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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, November 4 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 5 - 7:00 a.m.

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

Kathleen Root (By Emily Morris)

Wednesday, November 6 - 7:00 a.m.

Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

Marie Flynn (By the Family of John & Pat McDaniel)

Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 a.m.

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

Charles Koch (By Mark & Mary Hill)

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

Jerry Gunn (By the Family)

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

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Scotty Blentlinger (By Jason, Adam & Rachel Volk)

Saturday, November 9 - 5:30 p.m.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

Sunday, November 10 - 8:00 a.m.

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Kim Koch (By Joan Zurita)

St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Esther Sherman (By Sheila Druffel)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 26-27, 2024

Holy Family: \$4,035.00 School Support: \$240.00 Sister Parish: \$90.00 All Souls: \$5.00 All Saints: \$5.00 World Mission: \$125.00 Debt Reduction: \$350.00 Justice Campaign: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 27, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,208.00 World Mission: \$30.00 Parish Improvement: \$45.00 Candles: \$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 REOUESTS

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 † Misha Follis Allen † Susan Kenady † Leona Dunn † Georgia Metz †

ST. THOMAS

The Community For Christ Assistance Center is considering starting a program to bring frozen meals to shut-ins in our community. The West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging who makes and delivers "Meals on Wheels" would make the meals and deliver them once a week to the Center and a family member/friend would pick them up here for the shut-in. Besides the meals, a loaf of bread, a ½ gallon of milk, and a bag of cereal would also be included. There are no age or income restrictions. If a person is under 60 years of age, the cost is \$8 per meal or if he/she is over 60, then the person pays what he/she can. All billing is done by the Agency, not the Center. If you or you know of someone that would be interested in having this service, please call the Center at 217-593-7052 by Saturday, November 16. This is just a way for us to start to see if there is enough interest in this program.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 10, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall **Greeters:** Greg & Elizabeth Likes

Lector: Laura Evans Denny & Cathy Gift Bearers:

Wagner

Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Wagner/Laura

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes **Ushers:**

John Brady, Denny

Campbell

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our Readings and Psalm for today remind us that the two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand and pull together all the other commands. The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that it is through the Priesthood of Jesus Christ that we are brought into communion with God who is love.

God's love is the foundation of His law. All of God's commands are given to us out of His great love for us and His desire for us to be with Him for all eternity. His commands are never a burden but when fully understood and followed, give us complete freedom...a hard concept for many of our minds to grasp and appreciate especially with the growing self-centered cultural attitudes of "no one's going to tell me what to do" and "I can do whatever I want." It is true, we can do whatever we want to do or not do whatever we don't want to do but only because God gives us free will. Our ability to do or not do whatever we want is not so much a reflection of freedom but a reflection of God's great gift to us. Our free will is a gift from God that He will not infringe upon. We need to work each and every day to conform our will to the Will of God and our love for God must eventually come from a position of our will and not of obligation. The Lord's commands help us to know how to love more perfectly and give us freedom to do so. Our rejection of the Lord's commands keeps us bound in slavery and sin and threatens the eternal salvation of our soul.

The two greatest commandments that we hear Jesus speak of in the Gospel are rooted in love. The first is to love God and the second is to love others. Because of the way Jesus presents them, we can clearly see that the two are inseparable...we cannot claim to love God and not love someone else no matter what the reason and we can't love others without complete love for God. To try and claim we can do either of these is nothing more than prideful deceit.

Both of the great commandments stem from the outpouring of God's pure goodness. Again, this is a hard reality for many to accept since God is often seen as secondary rather than primary and folks can often times see themselves rather than God as all-powerful, masters of their own domain so to speak. But if we love God fully and faithfully and love others as He loves, which many folks try to do, we cooperate in our own well-being and come closer to God's Kingdom. And so, with great hope, let us ask the Lord to help us to conform our will to His and to love perfectly as He does and calls us to.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, November 4 – Obligatory Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop. Lived 1538–1584; Patron Saint of apple orchards, bishops, catechism writers, catechists, catechumens, seminarians, starchmakers, and spiritual directors; Invoked against abdominal pain, colic, stomach diseases, and ulcers; Canonized by Pope Paul V on November 1, 1610; Liturgical Color: White.

"Charles Borromeo was born to a noble Italian family in the Castle of Arona in the Duchy of Milan. Charles' father was the Count of Arona, and his mother was from the powerful Medici family. As the second son, Charles was expected to pursue a career within the Church. He received the tonsure at age twelve and was granted the honorary title of titular Abbot of Sts. Gratinian and Felinus at Arona, endowing him with a steady income. At the University of Pavia, he studied Church and civil law.

On Christmas Day, 1559, Charles' uncle, Cardinal John Angelo Medici was elected pope after Pope Paul IV's death. The new Pope Pius IV called his twenty-one-year-old nephew Charles to Rome and made him a cardinal, even though he was not a priest. As a cardinal, he would help elect the next pope, assist with Church governance, and advise his uncle. Soon after, the pope appointed Cardinal Borromeo to a number of high Church positions, including Papal Protector and Legate.

Over four years, Cardinal Borromeo exercised his new responsibilities and enjoyed a good income. He encouraged his uncle to conclude the Council of Trent. In early 1562, the Council's eighteenth session

was held, and seven more would follow, concluding with the promulgation of the decrees on January 26, 1564. Since he was not an ordained bishop, Cardinal Borromeo could not participate in the council as other bishops did, but he was involved behind the scenes in formulating the decrees.

During the final period of the Council of Trent. Cardinal Borromeo's older brother suddenly died childless. Because Charles was the only living male in the Borromeo family, his relatives urged him to abandon his Church career, become the Count of Arona, marry, and have an heir. This was a turning point for Charles. Deciding to pursue his vocation, he secretly arranged to be ordained a priest. After ordination, Charles celebrated his first Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Mother of God at the tomb of Saints Peter and Paul. Three months later, he was ordained a bishop in the Sistine Chapel and was soon appointed Archbishop of Milan at age twenty-five.

Following the Council's conclusion, Charles dedicated himself to enforcing its decisions. He helped develop the Roman Catechism, as well as various liturgical documents and hymns. He executed the Council's decrees and reforms within Rome, including the ban on selling indulgences and church positions, reforming monasteries, training clergy, enforcing clerical celibacy, returning reverence to liturgical ceremonies, and strengthening the laity's faith and morals.

In Milan, Cardinal Borromeo devoted nineteen years to enforcing the Council's decrees, igniting a Catholic reawakening within his archdiocese that resonated throughout the Church. In addition to the reforms he had pursued in Rome, he instituted the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to educate the young and old. While he had basked in his noble heritage and wealth as a young man, as a priest, he adopted a simpler lifestyle, fasted, prayed, donated most of his wealth to the needy, and made pastoral journeys across his archdiocese. His fervor grew steadily, setting his ministry aflame.

Prayer: Saint Charles Borromeo, once ordained, you fervently followed Christ and became a holy shepherd of God's people. Please pray that I will follow your example by applying your reforming fervor to my own soul and family. May all I do be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Saturday, November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

"The most important temple is the temple of a person's soul because God dwells within each one of us. In the most secret center of our being is that sacred sanctuary where we meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila called it the Presence Chamber, the most central and interior dwelling place within us.

In addition to the temple of the soul, there are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worship of God. They are to be a Heaven on earth, a place where we join with the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones in their angelic praises of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's feast commemorates one such place, the most important church on earth.

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica. Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

The church building has a long and storied history. In the year 64, the erratic and cruel Roman Emperor Nero blamed a devastating fire in Rome on the Christians. In retaliation, he ordered the execution of many Christians, including Saints Peter and Paul. In 65, there was a conspiracy to kill Nero with the help of the Counsel-designate Plautius Lateranus (Lateran). When Nero learned of the plot, he immediately

beheaded Lateranus and confiscated his home, the Lateran Palace. Subsequent Roman emperors used the palace in various ways over the next 250 years, such as a military fort. In 312, when Constantine the Great became the sole ruler of the Western Roman Empire, he took possession of the Lateran Palace. The following year, after issuing the Edict of Milan with Emperor Licinius of the Eastern Roman Empire, Constantine donated the Lateran Palace to Pope Miltiades who first used it to conduct a synod of bishops and then began constructing the first Basilica in Rome. Upon its completion in the year 324, it was dedicated by Pope Sylvester and given the name the "House of God," with a special designation to Christ the Savior. With that, the first cathedral in the most important diocese was established.

Constantine the Great did much to help the Catholic Church flourish after legalizing its practice. He saw to it that the Lateran Basilica was beautifully decorated with gold and silver. He also built many other churches in Rome, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Constantinople. Up until that time, the church had suffered greatly, always fearing persecution and death. Now, it had its first cathedral in the heart of Rome, beautifully decorated, with the Roman Emperor's full support.

Though the basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior, in the tenth century Pope Sergius III added a new baptistry and rededicated the basilica to Saint John the Baptist. In the twelfth century, Pope Lucius II dedicated the basilica to Saint John the Evangelist. The basilica, therefore, honors Christ the Savior first and the two Saint Johns as the co-patrons.

Though the Lateran Basilica has remained the pope's cathedral from the time of its dedication, the Lateran Palace, next to the Basilica, was the papal residence from 324–1305. In 1305, Pope Clement V was elected to the papacy and refused to move to Rome. In 1309, he moved the entire papal court to Avignon, France, where it remained until Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome from Avignon in 1377. Upon the pope's return to Rome, the Lateran Palace was in disrepair due to two fires, so the pope eventually built a new palace next to Saint Peter's on Vatican

Hill, where every subsequent pope has resided until today.

As we honor the mother church of the whole world, ponder the importance of a church building. A church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honor the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, national conferences, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

Prayer: Christ our Savior, through the intercessions of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, I pray for the Church today. I pray for your abundant mercy upon every sinner whom you are calling into your Church for reconciliation. I pray for my local parish, diocese, country, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. I especially pray for the Holy Father, the pastor of the Lateran Basilica and shepherd of the whole Church. Draw him close to You, make him holy, and use him to draw many people to Yourself. Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, pray for us. Jesus I trust in You."

- -POPE'S INTENTION The Pope's intention for November is for anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.
- -ELECTION A reminder that this Tuesday, November 5 is election day. I encourage everyone to vote. I ask you to also keep the election in your prayers and all who are elected.

I urge you to carefully and prayerfully consider who you are voting for and what you are supporting in this and all elections (and encourage others to do the same). There are a number of issues that need to be considered but the dignity and sanctity of human life in all stages from conception through natural death must be preserved in

all matters and the fullness of Truth must be proclaimed. This is important for us as individuals and the way we live our lives and it is important for those whom we elect. As you pray for the election, pray too for yourself that you may have the grace to always be guided by the Holy Spirit.

The following is a prayer from the USCCB for an upcoming election:

"Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word. live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

-"MEMORIAL MASS" - November is specifically set aside to pray for the dead. At St. Thomas, we are planning to pray the Prayers for the Dead immediately after Mass next Sunday, November 10. You are invited to bring a picture of loved ones which will be displayed during Mass and the Prayers for the Dead. Please have any pictures at the Church by Friday, November 8. You can leave them in the "coat room" in the back of Church. You might consider including the names of the people. During the Prayers for the Dead, I may mention the names individually.

-DEER CLASSIC – The Brown County Deer Classic is coming right up. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 16. Thank you for your support of the Deer Classic and for all those who help with it. The proceeds go to help support the operations of St. Mary School.

PLEASE NOTE...As in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening (Saturday, November 16) at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m. Confessions will be from 3:00-3:30 p.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

-FALL COLLECTION - The Holy Family Fall Collection is underway. If you haven't already, you should be receiving a letter and contribution envelope. This is an important collection for the parish and I ask you to prayerfully consider what you can contribute. Since we did not formally conduct the collection last year, I encourage you to be as generous as you can. If you do not receive a letter and envelope by November 15, please let me know so that I can make sure we have the correct address for you. Contributions can be dropped into the collection basket or mailed into the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

-CCW – The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women is Wednesday, November 13 at St. Thomas. Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information to follow and a sign-up sheet will be in the back of each church.

-VESTMENTS – You may have noticed at Holy Family recently some new matching vestments for Deacon Paul and I, along with Chalice Palls, Veils, and Burses to match. I would like to have a complete set (liturgical colors) of matching vestments for both parishes. If you would be interested in financially helping to acquire these, please let me know...I'd be happy to talk with you about it. There are other Liturgical Appointments that would be good to have at both parishes as well. If you would like to visit more about that, let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Looking ahead, December 8 this year is the Second Sunday of Advent. Because of this, the Celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9 this year. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. We recently received clarification that the obligation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Monday, December 9 this year IS NOT LIFTED. Please keep this in mind. We are

required to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that day. I will have the Mass schedule ready soon for both parishes for that day.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you 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. Ann O'Sullivan -- aosullivan2031@gmail.com 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.

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Fall Gathering will be held Wednesday November 13 at St. Thomas Church, Camp Point.

Theme: Prayer in the Catholic Tradition

Featured speaker: Fr. Mark Schulte, Pastor St. Mary's Church Pittsfield

Registration 7:45-8:30. Cost \$10 for breakfast and lunch

8:30 a.m. Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Mass to follow

10:00 a.m. Breakfast, meeting and Lunch. Ends approximately 2:00 p.m.

Contact Claudia Coggeshall QDCCW President 217-653-6716 for questions.

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