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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 6 – 7:00 a.m.</u> Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, May 7 – 7:00 a.m.</u> Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Mary Margaret Bordenkircher (By Mark & Mary Hill)

Wednesday, May 8 – 7:00 a.m. Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Marjorie Salrin (By Mary Kassing & Monica Bailey)

Thursday, May 9 – 7:00 a.m. Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

> James J. Wort (By Mike Bullard)

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

David Leeders (By Jerry & Marge Herkert)

<u>Friday, May 10 - 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

<u>Saturday, May 11 – 5:30 p.m.</u> Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

<u>Sunday, May 12 - 8:00 a.m.</u>

The Ascension of the Lord Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19

John & Mary Louise Moorman (By Tammy)

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

Esther Sherman & Alice Druffel (By Sheila Druffel)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>April 27-28, 2024</u>

Holy Family: \$3,244.00 Catholic Home Mission Appeal: \$115.00 Debt Reduction: \$300.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

April 28, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,333.00 Catholic Home Mission Appeal: \$185.00 Candle Money: \$28.00

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 <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>

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

ST. THOMAS

We will celebrate our parishioners who are graduating (8th grade, high school or college) at Mass SUNDAY-May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

If this is you, please reach out to Laura Evans either on Facebook or email (<u>levans@adams.net</u>) so we can include you in the bulletin! Also, if you would like to be a reader during mass or a gift bearer, please let her know as well! All graduates will serve as greeters so our parish family can congratulate you!!

Wear your cap and gown!!! You earned it!!

Quincy CareNet Pregnancy Center has asked St. Thomas Parish to participate again this year in their annual Baby Bottle Blitz which starts Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day and goes to Father's Day June 16. Place your loose change in the baby bottles during this time period and bring the bottles back June 16. Thank you for your support.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

<u>May 12, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters:	Tod Perry Family
Lector:	Kim Gronewold
Gift Bearers:	Justin & Emily
	Obert Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Teresa Bockhold/
	Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Elijah Perry, Tod Perry

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Again, a very Happy Easter to all of you as we remain in this Season of Easter. Indeed, the Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Our reading for today call us to love one another as Christ has loved us in offering

Himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world as Peter himself taught.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK -

-Friday, May 10 – Optional memorials of St. John of Avila, Priest, and Doctor of the Church and, in the United States of America, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest.

St. John of Avila, born in 1499, was a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author, and religious mystic. He is called the "Apostle of Andulasia" for his extensive ministry in that region of Spain. He died in 1569, was Beatified in 1894, Canonized in 1970, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 2012. His optional memorial was added to the general Roman Calendar by Pope Francis in 2021.

"Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10." (Franciscan Media)

Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-halfheartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16thcentury Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.

St. John of Avila, Pray for us!

St. Damien de Veuster was born in 1840 in Belgium and joined the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. He arrived in Honolulu on March 19, 1864, and in 1873 began his work on Moloka'i, known as "Devil's Island," used as a colony for over 800 lepers. He himself was later diagnosed with leprosy in 1885. He was known as a man of intense interior life and deep simplicity. He is known to have said "I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all for Jesus Christ." What an incredible statement for each of us to reflect on as we seek to do God's Will and glorify Him. St. Damien de Veuster died on April 15, 1889, and was Canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

"When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school, and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

Some people thought Damien was a hero for going to Moloka'i and others thought he was crazy. When a Protestant clergyman wrote that Damien was guilty of immoral behavior, Robert Louis Stevenson vigorously defended him in an 'Open Letter to Dr. Hyde.'" (Franciscan Media)

St. Damien de Veuster, Pray for us!

-SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP – As noted about regarding St. John of Avila, he was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila and worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus.

It is so important to surround ourselves with good and holy people and to develop a solid spiritual friendship with them. We don't have to be best friends with them, but we do need to make sure we remain ever mindful of who it is we are keeping company with and who our kids are keeping company with. Consistent exposure to holiness will cultivate holiness. Consistent exposure to immorality and sinfulness will cultivate immorality and sinfulness.

We do not pretend to live in idealism, nor should we ignore the grave sins against the Lord that we can find ourselves witnessing. We are called to love all people, properly understood to desire the good for the other. When evil and sinfulness is witnessed, we should pray and seek to correct that sinfulness but only with the true love that the Lord calls us to. Surrounding ourselves with good and holy people and being able to have spiritual conversations with them will certainly help both to grow in holiness.

-JUBILARIANS – As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, there are a number of priests in the Diocese celebrating significant Ordination Anniversaries this year:

Celebrating 25 Years: Fr. Larry Brunette; Fr. Peter Harman; Fr. Bill Kessler; Fr. Augustine Koomson; Fr. Sajimon Kuriakose. Celebrating 50 Years: Fr. Don Blickhan

Celebrating 60 Years: Monsignor Jim O'Shea; Monsignor John Ossola

Celebrating 75 Years: Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau, O.F.M.; Fr. John Ostdiek, O.F.M.

Please keep these and all priests in your prayers. It is a real blessing for me personally to share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ with these priests. Those Jubilarians celebrating significant ordination anniversaries are a great example to each of us in faithfully living out one's Vocation.

You may know or be familiar with some of this year's Jubilarians. If so, and you would like to send them a note of congratulations but need their address, let me know and I will try to get it for you.

-ASSIGNMENT CHANGES – Assignment changes for priests in our Diocese were announced last weekend at Masses of the parishes that are affected by any changes. Most of the assignment changes occur July 1. The list of new assignments will be in the next issue of the Catholic Times.

In the Quincy Deanery, we will see a few changes. The Parochial Vicars at St. Peter and St. Francis in Quincy will have new assignments and different Parochial Vicars have been assigned to both parishes. The Pastors of these two parishes will remain the same. Additionally, a new Dean for the Quincy Deanery will be named sometime soon.

Change is difficult for many of us. New assignments can be exciting, but the change can also be difficult and sometimes a challenge for the priest and the parishes affected. Please keep those priests who will be taking on new assignments in your prayers as well as the parishes and people affected by these changes.

-ASCENSION – Thursday, May 9, marks what many of us came to know as Ascension Thursday. In the United States many Dioceses and Provinces (although not all) have transferred the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Such is the case for our own Diocese.

-ROGATION DAYS - Formerly, the three days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) prior to Ascension Thursday were observed as Rogation Days, an occasion for imploring God's blessing on the year's harvest. Catholic Answers relates that Rogation Days were/are "days of prayer, and formerly also of fasting, instituted by the Church to appease God's anger at man's transgressions, to ask protection in calamities, and to obtain a good and bountiful harvest." It would be good for each of us to keep this in mind and to bring additional prayer and fasting into our lives on these three days in particular as we repent of our sins and ask God for His protection and for a bountiful harvest.

Unfortunately, our modern culture of selfcenteredness and fulfillment of any and every desire denounces any kind of sacrifice and sadly it creeps into our lives at least from time to time. But sacrifice has always been important in the Church and CONTINUES to be so.

-FARM BLESSINGS – Thank you to all who had me visit and bless their farms and fields on Thursday, April 25. It was a great day, and it was good (and helpful) to have my seminary classmate and friend, Fr. Viet, join me for this. Fr. Viet is a priest for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas and he happened to be visiting that week.

-FROM THE SAINTS - "St. Augustine says, that to prevent the sheep from seeking assistance by her cries, the wolf seizes her by the neck, and thus securely carries her away and devours her. The Devil acts in a similar manner with the sheep of Jesus Christ. After having induced them to yield to sin, he seizes them by the throat, that they may not confess their guilt; and thus, he securely brings them to Hell. For those who have sinned grievously, there is no means of salvation but the confession of their sins." —St. Alphonsus Liguori, p. 138, The Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

St. Catherine of Siena: "To join two things together there must be nothing between them or there cannot be a perfect fusion. Now realize that this is how God wants our soul to be, without any selfish love of ourselves or of others in between, just as God loves us without anything in between."

St. Bonaventure: "Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good, and since the highest good is above, no one can be happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body, but of the heart."

-SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS - "Every human person consists of both a body and soul. Just as our body needs things to survive and grow, such as oxygen, water, food, etc., so our soul needs things as well, such as faith, hope, and love. These spiritual longings point to the truth that every human person has a natural desire for God. The human person is a spiritual person, and we all interiorly desire the relationship that God offers to us. In our lives and in our culture, we can find several apparent goods to try and fill the capax Dei, which is our capacity for God, oftentimes simply called the "God hole" within us. But try as we might to fill it with other things, this interior desire can only be completely fulfilled by a relationship with God, and by acts of religion that bind us to him." -Father Jeffrey Kirby, STL, p.4, Lord Teach Us to Pray.

"Jesus has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few cross-bearers. Many desire His consolation, but few His tribulation. Many will sit down with Him at table, but few will share His fast. All desire to rejoice with Him, but few will suffer for Him. Many will follow Him to the breaking of the bread, but few will drink the bitter cup of His Passion. Many revere His miracles, but few follow the shame of His cross. Many love Jesus when all goes well with them and praise Him when He does them a favor; but if Jesus conceals Himself and leaves them for a little while, they fall to complaining or become depressed. They who love Jesus purely for Himself and not for their own sake bless Him in all trouble and anguish as well as in time of consolation. Even if He never sent them consolation, they would still praise Him and give thanks. Oh, how powerful is the pure love of Jesus, when not mixed with self-interest or selflove!" —Thomas à Kempis, p. 88-89, Imitation of Christ

Please be assured of my continued prayers each day for you and thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Let us keep one another in prayer. May you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Aaron

Women of Distinction (WOD) Celebration

We, the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are pleased to again host the Women of Distinction (WOD) Celebration.

We are sincerely hoping that all of our parishes will participate in this wonderful opportunity to recognize our Faith-filled women in our parishes. Although every year only one lady from each parish may be selected, this Honoree represents all the Faith-filled ladies in your parish.

The Women of Distinction Mass will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m. ---- followed by a Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield.

Reservations forms are attached to the bulletin board at Holy Family.

Surviving Divorce

Find hope & healing from the pain & loneliness of a broken marriage. Open to all newly separated & divorced as well as those still struggling with issues many years later.

St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Center 2223 St. Anthony Road, Quincy, IL

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact

Deacon Harry Cramer at 217-224-1160 or Nancy Weede at 217-740-3993



Are you passionate about teaching students and want to work for a school that values you as a professional? If so, St. Mary School has a position for you!

St. Mary School is looking for an <u>elementary teacher</u> or an <u>English</u> <u>Language Arts 3-8 grade teacher</u>.

SMS has small class sizes, comparable compensation and benefits to the public school, prep time each day, teacher collaboration, positive and supportive atmosphere, and a family environment! Candidates must have a valid teaching certificate. If you are interested, please call Melissa Obert at 217-773-2825 or email her at mobert@smseagle.org.



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