

The Week In God's Time
The Liturgical Year This Week

Sunday, May 12th
Fourth Sunday of the Paschal (Easter) Season
 Acts 13:14-52/Rev 7:9-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday, May 13th
Our Lady of Fatima
 Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 14th
Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
 Acts 1:15-26/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15th
St. Isidore the Farmer
 Acts 12:24—13:5/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 16th
Thur. of the 4th Week of Easter
 Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 17th
Fri. of the 4th Week of Easter
 Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 18th
Sat. of the 4th Week of Easter
 Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 19th
Fifth Sunday of the Paschal (Easter) Season
 Acts 14:21-27/Rev 21:1-5/Jn 13:31-35

The late Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis told this tale:

A drunk staggered on a bus and slumped into a seat right next to a priest who had just been appointed a bishop. Through bleary eyes, the man gazed at the priest in his Roman collar and asked: "Are you a priest?"

The newly appointed bishop replied with resignation: "I was a priest."

His new traveling companion whispered his concern for all to hear: "Was it drink that done it?"

On St. Patrick's Day, an Irishman was asked,
 "Why are Irish jokes so simple?"
 "So the English can understand them," he replied.

This last week on Thursday the first reading at daily Mass was from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8, Verses 26-40. This is the account of St. Philip meeting up with an Ethiopian eunuch who was returning home after worshipping in Jerusalem. The following is the passage:

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south... And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this:

"As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:26-40)

The Ethiopia referred to here is actually the Kingdom of Nubia. This kingdom was located south of Egypt and above Aswan where the first waterfall on the River Nile is. It is now part of what is currently Sudan. Candace is not a proper name but is the dynastic title of the queens that ruled the kingdom. At that time the kingdom was in fact ruled by women. This man would have held a high office. He may have been a Jew, a member of another race and had become Jewish, or a pagan who feared God. But he was well disposed towards the Jewish religion.

Philip meets up with him and he is so open to faith that he invites Philip to sit with him. The man is reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and is in fact reading a passage that directly refers to Jesus. The Eunuch invites Philip to explain to him its meaning. So Philip explains to him that it refers to Jesus and proclaims the gospel message to him. And upon hearing it and accepting it the eunuch asks Philip to baptize him.

The passage tells us that when Philip departed the eunuch *went on his way rejoicing*. What do you suppose happened to the eunuch? What kind of reception did he get when he got back home? Some people probably thought he had lost it. Some probably were unwilling to hear what he had to share with them. But others probably saw the great joy he now had, joy that comes from Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and desired it for themselves. Indeed, *he went on his way rejoicing*. Like the Ethiopian eunuch did after he learned of Jesus and was baptized, do we go on our way rejoicing? Do we have joy with us when we go along the way and do we bring it to others?

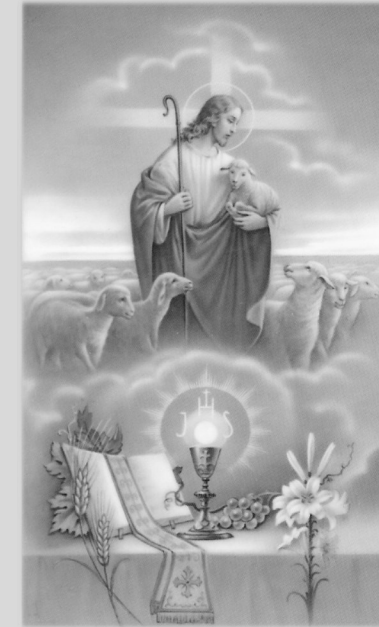


The Catholic Parishes:
 St. Thomas the Apostle, Faulkton, SD & St. Liborius, Polo, SD

RESURREXIT, DOMINUS!...VERE, ALLELUIA!

The Fourth Sunday in the Season of the Resurrection of the Lord

May 12th, 2019



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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
St. Thomas: Sat. 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM
 Sun. 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM
St. Liborius: Sun. 10:30 AM to 10:50 AM
 Also by appointment and possible during any Holy Hour.

Baptism: Class required before or after the birth your first child.

Sacrament of Matrimony: At least six months of preparation is required prior to your wedding.

PARISH WEBSITE: parishesonline.com
 Search St. Thomas the Apostle, Faulkton SD

DIocese WEBSITE: sfcatholic.org

NATIONAL MASS TIMES:
 800-627-7846 masstimes.org

THE LORD IS RISEN!...TRULY, ALLELUIA!

(A Paschal Greeting and Its Response in Latin)

Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:

May 13th - 19th

Monday	May 13	-----	-----	<No Mass Scheduled>
Tuesday	May 14	7:00 PM	Polo	†Vic & Marion Martinmaas
Wednesday	May 15	7:00 PM	Orient	Mass for the People
Thursday	May 16	8:30 AM	Faulkton	†Terry Huss
Friday	May 17	10:30 AM	Meadows	†Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	May 18	8:30 AM	Faulkton	†Lawrence & Dorothy Grunewaldt
Saturday	May 18	6:00 PM	Faulkton	Mass for the People
Sunday	May 19	8:30 AM	Faulkton	†Irene Cordts
Sunday	May 19	11:00 AM	Polo	†John & Kitty Ortmeier

~ST. LIBORIUS STUFF~

Men's Work Team: May - Rob Mullaney, Rick Schlechter
Lunch: May 19th - Ken & Sue L., Rob & Sandy M., Terry & Mary S., Fran A.
May 26th - Chad & Trixie S., Damon & Jamie B., Mark & Katie S., Sharon W.

Fr. Roger Geditz 50th Anniversary - He has invited Fr. Christopher to attend the celebration on Sun., June 2nd at Holy Cross in Ipswich. Father Christopher has accepted his invite. The Mass is at 11:00 AM and is open to all. A catered meal will follow the Mass. If you wish to attend the meal RSVP by May 26th to 612-227-2978 or e-mail klang.susan@gmail.com . A public reception will follow from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. **The normal Sunday Mass at St. Liborius that weekend will be moved to Saturday at 4:00 PM (June 1st).** If you wish to send a card/greeting to Fr. Geditz, Fr. Christopher would be glad to deliver it that Sunday.

~ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE STUFF~

Meals on Wheels Deliveries/Altar Society - St. Elizabeth Band: May 13th - 17th, St. Rita Band: May 20th - 24th

An Appreciation for Deacon Arvid Holsing and his service will be held on Sunday, May 19th following the 8:30 AM Mass in the parish hall. All are invited to join him that morning. He celebrated 25 years as a permanent deacon back in January.

Reception Into Full Communion with the Catholic Church - At the Solemn Paschal Vigil we had a Baptism and Reception Into Full Communion with the Church. Brinn Naber will be received into full communion at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on June 1st at 6 PM. *(The following may come as a surprise: technically someone who has already received Baptism and is joining the Church is not a convert. A convert is someone who was not Baptized. Baptized persons from other ecclesial communions (denominations) are said to be coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. That is a mouthful but it is the terminology. So most persons say "joining the Church.")*

Totus Tuus is scheduled for June 16th to the 20th. There is a daytime program for grade school students and an evening program for Jr/Sr high students. Contact Dawn Melius or the parish office to register your children. This is a must do program. Your kids will deepen in their Catholic faith immensely. It is conducted by a group of young people, trained by the diocese, are faith-filled, and who dedicate their summer to this exciting work in our parishes.

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STUFF~

Blood Drive in Polo on Friday, May 24th at St. Liborius Parish Hall from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM (this is a change in location from previous plans). Contact Louie Arens at 392-2521 or 450-1742 for an appointment.

~CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS STUFF~

Court St. Monica of Faulkton meets on Mon., May 20th. Gather at 5:30 PM at the cemetery to pray the Holy Rosary then afterward all meet at the church. Lunch - Dianna Homan & Kelly Warren. Program - Officers

Court Our Lady of Fatima meets on Sat., June 1st at 10:00 AM at St. Liborius Parish Hall.

Liturgy Schedule for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — May 18th & 19th

	ST. THOMAS Saturday - 6:00 PM	ST. THOMAS Sunday - 8:30 AM	ST. LIBORIUS Sunday - 11:00 AM
Servers	Emili Quinn Max Quinn	John Bowar Simon Bowar	Max Martinmaas Emma Martinmaas
Lector	Eryka Quinn	Bill Warren	Joe Schaefers
Extraordinary Minister(s)	Dawn Redden (stand-by)	Jan Melius (stand-by)	-
Greeters	Carol Stark & Rosalie Vogel	Monty & Jackie Geiger	Fred Schaefers Family
Offertory Gifts	Carol Stark & Carol Raba	"	"
Ushers	Gary Bowar, Don Clement, John Miller, Richard Hanson	Daryl Kiefer, Chad Spicer, DuWayne Hushka, Jim Zens	Mike Martinmaas Fred Schaefers

Save the Date - South Dakota Right to Life Annual Convention, Sept. 21st, 2019 at the Mueller Center in Hot Springs. Website: www.hsartl.org E-mail: hotspringsareartl@gmail.com

~CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS STUFF~

Beloved: A Women's Conference - June 15th, 2019 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. A joyful day of inspiring speakers, prayer, and time with friends. Doors open at 7:30 AM and the day ends with a social hour beginning at 5:00 PM. For more info: www.sfcatholic.org/womensconference

Please add to/keep on your prayer list:
St. Liborius: Mike Caparelli (Fran Anglin's nephew) & Nathan Hebda (Sharon Wieseler's nephew)
St. Thomas: Ron Bowar
 (We are seeking to revamp the way we publish the names of persons to pray for. The first goal is to make names known to people of both parishes for more persons praying. Secondly, to help avoid a long repeating list every week in the bulletin please check the names here and modify your list at home.)

COLLECTION TOTALS	
St. Thomas: Regular- \$1,375.00; Loose - \$232.00; Children - \$11.00	Total - \$1,618.00
CFSA - Gifts to date: \$20,195.00 Needed to reach assessment: \$10,805.00	34.5% participation
St. Liborius: Regular- \$345.00; Loose - \$204.00; Children - \$10.00	Total - \$559.00
CFSA - No Change	

Final 4 Holy Hours in Novena of Holy Hours for Favorable Weather

- May 12th at St. Thomas at 7:00 PM
- May 13th at St. Thomas at 7:00 PM
- May 14th at St. Liborius at 7:30 PM (Mass at 7:00 PM)
- May 15th at St. Joseph (Orient) at 7:30 PM (Mass at 7:00 PM - Feast of St. Isidore)

Final 2 Sunday Holy Hours for May

- May 19th at St. Thomas at 1:00 PM
- May 26th at St. Thomas at 1:00 PM



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