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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, August 5 – 7:00 a.m. The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 6 - 7:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10

> Mike Rolf (By Legion of Mary)

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

St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

> Barbara Gillan (By Martha Fluckey)

Thursday, August 8 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

> Marjorie Salrin (By Emily Morris)

<u>St. Thomas - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Jim Carlson (By Pat Sharow)

Friday, August 9 - 8:30 a.m.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

> Janet Yakle (By Donnie & Linda Howard)

<u>Saturday, August 10 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Bob & Sylva Dixon and Julie Link (By Cheryl Dillard)

<u>Sunday, August 11 – 8:00 a.m.</u>

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Mark Ebbing (By Penny Ebbing)

<u>St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 27-28, 2024

Holy Family: \$3,632.00 School Support: \$35.00 Debt Reduction: \$10.00 Sister Parish: \$15.00 Assumption: \$15.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 28, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,098.00 Parish Improvement: \$60.00

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 <u>tmckeown@smseagle.org</u> 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

<u>Please keep the following in your prayers:</u>

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

<u>August 11, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt
	Family
Lector:	Laura Evans
Gift Bearers:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Eucharistic Minister:	Teresa Bockhold/Clara
	Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers: Justin Obert, Mark Obert	

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our First Reading and Psalm tell us of the Lord providing Heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. In the Gospel which continues the "Bread of Life Discourse" from St. John, we hear Jesus proclaim Himself to be the very Bread of Life.

If we really believe this, how could we ever part ourselves from the Lord? And yet we do, day in and day out, through our own sinfulness. That sinfulness enters our lives in lots of ways. For some it is a neglect to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass EVERY Sunday and EVERY Holy Day of Obligation. For some it is a rejection or denial of the fullness of Truth, that fullness found only in the Catholic Church. For some it is the struggle with vice with little to no effort to cultivate virtue. For many it is self-centeredness. These are but just a few examples of where our sins lie.

To know our sins is a great gift that God gives to us, and we should pray to know our sins all the more, doing a thorough examination of conscience each and every day. And then, we should confess our sins in Sacramental Reconciliation and do so on a regular basis. One should never dismiss sin as "not a big deal." Sin is a big deal and a detriment to our Eternal Life, our eternal joy with the Father in Heaven.

Thus, St. Paul in the Second Reading reminds us that we lay aside our way of life to be created anew in Christ's image.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 5 – Optional memorial of The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snows).

"Though the relics, history, and legends attached to this ancient church are inspirational, perhaps the most enduring inspiration we can take from this church is that it has been a place of divine worship for more than 1,600 years. Since that time, almost every pope has offered Mass there, countless millions have prayed there, numerous saints have made a pilgrimage to that holy church, and our Blessed Mother has certainly received and answered many prayers within those walls.

As we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, reflect upon your own devotion to the Mother of God. Especially call to mind the countless saints who prayed within the walls of Saint Mary Major and seek to imitate their faith and their devotion to the Mother of God.

Prayer: Our Lady of the Snows, you sent down a gentle, pure-white snow from Heaven on the spot where you wanted a Church that would be dedicated in your honor. You are the Mother of God, the Theotokos, and I honor you and love you as such. Please pray for me, that I may also become a God-bearer by bringing the presence of your divine Son to those in my life who are most in need. Our Lady of the Snows, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life) -Tuesday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

"...The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.

As you celebrate the Transfiguration today, look at this event as a foretaste of the reward awaiting you, and a source of encouragement to endure all sufferings for the final victory of Christ. The Christian life, as stated by Jesus Himself, is about suffering and dying out of love and with unwavering hope. By uniting our trials with Christ's Cross, we share in His glorious victory for all eternity.

Prayer: My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

-Wednesday, August 7 – Optional memorials of St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs and St. Cajetan, Priest.

St. Sixtus II and Companions: Martyred around 258; Patron Saint of Bellegra, Italy; Liturgical Color: Red.

"He was crowned with martyrdom. He was bishop in the time of Valerian and Decius, when there was the great persecution. At that time he was seized by Valerian and taken to offer sacrifice to demons. But he despised the commands of Valerian. He was beheaded and with him six others, all deacons, Felicissimus, Agapitus, Januarius, Magnus, Vincentius and Stephen, about August 6...And after the passion of the blessed Sixtus, on the third day, Lawrence, his archdeacon. suffered also. August 10. likewise the subdeacon Claudius and Severus, the priest, and Crescentius, the reader, and Romanus, the doorkeeper...He himself was buried in the cemetery of Calistus on the Via Appia and the aforesaid six deacons were buried in the cemetery of Pretextatus on the Via Appia, August 6. -Liber Pontificalis

Prayer: Pope Saint Sixtus II, you walked in the shoes of Saint Peter, also dying a martyr's death in that same city. You did not fear dying but only feared deviating from the merciful truths that make us one in Christ. Please pray for me, that I will courageously follow your example by laying down my life for others in every way I am able. Saint Sixtus II, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

St. Cajetan: Lived 1480–1547; Patron Saint of the unemployed; Invoked for gambling problems; Canonized by Pope Clement X in 1671; Liturgical Color: White.

"It is not with sentimental love but rather with loving actions that souls are purified." -Saint Cajetan

"Prayer: Saint Cajetan, you could have lived an easy and noble life, but you chose the difficult path of prayer and penance. As a result, you entered into a deep union with God and inspired others to follow. Please pray for me, that I will always turn away from the temptations of life and seek personal reform so that I will grow closer to God and inspire others to follow. Saint Cajetan, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

-Thursday, August 8 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest.

Lived 1170–1221; Patron Saint of astronomers, scientists, and those falsely accused; Canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1234; Liturgical Color: White.

"On the very day and hour that Master Dominic died, Brother Guala, prior of Brescia and later its bishop, was resting in the belltower of his convent. As he was about to doze off, he saw what appeared to be an opening in the heavens through which two shining ladders had been let down. Christ was standing above one and His Mother above the other. Angels could be seen ascending and descending. Between the two ladders at the very bottom, was a seat upon which someone was sitting who seemed to be one of the brethren, for his face was covered with a capuce, just as we do for burial. Our Lord and His Mother were slowly raising the ladder until the person on the seat reached them. Thereupon he was received into heaven in great splendor amidst a choir of angels. Then the bright opening in the heavens suddenly closed and no more could be seen. Then the friar who had seen this regained his strength, for he had previously been ill and weak, and hurried to Bologna, where he discovered that his vision, which he related to us, had occurred at the very time when the servant of Christ, Dominic, had died." -Saint Dominic's first biographer, Blessed Jordan

Prayer: Saint Dominic, your heart was moved with compassion for those who suffered. When you encountered those misled by heresy, you longed for their freedom and dedicated the rest of your life to their salvation. Please pray for me, that I will follow your example by recognizing those around me who need to be freed from error and sin, so that I can prayerfully be open for God to use me in any way He chooses. Saint Dominic, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

-Friday, August 9 – Optional memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr.

Lived 1891–1942; Patron Saint of Europe; Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998; Liturgical Color: Red.

"Holy Father! As a child of the Jewish people who, by the grace of God, for the past eleven vears has also been a child of the Catholic Church, I dare to speak to the Father of Christianity about that which oppresses millions of Germans...For years the leaders of National Socialism have been preaching hatred of the Jews. Now that they have seized the power of government and armed their followers, among them proven criminal elements, this seed of hatred has germinated...We all, who are faithful children of the Church and who see the conditions in Germany with open eyes, fear the worst for the prestige of the Church, if the silence continues any longer. We are convinced that this silence will not be able in the long run to purchase peace with the present German government. For the time being, the fight against Catholicism will be conducted quietly and less brutally than against Jewry, but no less systematically. Before long no Catholic will be able to hold office in Germany unless he dedicates himself unconditionally to the new course of action. At the feet of your Holiness, requesting your apostolic blessing." -Sister Teresa Benedicta, letter to Pope Pius XI, 1933.

"Prayer: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, you saw human suffering firsthand and allowed your reflections on that experience to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of the truth. You found the deepest truths in the life of Saint Teresa of Ávila and unhesitatingly entered the Church and convent. Please pray for me, that I will always be open to the deepest and most mysterious truths of our faith, especially the mystery of the Cross, so that I will live Christ's Cross in my own life to the fullest extent that I am able. Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life) -Saturday, Obligatory Memorial of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr.

Lived c. 225–c. 258; Patron Saint of archivists, armories, book lovers, brewers, butchers, cooks, comedians, deacons, glaziers, laundry workers, librarians, firefighters, poor people, restaurateurs, schoolchildren, seminarians, tanners, vine growers, winemakers, and Rome; Invoked against fire and lumbago (lower back pain); Liturgical Color: Red

"Such gold the holy martyr Lawrence preserved for the Lord. For when the treasures of the Church were demanded from him. he promised that he would show them. On the following day he brought the poor together. When asked where the treasures were which he had promised, he pointed to the poor, saying: "These are the treasures of the Church." And truly they were treasures, in whom Christ lives, in whom there is faith in Him...These treasures Lawrence pointed out, and prevailed, for the persecutors could not take them away... Lawrence, who preferred to spend the gold of the Church on the poor, rather than to keep it in hand for the persecutor, received the sacred crown of martyrdom for the unique and deepsighted vigor of his meaning." -Saint Ambrose of Milan

Prayer: Saint Lawrence, you gave your life to Christ at a young age and followed Him to your death with courage. You executed your duties to the poor with fidelity and saw them as the true treasures of the Church. Please pray for me, that I will have the courage that you had to say "Yes" to Christ, no matter what He asks of me. Saint Lawrence of Rome, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." (mycatholic.life)

-IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - "The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart (of Mary). Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from The Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A." (catholicculture.org)

Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Heart of Mary, like unto the Heart of God, pray for us.

Heart of Mary, united to the Heart of Jesus, pray for us

Heart of Mary, instrument of the Holy Ghost, pray for us

Heart of Mary, sanctuary of the Divine Trinity, pray for us

Heart of Mary, tabernacle of God Incarnation, pray for us

Heart of Mary, immaculate from thy creation, pray for us

Heart of Mary, full of grace, pray for us

Heart of Mary, blessed among all hearts, pray for us

Heart of Mary, throne of glory, pray for us

Heart of Mary, most humble, pray for us

Heart of Mary, holocaust of Divine Love, pray for us

Heart of Mary, fastened to the Cross with Jesus Crucified, pray for us

Heart of Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us

Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us

Heart of Mary, hope of the agonizing, pray for us

Heart of Mary, seat of mercy, pray for us

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

Immaculate Mary, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto the Heart of Jesus.

Let Us Pray

O most merciful God, Who, for the salvation of sinners and the refuge of the miserable, was pleased that the Most Pure Heart of Mary should be most like in charity and pity to the Divine Heart of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, grant that we should commemorate this sweet and loving Heart may by the merits and intercession of the same Blessed Virgin, merit to be found like to the Heart of Jesus, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

-DONUT SUNDAY – This Sunday, August 4 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the parish Hall.

-REPARATION OF SIN – For all the offenses against our Lord and His Church and the Holy Eucharist, I urge you this very day and every day to offer reparation for your own sins and for the sins of the world and pray each day for the salvation of the world. This is a serious and necessary endeavor that we need to embark on with great fervor. When we become more holy, the world becomes more holy!

-HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – As I've written before, 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.

-BLEST ART – A reminder that folks from "Blest Art" will be at both parishes with Olive Wood Products from the Holy Land available for purchase after Masses next weekend, August 10 and 11. See last week's bulletin for more information.

-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.

Make arrangements NOW to attend one of these Masses.

-CCW – Ladies, mark your calendars for the upcoming Council of Catholic Women meeting and convention:

The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at St. Anthony Parish in Quincy. The sign-up should be up in the back of both churches.

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.

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

As I continue to keep you in my prayers each day, I ask 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

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 <u>English</u> <u>Language Arts 3-8 grade teacher</u> (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 <u>mobert@smseagle.org</u>.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH Ohio & Spring Street Camp Point, IL

> <u>SUNDAY</u>, August 18, 2024 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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



Basket Raffle

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