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School: St. Mary (217) 773-2825 Website: www.smseagle.org Principal: Melissa Obert

Mass Schedule

Ann O'Sullivan, C.R.E.

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 E-mail: stthomascp@gmail.com

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Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493 Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member: Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520 Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859 CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283 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, October 14 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11-29-32

Communion Service

<u>Tuesday, October 15 – 7:00 a.m.</u>

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Ed Veith

(By Pat & Marilyn Veith)

Wednesday, October 16 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:41-46

Margie Dunn

Thursday, October 17 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

Dwight & Helen Armstrong (By Cathy Black)

<u>AT ST. THOMAS - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Louise Waner (By Joshua & Carrie Potter)

<u>Friday, October 18 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Luke, Evangelist Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 101-9

> Sister Sara Koch (By Joan Zurita)

Saturday, October 19 - 5:30 p.m.

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Raymond, Mable & John Salrin (By Nancy Salrin)

<u>Sunday, October 20 – 8:00 a.m.</u>

Laity Sunday; World Mission Sunday Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

> Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

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

Gay Gunn (By Cheryl Wittland)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 5-6, 2024

Holy Family: \$6,266.70 School Support: \$1,457.00 Sister Parish: \$35.00 ACSA/Parish Tithe: \$535.00 Cemetery: \$125.00 Debt Reduction: \$150.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>October 6, 2024</u>

St. Thomas: \$2,155.00 Sister Parish: \$100.00 Parish Improvement: \$450.00

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 - 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

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

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark † Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson † Isabella Wilson † Kalvin Schenk † Mary Gregory † Ezra Keokham † Greg Jones † Misha Follis Allen † Susan Kenady †

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).

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

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 20, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Greeters:	
Lector: Gift Bearers Eucharistic	

Collection Counters: Ushers: Jonah Coggeshall Denny & Nancy Campbell Karen Jansen Jim & Nora Clausius Tod Perry/Kim Gronewold Robin Coggeshall Jerel Mock, Morgan Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading for today, we hear that when offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. In the Gospel, when given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. The Second Reading challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and Him alone.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK – We have a full week celebrating Memorials and Feasts of saints:

-Monday, October 14 – Optional memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Lived Late Second Century – about 223; Patron Saint of cemetery workers; Liturgical Color: Red.

"It has been said of Saint Callistus that if we knew more about his life from Christian sources, he might have gone down as one of our greatest popes. He suffered greatly in his early life but entered the service of the Church where he became a deacon and then pope. He taught about the importance of penance, evangelized, faced calumny and persecution with courage, and died for his faith. What little we know of his life remains an inspiration today, and his merciful commitment to repentant sinners shines forth as the law of Christ and the ongoing practice of the Church.

As we honor this ancient pope, ponder your own approach to mercy. Mercy is two-sided. We need to be convinced of God's mercy toward us, and we need to show that same depth of mercy toward others. Pray to Saint Callistus today for a merciful and courageous heart so that you will follow in his footsteps.

Prayer: Saint Callistus, you did not come from nobility but from slavery. Though you suffered greatly, God used those sufferings to form you into a man with a merciful heart who sought to reconcile every sinner with Him. Please pray for me, that I will be open to God's abundant mercy in my life and show that mercy to others without exception. Saint Callistus, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Tuesday, October 15 – Obligatory Memorial Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor; Lived 1515–1582; Patron Saint of Spain, lacemakers, and those in need of grace, in religious orders, and ridiculed for their piety; Invoked against bodily ills, headaches, and sickness; Canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622; Declared a Doctor of the Church on September 27, 1970; Liturgical Color: White.

St. Teresa "authored four major books, several minor works, at least thirty-one poems, and 458 letters that still exist. Her writings are among the most profound spiritual writings in the history of the Church, earning her the title Doctor of the Church.

As we honor this great saint and mystic, ponder the fact that she needed to enter into a second conversion. Though she was a nun with an established life of prayer, she was not entering into the depth of prayer to which she was called. When she discovered this fact, God took her into her own soul and she met Him there. Through her, God left a profound and lasting spiritual legacy for the Church.

Prayer: Saint Teresa of Ávila, God called you to religious life, but within that life He called you deeper, into a profound life of mystical union with Him. Please pray for me, that I will come to know God with the same depth of knowledge you had, so that God can use me for the purpose to which He has called me. Saint Teresa of Ávila, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You." -Wednesday, October 16 – Optional memorials of St. Hedwig, Religious and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.

Saint Hedwig: Lived 1174–1243; Patron Saint of brides, widows, duchesses, those whose children have died, and difficult marriages; Invoked against jealousy; Canonized by Pope Clement IV on March 26, 1267; Liturgical Color: White.

"As we honor this holy woman, we are reminded that earthly wealth and power do not have to be obstacles to a deep love of God. Saint Hedwig shows us that our greatest temptations can also be the things that draw us closer to God if used rightly. As Jesus said, "Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eve of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24). Saint Hedwig is among those who were both rich and powerful yet entered through that eye of the needle and achieved great holiness. Ponder your own temptations in life. You might not have power or wealth to tempt you, but whatever it is, God can use every good thing and every cross we carry as a means of greater holiness. Allow Saint Hedwig to inspire you by her example.

Prayer: Saint Hedwig, you were born of noble and wealthy lineage, yet you never allowed that to deter you from holiness. Instead, you used all you had for the glory of God and the advancement of the Church. Please pray for me, that I may use all I have been given in life for God's glory and never for selfish or vain purposes. Saint Hedwig, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; Lived 1647–1690; Patron Saint of devotees of the Sacred Heart and those who have lost a parent while young; Invoked against polio and rheumatic fever; Canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920; Liturgical Color: White.

"Quote: The Sacred Heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure. From this divine heart three streams flow endlessly. The first is the stream of mercy for sinners; it pours into their hearts sentiments of contrition and repentance. The second is the stream of charity which helps all in need and especially aids those seeking perfection in order to find the means of surmounting their difficulties. From the third stream flow love and light for the benefit of his friends who have attained perfection; these he wishes to unite to himself so that they may share his knowledge and commandments and, in their individual ways, devote themselves wholly to advancing his glory. -From a letter by Saint Margaret Mary

Today, there is no doubt that Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque lived a profoundly mystical life and that the revelations she received came directly from Jesus. During her life, however, she suffered greatly through mystical union with her crucified Lord. She faced continual opposition as she sought to fulfill God's will, being mocked, ridiculed, and considered delusional. But God uses those whom this world writes off for great things. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that our Lord gave to the Church through her has become an enduring and transforming devotion in countless lives.

As we honor this great saint, ponder your own depth of devotion to Jesus' suffering Heart. Reflect upon the twelve promises Jesus made to those who honor His Heart. As you do, renew and deepen your devotion to Him in this way so that you will become a greater recipient of His abundant mercy.

Prayer: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, from a tender age your heart was united with the Heart of Jesus, and His mother became your mother. You persevered through much turmoil in life but valiantly fulfilled the mission given to you. Please pray for me, that I will come to a deeper understanding of the suffering and Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that I will share in the abundant mercy from which it flows. Saint Margaret Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Thursday, October 17 – Obligatory Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr; Lived Mid-First Century to around the year 107; Patron Saint of the Church in Northern Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean; Invoked against throat diseases; Liturgical Color: Red.

"Quote: I am writing to all the churches to let it be known that I will gladly die for God if only you do not stand in my way. I plead with you: show me no untimely kindness. Let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and bread. Pray to Christ for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God. No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. -Saint Ignatius, letter to the Romans."

"Saint Ignatius of Antioch is one of three Apostolic Fathers, meaning one of three saints who had direct ties to the Apostles and who left behind some writing. Saint Polycarp of Smyrna and Saint Clement of Rome (the fourth pope) are the others. Today, we not only honor Saint Ignatius, we also honor and give thanks to God for all those early evangelists, bishops, martyrs, confessors, and every member of those early Christian communities who helped lay the foundation of the Church.

Reflect, today, upon the burning desire in Saint Ignatius' heart to die for Christ. Such a desire could only come from a soul that had a profound experience of the transforming love of Christ. Death and suffering became the door through which Saint Ignatius entered the glories of Heaven, and once he knew what awaited him on the other side, he longed for it with his whole being. If you have not arrived at such an interior conviction in your life, seek to discover that which this Apostolic Father discovered.

Prayer: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, you were highly blessed to be part of the earliest days of the Church. You were touched by Christ, made the radical commitment to follow Him, served as a bishop, and died courageously and joyfully as a martyr. Please pray for me, that I will discover what you discovered and believe what you believed, so that I will also long for nothing other than to be in the service of God's will, sacrificially laying my life down. Saint Ignatius of Antioch, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Friday, October 18 – Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist; Lived in the First Century, died around the age of 84; Patron Saint of artists, bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, glassworkers, goldworkers, laceworkers, notaries, physicians, and surgeons; Liturgical Color: Red.

"Early tradition states that Saint Luke died at the age of eighty-four in Boeotia, Greece. It is also an ancient belief that he died a martyr, though records are unreliable. His writings, however, are reliable. Together, the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Acts of the Apostles make up a significant portion of the New Testament. God clearly used this intelligent and welleducated man when the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to write a thorough, definitive, and orderly account of God's life-saving actions in the Person of Jesus Christ and the early Church. Saint Luke did the writing, but the Holy Spirit guided the pen, using Saint Luke's human experience and talent as the instrument.

As we honor this great evangelist, ponder the fact that while he wrote down this orderly account of the life of Christ and the early Church, little did Luke know that his writings would be among the most widely distributed writings in the history of the world and would be one of the primary instruments of the salvation of countless souls.

Prayer: Saint Luke, you were a faithful servant of Saint Paul and a devout worshiper of Jesus, your Lord. You placed before God all your natural gifts, your education, time, and energy so that He could use you for the fulfillment of His holy will and the proclamation of the Gospel. Please pray for me, that I will always devote myself without hesitation to the fulfillment of God's will, so that God can use me as He will to draw many to Christ. Saint Luke, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Saturday, October 19: In the USA, Obligatory Memorial of Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests and Martyrs and their Companions, Martyrs; Patron Saints of North America; Canonized by Pope Pius XI on June 29, 1930; Liturgical Color: Red.

"These heroic saints helped lay the foundation of faith not only for the native peoples but also for the European settlers who arrived and populated North America. They epitomize a selfless desire to lay down their lives for others, even those who acted in excessively brutal ways. The torture they received did not lead to bitterness but to praise and thanksgiving to God that they were found worthy to imitate Christ's death.

As we honor the North American Martyrs, ponder your own depth of sacrifice you are willing to make for the good of those around you. Family, friends, community, or workplace, we must continually look out for the good of others in a selfless way. Seek inspiration from today's saints and strive to follow in their footsteps, through the unique form of martyrdom God asks of you. Prayer: Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and companions, you abandoned the comforts of your life in France and traveled to a new land to share the Gospel with a people who had never heard of Christ. Your courage and love for all of God's people brought you there, and you shed your blood for that act of love. Please pray for me, that I will have the same depth of love for all whom God calls me to serve. Holy Martyrs of North America, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-DEACON SUNDAY – Today, Sunday, October 13, is designated "Deacon Sunday." I ask you to pray for those men who serve the Church in this particular Vocation and for those men who are in Formation for the Diaconate.

I would like to express my gratitude both personally and on behalf of the parishes and school to Deacon Paul Koch as well as Matt Heldt, who is in Formation for the Permanent Diaconate, for their service in our parishes and school. I ask you to pray for them in a very special way. As of this writing, I am hopeful to have an insert included in this bulletin with a little information about Deacon Paul, similar to what was included in St. Thomas' bulletin for Priesthood Sunday.

If you'd like to send a note to Deacon Paul or Matt, you're welcome to mail it to the rectory (PO Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353) or drop it in the collection basket and I will make sure they get it.

-BAPTISM – Last Sunday, October 6, it was with great joy that I baptized Roselynn Elizabeth Logan, infant daughter of Nicolaus and Katherine Logan at St. Thomas.

If you have a child who needs to be baptized or are expecting, please reach out to me so we can get it scheduled.

-FOOD DRIVE – Marilyn Veith is heading up a food drive once again at Holy Family. We will be collecting food now through Thanksgiving. If you would like to contribute for the first two weeks, please bring canned goods. You may put your items in the tubs that will be in the back of the Church.

-COATS FOR KIDS – The Mt. Sterling Council of the Knights of Columbus will be participating in Coats for Kids, helping to ensure every child has a winter coat. Someone from the Knights of Columbus will be collecting monetary donations to help fund this at Masses next weekend at Holy Family. We will also make envelopes available in the back of the church at St. Thomas for anyone there wishing to contribute.

-DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE – Recently Holy Family Parish paid down an additional \$50,000 on their outstanding debt. I am grateful that we have been able to do this. Our outstanding debt stands at about \$30,000. We will continue to work on this in order to eliminate it completely. Over the past four years, we have paid off \$130,000 in debt so paying off the remaining \$30,000 in the near future certainly no longer seems unsurmountable. Thank you for your help in paying this debt down.

The special marked envelopes for this debt reduction remain at each parish. I encourage you to continue to prayerfully consider what you might be able to contribute toward the remaining debt in addition to your regular weekly support. You may place a contribution in the envelopes and put it in the regular collection basket or mail it into the parish office. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

-TURKEY DINNER – The Holy Family Turkey Dinner will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3, the first Sunday in November. Letters and work lists have been mailed out. If you are a member of Holy Family and have not received a letter, please let us know so we can make sure we have your correct address.

-DEER CLASSIC – This year's Brown County Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 16. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

-PRAYER & FASTING – A reminder of the Friday Prayer and Fasting initiative for the State of Illinois. Prayer and fasting and other sacrifice are powerful elements of the Christian life and should be a part of every Christian life.

It is important for us to remember that Fridays remain a day of sacrifice. For many years, we abstained from meat on all Fridays. Many folks still do. The mandate to abstain from meat on all Fridays was lifted and now is required of us on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

However, the call to sacrifice remains in place and always has. It's so interesting to hear or see someone's surprise when you tell them you don't eat meat on Friday...it's as if the whole notion of sacrifice has been done away with. It hasn't! We are all called to sacrifice. It is part of our Christian life and Fridays in particular remain a day of sacrifice. It may not be meat that we are required to abstain from on Fridays for sacrifice but we are called to sacrifice. And so, I urge you to consider how it is you do or will begin to live out this call to sacrifice.

May you have a most blessed week. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

-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.

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.



Knights of Columbus Council 1281, Mt. Sterling Illinois, will be accepting donations to purchase NEW Coats for children in our area that are in need.

K of C Members will collect donations after all Holy Family Masses October 19 & 20

Contract Joe Sullivan with any questions. 217 242-9862.



Crops for Kids (Brown and Pike County) (a fundraiser for St. Mary School) was last Saturday. Thank you to those who donated to the farmers' meals.

If you know of any farmers that would be interested in donating some grain or a check to St. Mary School, we would be happy to bring them and their workers a delicious lunch! Please call or email Melissa at 217-773-2825 or mobert@smseagle.org.

