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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

Eucharistic Adoration First weekend of month Phone (217) 593-6685, (217) 773-3233

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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, August 12 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 13 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Mary Margaret Bullard (By the Family)

Wednesday, August 14 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Jack Cannon (By Joe & Marlene LiBritz)

AT HOLY FAMILY - 5:30 p.m.

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

> John Colgan (By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

AT ST. THOMAS - 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

Thursday, August 15 - 7:00 a.m.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11:191; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

> Charles Koch (By Carol Blentlinger)

AT ST. THOMAS - 5:30 p.m.

Edwin Schulte (By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall)

AT HOLY FAMILY- 7:00 p.m.

Norbert, Mary Jo & Linda Busen (By Tony Busen)

Friday, August 16 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Stephen of Hungary Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19-3-12

> David Wear (By Will & Alice Clark)

Saturday, August 17 - 5:30 p.m.

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

<u>Sunday, August 18 - 8:00 a.m.</u>

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Maurice Ormond (By Norma Hufnagel)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Gay Gunn (By Pat Sharow)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 3-4, 2024

Holy Family: \$4,590.70 School Support: \$772.00 Debt Reduction: \$450.00 Sister Parish: \$110.00 Assumption: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 4, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,921.00 Parish Improvement: \$

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 † 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!

Pastoral Council minutes July 18, 2024 -

Fr. Aaron, Claudia Coggeshall, Janice Brady, Pat Sharow.

Pastoral Council-Ministry Sign-Up for St. Thomas Parish Sundays September 8 and 15.

If there is a ministry, you would like included on Sign-up Sundays please let a Pastoral council member know.

Blest Art coming weekend of August 10 & 11.

Mission Appeal coming in August.

Plans are being made to clean in the Church and Hall.

DRE- Meet the Teacher's Night August 28

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 18, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jim Clausius

Greeters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Lector: Bobbi Mock
Gift Bearers: Bobbi Mock
Denny & Cathy

Wagner

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Sharow/Jerry

Herkert

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Ushers: Justin Obert, Mark Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel continues with John's "Bread of Life Discourse" which we have been hearing for a couple of weeks and will continue for a few more.

In the readings for today, we hear how God, in order to strengthen Elijah for the journey, nourishes him with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus, he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the Bread of Life, strengthens us for our journey as well, following His way of love.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 12 – Optional memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious.

Lived 1572-1641; Patron Saint of forgotten people, parents separated from their children, and widows; Invoked against in-law problems; Canonized by Pope Clement XIII in 1767; Liturgical Color: White

"How soon may I hope for the happy day when I shall irrevocably offer myself to my God? He has so filled me with the thought of being entirely His, and it has come home to me in such a wonderful and powerful manner, that, were my emotion to last as it now is, I could not live under its intensity. Never have I had such a burning love and desire for the evangelical life and for the great perfection to which God calls me. What I feel about it is quite impossible to put into words. But, alas! my resolve to be very faithful to the greatness of the love of this divine Savior is balanced by the feeling of my incapacity to correspond with it. Oh. how painful to love is this barrier of powerlessness! But why do I speak thus? By doing so I degrade, it seems to me, the gift of God which urges me to live in perfect poverty, in humble obedience, and in spotless purity." Letter to Saint Francis de Sales, from Saint Jane de Chantal.

"Prayer: Saint Jane de Chantal, you devoted yourself to the Will of God from early in your life and allowed God to lead you through hardship to a glorious fruitfulness. Please pray for me, that I will see every cross and every unexpected turn not as a burden but as an opportunity for deeper trust and greater

fidelity to the unexpected life that awaits. Saint Jane de Chantal, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen. (mycatholic.life)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 13 – Optional memorial of Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs.

Lived in Second/Third Century, Martyred around the year 235; Saint Hippolytus—Patron Saint of horses; Saint Pontian—Patron Saint of Carbonia and Montaldo Scarampi, Italy; Liturgical Color: Red

"But let each of the faithful be zealous, before he eats anything else, to receive the Eucharist; for if anyone receives it with faith, after such a reception he cannot be harmed even if a deadly poison should be given him. But let each one take care that no unbeliever tastes the Eucharist, nor a mouse nor any other animal, and that nothing of it fall or be lost; for the Body of Christ is to be eaten by believers and must not be despised. The cup. when thou hast given thanks in the name of the Lord, thou hast accepted as the image of the blood of Christ. Therefore let none of it be spilled, so that no alien spirit may lick it up, as if thou didst despise it; thou shalt be guilty of the blood, as if thou didst scorn the price with which thou hast been bought." From the Apostolic Tradition, by Saint Hippolytus.

"Prayer: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, you both served the Church during a difficult period in which the nature of the Most Holy Trinity was called into question. You defended the truth and taught it tirelessly. As a result of your fidelity, you both died for the faith, reconciled to God and to each other. Please pray for me, that I will always seek reconciliation, especially with other Christians, and will always remain faithful to the one true faith. Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen. (mycatholic.life)

Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, August 14 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr.

Lived 1894–1941; Patron Saint of drug addicts, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement; Canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982; Liturgical Color: Red

"Remember that you belong exclusively, unconditionally, absolutely, irrevocably to the Immaculate: Whoever you are, whatever you have or can, whatever you do (thoughts, words, action) and endure (pleasant, unpleasant, indifferent things) belong to the Immaculate. Consequently, may she dispose of them according to Her will (and not yours). In the same way it belongs to Her all your intentions; therefore, may she transform them, add others, take them away, as She likes (in fact, She does not offend justice)." -Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

"Prayer: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, you lived a holy life, sharing the Gospel through the modern means of your time. You culminated your service to God by laying down your life for a stranger. Please pray for me, that I will have the depth of love that you had and that God will take that gift of my life and use it for His glory. Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen. (mycatholic.life)

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for us!

-Thursday, August 14 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (see Mass times in separate note about the Solemnity).

Patron Saint of fishmongers, French air crews, harness makers, and numerous countries, cities, and dioceses; Liturgical Color: White

"...by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith." -Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII, 1950.

"Prayer: Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for me and for all your children. In Heaven, you are honored by your Son and your prayers are most effective. I believe this with

all my heart and entrust myself, my family, our Church, and the entire world to your motherly care and intercession. Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen. (mycatholic.life)

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, Pray for us!

-Friday, August 16 – Optional memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary.

Lived c. 975–1038; Patron Saint of bricklayers, kings, stonecutters, masons, and parents who have lost a child; Canonized by Pope Gregory VII in 1083; Liturgical Color: White

"To thee, O Queen of Heaven, and to thy guardianship, I commend the holy Church, all the bishops and the clergy, the whole kingdom, its rulers and inhabitants; but before all, I commend my soul to thy care." - Deathbed prayer of Saint Stephen.

"Prayer: Saint Stephen of Hungary, you learned the Catholic faith from an early age and treasured it greatly. You then brought that faith into a pagan nation and worked tirelessly to share what you had discovered. Please pray for me, that I will always use my gifts and authority solely for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Saint Stephen, King of Hungary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." Amen. (mycatholic.life)

St. Stephen of Hungary, Pray for us!

-BLEST ART – A reminder that folks will be at both parishes with Olive Wood Products from the Holy Land available for purchase after Masses this weekend (August 10 and 11).

-COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN – The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting is this Wednesday, August 14 to be held at St. Anthony Parish in Quincy. Sign-up sheets are in the back of each church. You are asked to sign-up by Monday (July 12) in order to help plan for the luncheon.

Praying of the Holy Rosary along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Mass and then a light breakfast. A luncheon will also be served.

I encourage all women of the parishes to go if you are able. It is a good day to be together. The Deanery CCW meetings are three times per year and there is also a Diocesan CCW Convention each year at different locations throughout the Diocese (more information on this year's convention follows).

Any questions, contact Claudia Coggeshall who is the current President of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Claudia is a member of St. Thomas Parish.

-AUGUST 15 – Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. The faithful are obliged (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass either on that day or at a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity the evening before. TO DISREGARD THIS OBLIGATION IS SERIOUSLY SINFUL.

On Wednesday, August 14, the Vigil Masses will be at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family and 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas.

On Thursday, August 15, Masses at Holy Family will be at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 5:30 p.m.

It wasn't until 1950 that the ancient belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was elevated to the level of a dogma. As a dogma, the Church proclaimed that this belief must be held by all the Catholic faithful as true and divinely revealed. It did not begin to be true in 1950; rather, that which had always been true was given great solemnity and clarity within the teachings of the Church.

It's important to understand that the one deposit of faith—the truths in the mind of God revealed to us in Christ Jesus—does not change. Truth doesn't change; our comprehension of the Truth deepens over time.

In regard to our Blessed Mother, the Church teaches four dogmas. First, the Council of Ephesus, in 431, definitively taught that the Blessed Virgin Mary was properly called the "Mother of God." She was not just the mother of Christ, or the mother of Jesus, or mother only of His flesh. She was the mother of a Person, and that Person was God; hence, she is to be called the Mother of God.

A second dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary is that of her perpetual virginity. This belief, held and taught by the earliest Church Fathers, was definitively taught at the Council in Constantinople in 553 when Mary was referred to as "ever-virgin." To add even more clarity, during the Lateran Council of 649, Pope Saint Martin I clarified that "ever-virgin" meant three things: Mary was a virgin before, during, and after Christ's birth. First, this means she conceived her Son while being a virgin. Second, when she gave birth to her Son, she did not suffer from the effects of original sin as outlined in Genesis 3:16: "I will intensify your

toil in childbearing; in pain, you shall bring forth children." Third, after the birth of Jesus, she never had relations with a man and bore no other children.

A third dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly defined in 1854 when Pope Pius IX declared her to be the Immaculate Conception. He stated that "...the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin." She then remained free from sin throughout her life.

Finally, the fourth dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate today, is the logical consequence of the previous dogmas, especially the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. If the Mother of God was free from sin, did not suffer the consequences of original sin—such as the pains of childbirth—then she would also, necessarily, not suffer the effects of sin, which are death and bodily decay. However, a few things need to be clarified in this regard.

First, the dogmatic teaching states that the Blessed Virgin Mary "...having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Does that mean she died and was placed in a tomb? Or does that mean that she did not die and was taken body and soul while she was alive? The Church has not definitively answered this question. The rationale is that, since Jesus died and then rose, wouldn't this be the sequence for our Blessed Mother followed? Regardless of the answer, what is proclaimed is that her body never experienced decay. If she died, then, just like her Son, her body slept as it anticipated sharing in the Resurrection, perhaps a few days later, or perhaps immediately. If the early account from Bishop Juvenal mentioned above is accurate, then her body rested in the tomb for a short period of time.

As we honor the Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate her life, the completion of her time on earth, and her glorious entrance into Heaven, body and soul. We hope to follow where she has gone. From Heaven, she loves each one of us with her perfect maternal love. Her prayers and mediation of grace are certain. We should seek her intercession today. Doing so with great confidence, we should know that a mother so loving would never

deny her children all good things granted in accord with God's will. (mycatholic.life)

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Next Sunday, August 18 at St. Thomas; 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

-BUSH TRIMMING – We need the bushes trimmed at St. Thomas. If you can help with this, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

-THE HOLIEST ADVENTURE: Mother/Daughter Edition – Join other mothers and daughters for an experience of exciting activities, bonding games, stiff competitions, as well as Mass, adoration, and delicious food!

DATE: September 21, 2024; LOCATION: Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; WHO: For any mothers with their daughter(s) in grades 4-10; MEALS: Lunch and dinner provided; COST: \$50 per mother/daughter pair, \$10 per additional daughter; TIME: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; For questions about the event, please contact Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org. Register at dio.org/events/.

If this is something you would like to attend and are concerned about covering the cost, please let me know.

-MASS FOR COUPLE MARRIED 50+ YEARS - On September 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day for a slide show during the reception. You may also register by contacting Gracie Ortiz at the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at gortiz@dio.org or (217) 698-8500.

-ROSARY SIGN-UP – A reminder that there is a 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.

-CCW CONVENTION - Kelly Wahlquist, founder of the WINE evangelist ministry and a dynamic Catholic author and speaker as well as Donna Cori, a singer who puts her beautiful music to Catholic prayers, are both presenting at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville (17347 Cottonwood Ln.) on August 28. Sponsored by the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (Jerseyville Deanery is the host), this is part of the group's 95th annual convention called "Sent on Mission – Fortified by the Eucharist." Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. at Ss. Mary and Joseph Church in Carlinville followed by 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. The program will then follow at Lake Williamson Retreat Center.

More information including how to register is posted in both churches.

PROJECT RACHEL - Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

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

Upcoming Church Ice Cream Socials & Picnics

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

QUINCY DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN'S SUMMER GATHERING

Wednesday
August 14, 2024
St. Anthony's Catholic
Church
2223 St. Anthony Road,
Quincy, II
Hosted by the Women of St
Anthony's and St. Peter's
Churches

REGISTRATION: 7:45-8:30 AM ST ANTHONY'S PARISH HALL



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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