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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, September 30 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 1 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Thérese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Barbara Gillan (By Barb Lehne)

Wednesday, October 2 – 7:00 a.m.

The Holy Guardian Angels Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

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

Thursday, October 3 - 7:00 a.m.

Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Dr. Robert Henson

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

Joyce Dietrich (By Jim & Nora Clausius)

<u>Friday, October 4 - 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Francis of Assisi Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Joe Cross (By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

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

Stephanie Wagner (By Denny & Cathy Wagner)

Saturday, October 5 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

John Colgan (By Carol Blentlinger)

Sunday, October 6 - 8:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday; Respect Life Sunday Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

> Pat Volk (By Cheryl Dillard)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 21-22, 2024

Holy Family: \$3,403.00 School Support: \$105.00 Solidarity Fund/Africa: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 22, 2024

St. Thomas: \$1,999.00 Sister Parish: \$125.00 Solidarity Fund/Africa: \$10.00

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 - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.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 †
Isabella Wilson † Kalvin Schenk †
Mary Gregory † Ezra Keokham † Greg Jones †

ST. THOMAS

Ice Cream for Sale -- St. Thomas still has some of their homemade ice cream for sale. Gallons (\$20) and Half-gallons (\$10). If you'd like to buy some, please contact Pat (217-740-2140).

Altar and Rosary Society meeting Sunday September 29, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Adams County Right to Life annual, "Pennies for Life Campaign" will be held the weekends of October 6 & 13.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 6, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor

Greeters: Justin & Chelsea Reed

Family

Lector: Kim Gronewold Gift Bearers: Denny & Cathy

Wagner

Eucharistic Minister: Laura Evans/Teresa

Bockhold

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Ushers: Jerel Mock, Morgan

Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In short, we are reminded by the Lord Himself in the Gospel to get rid of whatever causes you to sin. If something in our life is leading us into sin and away from God, that something needs to be jettisoned like the dead weight it is. The Lord Himself, who desires to improve our life and for us to share it with Him forever, gives us this sound and valuable "advice." May we heed always His Word.

-ANDREW DINNER – This Sunday, September 29 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis in Quincy. The Andrew Dinners are for men who are high school age and older to gather together with Bishop Paprocki, priests of the area, and other men who may be looking to find out more about the Priesthood or discerning a call to the Priesthood. There is no commitment or obligation in this at all, just an opportunity for men in the area to gather together to pray,

enjoy a meal together, visit with Bishop and the area priests, and to talk about Vocation. I encourage single men to go, especially if you have ever considered the Priesthood. Let me know if you are interested...I'd be most happy for you to join me.

-FIRST FRIDAY – October 4 at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – October 5 is the First Saturday of the month and so we will be having Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. and going through the night. Benediction will be at 7:45 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-DONUT SUNDAY – Next Sunday, October 6 is the First Sunday of the Month which means donuts and coffee at St. Thomas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

-ADORATION – There will be no Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas next Sunday, October 6 as I have a Baptism after Mass.

-RESPECT LIFE MONTH – October is designated as Respect Life Month and Sunday, October 1 is designated as Respect Life Sunday. We remain mindful of the tragedy of abortion that kills thousands of babies each year and our need to continue to pray for an end to abortion and to work for the protection of all human life in all stages. Abortion is a great tragedy, there is no denying that! Respect for Life is much broader than just abortion. When we hear respect for life, our thoughts often turn to the tragedy of abortion which indeed is the ultimate disrespect for human life, it is the direct killing of a child. Could there be any greater disrespect for human life?!

Respect for life calls us to respect and care also for the poor, the family, our own bodies and so on, every human life from conception to natural death. Disrespect seems to be everywhere today. Again, I encourage you to spend some additional time, this month especially, in prayer and sacrifice for the respect for life and to work against all those things opposed to life. There are many!

-LIFE CHAIN – Next Sunday, October 6, there will be a Life Chain in Quincy on Broadway Street between 14th and 16th Streets. This is an opportunity to spend an hour in silent prayer in a very public way for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages. If you are able to go, I encourage you to do so.

-40 DAYS FOR LIFE – St. Thomas has their 40 days for Life Calendar in the back of the church. If you have not done so already, sign up for one or more days to pray especially for life.

-PENNIES FOR LIFE – St. Thomas will be having their "Pennies for Life" collection on Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, October 13. This helps support the efforts of the Adams County Right to Life. The concept for this is to donate a penny (or more) for each year of your life.

-RESPECT LIFE DINNER - The Adams County Right to Life is hosting its annual Respect Life Dinner on Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Quincy. Tickets need to be purchased in advance by October 7. Contact myself or Claudia Coggeshall or go to www.rtlac.org for more information.

-MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY – October is also known as the month of the Holy Rosary. As noted above, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. I would encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary each day, especially with your family. The Holy Rosary, as we meditate on the Life of Christ through the Mysteries, is a most beautiful and powerful prayer. If you are unsure on how to pray the Rosary, please reach out to me and I'd be happy to help.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, September 30 – Obligatory Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Lived about 340–420; Patron Saint of archeologists, archivists, Bible scholars, librarians, libraries, schoolchildren, students, and translators; Declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV in 1724; Liturgical Color: White.

"Quote: I interpret as I should, following the command of Christ: "Search the Scriptures," and "Seek and you shall find." For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is

ignorance of Christ. -Saint Jerome, Commentary on Isaiah.

Saint Jerome was a devout Christian, theologian, priest, and monk. He preached the truth, even when people objected or took offense. His dedication to the Holy Scriptures is second to none, and the impact of his translations and writings continues to be felt today.

As we honor this early saint, ponder your own commitment to a prayerful reflection on the Word of God. Saint Jerome should inspire us to devote more of our attention to a better love for God's Word through study, reflection, and prayer. Commit yourself to this ideal and seek Saint Jerome's intercession as you do.

Prayer: Saint Jerome, God used you to provide the Church with a foundational understanding of the Scriptures. Your prayer, asceticism, and study show your love for God and His Church. Please pray that I will come to the same depth of love for the Scriptures so that I will come to the same love of God. Saint Jerome, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Tuesday, October 1 - Obligatory Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Lived 1873–1897; Patron Saint of foreign missions and missionaries, AIDS patients, air crews, florists, flower growers, and sick people; Invoked against illness, tuberculosis, and loss of parents; Canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925. Liturgical Color: White.

"As we honor this saint who has captivated the hearts and minds of so many, ponder the importance of family life. Some families are broken and divided; others are graced as schools of love. Saint Therese was blessed to be raised in a family that formed her deeply in the love of God and others. She was widely unknown outside of her family and religious community when she died, but God shared her precious soul with the world through her detailed autobiography and numerous letters. Allow her soul to touch yours by getting to know her through her writings. Seek her intercession so that she can fulfill her promise that her "Heaven will be spent doing good on earth.

Prayer: Saint Therese, as a child you fell in love with God within your family's school of love. Your love grew so intense that God took you to be with Him forever. Please pray that I will discover the same intensity of love so that I will share in the glory in which you now share. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Wednesday, October 2: Obligatory Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Liturgical Color: White.

"Regarding the function of the guardian angels. Saint Thomas Aguinas gives the most detail (See Summa Theologiae 1.113). As mentioned, he teaches that every person receives an angel at birth. This means that guardian angels are not tied to baptism but to human activity in this world, specifically human activity that begins at birth. These angels are not recycled, so to speak, but are assigned to one person and one person alone. The guardian angels can act upon our senses and imaginations, inspiring us one way or another. They can put ideas before our minds to direct us toward God's will, but they cannot control our wills. By working upon our senses, they can cause us to feel what is right or wrong and urge us to make the right choices. They act contrary to the fallen angels, or demons, who tempt us through false reasoning and base sensate delights. Finally, in Heaven, the guardian angel's role of leading us to salvation will be complete. Saint Thomas believed that even in Heaven they will have the role of communicating with us and will continue to enlighten us with God's neverending and deepening Truth.

As we honor the celestial hosts of the guardian angels, ponder your own angel today. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in the Spiritual Exercises, gave us a detailed map for how they communicate with us. Consider reading his wisdom. In Heaven, we will enjoy an eternal face-to-face relationship with our angels. That relationship will be perfectly steeped in the love of God, and our union with them will be unbreakable. While on earth, we often pay little attention to our angels, but they are forever attentive to us. Though we might not always speak prayerfully to our intercessors and mediators, try to do so. Our angels daily communicate to us. Do you listen? Do you hear? Work to discern your angel's actions in your life, so that this angelic mission can be better fulfilled. Have confidence that you have a mediator who stands before God and does nothing other than plead on your behalf,

continuously working to bring you to eternal salvation.

Prayer: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen. Angels of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Friday, September 4 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Lived 1182–1226; Patron Saint of animals, ecologists, families, lacemakers, merchants, needleworkers, peace, and zoos; Invoked against dying alone and fire; Canonized by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228; Liturgical Color: White

"Saint Francis was unquestionably one of the greatest saints to ever live. The way he accomplished this greatness is worth studying and imitating. Though it is hard to imagine ourselves ever reaching the heights of sanctity that Saint Francis achieved, know that it is possible for us all. Saint Francis embraced the will of God with a radical abandonment and ongoing zeal. This resulted in his becoming one with Christ and doing great things for God and His Church in a very short period of time.

Prayer: Saint Francis, you fell radically in love with God and with God's people. You embraced poverty, prayer, sacrifice, and every form of suffering for the sake of Christ. You became a true knight in the army of the Kingdom. Please pray for me, that I will be able to detach from everything in this life that keeps me from the love and service of God, so that I can imitate the life that you lived. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Saturday, October 5 – Optional memorials of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, and, in the USA, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest.

St. Faustina: Lived 1905–1938; Patron Saint of The Divine Mercy devotion; Canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000; Liturgical Color: White.

"For reasons we will only understand in Heaven, God chose this poor, simple, devout, and humble young woman to deliver a message to the world that would become one of the most central and important messages ever delivered. The Divine Mercy of God must be accepted, pondered, lived, and given to others. Mercy is God's love; it is everything and all things.

As we honor this great saint, ponder the fact that the message God gave to us through her was not for some previous generation; it is for today. Reflect upon your own devotion to The Divine Mercy. Do you pray the Chaplet, venerate the image, honor the three o'clock hour, participate in Divine Mercy Sunday, and seek to spread this sacred devotion as an apostle of Divine Mercy? Know that this is a universal invitation from God; it is an invitation and exhortation given to you. Commit yourself to the truths of Divine Mercy and allow that abundant Mercy to flood your soul.

Prayer: Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, as God spoke to you, you listened and responded. Through you, the message of Mercy has been profoundly revealed and an invitation to live in God's mercy has been given. Please pray for me, that I will be open to that Ocean of Mercy pouring forth from Heaven, so that it will flood my soul and affect many others through me. Saint Faustina, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos: 1819–1867; Invoked against cancer; Beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000; Liturgical Color: White.

"Quote: Every offering has value only insofar as one snatches it away from one's own benefit and dedicates it to God through this self-conquest. One loves and gives precisely because one loves, and because one considers what is given as a good, as a treasure. Love of creatures must be subordinated to the love of God, whom one is pledged to love above all things. Time, in which we have found nothing to offer up to God, is lost for eternity. If it is only the duties of our vocation that we fulfill with dedication to the will of God; if it is the sweat of our faces that, in resignation, we wipe from our brow without murmuring; if it is suffering, temptations, difficulties with our fellowmen - everything we can present to God as an offering and can, through them, become like Jesus his Son. Where the sacrifice is great and manifold, there, in the same proportion, is the hope of glory more deeply and more securely grounded in the heart of him who makes it. -From the Letters of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

In many ways, Father Seelos' life was not extraordinary. He did not become a bishop, found a new order, write profound theological treatises, or die a martyr. What made him extraordinary was that he lived as an ordinary shepherd of souls with extraordinary diligence and love. He was a pastor at heart, and the people of God were profoundly affected by his priestly ministry. One hundred and thirty-three years after his death, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II during the jubilee year of 2000, leaving many in hopeful anticipation of a future canonization.

As we honor this holy priest who was extraordinary in his ministry, ponder the fact that we are all capable of living extraordinary lives within the ordinary rhythm of life. Sanctity is not about doing great things; it's about doing our daily duty with great love, one moment at a time, loving one soul at a time. If you see your life as one that reflects the ordinary, allow Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos to inspire you to live that ordinary life with extraordinary love and virtue, touching lives in every way God inspires you to do so.

Prayer: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, God called you to be a priest, and you fulfilled your priestly duties with extraordinary zeal. You touched one soul at a time, leaving a legacy of converted hearts. Please pray for me, that I will strive to live a life of exceptional holiness throughout the ordinary moments of my life, seeking to touch every soul I encounter every day. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

Thank you for all you do and 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

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.

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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.

2024 Life Chain

Sunday, October 6, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL

Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in hundreds of other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2024 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

HIGH VISIBILITY--A great opportunity to impact thousands of passers-by with the pro-life message. Please stand two arm-lengths apart.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County.

Respect Life Dinner

Right to Life of Adams County again offers you the opportunity to hear a great speaker and to support the pro-life cause.

The 2024 annual Respect Life Dinner will feature Alison Centofante, a national pro-life activist with over ten years of experience speaking on abortion and human dignity.

Please invite your family, friends, and church members to join you and fellow pro-lifers for a motivating evening.

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: Doors open, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:00 p.m.;

Guest speaker, following dinner

Location: Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street,

Quincy IL

Price: \$25 per person;

\$40, 2 persons; \$150, table of 8

By reservation only; no tickets available at the door. Reservations must be made by Monday, October 7.

Call or text Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 for reservations and information, or download invitation at rtlac.org.

You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7:00 p.m. if you are unable to attend the dinner.

ST. MARY SCHOOL CROPS FOR KIDS

St. Mary School Crops for Kids will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Farmers may donate at Prairieland FS in Mt. Sterling or Cargill in Meredosia – just specify St. Mary School. Lunch will be provided as in year's past. Please contact Jon Boylen at (217) 257-5276 with any questions.



Holy Family Turkey Dinner

Turkey time again! November 3 is the Annual Turkey Dinner. This will be a drive through event from 11-1. Meals are \$10. Turkey donations (\$35) and raffle tickets/money can be dropped in the box as you come into church. Extra sheets of raffle tickets will be available on the table in the back. Let us come together as a Catholic family to support our Church and School. Bless you.



Our 1st Fundraiser, the SMS Drive-Thru Hog Roast, was a huge success!!! THANK YOU if you purchased a Hog Roast meal! THANK YOU if you helped work the event! THANK YOU if you purchased raffle tickets!

Congratulations to Tanner Scheer and Vada Yingling! They won the 2 pork bundles!

