twenty-eight years, she labored in the United States and South America establishing some sixty-seven institutions including schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She died in Chicago on December 22, 1917, and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized (in 1946). She is the patroness of immigrants and migrants. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, November 15 – Optional memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. A member of the Order of Preachers (O.P.; Dominicans), St. Albert the Great was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank. Educated in the liberal arts, he was a master of philosophy, theology, and the natural sciences and was a prolific writer. He was the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. He died in 1280 at Cologne and is the patron of scientists. St. Albert the Great, Pray for us!

-Thursday, November 16 - Optional memorials of St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude, Virgin.

St. Margaret of Scotland was born in Hungary and was the wife of King Malcolm III of Scotland. She was the mother of eight children. She helped root out paganism and her love for the poor became legendary. She died in 1093 and is the patroness of Scotland.

"Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others.

Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor.

Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions.

She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."" (Franciscan Media)

St. Margaret of Scotland, Pray for us!

St. Gertrude, called "the Great" was born in Thuringia and was a mystic of the Benedictine Abbey of Helfta in Saxony. She wrote on the meaning of suffering, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Trinity, and God's love. Her most notable work is "The Herald of Divine Love." St. Gertrude died on November 17, 1301. St. Gertrude, Pray for us!

-Friday, November 17 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.

"In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when he washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process. We can play games very easily if we don't have someone to challenge us." (Franciscan Media)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for us!

-Saturday, November 18 – Optional memorials of The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles and, in the United States, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin.

Around the year 330, Constantine built a Basilica over the tomb of St. Peter.

Reconstruction began in the Fourteenth Century and the present Basilica of St. Peter was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. The construction of St. Paul's Basilica was begun in the year 386 by Valentinian II, taking the place of a smaller church built by Constantine. Destroyed by fire in 1823, the new Basilica was consecrated on December 10, 1854, by Pope Pius IX who joined in one solemn celebration the dedication of these two basilicas.

-St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was from Grenoble, France and founded the first American House of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. She also opened the first American free school west of the Mississippi. She is known for her courage and her desire to serve Native Americans, especially the Potawatomi who called her "the woman who prays always." She died in 1852 at the age of eighty-three not so far from us...St. Charles, Missouri. The Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is located in St. Charles, Missouri.

"Born in Grenoble, France, of a family that was among the new rich, Rose learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. The dominant feature of her temperament was a strong and dauntless will, which became the material—and the battlefield—of her holiness.

She entered the Visitation of Mary convent at 19 and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

When the situation cooled, Rose personally rented the former convent, now a shambles, and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, however, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the infant Society of the Sacred Heart, whose young superior, Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat, would be her lifelong friend.

In a short time, Rose was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, her ambition was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work.

With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called "the remotest village in the U.S.," St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

Though Rose was as hardy as any of the pioneer women in the wagons rolling west, cold and hunger drove them out—to Florissant, Missouri, where she founded the first Catholic Indian school, adding others in the territory.

"In her first decade in America, Mother Duchesne suffered practically every hardship the frontier had to offer, except the threat of Indian massacre—poor lodging, shortages of food, drinking water, fuel and money, forest fires and blazing chimneys, the vagaries of the Missouri climate, cramped living quarters and the privation of all privacy, and the crude manners of children reared in rough surroundings and with only the slightest training in courtesy" (Louise Callan, R.S.C.J., Philippine Duchesne).

Finally at age 72, retired and in poor health, Rose got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi and she was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." While others taught, she prayed. Legend has it that Native American children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. Rose Duchesne died in 1852, at the age of 83, and was canonized in 1988.

Divine grace channeled Mother Duchesne's iron will and determination into humility and selflessness, and to a desire not to be made superior. Still, even saints can get involved in silly situations. In an argument with her over a minor change in the sanctuary, a priest threatened to remove the tabernacle. She patiently let herself be criticized by younger nuns for not being progressive enough. For 31 years, she hewed to the line of a dauntless love and an unshakable observance of her religious vows." (Franciscan Media)

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Pray for us!

-DEACON MIKE - Deacon Mike announced at the Masses last weekend that he has been re-assigned to Blessed Sacrament parish in Quincy. Deacon Mike has served the parishes and parishioners for more than 16 years. Many of you have come to know Deacon Mike very well over those years and I know this was not an easy decision for him. He will certainly be missed, and I ask you to keep him and his family in your prayers, especially in this transition.

Personally, I am grateful for having worked with Deacon Mike for the last three and a half years. I truly appreciate all of the things he did and for the help he gave to me. His gentleness and humility and willingness to do whatever needs to be done are great examples to all of us. And he often times made me smile and laugh. On behalf of all of us, I thank Deacon Mike.

The transition is happening quickly, and I want us to have the opportunity to wish him well. We are planning to have a farewell gathering at each parish next weekend. At Holy Family, we will have a reception in the school cafeteria immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 18. At St. Thomas, we will plan to have a farewell gathering on Sunday, November 19 in the parish hall immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass. I hope that you will be able to join us one of these days.

-FOOD DRIVE - We are currently collecting different kinds of food each week at Holy Family for the Mt. Sterling Food Pantry. This week we collected crackers and peanut butter. Next week we will be collecting canned vegetables. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry, you can bring your items to church and place them in the tote in the vestibule.

-THANK YOU – Many thanks to all who made the Holy Family Turkey Dinner last Sunday a great success and all who supported it in any way. It is so good to see so many parishioners come together and work to bring about such an event.

-CCW - The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 at St. Francis Solanus in Quincy. I encourage all women of the parishes to go if you are able; it's always a nice day. The sign-up sheet is in the back of each Church to help plan for lunch. Any questions, contact Claudia Coggeshall or myself.

-NO SCHOOL – There is no school at St. Mary's on Friday, November 17. Mass will still be at 8:30 a.m. that morning.

-THANKSGIVING – I will offer a Mass at each parish on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas. There will be no evening Mass or Exposition at St. Thomas that day.

Thank you for your prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You are in my prayers each day. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids continue to meet as per the teachers' schedule. We will not have class on 11/20. Confessions for Bosco Kids and families will be on 12/4 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. No classes will be held on 12/18, 12/25, and 1/1.

HOLY FAMILY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our 2023-2024 Adult Faith Formation session will be held during the 3 weeks of Advent and 5 weeks of Lent. The group last year chose this topic-- "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother". The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Will Know Her Son. This program is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

We have received a grant from the diocese for this program--so there is no charge. Classes during Advent will be held on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. on 11/28, 12/5 and 12/12. Please register with Ann O'Sullivan at 217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all.

HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER

Turkey Dinner Success! Thanks to all who volunteered your time to help make this year's turkey dinner a great success! We raised \$15,239. Raffle Winners: Janice Hendrick - \$250 FS Gas Card; Dan Volk - \$100 Hagel Gift Certificate; Alan Koch - \$100 Kassings Lumber Gift Certificate; Cecilia Rang -- \$250 FS Gas Card; Hazel Prather - Quilt; Tracey Hendricker - \$100 Dorothy's Market Gift Card; Susie Woodward - \$50 Mt. Sterling Foods Gift Card; Ed Wagner - \$25 Conoco Gas Card; and Marcia Taylor - \$25 Conoco Gas Card.

ST. THOMAS ADULT FAITH FORMATION



3 Nights-3 Topics

NOVEMBER 8TH

Eucharistic Miracles
Did you know there are
miracles that back up the true
presence of the Eucharist? Fr.
Robert Spitzer tell us about
the incredible science behind
them.

NOVEMBER 29TH

Why Go To Mass? Fr. John Riley and Chris Stefanick discuss the roots of Mass and its profound implications for us today. DECEMBER 6TH

Why Would A Loving God Allow Such Suffering? Discuss Catholic philosophy and theology to help us understand this question as well as free will!







JOIN US FROM 6:30-745 AS WE WATCH A VIDEO AND DISCUSS THIS POPULAR TOPICS!

Meet at St Thomas Church Hall for this FREE event! Contact Laura Evans with any questions. 217-316-1734 or levans@adams.net

Snow Removal

We are in need of volunteers for snow removal around the school once it starts snowing. If you are interested in helping with snow removal, please let Melissa know (217-773-2825 or mobert@smseagle.org). Thanks!



POT OF GOLD

November Pot of Gold winners are:

\$250.00 - Lori Veith

\$100.00 - Elizabeth Ormond

\$50.00 - Kyle Curtis

\$50.00 - Sharon Kindhart

\$50.00 - Mike Ellerman

FOR ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH

Please join us for the upcoming Fall gathering of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Wednesday, November 15. Please read all of the information sheet, and signup in your church gathering area. We have early registration but also right before the meeting for those who might not make the early time. We have a wonderful day planned for you and hope you will be a part of it! You are welcome to come even if not signed up in time. We just need a good estimate for planning purposes. If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction to help pro-life ministries, you may bring an item (of any value) that would be appealing to bid on. The women and children's socks, and soap and shampoo collection helps our local Ladies of Charity store provide for the needs of our communities. We plan our program for all ages of the catholic faith, and have a new Living Liturgically session for family life, so we encourage women of all ages to come, and any children of appropriate ages who can be attentive are also most welcome. (There is no registration fee for children). It's a joy-filled day, shared with like-minded ladies of our area churches-we pray, learn, share, serve, and have fun together! Our numbers are growing and it's a great link to your catholic faith community! We look forward to seeing you, and feel free to bring someone not of the catholic faith-evangelize!

