

Rectory: (217) 773-3233

E-mail: holy.family@smseagle.org

Parish Staff

Rev. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor – (217) 773-3233 *Emergency only* (217) 242-9669

E-Mail: akuhn@dio.org

Deacon Paul Koch

Ashley Guthrie, Bookkeeper

Tammy McKeown, Parish & School Secretary Cheryl Dillard, Liturgical Music Coordinator

Ann O'Sullivan, C.R.E.

School: St. Mary (217) 773-2825 Website: www.smseagle.org Principal: Melissa Obert

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

Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow

Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493

Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member:

Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520

Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859 CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283

D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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 17 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 18 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48

Joe Ray (By Barb Lehne)

Wednesday, June 19 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Romuald, Abbott 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

> Kay Downey (By Mary Markert)

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 20 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Sirach 48:1-16; Matthew 6:71-15

Barb Kuhn (By Rodney & Sue Flynn)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Gay Gunn (By Wilma & Donald Schreacke)

Friday, June 21 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23

John Colgan (By Nancy Salrin)

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 22 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs
2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

Sunday, June 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Terry Dillard (By Cheryl Dillard)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Don Sharow (By Pat Sharow)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 8-9, 2024

Holy Family: \$3,840.00 School Support: \$500.00 Sister Parish: \$305.00 Cemetery: \$175.00 Retired Priests: \$75.00 Debt Reduction: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 9, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,457.96 Sister Parish: \$125.00

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas – 4th of July at the Park - St. Thomas is serving homemade ice cream & pie at the 4th of July celebration at Bailey Park. We can use your help. We need folks to serve at the park, to set up, and to tear down. Shifts are only about 2 hours long. We also need pies and brownies. Cookies are good too. Let's come and work together as parish family and also support the community. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of church. Thank you!

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School



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. Register today!

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be held the July 11-13. On July 11 and July 12, VBS will be from 5:30-7:30. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30. On July 13, VBS will be from 9:00-4:00. Lunch and snacks will be provided. A mass will follow at 4 p.m. for all families of VBS and the parish. A dinner for the parish and VBS families will be immediately after mass in the hall.

Children entering preschool - 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th - 12th grade are welcome as Crew Leaders. Please register both campers and crew leaders.

A \$10 donation for each child to cover some of the cost of VBS is suggested. It is only a suggestion and not required.

Please consider serving in one of the many volunteer roles. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Alicia Schmidt at 217-257-3210.

Please direct questions or concerns to Alicia Schmidt, 217-257-3210 or a_ordner@hotmail.com.

Register at: https://forms.gle/e9kzLnjpBty7d53j9.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 23, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor Greeters: Maurice & Clara

Schmidt

Lector: Laura Evans

Gift Bearers: John & Janice Brady
Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt/

Cathy Wagner

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes **Ushers:** Denny Campbell, John Brady

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings remind us that the seeds of God's Kingdom are planted but not yet full-grown. Jesus uses the images of the sower and the mustard seed to explain the Kingdom of God. Although seemingly small and insignificant, these examples demonstrate that great things not only can but do happen through the work of God. The Kingdom must grow to become like Ezekiel's lofty cedar tree that we hear about in the First reading for today, which is full of the fruits of the Kingdom. All our efforts in building the Kingdom, even if they seem small, will be blessed by God.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK -

-Wednesday, June 19 - Optional memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot. Romuald founded the Camaldolese hermits (O.S.B. Cam) in 980 which today still numbers about 95 members. He urged contemplative prayer, through solitude, silence, and fasting. He died in 1027.

"St. Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. In spite of an innate desire for virtue and sanctity, his early life was wasted in the service of the world and its pleasures. Then one day, obliged by his father, Sergius, to be present at a duel fought by him to slay his adversary. The crime made such an impression upon him that he determined to expiate it for forty days, as though it were entirely his own. For this purpose, he retired to a Benedictine monastery of St. Apollinare, near Ravenna, where he became Abbot (996-999). After founding several monasteries, he laid the foundations of the austere Order of Camaldoli in Tuscany.

Like all the saints, he fought a lifelong battle against the assaults of devils and men. In the beginning of his spiritual life, he was strongly assailed by numerous temptations, which he conquered by vigilance and prayer. More than one attempt was made on his life, but Divine Providence enabled him to escape from the danger. Like many servants of God, he also became the victim of calumny, which he bore in patience and silence. In his old age he increased his austerities instead of diminishing them.

Romuald died in the monastery of Castro, which he founded in marquisate of Ancona, on June 19, about the year 1027. He was canonized in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII.

Prayer: Lord, amid the things of this world, let us be wholeheartedly committed to heavenly things in imitation of the example of evangelical perfection You have given us in St. Romuald the Abbot, Amen." (Lives of the Saints, Catholic Book Publishing)

St. Romuald, Pray for us!

-Friday, June 21 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious. Aloysius Gonzaga was a Jesuit scholastic from the princely family of Castiglione. He renounced his inheritance to enter the Jesuits. St. Robert Bellarmine was his Spiritual Director. Aloysius Gonzaga was strongly devoted to the Holy Eucharist, interior prayer, and charitable service. He died in 1591 at the age of twenty-three caring for the sick.

"Patron of Catholic Youth. This youthful scion of the illustrious house of Gonzaga, son of Ferdinand, Marquis of Castiglione, was born at Castiglione in the Diocese of Brescia, March 9, 1568. From the tenderest years St. Aloysius devoted himself heart and soul to the service of his Creator. His memory has come to us with the sweet fragrance of the most unsullied purity. He united an innocence perfectly angelic with a penance truly heroic.

At fourteen years of age, he accompanied his father to Spain, where the latter went to attend the Empress, Maria of Austria, wife of Maximillian II. Philip II made him page to Prince James, elder brother of Philip II. His innocence remained uncontaminated amid the vanities of the court, nor could the world draw his heart form God.

On his return to Italy in 1584, he manifested his desire to enter the Society of Jesus. In spite of opposition, he finally succeeded in carrying out his intentions and

became a novice at Rome in 1585, during the pontificate of Pope Pius V. He made his profession November 20, 1587, and soon after received minor orders.

From the beginning of his religious life St. Aloysius was a model of perfection. During an epidemic in Rome in 1591, he distinguished himself by his charity toward the sick in the hospital. These labors brought on him the illness that ended in his death. His last days were the faithful echo of his briefly consummated life. He exchanged time for eternity on June 21, 1591, at twenty-four years of age. St. Aloysius was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII.

Prayer: God, Author of all heavenly gifts, You gave St. Aloysius both a wonderful innocence of life and a deep spirit of penance. Through his merits, grant that we may imitate his penitence. Amen." (Lives of the Saints, Catholic Book Publishing)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Pray for us!

-Saturday, June 22 – Optional memorials of St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop and Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs.

St. Paulinus was a dedicated Bishop and is known for giving his possessions to the poor. He died in 431.

St. Paulinus, Pray for us!

St. John Fisher was Chancellor of Cambridge University, Bishop of Rochester, and dedicated Pastor of souls. He was renowned for his preaching and educational reforms. He was a great defender of Church Tradition against Luther and of the Roman Primacy against Henry VIII. He was martyred by beheading on June 22, 1535.

St. Thomas More was Chancellor of England. He refused to support Henry VIII's divorce from Queen Catherine and his Act of Supremacy. He was also martyred by beheading on July 6, 1535. He is the patron of lawyers, statesmen, and politicians.

"St. John Fisher was born in Beverley, Yorkshire, in 1459, and educated at Cambridge, from which he received his Master of Arts degree in 1491. He occupied the vicarage of Northallerton, 1491-1494; then he became proctor of Cambridge University. In 1497, he was appointed confessor to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII and became closely associated with her endowments to Cambridge; he created scholarships, introduced Greek and Hebrew

into the curriculum, and brought in the world famous Erasmus as Professor of Divinity and Greek.

In 1504, he became Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge, in which capacity he also tutored Prince Henry who was to become Henry VIII. St. John was dedicated to the welfare of his Diocese and his university. From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceedings against Catherine, his wife in the sight of God, and steadfastly resisted the encroachment of Henry on the Church. Unlike the other Bishops of the realm, St. John refused to take the oath of succession which acknowledged the issue of Henry and Anne as the legitimate heir to the throne, and he was imprisoned in the Tower in April 1534. The next year he was made a Cardinal by Paul III and Henry retaliated by having him beheaded within a month.

A half-hour before his execution, this dedicated scholar and churchman opened his New Testament for the last time and his eyes fell on the following words from St. John's Gospel: 'Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Him whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do. Do You now, Father, give me glory at Your side' (17:3-5). Closing the book he observed: 'there is enough learning in that to last me the rest of my life.' He was canonized in 1935 by Pope Pius XI.

St. Thomas More was born at London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career which took him to Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A wit and a reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends, and by 1516 wrote his world-famous book Utopia.

Henry VIII appointed him to a succession of high posts, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry insisted on holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope.

The rest of his life was spent in writing mostly in defense of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to

render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen years later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that 'we met yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation.' And on the scaffold he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as 'the King's good servant – but God's first.' He was beheaded on July 6, 1535, and canonized in 1935 by Pope Pius XI.

Prayer: God, you consummated the form of the true faith in martyrdom. Through the intercession of Sts. John and Thomas, grant that we may confirm by the testimony of our lives that Faith which we profess with our tongues. Amen." (Lives of the Saints, Catholic Book Publishing)

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Pray for us!

-ANNIVERSARY – Saturday, June 22 marks the Anniversary of the Installation of our Diocesan Bishop, Thomas John Paprocki in 2010. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki and all Bishops in your prayers.

-FATHER'S DAY – Happy Father's Day to all fathers. Though a secular holiday, we recognize the importance and necessity of fathers in the lives of their children, in married and family life, and in the life of the Church. As I keep all fathers in my prayer, both living and deceased, I ask you to do the same.

Fathers have a serious role as protector of their families. Obstacles in today's society undercut, among other things, a father's teaching role. The wisdom of fatherhood calls fathers to exercise their powerful and particularly masculine contribution to family life.

God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things. Bless and strengthen all fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that their children may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-BABY BOTTLES – If you forgot your baby bottle this weekend, please bring it next weekend.

-FILM IN THEATERS – The Documentary film "Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist"

originally aired in theaters June 4-6. With overwhelming success, it is being brought back to theaters across the nation June 18-19 by popular demand. The documentary film has received excellent feedback and I have heard from a few folks locally who were able to view it who attest to its excellence. In the showing for June 4-6, the nearest theaters that were showing the film were in Macomb and Springfield. Theaters who will be showing the film June 18-19 are currently being added.

As of this writing, the nearest theaters slated for showing the film are in Peoria and the St. Louis area. I am hopeful that the film will be shown in theaters closer to us as well and I encourage you to watch for where the film will be shown and to go if you are able.

The following is an article by Francesca Pollio Fenton/CNA that appeared on the ncregister.com website:

"The new film "Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist" scored big at the box office, grossing \$2,141,273 and landing at the No. 1 spot in per-screen average for all three days of its initial release.

According to Fathom Events, the film's distributor, the movie is Fathom's highest-grossing documentary of 2024 and is currently in second place among all documentaries released in 2024 so far. In response to popular demand, it will return to theaters nationwide June 18-19.

The feature-length documentary by executive producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers Tim Moriarty and James Wahlberg was shown in theaters nationwide June 4-6.

Through dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the documentary takes viewers on a journey to rediscover the transformative power of the Eucharist by exploring the biblical origins of the Eucharist and sharing personal stories from those whose lives have been impacted by the Blessed Sacrament.

"My greatest hope for this film has been and continues to be winning souls for Jesus Christ," Greco said in a press release. "I'm incredibly grateful to the moviegoers for showing up! Now, we need to show up again and with others. To those who have experienced the power of this movie, I implore you to be a Eucharistic evangelist for our film as we encore with added dates June 18 and 19."

"The last three days have revealed the profound impact of our movie and now we have to get outside of the pew and lead our fallen-away brothers and sisters home," Wahlberg said in the press release.

He added: "The feedback has been incredible — we have heard about packed theaters, minds, and hearts deeply moved, and an urgency to tell others. The surge of posts on social media have moved like wildfire and we hope this leads to many who will become curious."

Moriarty, writer and director of the film and founder of the production company Castletown Media, said in a press release: "Our team at Castletown Media has been profoundly moved by the overwhelming responses to Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist."

"Viewers, often with tears in their eyes, have rediscovered a beauty in their faith that they had perhaps only glimpsed before. Many fallen-away Catholics and those outside the Church have shared how the film illuminated for them the very heart of Catholicism," he said.

"Let this film be a clarion call to all Catholics: The time for being ashamed of our faith has ended," he added. "Now is the moment to rediscover the boundless love of God, who meets us in the humble guise of bread and wine, and to share this love with a world in desperate need."

On May 7, Moriarty spoke with CNA at the premiere of the film in Orange County and shared that when he was first approached with the idea, he believed it was "the perfect film for our times."

"We are in a time in our Church where we need to get back to fundamentals," he said. "We need to get back to what is at the heart of our faith, which is the ongoing incarnation of Christ in the Eucharist."

Moriarty shared that despite being raised Catholic, there was a period in his life where he fell away from the faith, and it was the Eucharist that brought him back.

"It's the greatest gift in the world," he said.
"It's Jesus himself and there is nothing on
Earth that can satisfy that deepest longing
in us."

-RETREAT – As I mentioned at Masses last weekend, the retreat I was on was excellent. I am grateful to the Norbertine Father, Fr. Gregory, for serving as Retreat Master. His talks were excellent and spiritually nourishing. Though it would be impossible to sum up the retreat here in words, one of the key points that Fr. Gregory consistently made in the retreat was listening...listening especially to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

I pray that the fruits of the retreat will be great for each of us, and I pray that each of us may indeed know and listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us in our lives.

-CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP – As of this writing, we are expecting a number of our young people and adults to have left on a week-long Catholic Heart Work Camp Trip to Richmond, Virginia. They will be away this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

-CANDIDACY – As I wrote in last week's bulletin and mentioned at Masses, Matt Heldt's Candidacy Mass for the Permanent Diaconate was this past Friday, June 14. As of this writing, I am looking forward to being there for that celebration and will hopefully be able to share more about it with you in next week's bulletin.

As I mentioned last week, Candidacy is an important "step" in Formation for the Diaconate. I ask you to continue to keep Matt and all those in Formation in your prayers. I also ask you once again to consider sending Matt a card or note of encouragement. You can certainly drop these in the collection basket or mail them to the parish office and I will make sure he gets them.

Additionally, please be on the look-out for a celebration locally to celebrate Matt's Candidacy...perhaps the end of June or first part of July. I hope that once we get something set you will join us.

-VOCATIONS – Please continue to pray for and do all you can to nurture, foster, and support good and holy vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Permanent Diaconate, and Sacramental Marriage.

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



We have a large group of campers headed to Richmond, Virginia, on June 15 bright and early for Catholic Heart Work Camp. Campers will be completing construction projects, working at food pantries, and/or helping with children. Campers will attend Mass every morning and then fellowship at night. We ask that the parishes keep us in their prayers as we do God's work over the week by helping out those in need and worshiping him with other fellow team members. The following are attending CHWC this summer: Matt Boylen. Nena Boylen, Sami Mathewson, Kayla Metz, Thomas Boylen, Grace Boylen, Ella Henry, Maggi Henry, Ranessa Wort, Andrew Erwin, Karlee Obert, Andi Mixer, Alli Field, Amie Luthy, MacKenzie Kassing, Wyatt Kassing, Kallie Kassing, Leigh Ann Boylen, Dave Mathewson, Curt Boylen, Hannah Heldt, Lane Heldt, & Melissa Obert.

POT OF GOLD

June Pot of Gold winners are:

\$200.00 - Myra Kuhn \$100.00 - Judy Schenk \$50.00 - Nancy Schneider \$50.00 - Karla Metz \$50.00 - Bill Davis \$50.00 - Jill Moorman



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 a Middle School/Junior High Teacher & an English Language Arts 3-8 grade teacher (full & part-time options available). 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.

