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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 8 - 7:00 a.m.

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 9 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

Eddie Joe Kassing (By Mary Kassing & Family)

Wednesday, July 10 - 7:00 a.m.

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

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

Thursday, July 11 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Benedict, Abbot Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15

> Thomas Leezer (By Legion of Mary)

St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.

Esther & David Coggeshall (By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall)

Friday, July 12 - 8:30 a.m.

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

Marjorie Salrin (By Emily Morris)

Saturday, July 13 - 4:00 p.m. - St. Thomas

St. Henry Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

Barb Kuhn (By Anita & Blake Schwartz)

Holy Family - 5:30 p.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

Sunday, July 14 - 8:00 a.m.

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Terry Dillard (By Cheryl Dillard)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Russell Sherman (By His Daughters)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 29-30, 2024

Holy Family: \$7,954.00 School Support: \$295.00 Sister Parish: \$30.00 Peter's Pence: \$235.00 Prison Ministry: \$50.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 30, 2024

St. Thomas: \$1,781.02 Peter's Pence: \$256.00 Parish Tithe Restricted: \$500.00 Votive Offerings: \$29.00

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 †
Mary Gregory †

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of Maurice Ormond who passed away on June 29, 2024, and Mike Rolf who passed away on July 1, 2024. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

July 14, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Greeters: Andrew & Amanda

Llewellyn

Lector: Karen Janssen

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

Wagner

Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall **Ushers:** Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the Readings today, we hear that Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relatives. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in self-pride, which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, July 9 – Optional memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs.

"Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.

The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging in age from nine years to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Society of Jesus, Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized together in Rome on October 1, 2000.

The People's Republic of China and the Roman Catholic Church each have well over a billion members, but there are only about 12 million Catholics in China. The reasons for that are better explained by historical conflicts than by a wholesale rejection of the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Chinese-born martyrs honored by today's feast were regarded by their persecutors as dangerous because they were considered allies of enemy, Catholic countries. The martyrs born outside China often tried to distance themselves from European political struggles relating to China, but their

persecutors saw them as Westerners and therefore, by definition, anti-Chinese.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is intended to benefit all peoples; today's martyrs knew that. May 21st-century Christians live in such a way that Chinese women and men will be attracted to hear that Good News and embrace it." (Franciscan Media)

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Pray for us!

-Thursday, July 11 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot.

"Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first, he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally, he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance. I note here that for a couple of years now, the Altar breads that we use at both parishes are made by Religious Sisters at Our Lady of the Valley Monastery in Wisconsin, a cloistered contemplative community of Cistercian nuns. I am quite happy to support their work and their community through the use of their Altar breads and with each order and communication received, the Sisters assure me of their prayers for us.

The Church has been blessed through Benedictine devotion to the liturgy, not only in its actual celebration with rich and proper ceremony in the great abbeys, but also through the scholarly studies of many of its members. We should be grateful to those who both preserve and adapt the genuine tradition of worship in the Church." (Franciscan Media)

St. Benedict died in 547 and is a patron of Europe, Kidney Disease, Monastics, Poisoning, and School children.

St. Benedict, Pray for us!

-Saturday, July 13 – Optional memorial of St. Henry.

"As German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He was energetic in consolidating his rule. He crushed rebellions and feuds. On all sides he had to deal with drawn-out disputes so as to protect his frontiers. This involved him in a number of battles, especially in the south in Italy; he also helped Pope Benedict VIII quell disturbances in Rome. Always his ultimate purpose was to establish a stable peace in Europe.

All in all, this saint was a man of his times. From our standpoint, he may have been too quick to do battle and too ready to use power to accomplish reforms. But granted such limitations, he shows that holiness is possible in a busy secular life. It is in doing our job that we become saints." (Franciscan Media)

Henry died in 1024 and was canonized in 1146. He is the patron of the Benedictine oblates.

St. Henry, Pray for us!

-DONUT SUNDAY – This is the First Sunday of the month (July 7) which means donuts and coffee after Mass at St. Thomas. Join us in the parish hall.

-CELEBRATION OF CANDIDACY – As I mentioned at Masses last weekend and noted in last week's bulletin, to celebrate Matt Heldt's Candidacy to the Permanent Diaconate locally here in the parishes, we have a celebration planned this Sunday, July 7 at Holy Family. Please join us.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 4:00 p.m. to pray especially for Good and Holy Vocations. Benediction will be around 4:45pm followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. A reception and nice dinner will be in the school cafeteria immediately after Mass.

Again, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered to pray especially for good and holy Vocations. Mass will be the Sunday Mass and will fulfill one's Sunday obligation. The meal will be a nice dinner for us all to enjoy and to visit with one another. I do hope you join us.

As I've tried to make clear in other bulletins and in announcements, this celebration is not so much about Matt but about what God has done and continues to do and giving praise and glory to God and God alone. It should come to help us recognize that all the more in our own lives and in the world and draw us to an even deeper cooperation with God's grace. It is, indeed, a celebration of the Universal Church which calls for great humility and an absence of any pride or vainglory.

And, once again, Candidacy needs to be properly understood and is something that should be celebrated. It is important. The Church in Her discernment with the men have admitted these men into Candidacy. While one should never seek human affirmation for anything, we do want to and need to affirm the good work that God has begun in others.

-FR. AL ALLEN – Fr. Al Allen, an active priest of our Diocese, died on Friday, July 28. His Funeral Mass was this past Friday, July 5. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

-EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE – One final reminder, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to seven cities in our diocese July 8-12! This is a oncein-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. There are posters in the back of each Church and more information in the bulletin and on our Diocesan website (www.dio.org). I encourage each of you to join in this, especially as the Pilgrimage travels through Quincy on Tuesday, July 9.

-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Don't forget, Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be this coming Thursday through Saturday, July 11-13. There will be a Vigil Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on that Saturday followed by a meal in the hall for all parishioners. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of St. Thomas Church for the meal. Please sign up for the meal if you plan to join us in order to help plan for food. Any questions, please contact Alicia Schmidt.

Confessions that Saturday evening will be at St. Thomas from 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. I will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. that evening at St. Thomas. Confessions will not be available at Holy Family that evening as they normally are. Please remember that if you need to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can contact me anytime.

Mass at Holy Family will still be at 5:30 p.m. that evening and I am planning to still have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as usual (4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.).

-DEATHS – Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maurice Ormond and Mike Rolf who recently died. Both were members of Holy Family, and their Funeral Masses were this past week. Pray also for their families in their grief. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-CALLED AND SENT – Join other high school students in our diocese for a 4 day/3 night retreat from July 14-17 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. Encounter Jesus in a new, deep, and meaningful way. Have loads of fun and enjoy the beautiful views at this lakeside retreat house. To register, go to dio.org/events. For questions, contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org.

-PRAY FOR VOCATIONS – A reminder to pray each day for good and holy vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Permanent Diaconate, and Sacramental Marriage.

-HOW TO STAY IN LOVE AND HAVE A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE - Marriage, raising kids, navigating life. and knowing the intentions of your spouse is difficult and messy! How should you navigate it all so you can stay madly in love with your spouse and have a beautiful marriage? Dive Deep is pleased to talk to Beth Sri, a Catholic speaker and author and mother of 8 children. She serves as the Denver chapter coordinator for Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic ministry for adult children of divorce. She is also the co-author with her husband of the award-winning book, "The Good, The Messy and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life." Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

-REMINDERS – The Holy Rosary is prayed each Sunday morning at St. Thomas starting at 9:30 a.m.

-Solemn Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at St. Thomas: most Sunday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

-Solemn Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at Holy Family: Wednesday mornings from 5:45 a.m. – 6:45 a.m.; Saturday evenings 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Sunday mornings 6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

-Weekday Mass at St. Thomas each Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.

-Mass on Fridays at Holy Family are at 8:30 a.m. even when school is not in session.

-I normally celebrate a Saturday morning Mass at Holy Family at 8:00 a.m.

-First Friday Devotions at St. Thomas each month...Solemn Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction beginning at noon until 5:45 p.m. Confessions from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass at 6:00 p.m.

-Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family begins at 10:00 p.m. on the First Saturday of each month and goes overnight until Sunday morning at 7:45 a.m., followed by Benediction and then our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-Regular Confession times are on Saturday evenings from 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family and on First Fridays at St. Thomas from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. You can contact me for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any time, of course. Please do not hesitate to do so. You can, of course, ask me to celebrate the Sacrament with you anytime you find me in Church praying, especially during the times of Adoration listed above.

-ROSARY SIGN-UP – There is a new sign-up sheet in the back of St. Thomas Church to lead the praying of the Holy Rosary on Sunday mornings before Mass. Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays. Any questions, contact Robin Coggeshall.

-SCHOOL REGISTRATION – It is hard to believe but we are quickly approaching Registration Day at St. Mary School. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (217)-773-2825. If your family is interested in learning more about St. Mary School and enrollment into the school, please reach out to our Principal, Mrs. Melissa Obert, at the same number.

-HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – St. Mary School will be ending Her participation in the Federal and State Hot Lunch Program. We will continue to serve/offer good and healthy hot lunches for our students. While there was much to consider in this decision, this move will give us the opportunity to serve our families even better.

If you or someone you know are interested in contributing to our hot lunch program especially by means of meat donation (beef, pork, poultry) or other contributions, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Melissa Obert or myself. We look forward to your support and also need to plan for storage so please contact us to discuss. Thank you for your consideration.

Be assured of my prayers for you each day and thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school and the Universal Church. May you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Aaron

Upcoming Church Ice Cream Socials & Picnics

July 14 - St. Joseph Ice Cream Social July 20 - St. Anthony Parish Picnic 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



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 & parttime 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.

Biking for Babies

"Biking for Babies" is a pro-life organization of young adult missionary disciples who strive to raise awareness of the important work of pregnancy resource centers and also raise funds for them.

Each missionary partners with a Pregnancy Resource Center and commits to learning about all they do, praying for the center, and raising funds for the center. After months of training, the missionaries offer a physical sacrifice for their center by bicycling on a 6-day journey of over a hundred miles a day across the country.

A team of missionaries will be stopping in Quincy again this year on Friday July 12. Right to Life of Adams County and Blessed Sacrament Parish Respect Life for Parishioners are joining together to host the Biking for Babies team and invite you to join in welcoming them to Quincy.

There will be a get-together to meet the team at 5 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish in the gathering space. Please plan to join us in sharing a light meal and listening to the riders' testimonials, followed by the celebration of Mass in the church.

This is an awesome organization. Learn more about their mission by checking out their website at bikingforbabies.com or check them out on Facebook.

Please make reservations by July 8 to attend by calling/texting Vicki Wittland at 217-316-9936 or Jane at 217-257-0533. Or Email Vicki at vmwittland@gmail.com.

JOIN THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION IN QUINCY

to the Grave of the Venerable Servant of God Father Augustine Tolton



TUESDAY-JULY 9

5:30 PM Procession forms at St. Peter's Church 2600 Maine Street

6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction St. Peter's Cemetery 3400 Broadway Street 7:30 PM Potluck and Witness Talk
St. Francis Solanus Parish Hall
1721 College Avenue

8:30 PM Adoration

Participants are kindly asked to R.S.VP. for each event at dio.org/procession

