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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 10 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, June 11 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Barnabas, Apostle Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16

Margie Dunn

Wednesday, June 12 - 7:00 a.m.

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

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

<u>Thursday, June 13 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

> John Yeakel (By Doug & Crissy Yeakel)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

JoAnn Welty Ferrill

Friday, June 14 - 8:30 a.m.

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

Erik Heldt (By Matt Heldt)

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 15 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Lyle (Doug) Dunn (By Doug & Dawn Dunn)

Sunday, June 16 - 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Russell Sherman & Robert Druffel (By Sheila Druffel)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 1-2, 2024

Holy Family: \$5,125.70 School Support: \$917.00 Sister Parish: \$15.00 Cemetery: \$355.00

Catholic Communications: \$65.00

Retired Priests: \$125.00 Debt Reduction: \$550.00 Peter's Pence: \$15.00 ACSA: \$35.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 2, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,280.00 Sister Parish: \$135.00

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.

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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

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

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

June 16, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Greeters: Andrew & Amanda

Llewellyn Family

Lector: Denise Taylor Gift Bearers: Denny & Cathy

Wagner

Eucharistic Minister: Laura Evans/

Teresa Bockhold

Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy

DeRousse

Ushers: Denny Campbell, John Brady

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the first reading, Adam and Eve have eaten from the tree of knowledge and the ramification of their sin is separation from God. Paul tells the Corinthians to look toward the eternal. In the Gospel, Jesus says that whoever does the Will of God is His brother and sister and mother.

Our ultimate home is with God. This world is not our ultimate home, Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading. This passage is full of hope, teaching us to trust that the passing of our earthly bodies and temporary dwellings (what is seen) will be replaced by an eternal life and home (what is unseen). We will live with God, with an eternal weight of glory if we do the Will of God. Let us pray then that we can know the Will of God and act on it so as to hope for that Eternal Life.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, June 11 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle.

"Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with Saint Paul—he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles—and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, "We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God" (see Acts 14:8-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along his cousin John Mark, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated: Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that "even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy" (see Galatians 2:1-13).

Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man 'filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby, large numbers were added to the Lord.' Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia—modern-day Turkey—they were 'filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.'" (Franciscan Media)

St. Barnabas, Pray for us!

-Thursday, June 13 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua. "The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So, Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death.

On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after

receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946." He is the patron of lost items, the poor, and of travelers.

St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

-ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to Deacon Paul and Charlotte Koch who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 14 (I will be giving them a special anniversary blessing at the Vigil Mass on June 15).

Wedding Anniversaries are always great celebrations of the Sacrament of Marriage and Married Life. Please join me in continuing to pray for good and holy vocations to Sacramental Marriage and for family life which is all-too-often under attack. Thank you to Deacon Paul and Charlotte and to all married couples who faithfully witness to the faith and to the Sacrament of Marriage.

-CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP – A number of kids from our parishes along with some adults for Catholic Heart Work Camp on Saturday, June 15. They will be in Richmond, Virginia for the week. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Mission Statement of Catholic Heart Work Camp is: "To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic Faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service."

-CANDIDACY MASS – On Friday, June 14, I am planning to attend and con-celebrate the Candidacy Mass for the men currently in Formation for the Permanent Diaconate. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paprocki in Springfield at the Corpus Christi Priory. Included among the Candidates will be our own Mr. Matt Heldt. I am very much looking forward to this important celebration.

Matt is finishing up his second year of Formation. In those two years, he has been known as an "Aspirant" to the Permanent Diaconate.

The Aspirant path in Diaconal Formation is primarily a time to discern the capability and readiness of an aspirant to be nominated to the Bishop for acceptance as a Candidate for Diaconal Ordination. It is also a time for a married aspirant and his wife to assess the quality of their relationship and the ramifications of his possible Ordination to the

Diaconate upon their married life. For the single aspirant, it is a time to discern his capacity for celibacy. The discernment of the authenticity of a person's vocation to the Permanent Diaconate is the responsibility of the diocesan bishop. The fact that somebody aspires to the Permanent Diaconate does not in itself determine that a vocation is present.

Candidacy is important in Formation as the Church, having "observed" the Aspirant, formally calls the man to continue in Formation as a Candidate for Ordination to Holy Orders. Candidacy does not guarantee Ordination but does "formally" call and move a man in that direction. While we look forward to Ordination with great joy, there is still much formation to take place before that. Still, Candidacy is an important part of Formation and I encourage each of us to see it as such.

I am hopeful to have some kind of parish celebration/reception to celebrate Matt's Candidacy. Because of other commitments, I am not sure when we will do this, perhaps the very end of June or first part of July.

During the next three years, Matt will continue his Formation in four areas specifically: Intellectual, Spiritual, Human, Pastoral. I will formally remain his "Pastoral Supervisor" for another year. Sometime next year, it is anticipated that Matt will be instituted by the Bishop as an Acolyte and the following year as a Lector. Ordination to Holy Orders is anticipated for the Spring/Summer 2027. I am hoping to share more information on this Formation "process" in the future.

Many of you have become very familiar seeing Matt take on various roles in the parishes. It has been a great joy for me to both have Matt here with us and to act as his Pastoral Supervisor. I ask you to continue to keep Matt and all those in Formation in your prayers.

As noted above, I am looking to have a parish celebration for Matt's Candidacy, but I would also like to ask you to consider sending a card or note of encouragement to Matt. You can drop a card or note in the collection basket with Matt's name on it or mail it to the rectory (Matt Heldt; Holy Family Parish; PO Box 252; Mt. Sterling, IL 62353) and we will make sure he gets it. I try to be very careful about giving out personal information before asking and so for now, I will not include Matt's home address here. Of course, if you know it, feel free to use that as well.

-BABY BOTTLES – Next weekend is Father's Day Weekend, the weekend to return the baby bottles for the Pregnancy Centers. Please return your baby bottles and contributions next week.

-FATHER'S DAY – Again, next Sunday, June 16 is Father's Day. I will have a special blessing at each of the Masses for all fathers. We remain mindful of the important role that father's play in families, in society, and in the Church...not just an important role but a necessary role. Please join me in praying for all fathers and that they will joyfully and faithfully take on the role of fatherhood as God has intended.

-SACRED HEART OF JESUS – As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus last Friday, June 7. Following is a bit more information regarding the Sacred Heart from ewtn.com:

What is the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus? The Heart is the symbol of human love. This Catholic devotion honors the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, through which was manifested to us God's eternal love for everyone. "God is Love" (1 John 4:8), and so in honoring the human expression of that Love, especially on the Cross, we honor Its Divine Source.

Why is the Sacred Heart important? St. John Paul II said, "The Sacred Heart has given us everything — redemption, salvation, sanctification."

The Sacred Heart is the actual heart of Christ and also indicates His love for humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus just as it invokes his most holy name. It adores the incarnate Word and his Heart which, out of love for men, he allowed to be pierced by our sins." (CCC 2669)

What is the history of the Sacred Heart devotion? The foundation for the Sacred Heart devotion began in early Christianity. Sacred Scripture, particularly the New Testament, mentions the love of God many times, and the Church Fathers discuss God's love as well.

In the eleventh century, Christians often meditated on the Five Wounds of Jesus, and the specific devotion to the Sacred Heart came from this meditation. St. Gertrude the Great, who had private revelations regarding the Sacred Heart, helped further the

understanding of Jesus' Sacred Heart in the late 13th-century.

Several centuries later, in 1670, St. John Eudes celebrated the first Feast of the Sacred Heart. In 1673, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, received her own revelations, in which Jesus explained His love for all people, even allowing St. Margaret to lay her head on His Heart, as He had also allowed St. Gertrude to do. He asked that Catholics receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays of the month and adore Him in the Holy Eucharist.

In 1675, Jesus told St. Margaret that He wanted an annual feast in honor of His Sacred Heart. In 1856, Blessed Pope Pius IX designated that the Feast of the Sacred Heart would be celebrated universally on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave each year.

Why is Jesus' Heart on fire? Jesus told St. Margaret Mary, "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

St. Gertrude the Great said, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflame. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen."

Why does Jesus point to His Heart? In Sacred Heart imagery, Jesus usually points to His Heart. This is to indicate His eternal love for each one of us.

What is the First Friday devotion? Jesus Himself started the First Friday devotion. The last of twelve Sacred Heart Promises, He said, "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

How do I consecrate myself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? St. Margaret Mary Alacoque gave us this Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen."

What is the relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary? The hearts of Mary and Jesus are deeply entwined. The Blessed Virgin gave her consent to the divine plan of redemption (Lk. 1:38), and Our Lord willed and accomplished it. Thus, these two Hearts can never be separated. The Servant of God Lúcia dos Santos, one of the visionaries of Fatima, expressed it this way, "[While Jesus was in Mary's womb], the Heart of Christ was beating in unison with the Heart of Mary."

The Feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is always the day after the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"If I cannot see the brilliance of your Face or hear your sweet voice, O my God, I can live by your grace, I can rest on your Sacred Heart!" – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"In the Sacred Heart every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that Divine Heart beats God's infinite love for everyone, for each one of us individually." – St. John Paul II

"We must never be discouraged or give way to anxiety... but ever have recourse to the adorable Heart of Jesus." - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 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, leaving 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.



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.

