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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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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 26 - 7:00 a.m.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 27 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Monica

2 Thessalonians 2:1-31, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

John Yeakel (By Jim & Carolyn Chaney)

Wednesday, August 28 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:17-32

Kay Downey (By Mary Kassing)

Thursday, August 29 - 7:00 a.m.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Mark 6:17-29

James J. Wort (By Barb Lehne)

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

Gay Gunn (By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall)

<u>Friday, August 30 - 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-1-13

Jennifer Volk (By John & Linda Colgan)

Saturday, August 31 - 5:30 p.m.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Robert Kemper (By Legion of Mary)

Sunday, September 1 - 8:00 a.m.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Deacon Paul & Charlotte Koch (By Ginny Fanning)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 17-18, 2024

Holy Family: \$6,083.00 School Support: \$285.00 Debt Reduction: \$41.00 Sister Parish: \$52.00 Assumption: \$410.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 18, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,052.00 Assumption: \$335.00 ACSA: \$20.00

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."
- ❖ Red Cross Blood Drive: The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, August 28, 12:00 6:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Call 1-800 Red Cross or 217-257-3117 for appointments.

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 †
Bob Klingele † Jim Ray †

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society meeting will be Sunday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas will once again be having their ministry sign- ups the following Sundays, September 8 & 15 immediately after Mass.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Greeters: Jacob & Alicia Schmidt

Family

Lector: David Leezer

Gift Bearers: Mark & Amanda Obert

Family

Eucharistic Minister: Teresa Bockhold/Clara

Schmidt

Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy

DeRousse

Ushers: Justin and Chase Reed

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. We continue to hear from the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel.

In the first reading, Joshua calls upon Israel to commit to serve God above all other gods. In the second reading, Paul uses marital imagery to teach about Christ's love for his Church. In the Gospel, some disciples find Jesus' teaching about the bread of life too difficult to accept. Peter trusts Jesus and commits to continue following him.

Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. That's what Peter says to Jesus in the Gospel.

It can be challenging to be people of faith. Accepting and understanding the magnitude of the Lord's love for us, including the mystery of Jesus handing Himself over for us, may be difficult at times. But faith is a gift, so although we may struggle, we can trust God to grant us the grace we need to commit to serving him and following his Son.

It's important to note too that John tells us in the Gospel that after Jesus spoke the Truth, "many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him." How sad the reaction to the Truth. But notice, Jesus did not run after them and try to make things "better" by altering the Truth. The same happens to many people today. When folks are challenged by THE Truth, they may want things changed a bit to make their lives easier or to accommodate their sinful living or to make them feel better. But you see, God is all Truth, Jesus is the Fullness of Truth, and God is unchanging. Sadly, many folks today, like the folks in the Gospel, simply walk about from the Truth, walk away from Christ, walk away from Salvation because they are unwilling to open their hearts to the fullness of Truth.

Let us pray today and every day that our hearts may be open all the more to the Truth and let us pray for those who struggle with or reject the Truth completely. Indeed, whom shall we go to but the Fullness of Truth Himself, Jesus Christ, for He has the words of Eternal Life. What more could we want? May we proclaim always that we have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God. In doing so, let us follow His commands, let us know and live the fullness of Truth!

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

-Tuesday, August 27 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Monica. Lived around 332–387;

Patron Saint of homemakers, married women, mothers, abuse victims, alcoholics, and widows; Invoked against difficult marriages and difficult children; Liturgical Color: White

"Son, for my own part I have no further delight in any thing in this life. What I do here any longer, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this world are accomplished. There was one thing for which I desired to linger for a while in this life, that I might see you as a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has done this for me more abundantly, that I should now see you, despising earthly happiness, become His servant." -Words of Saint Monica, from Saint Augustine's Confessions.

Prayer: Saint Monica, though you had a difficult life, you continually turned your difficulties over to God. You prayed, grew in virtue, and had a profound impact on your whole family. Please pray for me, that I will never lose hope for those who have gone astray but will remain faithful in prayer for them, trusting in God's divine mercy. Saint Monica, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen." (mycatholic.life)

Wednesday, August 28 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Live 354-430; Patron Saint of brewers, printers, and theologians; Invoked against sore eyes and vermin; Declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298; Referred to as "Doctor of Grace" by popular acclaim; Liturgical Color: White

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace." -Saint Augustine's Confessions, Book X.

Prayer: Saint Augustine, you were a sinner who was redeemed by Christ. You then devoted your whole life to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Please pray for me, that I will discover what you discovered and imitate your radical conversion, holding nothing back from our merciful God. Saint

Augustine of Hippo, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. (mycatholic.life)

Thursday, August 29 – Obligatory Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Lived around 1 BC – 30 AD; Patron Saint of baptism, bird dealers, converts, monastic life, motorways, printers, tailors, lambs, and prisoners; Invoked against epilepsy, convulsions, hailstorms, and spasms; Liturgical Color: Red.

"Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.' Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for. Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.' The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus. -Matthew 14: 3-12.

Prayer: Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. (mycatholic.life)

-SCHOOL – St. Mary School started another school year last Wednesday, August 21. What a blessing our school is. I am grateful for all of the support of St. Mary School and for all of our teachers, staff, students, families, and supporters.

-HOT LUNCH – As I've mentioned before, we will continue to serve delicious and healthy hot lunches at St. Mary School but we have

stopped our participation in the Federal and State Hot Lunch Program.

If you or someone you know are interested in making contributions to our Hot Lunch program in terms of food product, especially local meat, of if you'd like to make a monetary contribution to help families who may have some difficulty with paying for hot lunch or to help defray the cost, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Melissa Obert in the school office (217)-773-2825 or mobert@smseagle.org.

-THANK YOU – To all who helped with and/or came to enjoy the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social last Sunday. It was a great afternoon and evening.

-CCW – A reminder that the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention is this coming Wednesday, August 28 in Carlinville. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Saints Mary and Joseph Church in Carlinville (2010 E 1st South Street). Mass is at 9:00 a.m. with Bishop Paprocki. The Program continues after Mass at the Lake Williamson Retreat Center, 17347 Cottonwood Lane, Carlinville, IL. Guests and Speakers include Kelly Wahlquist and Donna Cori.

Additional Information remains in the back of each church. For more information, contact Claudia Coggeshall locally. Claudia is the President of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Although reservations should have already been made for the Convention, if you still want to go, contact Claudia and speak with her.

-MISSIONARY APPEAL – A reminder that our Missionary Appeal weekend is next week, August 24 and 24. Fr. Frank Ruff of the Glenmary Home Missions will be with us for the Masses and will speak about the Glenmary Home Missions. As in the past, envelopes will be in the pews and in the back of each church if you would like to make a contribution. The envelopes should be dropped in the collection basket. I will keep the envelopes available for a couple of weeks but please make your contribution as soon as possible so we can get them forwarded on. I will put out a couple reminders for you as well.

-MASS INTENTIONS – Tammy has mentioned that we are a little low on Mass Intentions especially for unspecified days. Having a Mass offered for someone who has died is a most powerful and beautiful way to pray for them. Mass intentions may also be for other things or for someone who is living given the Pastor's approval. If you have any questions, contact Tammy (217)-773-2825 or tmckeown@smseagle.org or myself.

-BULLETIN ADVERTISERS – Those who advertise on the back of our bulletins each week help to defray the cost of the bulletins. Additionally, we will be moving to the Sunday Missal Service Pray Together Missalette for the next Liturgical Year (beginning the First Sunday of Advent). Those advertisements will also help defray the cost of those missalettes. I encourage you to support and acknowledge those who advertise on our bulletins.

With that said, we have space available for new advertisers. If you or someone you know would like to advertise on our bulletin, please let me know. This can be businesses, of course, but can also be individuals.

-FROM THE SAINTS - St. Bernard of Clairvaux: "We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place for those who love us."

St. John Eudes: "Undertake courageously great tasks for God's glory, to the extent that he'll give you power and grace for this purpose. Even though you can do nothing on your own, you can do all things in him. His help will never fail you if you have confidence in his goodness. Place your entire physical and spiritual welfare in his hands. Abandon to the fatherly concern of his divine providence every care for your health, reputation, property, and business; for those near to you; for your past sins; for your soul's progress in virtue and love of him; for your life, death, and especially your salvation and eternity—in a word, all your cares. Rest in the assurance that in his pure goodness, he'll watch with particular tenderness over all your responsibilities and cares, arranging all things for the greatest good."

St. Teresa of Avila: "I believe we shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God, for, beholding His greatness we are struck by our own baseness, His purity shows our foulness, and by meditating on His humility we find how very far we are from being humble. Two advantages are gained by this practice. First, it is clear that white looks far whiter when placed near something black, and on the contrary, black never looks so dark as when seen beside something white. Secondly, our understanding and will become more noble and capable of good in every way when we turn from ourselves to God: it is very injurious never to raise our minds above the mire of our own faults."

-MASS FOR COUPLES 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.

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

-THE HOLIEST ADVENTURE:

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

about covering the cost, please let me know.

FAMILY FEST - Join other families across the diocese for "FAMILY FEST." DATE: Sunday,

October 20; LOCATION: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Mass at 10 a.m. and then the Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712; WHO: Families in the diocese; MEALS: Dinner provided (bring a lunch); COST: \$20 per family; 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/.

NUMBER 1 THINGS – Bishop Robert Barron is one of the Church's leading theologians. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is one of the Church's leading Canon lawyers. They are both some of the Church's best teachers of the faith. Dive Deep sits down with both of them to get their thoughts on the number one things about their own struggles with God, how to deepen your faith, how to improve your relationships, being a bishop, and more. 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.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you each day. I ask for and thank you for your prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. As a new school year begins, we pray for all students and teachers that they may grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion {PSR}) will start classes in early September for students in grades K-6. We will set the day and time for these classes based on what works best for the families and teachers. Please let me know if your children are coming to class this year. Just a reminder that 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 3rd grade students receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any

questions. Ann O'Sullivan <u>aosullivan2031@gmail.com</u> or 217-257-2516.

RCIA classes are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic religion and/or coming into the Catholic Church. Please let me or Father Aaron know if you are interested in attending these classes or have any questions about the Catholic Faith.

Building the Church in Mission Land, USA

We welcome Father Frank Ruff of the GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS, who will speak at all the Masses this weekend. This special collection will provide support for Glenmary's ministry in the home missions of the United States.

Fr. Frank is originally from Wisconsin and was ordained a Glenmary priest in 1963. He has served in several different roles over the years, including pastor of Glenmary mission parishes in various states, as Glenmary's President and Director of Vocations. He continues cultivating sponsorships for Unbound, a Catholic nonprofit, and was nationally recognized for his 50 years of committed service to ecumenical ministry, especially in collaboration with the Southern Baptist Convention.

We invite you to share your prayers and financial support for Glenmary's important ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Consult your parish secretary for the convention registration form and the advertising order form if you would like to place an ad in the convention book. The annual convention is a rewarding and enjoyable day with our fellow sisters in Christ! Hope to see you in Carlinville on August 28!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Mary School Drive Thru Hog Roast will take place on Sunday, September 15 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall.



