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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

<u>Monday, May 27 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27

Robert Kemper (By Ken & Tunie Klauser)

<u>AT ST. THOMAS - 8:30 a.m.</u>

Tom Leezer (By St. Thomas Ladies Prayer Group)

Tuesday, May 28 – 7:00 a.m. 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31

Brian Husted (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Wednesday, May 29 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Paul VI, Pope 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45

Warren & Marscine Bice (By Cathy Black)

<u>Thursday, May 30 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

1 Peter 1:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52

James J. Wort (By Mary Kassing)

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

Wayne & Kathleen Mowen

Friday, May 31 - 8:30 a.m.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

> Becky & Mike Metzger (By Raymond Metzger)

<u>Saturday, June 1 – 5:30 p.m.</u> St. Justin, Martyr Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

<u>Sunday, June 2 – 8:00 a.m.</u> The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Jack, Marilyn & Greg Mitchell (By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

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

Martha Koetters (By Margie Ahern)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 18-19, 2024

Holy Family: \$3,339.00 School Support: \$170.00 Sister Parish: \$100.00 Cemetery: \$25.00 Catholic Communications: \$170.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 19, 2024

St. Thomas: \$1,761.00 Prison Ministry: \$100.00 Retired Priests: \$10.00 Parish Improvement: \$5.00 Media: \$130.00 Candles: \$8.00

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 & Tuesday mornings - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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>

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark † Sheila Thompson † Linda VanGiesen † Logan Wilson † Maurice Ormond †

ST. THOMAS

"If someone wants to destroy religion, he begins by attacking the priest, for wherever there are no more priests, there is no sacrifice either, and where there is no longer sacrifice, there is no religion either." St. John Vianny (1786-1859)

The Seven Sisters Apostolate's mission is to spend on hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament praying for our parish priest and bishop. St. Thomas' apostolate welcomes new members and will be renewing the commitment of present Seven Sisters members after the 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 7. If you are interested in learning more go to <u>www.sevensistersapostolate.org</u> or contact Claudia Coggeshall at <u>rccogg@adams.net</u>.

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE – JULY 11-13

Grab your dive buddies for a whale of a good time! At Scuba, kids plunge into an undersea world brimming with colorful coral, flashy fish, and abundant life. Immersed in oceans of fun, kids discover God is a real friend who loves them forever. At St. Thomas VBS, we will have a fun-filled Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday all day.

Children entering preschool - 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th -12th grade are welcome as Crew Leaders. Adults are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Alicia Schmidt at 217-257-3210 ASAP if you'd like to volunteer.



St. Thomas VBS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST Help us design our 2024 VBS Shirt



Things to know:

- Open to preschoolers to seniors in HS
- Design must include a drawing related to our theme of SCUBA
- The words that must be on the shirt are the following:
 - o 2024
 - o St. Thomas
 - Scuba Diving into Friendship with God
- Only use black ink or black marker on white 8.5" x 11" paper
- Include your name and contact number on the BACK of the drawing
- Art will be judged by St. Thomas parishioners
- Due May 26 to Alicia Schmidt
- Contact Alicia, 217-257-3210, with any questions

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>June 2, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Jim Clausius
Greeters:	Jerry & Margie Herkert
Lector:	Bobbi Mock
Gift Bearers:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt
	Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes/Jim
	Clausius
Collection Counters:	Jerel Mock Family
Ushers: Denny	Campbell, John Brady

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is one of the great Mysteries of our Faith, the Mysteries being those things that draw us ever closer to God. The following is from CatholicCulture.org:

"Trinity Sunday. The dogma of faith which forms the object of the [Solemnity] is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

Why is this [Solemnity] celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for 'God so loved the world as to give His onlybegotten Son.' The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist par excellence to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving Te Deum [a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God] rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The [Solemnity] of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons: for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This [Solemnity], which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the Triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity. —Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch."

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, May 27 – Optional memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

"In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to Gregory the Great—the pope who had sent them—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless. Augustine set out again. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester.

Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians—who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors.

Laboring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the "Apostle of England."

Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. For example, his first venture to England ended in a big U-turn back to Rome. He made mistakes and met failure in his peacemaking attempts with the Briton Christians. He often wrote to Rome for decisions on matters he could have decided on his own had he been more self-assured. He even received mild warnings against pride from Pope Gregory, who cautioned him to "fear lest, amidst the wonders that are done, the weak mind be puffed up by self-esteem." Augustine's perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances." (Franciscan Media)

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, May 29 – Optional memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope.

"Born near Brescia in northern Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini was the second of three sons. His father, Giorgio, was a lawyer, editor, and eventually a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. His mother, Giuditta, was very involved in Catholic Action.

After ordination in 1920, Giovanni did graduate studies in literature, philosophy, and canon law in Rome before he joined the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1924, where he worked for 30 years. He was also chaplain to the Federation of Italian Catholic University Students, where he met and became a very good friend of Aldo Moro, who eventually became prime minister. Moro was kidnapped by the Red Brigade in March 1978, and murdered two months later. A devastated Pope Paul VI presided at his funeral.

In 1954, Fr. Montini was named archbishop of Milan, where he sought to win disaffected workers back to the Catholic Church. He called himself the "archbishop of the workers" and visited factories regularly while overseeing the rebuilding of a local Church tremendously disrupted by World War II.

In 1958, Montini was the first of 23 cardinals named by Pope John XXIII, two months after the latter's election as pope. Cardinal Montini helped in preparing Vatican II and participated enthusiastically in its first sessions. When he was elected pope in June 1963, he immediately decided to continue that Council, which had another three sessions before its conclusion on December 8, 1965. The day before Vatican II concluded, Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras revoked the excommunications that their predecessors had made in 1054. The pope worked very hard to ensure that bishops would approve the Council's 16 documents by overwhelming majorities.

Paul VI had stunned the world by visiting the Holy Land in January 1964, and meeting Athenagoras, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople in person. The pope made eight more international trips, including one in 1965, to visit New York City and speak on behalf of peace before the United Nations General Assembly. He also visited India (1964), Colombia (1968), Uganda (1969), and seven Asian countries during a 10-day tour in 1970.

Also in 1965, he instituted the World Synod of Bishops, and the next year decreed that bishops must offer their resignations on reaching age 75. In 1970, he decided that cardinals over 80 would no longer vote in papal conclaves or head the Holy See's major offices. He had increased the number of cardinals significantly, giving many countries their first cardinal. Eventually establishing diplomatic relations between the Holy See and 40 countries, he also instituted a permanent observer mission at the United Nations in 1964. Paul VI wrote seven encyclicals; his last one in 1968 on human life—Humanae Vitae—prohibited artificial birth control.

Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978, and was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. He was beatified on October 19, 2014, and canonized on October 14, 2018. Since 2019 his liturgical feast has been celebrated on May 29." (Franciscan Media)

St. Paul VI, Pray for us!

-Friday, May 31 – Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the Mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another." (Franciscan Media)

Mary, our Mother, Pray for us!

-Saturday, June 1 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr.

"Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus, we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe." (Franciscan Media)

St. Justin, Pray for us!

-MEMORIAL DAY –On Monday, May 27, the United States celebrates Memorial Day. While this is a secular celebration for our country, it is a significant celebration. On this day we recognize and pray especially for the men and women who served in our Armed Forces and were killed in that service.

I will be offering Mass at each parish on Memorial Day. Both Masses will be celebrated in the Church. I do encourage folks to visit the cemeteries this day as well. Mass at Holy Family will be at 7:00 a.m.. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 8:30 a.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – Saturday, June 1 is First Saturday and thus we will be having Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family. It begins at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night and runs overnight. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass. -POPE'S INTENTION – The Holy Father's intention for June is for migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to take journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

-RETREAT – I will be on retreat the week of June 2. I am working to have Communion Services each day that week while I am on retreat. More in next week's bulletin.

-ANNIVERSARY – Today, Sunday, May 26 marks the Six Year Anniversary of my Sacred Ordination to Priesthood. The Priesthood of Jesus Christ that I have been called to participate in has filled me with great joy. I am so very grateful to be the Pastor here at Holy Family and St. Thomas. I am also very grateful for the many people who have supported me and my Vocation to the Priesthood and for the countless people who have helped to form me and continue to do so.

I am especially grateful to my family and especially my parents. They indeed were the first teachers of the faith for me (and my siblings), as parents should always be, and gently supported and nurtured my vocation sometimes in the most subtle ways. The beautiful lives they lived and the sacrifices they made, all with Christ at the center, is a great example and model for me.

I ask each of you also for your continued prayers. Please also keep all priests in your prayers as many of them celebrate anniversaries this month. Additionally, continue to pray for good and holy vocations.

I was ordained on the Memorial of St. Philip Neri who was known for his humor and his joy and I pray that I may always share in that joy of the Priesthood with St. Philip Neri.

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

Fr. Aaron



CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

Holden Easley, Ella Behymer, Madison Guthrie, Nena Boylen, Jake Glasgow, Michael Kassing, Andrew Erwin, Henry Ingram



You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow. In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact.



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