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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, July 29 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 11:19-27

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 30 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Jennifer Volk (By Jim & Doris Duvendack)

Wednesday, July 31 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jeremiah15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

Amy Ormond Lucky (By St. Mary Class of 1985)

Thursday, August 1 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

> Robert Kemper (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Evelyn Tooley

<u>Friday, August 2 – 8:30 a.m.</u>

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

Marie Flynn (By The Family of John & Pat McDaniel)

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

Danny Seals

Saturday, August 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James

(By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

Sunday, August 4 - 8:00 a.m.

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Tom & Barb Kuhn (By Hugh & Susan McCoy)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 20-21, 2024

Holy Family: \$2,216.00 School Support: \$145.00 Debt Reduction: \$25.00 Sister Parish: 15.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 21, 2024

St. Thomas: \$1,560.00

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark †
Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson †
Mary Gregory † Ezra Keokham †

ST. THOMAS

Basket Raffle - We'll be raffling off baskets at our Ice Cream Social on August 18 and we need a few more. Would you like to make up a basket? You decide whatever you'd like to put in the basket. Be creative. Be playful. Be practical. If you'd like to make up a basket, please let Pat know (217-740-2140). Thank you!

We have been asked to bake for babies. - BIRTHRIGHT will have a stand at the KC BBQ again this year. We are requested to participate by donating home baked items. Whatever you can donate will be so appreciated. The date is August 9-11.

Birthright is also operating the children's games and receiving the funds for that. We do need help with the games if that would be possible for you.

Bring your baked items to the Church Hall by 12:00 on Saturday. They will be taken to Quincy. Raffle chances are also being sold for a beautiful handmade Quilt and a dining out package. Questions: Butch & Dorothy Obert, 217-257-8625.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 4, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Mark & Amanda Obert

Family

Lector: Denise Taylor

Gift Bearers: Butch & Dorothy Obert **Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Clausius/Laura

Evans

Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy DeRousse **Ushers:** Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our Gospel passages this week and the next four weeks come from the Gospel of John rather than Mark. These passages from John will come from Chapter 6, the Bread of Life Discourse.

The readings for today remind us that the miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand.

As the Psalm proclaims, He opens His hands and satisfies our deepest needs. St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that in Jesus, we form one body.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, July 29 – Obligatory Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Lived First Century; Martha—Patron Saint of cooks, butlers, dieticians, homemakers, innkeepers, maids, single laywomen, servers, and travelers; Mary—Patron Saint of spiritual studies and lectors; Lazarus—Patron Saint of gravediggers; Liturgical Color: White.

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:41-42

Today's memorial was formerly a memorial only in honor of Saint Martha. However, on February 2, 2021, Pope Francis expanded this memorial to include Martha's sister and brother, Mary and Lazarus. Thus, today we celebrate these three siblings together.

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. They lived in Bethany, which was only a short distance from Jerusalem. Martha is remembered especially for the story in which she had been preparing a meal for Jesus, while her sister, Mary, sat at Jesus' feet listening to Him, leaving all the work to Martha. Martha complained to Jesus, urging Him to "Tell her to help me." Jesus' gentle rebuke of her request is quoted above.

Mary is also known for the above story in which she sat at Jesus' feet. This has traditionally been seen as a symbol of contemplative prayer. She is also presented in John's Gospel as the one who poured an entire jar of expensive perfumed oil on Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair just six days before Jesus' death. Though medieval tradition has at times associated Mary of Bethany with Mary of Magdala and with the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50), most scholars agree today that these are three different Marys. In fact, one of the reasons Pope Francis added Mary of Bethany to this memorial today was so that she was honored with a liturgical memorial that did not confuse her with Mary of Magdala.

Lazarus is, of course, well known for the fact that Jesus brought him back to life after being dead and in the tomb for four days. Little else is mentioned about Lazarus in the Gospels except for the fact that the Pharisees wanted to arrest Lazarus at the time they were also seeking to

arrest Jesus and that he was the sibling of Martha and Mary.

Why do we have this memorial honoring all three of these siblings together? When this memorial was established, the Congregation for Divine Worship said, "In the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them." By honoring these siblings together. we are especially reminded of the importance of remaining close to family and inviting Jesus into our family. Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived together and shared a common life of love. They invited Jesus into their family life, and He accepted their offer. Jesus' choice to befriend this family is an indication of His desire to unite each family and to befriend each member of every family so as to be the central source of their shared love and unity. Family love is central to our human lives. And though not every family enjoys unity and mutual love, we must never forget that God wants to enter every family just as He did with Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Reflect, today, upon your own family. In which ways does Jesus desire to befriend you more? How does He desire to enter your family life and strengthen it with His love? And how does He want to use you to help? Even if your family struggles in various ways, know that God wants to love you and your family in the same way He did the family of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Though they were not perfect, He loved them, nonetheless. And He desires to do the same to you and your family.

Prayer: My loving Jesus, You chose to love the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. In doing so, You also reveal to us Your desire to love all families with a holy love. I invite You into my life and into my family, dear Lord. Please strengthen our bonds, bring unity and mutual respect. Please remove any past hurt and division and enable every family to share more fully in Your friendship and love. Jesus, I love You. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, July 30 - Optional memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

"Born at Imola, Italy in 380, St. Peter was baptized, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, Bishop of Imola. St. Peter merited being called "Chrysologus" (golden-worded) from his exceptional oratorical eloquence. In 433, Pope Sixtus III consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. He practiced many corporal and spiritual works of mercy and ruled his flock with utmost diligence

and care. He extirpated the last vestiges of paganism and other abuses that had sprouted among his people, cautioning them especially against indecent dancing. "Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil," he remarked, "cannot rejoice with Christ." He also counseled the heretic Eutyches (who had asked for his support) to avoid causing division but to learn from the other heretics who were crushed when they hurled themselves against the Rock of Peter. He died at Imola, Italy in 450 and in 1729 was made a Doctor of the Church, largely as a result of his simple, practical, and clear sermons which have come down to us, nearly all dealing with Gospel subjects." (Catholic.org)

St. Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, July 31 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. Lived 1491–1556; Patron Saint of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Spiritual Exercises, soldiers, and retreats; Canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622; Liturgical Color: White.

Man is created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save his soul. And the other things on the face of the earth are created for man and that they may help him in prosecuting the end for which he is created. From this it follows that man is to use them as much as they help him on to his end, and ought to rid himself of them so far as they hinder him as to it. For this it is necessary to make ourselves indifferent to all created things in all that is allowed to the choice of our free will and is not prohibited to it; so that, on our part, we want not health rather than sickness, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, long rather than short life, and so in all the rest; desiring and choosing only what is most conducive for us to the end for which we are created. -Principle and Foundation of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. (mycatholic.life)

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pray for us!

-Thursday, August 1 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Lived 1696–1787; Patron Saint of confessors and moral theologians; Invoked against scrupulosity, arthritis, and for final perseverance; Canonized by Pope Gregory XVI in 1839; Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871; Liturgical Color: White.

In the beginning of the soul's conversion, God often gives her a flood of consolations. In consequence of this, the soul is gradually weaned from attachment to creatures and gives herself to God; but not as yet in a perfect manner, for she acts more for the sake of the consolations of God than for the God of consolations, as St. Francis de Sales so beautifully says. It is a common fault of our fallen nature that in everything we do, we seek our own gratification. The love of God and Christian perfection do not consist in sweet feelings and sensible consolations, but in overcoming our self-love and in fulfilling the Will of God. In the lives of God's greatest servants and saints we see the milk of consolations give place to the more substantial food of afflictions; and this it is that enables them to bear the burden of the cross on their journey to Calvary's Mount. -Saint Alphonsus, The School of Perfection, Chapter Twelve." (mycatholic.life)

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pray for us!

-Friday, August 2 – Optional memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.

St. Eusebius: Lived c. 283 (or early Fourth Century)–371; Patron Saint of Piedmont, Italy; Pre-Congregation Canonization; Liturgical Color: White

When I receive a letter from one of you and see in your writings your goodness and love, joy mingles with tears, and my desire to continue reading is checked by my weeping. Both emotions are inescapable, as they vie with each other in discharging their duty of affection, when such a letter satisfies my longing for you. Days pass in this way as I imagine myself in conversation with you, and so I forget my past sufferings. Consolations surround me on all sides: your firm faith, your love, your good works. In the midst of so many great blessings I soon imagine myself in your company, in exile no longer. -Letter from prison, Saint Eusebius. (mycatholic.life)

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Pray for us!

St. Peter Julian Eymard: Lived 1811–1868; Invoked for an increase of devotion to the Holy Eucharist; Canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962; Liturgical Color: White

Holy Father...Why does the greatest of all mysteries not have its own religious group like the other mysteries; why would it not have men with a perpetual mission of prayer at the feet of Jesus in his divine Sacrament?...The Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament would not limit itself to this mission of prayer and contemplation. It would dedicate itself apostolically to the salvation of souls by using all the [necessary] means inspired by a wise zeal enlightened by the charity of Jesus Christ. It would work to lead to the feet of Jesus Eucharistic as many adorers as possible, by forming associations of adorers in

the world, by giving private and public retreats for men in their Cenacle, especially for secular priests...The Society would gladly embrace all the works of zeal which concern the adorable Eucharist, such as 40 hour devotions, clergy retreats, preparations for first Communions... - Letter to Pope Pius IX, from Saint Peter. (mycatholic.life)

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Pray for us!

-MY AVAILABILITY – A reminder that I will be around the parishes each day but for the next few days, yet I am also planning to take some personal time away several of those days (part of the day). I will be fairly close by. If there is an emergency, call the rectory phone and if the voicemail picks up, press zero. You may also call my cell phone number for an emergency. While I take a little time away, I will respond to all other messages as soon as possible.

-VISITOR - My oldest brother, Fr. Melvin Kuhn, a priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is here for a visit. He will be staying in the rectory with me much of the time and you may see him around both parishes while he is praying or offering Mass. Once again, I ask that if you happen to be in one of the Churches and he is celebrating Mass, please be aware and respectful of the Holy Sacrifice he is offering.

-PARKING LOT – As of this writing, repair work and sealing has begun on the parking lot at Holy Family Parish/St. Mary School. There are going to be periods of time that we cannot be on the parking lot. Please do not drive into or onto the parking lot when the gate is closed or when the folks are in the lot working. Please also do not walk on the parking lot when caution tape is up. I apologize for any inconvenience, but this is a much needed project. It should be completely finished before the start of school.

-POPE'S INTENTION – The Holy Father's prayer intention for August is for political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

-FIRST FRIDAY – First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas on Friday, August 2. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Noon until 5:45 p.m. followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

A reminder that we are in need of folks to take a regular hour of Adoration on First Fridays at St. Thomas and to serve as substitutes. If you are able to do this, please consider doing so. You can contact Chuck Simmons about times needed.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – At Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3 with Exposition and Adoration until 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by Benediction and the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-DONUT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, August 4 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the parish Hall. Plan to join us!

-CCW - Ladies, mark your calendars!

The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at St. Anthony Parish in Quincy. More information to follow and I'm sure the sign-up will be up in the back of the churches soon.

Also, the Diocesan-Wide CCW Convention is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 to be held at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville. Information is in the back of each Church.

-FSGM – The Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton will be celebrating their Feast Day on Saturday, August 3. With this celebration, three Sisters will make their Final Profession of Vows; two Sisters will make their First Profession of Vows; and three Sisters will be Initiated into the Novitiate.

This is a wonderful celebration. I have attended it in the past. I'm not sure yet if I will be able to be there this year or not. Please keep these Sisters in your prayers. The FSGM Sisters are a joy to be around. Their Motherhouse is in Alton and several of the Sisters serve in our Diocese. It is always a delight to visit with them.

-BLEST ART – As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, folks will be at both parishes with Olive Wood Products from the Holy Land available for purchase after Masses on August 10 and 11. The following is from Blest Art, the folks who will be coming:

"Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.

Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit."

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL – A reminder that St. Thomas will be having their ice cream social on Sunday, August 18. Mark your calendars!

-MISSIONARY APPEAL – Fr. Frank Ruff of the Glenmary Home Missioners will be with us August 24 and 25 for our annual Missionary Appeal. More information to follow.

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

Fr. Aaron

Upcoming Church Ice Cream Socials & Picnics

August 3 - St. Brigid Ice Cream Social August 18 - St. Thomas Ice Cream Social August 24 - St. Peter Parish Picnic September 7 - Blessed Sacrament Septemberfest

Ice Cream Social

St. Brigid Catholic Church, Liberty, IL is holding their annual Homemade Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 3 from 4 - 7 p.m.

The menu includes Homemade Ice Cream, Maid-rites, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Chips, Homemade desserts and drinks. Come out and join us! VETERANS EAT FREE!!

Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women

The Springfield Diocesan Council Of Catholic Women are excited to announce their upcoming convention on Wednesday, August 28, at Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, Illinois. Kelly Wahlquist, speaker, and Donna Cori, singer, will be sharing their message as women who are "Sent On Mission & Fortified By The Eucharist." We are excited about the two speakers we have this year and think many women will be blessed by their message! There will be the church basket silent auction raffle, the quilt and garden statue raffles, vendors and the 50/50 drawing. The convention registration form will be on the church bulletin board registration deadline is August 7. The annual convention is a rewarding and enjoyable day with our fellow sisters in Christ! Hope to see you in Carlinville on August 28!



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.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Ohio & Spring Street Camp Point, IL

SUNDAY,

August 18, 2024 4:00-7:00 p.m.

MENU

Homemade Ice Cream Homemade Desserts Maid Rites, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks

FREE WILL OFFERING

Basket Raffle

Advanced orders for Ice Cream \$20/gallon Call parish office 217-593-6685 or Pat 217-740-2140

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