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#### **Mass Schedule**

Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: 8:30 a.m. (during school year), 5:30 p.m. PSR classes Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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Dorothy Obert - (217) 593-6520

Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock - (217) 430-2859 Youth Group Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. Holy Day: 7:30 p.m.

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12.00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. also Reconciliation after Mass

Ladies Bible Study Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Men & Women's Society Meeting 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Website: www.stthomascp.org https://stthomascp.formed.org

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## Monday, April 29 - 7:00 a.m.

Communion Service

## <u>Tuesday, April 30 - 7:00 a.m.</u>

Mary Ann Logsdon (by Mary Kassing)

## Wednesday, May 1 - 7:00 a.m.

Paul, Frances and Larry Schenk and Ruth James (by the Schenk Families)

## Thursday, May 2 - 7:00 a.m.

Regina and Bill Dorocke (by Christopher Koch)

## Friday, May 3 - 8:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family and St. Thomas

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

James McNary (by Timberpoint Nursing Home)

## <u>Saturday, May 4 - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Roberta Young (by Barb Lehne)

## Sunday, May 5 - 8:00 a.m.

Chris Wort (By Patty Koch)

## St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Eugene "Gene" Steinkamp (by Barb Steinkamp)

#### **OUR TITHE TO THE LORD:**

## April 20-21, 2019

Holy Family: \$5,749.50 Sister Parish: \$60.00 School Support: \$910.00 Catholic Times: \$15.00 First Offering: \$5.00 Seminarians: \$417.00 Holy Land - Good Friday: \$25.00

Operation Rice Bowl: \$252.00 St. Thomas: \$2,697.00

For the Poor: \$30.00 Holy Land - Good Friday: \$195.00

Seminarians: \$160.00

Holy Family budgeted amount: \$6,500

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ AA Meeting Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Parish Center.
- Legion of Mary will meet on Tuesday evenings at 5:00 p.m.
- School Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Nocturnal Adoration: Saturday, May 4 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on May 5 at 7:45 a.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. with a light meal being served.
- Holy Family Graduates' Mass will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.
- Bosco Kids Bosco Kids meets every Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:30. Please join us. For registration forms or more information contact Ann O'Sullivan at aosullivan2031@gmail.com.

Please contact Tammy at (217) 773-2825 or <a href="mailto:tmckeown@smseagle.org">tmckeown@smseagle.org</a> with any information you wish to have placed in the bulletin. I will need any information by Monday at 4:00 p.m. for insertion into the next weekend's bulletin.

Rectory/School Office hours are Monday – Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

## Please keep the following in your prayers:

All Caregivers † The shut-ins of our parish and community † Joan Russell † Matthew Bishop † Gary Wenger † Debbie Beebe & Randi Bobier † For the safety of all of our military † For a Special Intention † Julie Gunn Erwin † Janelle Bowen † Fred Dunbar † Gay Gunn † Don & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse †

Jenny Niesen † Donna Reische † Janice Leverton †
Robert Koch † Jack Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll
Hedden † Sherry Messner † Stan Obert † Chris
Jones † Bobby Volk † Bonnie Meats † Abby
Schuhardt † Rachel Snelling † Steve Quinn †
Corine Kirby † Sheila Roberts † Greg Likes †
Jack Cannon † Kim Koch †
Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Carolyn Kassing †
Carol Boylen † Alexa Rhea †

#### ST. THOMAS

*FORMED:* To sign up for FREE, just visit us at <a href="https://stthomascp.formed.org">https://stthomascp.formed.org</a>.

St. Thomas Graduation Mass – This will take place at Mass on May 19. If you are graduating from 8th grade, High School or College, you are encouraged to wear your cap and gown and participate in the liturgical roles of the Mass. If you are interested in being a reader or gift bearer, please contact Laura Evans levans@adams.net or 217-316-1734. All graduates will serve as greeters before Mass as well.

**CALLING ST. THOMAS YOUTH!** Join us on May 5 at 7:00 p.m. for an informational meeting on the new St. Thomas Youth Group. We want to offer the high school aged youth an opportunity to foster their faith through fellowship, worship, and faith sharing. Our hope is to discuss the Church's teachings and provide a safe community for the youth evangelize and support one another. While this will be centered around Catholic teachings, ALL are welcomed to attend. Please join Laura Evans, Greg Kirlin, Kris Mast, and Katelyn Rhea on May 5 for an informational meeting on what's to come. For more information, please contact Laura Evans or Greg Kirlin (217) 440-3631.

#### ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

#### May 5, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Ministers of Hospitality: Shawn & Denise

**Taylor Family** 

**Lector:** Shelia Roberts

Servers: Dessy Wilkey & Kolin Bockhold

**Gift Bearers:** Brent & Sarah Kearby Family

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**Gary Mast, Kailyn Mast, Clara Schmidt &
Maurice Schmidt

Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes

**May Ushers:** Jerry Herkert, Dalton Hildebrand, Darren Hildebrand, Butch Likes

From the Pastor's Desk
Second Sunday of EasterDivine Mercy Sunday
April 27-28, 2019

Dear Families of Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter. This Sunday is also shared with Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the Church's celebration of the personal revelation received by St. Faustina Kowalska, a religious sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland, from the risen Lord that He wanted His message of mercy shared with the world. It is fitting that the Second Sunday of Easter shares its importance with the mercy of God since the greatest miracle known to man is the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We focus this Sunday on the mercy of God because it is by His mercy that Jesus offers to us a share in His divine life by our belief that He has saved us from our sins by dying on the Cross. Our salvation is dependent on the fact that we not only follow Jesus by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel that He is risen, but that we trust in His mercy by seeking forgiveness and being repentant of our sins. This Sunday also follows the events that transpired when the disciples gathered in the Upper Room after discovering that Jesus was not in the tomb. Our Lenten observance and

adherence to the prescriptions of the Church to pray, fast, and give alms culminated in our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

The Gospel of John recalls the event that happened the evening of the day after the Lord rose from the dead. The disciples are huddled together in the Upper Room trying to make sense of what they witnessed in discovering that the tomb of the Lord was empty. What happened to Jesus? Where did He go? Who took Him from the tomb? If it's true that He is risen, how will He appear to them? Will He come back to them? What will He do when He encounters those who abandoned Him in His time of need or didn't believe that He would truly rise? These were all probable questions they could have been wondering about. But Jesus does appear to them, and simply says to them, "Peace be with you." He doesn't come with condemnation, but a spirit of victory. I did it! I conquered sin and death! Do you believe now? His appearance perhaps caused many different emotions from the disciples; elation, fear, joy, sorrow. I imagine His appearance answered all their questions. There was no doubt that He had risen. Now, what are they to do? Jesus sends them forth, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathed on them, giving them the Holy Spirit. This is what they needed to come out of their slump so that they could continue the mission of Jesus. Part of their mission is to forgive the sins of others.

We see in the Acts of the Apostles that, "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." We see power given to the Apostles to heal the

afflicted. When Peter walks the streets, many people bring the sick to the streets so that even by the casting of Peter's shadow they may be healed. People believed that Peter and the Apostles harnessed great power. They believed in the power of Christ and believed that because the Apostles were the closest to Jesus, they received His power to accomplish the things that Jesus did when He walked the earth. We possess that power too as disciples of Christ. Those who struggle to believe in the power of Jesus see us as those who can show Jesus to them. We should never doubt that we have power to change the hearts of men and women throughout the world. Yes, doubts may still arise, but we have to be resolute to share Jesus with others.

In John's account of the Book of Revelation, we see that John was given a particularly singular mission in writing on the events he recalled as an eyewitness of Jesus' life. He was preserved from death like His fellow Apostles and sent to Patmos to begin his writings. It was also his mission to care for the Mother of Jesus. The Book of Revelation is the most difficult of all the books of the Bible because it contains very profound visions of John in his account of what he has seen of the heavenly kingdom of God. He recalls seeing Jesus in a white robe with a gold sash around His chest. It is a vision of a victorious Christ who has overcome the devil and his weapons of sin and death. Keep in mind that John recalls this vision even before the Lord appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room. He had already witnessed that the Lord was coming in victory. He, like us, is called to share with the world what we know

about Jesus. Yes, we have the scriptures, but Christ is in our hearts. It is a personal relationship with the Lord that we must cultivate in order to share with others what we have seen. No doubt that the vision of St. Faustina regarding the Divine Mercy of Jesus helps us to see that the Lord wants us to know that He does not come to us with condemnation but with mercy.

May we receive the Lord's mercy in all that we do. May we know that we are loved by a loving Savior who desires mercy rather than sacrifice. May this Easter season be a time of true joy for us as we anticipate His second coming in glory to judge us according to His Gospel.

God bless you all,

Pastor of Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes

#### **Bulletin Short for**

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) – 28 April 2019

**Peace and pardon.** The disciples of the Lord, in great fear, locked themselves away in the upper room. Jesus breaks in upon them to declare two realities. To be at peace is first – from him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. To extend pardon is second – given not just to the Twelve but to all the followers. Four of the spiritual works of mercy fall into this pardoning need. There is much we can do.

- How can I bring peace to my home and work?
- What delicate work of pardon and forgiveness will fill my words and actions?
- How will I comfort and forgive in this second week of Easter joy?

#### **FYI FROM THE DRE**

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We are now at 106 subscribers!!! If you haven't signed up, you are missing out on over 40,000 FREE resources right at your fingertips! Did you know there is also an app available for your smart phone? You can also access FORMED on your Apple TV and with an Amazon Firestick! Please sign up at stthomascp.formed.org today!

## **Restored Order FAQ**

Father Steve and Laura Evans will be holding a Restored Order FAQ session. This is open to EVERYONE. It will be held at St. Thomas on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall and for Holy Family/St. Mary School in the school cafeteria on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Come learn about why our Diocese is moving in this direction, the historical/Biblical reasoning behind it, and help us decide how we will implement it in our parishes!

#### Laura's FORMED Recommendation

Parents: Are there topics that are hard to discuss with your children – especially if they are teenagers? I know there are for me, and there are many more to come (our oldest is only 6!) I want to introduce you to a series on FORMED that includes 9 sessions. The first one is simply titled "Why Am I Here". In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances? Check it out at stthomascp.formed.org under the COMMUNITY TAB labeled Laura's Recommendation with the blue background.

# Bosco Kids (Holy Family's PSR program)

Bosco Kids will meet every Wednesday in May from 6:15-7:30, except for May 22. The end of the year celebration will be on May 29 with a Mass and picnic.

Please note on your calendars that on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. – Fr. Steve and Laura Evans will share a presentation on Reformed Order – the new sequence of Sacramental preparation and reception for children. We will decide that night on what works best for Holy Family Parish children. We'd like your input after you've heard about the rationale for the changes.

## **CURSILLO MASS AND ULTREYA**

Friday, May 3, there will be a Cursillo Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the Quincy University Chapel with the Ultreya to follow. St. Francis will be hosting the Ultreya with Helen Zimmerman witnessing. All are welcome. It is a great way to spend a Friday evening with Christian friends. There will be light refreshments available.

## PARISH WIDE SELF STUDY ON FORMED

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we are launching a parish wide SELF study on FORMED. An Augustine Institute original series, Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the worldchanging papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. This is a 10-week study, but you can work at your own pace. A new session will appear on the Community Tab each Sunday and each session has discussion question that you can reflect on or discuss with other members of our parishes right there on FORMED. This series won 2 Telly awards in 2018, one in the History Category and one in the Documentary Category. Please plan to participate in this study at stthomascp.formed.org and locate it under the COMMUNITY TAB.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date! A committee consisting of women from St. Thomas and Holy Family are busy planning a women's retreat! We will kick things off on June 28 from 6:00-9:00 with a social at Hagel's. Just come and go as you please! This is a chance to relax, unwind, and spend time with other women. Appetizers will be available as well as a cash bar. On June 29 from 9:00-4:30 we will have two women leading a retreat at St. Thomas Hall. There is no cost to attend, but a donation would be much appreciated to help cover expenses. This retreat is open to ALL WOMEN of any faith denomination! Registration forms were in the bulletin last week. If you misplaced it and need a new one, please contact Laura Evans at levans@adams.net or 217-316-1734.

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REPAIR FUND

We are beginning to receive contributions to the Holy Family Church Repair Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, please place it in a plain white envelope marked "HF Church Repair Fund" and place it in the collection basket or deliver it to the school office.

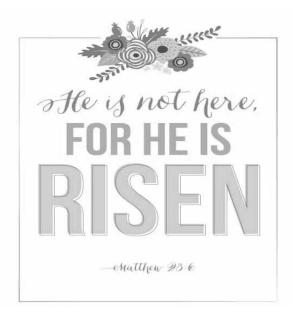
#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Illinois Right to Life's 51st Annual Banquet – Please join us on Friday, May 17, 2019, at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a program at 7:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be Trey Gowdy, former Congressman and outspoken pro-life advocate. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It will determine just how many hearts and minds we can change and lives we can save, as we work to restore a culture that respects and protects human life in Illinois. We hope you can join us!

To purchase tickets, go to <a href="https://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet">www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet</a> or call 312-422-9300.

#### THANK YOU

We extend a very big **THANK YOU** to those who donated their time and materials to help with the spring campus clean up! The entire complex looked so nice for Easter!





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# Poppy Poster Contest Winners! Congratulations!

4th Grade - 1st - Ann Schenk

5th Grade - 1st - Thomas Boylen, 2nd - Bailey Erwin, 3rd - Alivia Akins

6th Grade - 2nd - Ali Holterfield, 3rd - Isabella Wilson

7th Grade - 1st - Alessa Jones



# St. Mary School Lunch

Monday (April 29): Pork patty/bun, whipped potatoes, corn, peaches

Tuesday (April 30): BBQ ribs/bun, cheesy potatoes, peas, mandarin oranges

Wednesday (May 1): Walking taco (meat/cheese/chips), salad, black eyed peas, applesauce

Thursday (May 2): Cheese Dunkers (grilled cheese), chili, crackers, peaches

Friday (May 3): Pork Loin/bun, hot dog/bun, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, chips, dessert

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# **Important Upcoming Dates in May**



May 2: Teacher Team Meetings, 2:00 Dismissal, ASC available

May 3: Grandparents' Day, 1:30 Dismissal, NO ASC available and NO Bus transportation

May 9: Olympic Day for 5th-8th grade students

