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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, June 3 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs 2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 4 - 7:00 a.m.

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17

Communion Service

Wednesday, June 5 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27

Communion Service

Thursday, June 6 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Norbert, Bishop 2 Timothy 2-8-15; Mark 12;28-34

Communion Service

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

Communion Service

Friday, June 7 - 8:30 a.m.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:18-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37

Communion Service

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS - 6:00 p.m.

Vivian & Edwin Schulte Descendants (By Vivian Schulte)

Saturday, June 8 - 5:30 p.m.

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51

Jim McKeown (By Tammy)

Sunday, June 9 - 8:00 a.m.

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Robert & Betty Koch (By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 25-26, 2024

Holy Family: \$2,931.00 School Support: \$90.00 Sister Parish: \$25.00 Cemetery: \$1,565.00

Catholic Communications: \$30.00
Prison Ministry: \$200.00
Retired Priests: \$575.00
Debt Reduction: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 26, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,409.00
Prison Ministry: \$25.00
Retired Priests: \$155.00
Parish Improvement: \$30.00
Communications/Media: \$15.00

Candles: \$27.00

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

"The priesthood and the Eucharist are everything. That is why we do all we can to see that the priesthood is supported and strengthened. We need priest. Monsignor Peter Dunne

The Seven Sisters Apostolate will be holding their Recommitment Ceremony immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Friday June 7, The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All present members and any other women who would be interested in learning more about and joining our Apostolate are welcome to attend. This ceremony will last approximately 15-20 minutes. More information can be found at www.sevensistersapostolate.org or contact Claudia Coggeshall at rccogg@adams.net.

Pat Sharow has the honor of being selected as St. Thomas DCCW Woman of Distinction this year. SDCCW will be having a Mass June Saturday June 15 at the Springfield Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Paprocki with a luncheon to follow at the Crowne Plaza.

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 26th to Alicia Schmidt
- Contact Alicia, 217-257-3210, with any questions

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 9, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Lector: Tod Perry

Gift Bearers: Maurice & Clara

Schmidt

Eucharistic Minister: Kim Gronewold/

Clara Schmidt

Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall Ushers: Denny Campbell, John Brady

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church (in the United States of America) celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ also referred to as Corpus Christi.

From Catholicculture.org: "Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that

sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church Her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

And some good information from ewtn.com in question/answer format...a lot of information that might be good to look at and take to prayer a little at a time each day this week:

"Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi? The Catholic Church honors Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn't think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the universal feast of Corpus Christi.

What does Corpus Christi mean? The Latin words "Corpus Christi" translate to "Body of Christ."

Why is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi important? The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, no. 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Hymn "Tantum Ergo": Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail; Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

When is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi? The traditional date for Corpus Christi is the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, itself the Sunday after Pentecost. Thursday was chosen because it was the day on which the Last Supper was celebrated. Many ecclesiastical provinces (e.g. United States), however, celebrate it on the following Sunday, so that more people can attend. Where it occurs on Thursday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, that is, Catholics must participate in the Mass. {Sundays, of course, are ALWAYS Obligatory}.

What is the Corpus Christi procession? Whenever the Eucharist is exposed for adoration of the people, it is placed in a sacred vessel called a Monstrance, whose clear glass permits the viewing of the Sacred Host. Such Exposition can take several forms, on the altar in a parish, for adoration and prayer, public devotions such as Eucharistic Benediction, and public processions on Corpus Christi, or at other times. In Catholic countries such processions often go throughout the city. The faithful usually sing and pray, all in honor of our Eucharistic King. This practice began in the 14th century, and it has been promoted by popes, councils, and saints as a wonderful way to show the supreme importance of the Eucharist and the love that we have for Him.

What is the Holy Eucharist? The Holy Eucharist is the greatest of the seven sacraments. The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man. is really, truly, and substantially, present under the appearances of bread and wine. Our Lord is not merely symbolized by the bread and wine; nor is he present only through the faith of those present. Rather, the two material things, bread and wine, are completely changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, leaving behind only their sensible appearances. Thus, through the words of consecration spoken by the priest, Jesus, without ceasing to be present in a natural way in heaven, is also present sacramentally. Body. Blood, Soul, and Divinity, wherever the consecrated elements are present.

Is the Eucharist biblical? The Eucharist is discussed many times in Sacred Scripture in its root meaning "to give thanks" (Ps. 9:1, Is. 12:1,4; Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18). Giving thanks, or blessing God, was the essential element of

the prayers of temple, synagogue, and daily life for Israel. There are many instances, as well, in the Old Testament where the Eucharist is foreshadowed even in its sacramental forms, such as Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine (Genesis 14:18–20), the Passover (Ex. 12:1-14), and the manna which sustained Israel until it could enter into the Promised Land (Ex. 16:13-17).

Christ likewise always gave thanks to His Father for His good gifts. This is recorded especially in contexts where He anticipated the forms of new covenant worship. These include the wedding feast of Cana (John 2), changing water into wine, the two multiplication of loaves miracles (Mt. 14:13-21; Mt. 15:32-39), multiplying substance to satisfy the needs of all, and His explanation of the Eucharist in the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6).

Finally, at the Last Supper He instituted the Eucharist, as the normative way of commemorating His Paschal Sacrifice on Calvary, commanding that we do this until He comes again (cf. 1 Cor. 11).

What does "Eucharist" mean literally? "It is called Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words 'eucharistein' and 'eulogein' recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification." (CCC 1328)

What happens when we receive Holy Communion? In Holy Communion, by obeying Jesus' command to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, the faithful are personally united with Jesus Himself. It is fitting that we don't receive just a mystical Jesus, a spiritual Jesus, much less a metaphorical or symbolic Jesus. Jesus took our human nature (body and soul) at the Incarnation, His Body was nailed to the Cross and His Blood poured out in His death, and on Easter He rose with His Body and Soul. He continues to give us salvation and grace, immediately and directly through His Incarnate Sacred Body and Blood, just as He saved us, and just as He promised in John chapter 6.

Is Jesus present in the Eucharist? From the earliest days of the Church Christians have believed that Christ was present in the Eucharist, but they did so without theory or explanation. St. Paul simply admonished the Corinthians against sacrilegious reception (1 Cor. 11), but about 160 AD St. Justin wrote the first effort at an explanation, in his Apologia to Emperor Antoninus Pius.

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

In the Middle Ages the character of this change was explored and systematically developed by theologians, especially St. Thomas Aquinas. Thus, the Council of Trent taught against the theories of some of the Reformers, that Christ is really, truly, and substantially present.

His Presence is real because it has "real being." This philosophical term conveys that it has actual existence, and not just mental existence (as a fictional creature, or a concept of a thing would).

His Presence is true. Truth refers to an accurate statement of a reality. The Blessed Sacrament is called Christ because it is Christ. It is not simply a symbol, as a flag is the symbol of a nation, or as a photograph is a representation of the individual shown.

Finally, His Presence is substantial. Even though our senses detect the appearances or properties of bread and wine, the substance is Christ, Who is wholly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under each element, and any parts of them.

'Every year the feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew the wonder and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, which is the Eucharist.' - Pope Francis

'This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist.' – St. John Paul II

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, June 3 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs.

"One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the sexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful.

For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

When Pope Paul VI canonized these 22 martyrs on October 18, 1964, he also made reference to the Anglican pages martyred for the same reason.

Like Charles Lwanga, we are all teachers and witnesses to Christian living by the examples of our own lives. We are all called upon to spread the word of God, whether by word or deed. By remaining courageous and unshakable in our faith during times of great moral and physical temptation, we live as Christ lived." (Franciscan Media)

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, June 5 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr. Boniface, a Benedictine, founded the Abbey of Fulda. He was Bishop of Mainz and was martyred along with thirty companions in 754 at Dokkum in Frisia. He is known as the "Apostle of Germany."

St. Boniface, Pray for us!

-Thursday, June 6 – Optional memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop. Norbert founded the Premonstratensians or Norbertines (O.Praem.) in 1120 which today numbers about 1,125 members. Norbert was Archbishop of Magdeburg, devoted to the Holy Eucharist, and a strong supporter of Church reform and evangelization. Norbert died in 1134.

We are blessed to have a community of Norbertines in our Diocese who located here just under a year ago. They are involved in a number of things for our Diocese and each of them is a joy to know. If you have not met one of them yet, I hope that you will sometime soon.

St. Norbert, Pray for us!

-Friday, June 7 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a moveable Solemnity based on the date of Easter each year and is celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost (which, as noted above, is celebrated as Corpus Christi in the United States).

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also marks the day designated as the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. I ask you to pray for all priests and their holiness.

"Devotion to the Heart pierced on Calvary is nearly as old as Christianity..." [What is] celebrated today began in the seventeenth century, when Saint John Eudes pressed for a liturgy of the Sacred Heart. Toward the end of that century, Saint Mary Margaret Alacoque received visions of the Lord exposing his heart and urging public devotion. Her apparitions gave impetus to the devotion and shape to its purpose: to promote greater use of the sacrament of penance to offset indifference to the Blessed Sacrament.

Pius VI saw the devotion as a means of refuting Jansenism, which rejected the doctrine that Christ died for all people. Clement XIII first granted the petition for a liturgical observance to the Polish bishops and the Roman Archconfraternity of the Sacred Heart in 1765. Pius IX extended the observance to the universal Church in 1856 and, late in the nineteenth century, Leo XIII raised its rank to a feast.

Popular devotion includes the nine First Fridays and the enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart in homes as a sign that love is the Christian way of life.

A Jewish midrash on the Exodus account of Moses's encounter with God compares the burning bush to the human heart: the only created thing which can burn without being consumed. Yet nothing seems to be harder for human beings to believe in than unconditional love—love that is neither deserved nor earned. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, aflame with an unquenchable fire, stands today against lingering traces of Jansenism as a powerful symbol of Christ's unquenchable love for the whole human race." (Franciscan Media)

There is much to be said about the Sacred Heart of Jesus that I cannot include here at this time, but I do encourage you to continue to learn more. As noted below, I will be on

retreat next week. However, I plan to be back in time to celebrate the 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass at St. Thomas and encourage you to join us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

-Saturday, June 8 – Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Also a moveable Memorial, the Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated on the Saturday following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Iesus.

"The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary commemorates the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. Love is not the same as affection or liking somebody. Love means reaching out for the well- being of another-means to do good for another.

When we say that Mary loves us, we're speaking about her determination to do what is good for us, to lead us where Jesus wants us to go. Mary loves us because Jesus loves us and wants to bring us to salvation. She loves us when we have sinned and need to be brought back into the embrace of Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Keep loving us! Keep bringing us closer to the Lord." (Franciscan Media)

Again, there is much more to say about the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and I encourage you to learn more. Mass for this Memorial will be celebrated at Holy Family at 8:00 a.m.

-RETREAT – I will be on retreat this week from Sunday evening until Friday evening. I am planning to have a Communion Service offered each day at the regularly scheduled Mass times (except for Friday evening, I am planning to be back to celebrate the 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass at St. Thomas)

Should an emergency arise, please try to contact Tammy first in the school office (217)-773-2825. If you cannot reach her, call the rectory phone number (217)-773-3233 and when the voicemail greeting comes on, press zero. For emergencies only, you can also call my cell phone number found on the front of the bulletin. I will try to check messages as often as possible but as I will be on retreat, it may be a while before I can listen to a message. For anything else (non-emergency), please either leave a message on the rectory phone or send me an e-mail message. I will respond as soon as I can.

In Her Wisdom, the Church Canonically requires Priests to make a 5-day retreat each

year. The retreat is not just some "time away" or "time to myself" or "time to relax." It is a time of intentional Spiritual renewal which, by requiring it each year, the Church recognizes its importance for Her priests. I ask for your prayers for me and for the other priests who will be on this retreat.

-JUNE – The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More information on that hopefully in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you each day and know that I will keep you in prayer in a special way while on retreat this week. May you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Aaron

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

WALK WITH JESUS ON OUR CITY STREETS IN UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIENCE – You are invited to join the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus through Eucharistic processions. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Mass, adoration, potluck dinners, and powerful witness talks are also part of the experience. BE THERE WHEN GOD MOVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY! Go to dio.org to learn more and register!



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 elementary teacher or an English Language Arts 3-8 grade teacher. 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.

