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Website: www.smseagle.org

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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.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of month

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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.

PSR classes Wednesday 6:30 p.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, August 30 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 31 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Margie Dunn

Wednesday, September 1 – 7:00 a.m.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Paul, Francis, & Larry Schenk
& Ruth James
(By the Schenk Families)

Thursday, September 2 – 7:00 a.m.

Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

James G. & Norma M. Wort
(By the Children)

Friday, September 3 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Joe Cross

(By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

FIRST FRIDAY – ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Danny Seals
(By the Family)

Saturday, September 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, September 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Floyd Blentlinger
(By K of C Council #1281)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Oscar & Bonnie Meyer
(By Jim & Marilyn Stout)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 21-22, 2021

Holy Family: \$3,645.00

Sister Parish: \$5.00

School Support: \$20.00

Assumption: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 22, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,070.00

Sister Parish: \$20.00

Assumption: \$20.00

Catholic Charities: \$25.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$3,000

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Nocturnal Adoration:** Saturday, September 4, beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on September 5 at 7:45 a.m.

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 - Tuesday, 7:30 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:

All Caregivers † The shut-ins of our parish and community † Matthew Bishop † For the safety of all of our military † For a Special Intention † Gay Gunn † Don & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische † Janice Leverton † Jack Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry

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 † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat
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 † Kimberly Kestner & Baby † Sheila
 Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson
 † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort
 † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Joe Ray
 † Maryann Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny
 † Marilyn Kerr † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin
 & family † Dawn Stoecker † Barb Kuhn
 † Andy Ray † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele
 Ahmed † Becky Hill † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie
 Broom † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Karen Saxer
 † Kay Downey † Marilyn Clark † Boyd Hatfield

ST. THOMAS

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - LUNCH IS SERVED

The whole parish is invited! Next Sunday, September 5, is our Fellowship Sunday at St. Thomas. There is a good lunch planned for you...delicious Maid Rites. So, if you're worried about spoiling your lunch with just a donut, don't be. We are providing lunch and desserts. Come and eat with us!

Special request: We'd like to have a couple of parishioners or a family volunteer to help serve the lunch on September 5. No cooking required. Please contact Dorothy Obert if you can help.

ICE CREAM FOR SALE - There are still a few gallons of ice cream left at St. Thomas. If you'd like to buy a gallon (or more!) come to the Parish Hall after church this Sunday or contact the Parish Office and we'll make arrangements.

St. Thomas Parish School of Religion (PSR) will kick off with Meet the Catechist night on September 1. We will start with curriculum lessons in the classroom on September 15. We meet from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Registration forms and calendars can be

obtained from Laura Evans! You can contact her at levans@adams.net or by calling her at 217-316-1734.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jim Clausius
Lector: Bobbi Mock
Gift Bearers: Brad Genenbacher Family
Ushers: Tod Perry, Malachi Perry

Bosco Kids Updates

We are starting to plan for next year's activities for Bosco Kids and other religious education programs for the parish.

Bosco Kids (Holy Family's PSR Program for Pre-K-8th grade) will start with registration and orientation on Wednesday 9/8 at 6:15-7:30 in the St. Mary's cafeteria. Regular classes will start on 9/15 from 6:15-7:30.

We are looking for a teacher for grades 4-6. I would love to talk with you if you're interested - it's a very rewarding experience!!

We are planning to start a Youth Group Program for our high school students. We are very excited to start this and are looking for adults and teens to help us get this organized.

RCIA will start September 22 for anyone interested in getting more information about joining the Catholic Church next year.

Please contact Ann O'Sullivan, PSR Coordinator, at 217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com if you have questions about or are interested in helping out or joining any of these programs.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, and our readings remind us that we are called to do more than simply hear God's laws; we are called to act on them in love.

Moses and Jesus are both wisdom figures in the Bible: Moses, by providing the voice for God's commandments to his

people; Jesus, by giving human form to God's presence and modeling life in the kingdom of God.

In the first reading, Moses wants to pass on this wisdom and calls on God's people to keep his commandments if they wish the Lord to continue to bless and guide them. In doing that, they also show the world their wisdom and the mighty power of their God. Those commandments set for them a higher moral standard than the rest of the world upheld and challenged them to treat one another as their loving God treated them.

Jesus, who personifies God's wisdom, goes one step further in today's Gospel by helping them distinguish between God's commandments and human tradition. The Pharisees and scribes apparently equated those two things and practiced the tradition with a disregard for the commandment. Jesus recognizes their mistake and challenges them with Isaiah's prophecy: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.

The leaders had substituted their own judgment, and prioritized what has come from their own hearts, for the Word of God. But evil and sinful acts come from one's inner thoughts and not from outside. What God has given us cannot be wrong, but the thoughts and actions that we come up with defile God's law, and us.

St. James echoes this many years later in his letter: Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. In other words, God's laws are not simply to be heard, as the Pharisees seemed to think, but acted on in love.

We know we have a soul and a conscience, and we are responsible for all our actions. Our readings today alert us to that. We are assured of divine blessings pouring down on us abundantly if we

follow God's commandments faithfully. May the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, a memorial of the sacrifice that fulfilled the greatest commandment, inform and transform us for the greater good of the world. And may we honor God not just with our lips in prayer, but with our hearts in love and action.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Friday, September 3 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church. St. Gregory the Great is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church, writing on many moral and theological subjects. He died on March 12, 604 and is the patron saint of music. St. Gregory the Great, Pray for us!

- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Wednesday, September 1, is observed as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live" (Pope Francis, August 6, 2015).

- FIRST FRIDAY - Friday, September 3, is First Friday and we will be having our First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas with Adoration from Noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45, and Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be available from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Please plan to join us and spend some time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

- NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family is next weekend beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night, September 4, and going through Sunday morning, September 5, at 7:45 a.m. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regular Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

- FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Next Sunday, September 5, is the first Sunday of the month. While we often have coffee and donuts after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas on the first Sunday of each month, next week we will have a luncheon for the parish immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I invite and encourage you all to join us after Mass in the Parish Hall.

- ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION - I recently received a very generous contribution for Holy Family designated to completely pay off one of three loans that is outstanding for the parish. Upon receipt of this contribution and the directives for its use, I paid off that particular loan earlier this month. The total contribution was \$22,500 and the loan payoff amount was \$22,300. The parish has two remaining loans that are outstanding, one with the bank and one with the Diocese. I am so very grateful for this contribution. The donor has requested to remain anonymous. If you would ever like to make such a designated gift, please contact me and we can discuss where the funds could be applied. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

- RELICS - I have an opportunity to possibly host first class relics of St. Padre Pio at one or both of the parishes for a day. This is really a great opportunity. There is a cost involved in hosting the relics, primarily for security and protection of the relics. If you are interested in financially helping us bring the relics to one or both of the parishes for veneration, please let me know. It would be a most wonderful opportunity for all of us to be able to host these relics and I look forward to making it a reality.

- PRAYERS - I encourage all of us to keep in our daily prayers the many needs of our parishes and our parishioners, our communities, our Church, and the world, those needs known and unknown to us.

- ST. THOMAS CHURCH - We now have two people who are opening and locking St. Thomas Church each morning and evening during the week so that folks have an opportunity to stop in the Church during the day to pray. I am so very grateful for this. We would still like to have at least a couple of back-up folks who could help out as well from time to time. If you could help open the church in the morning or lock it in the evening, please let me know.

- HOG ROAST - The St. Mary School Annual Hog Roast is coming right up. Please keep an eye out for more details.

- FRIDAY MASSES - A reminder that Friday Masses at Holy Family will be at 8:30 a.m. regardless if school is in session or not. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays.

- CONFESSIONS - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at Holy Family. I am still looking at adding an additional day during the week for confessions at both parishes as well.

- PSR - PSR at St. Thomas will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Registration and the opportunity to meet the catechists will be on Wednesday, September 1. Information and registration forms are in the back of St. Thomas Church. Contact Laura Evans with any questions.

PSR/Bosco Kids at Holy Family will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be the week prior, Wednesday, September 8. Contact Ann O'Sullivan with any questions.

Thank you to all of our PSR teachers at both parishes who give generously of their time to help teach the faith to our children. I remind parents that you are the first teachers of your children. Regular weekly attendance at PSR and the celebration of the Sunday Liturgy is important and should be made a priority in your schedules.

- RCIA - Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Our next RCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 22. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan or myself for more information.

- DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - Again, I want to encourage you to join folks around the Diocese at 4:40 p.m. each day in praying one Hail Mary for our Diocese to have 40 seminarians. This was begun some time ago and I hope that you will join us in this. Our need for good and holy vocations remains. Thank you for supporting all vocations in the Church, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured that you remain in my prayers each and every day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

I would like to start this prayer opportunity at our parishes. We will be praying for our pastor, Fr. Aaron. The group is called The Seven Sisters Apostolate. It is a group of 7 women and substitutes who commit to praying for our priest one hour each week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in front of the Tabernacle. You will be committed to a particular day of the week but not to a particular place or hour. We will need substitutes in case one of the core group is unable to offer the prayers on their particular day. I would like to start this group beginning 10-1-21. If you have more questions or want to join, please contact Claudia Coggeshall at 217-593-7285 or rccogg@adams.net. More information can also be found at sevensistersapostolate.org.

Women of Diocese Invited to SDCCW Convention in Jacksonville

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is inviting all women of the diocese to their 92nd annual convention called "Living God's Plan for Life, Love and the Family" on Wednesday, September 29, at Hamilton's South Ballroom (110 N. East Street, Jacksonville) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bishop Paprocki, along with priests of the diocese, will celebrate 11 a.m. Mass for the convention attendees at Our Savior Catholic Church in Jacksonville and join in the banquet luncheon directly afterward at Hamilton's.

Coleen Kelly Mast, a Quincy native who is a motivational speaker and popular radio host on more than 250 Catholic Radio Stations via the EWTN network and Sirius Satellite Radio, will have morning and afternoon talks entitled "The 4 heart Healthy Habits for Holiness" and "LoveEd: Witnessing the Truth in Today's Confused World."

Women of all ages are welcome to attend the convention which seeks to enhance, enrich, and renew family life with the beauty and riches that God planned for it from the time of creation.

Additional information, registration forms, and handmade quilt and baby afghan raffle tickets have been provided to each parish to put in their vestibules or other locations. Raffle tickets are being sold by each parish and will be available at the convention. For additional information call 217-257-5062.

**Bulletin Short for
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021**

Call to Holiness. Sometimes law and custom can be so onerous, so heavy that we can lose focus on right behavior. That is part of the conversation today as we return to the Gospel of Mark. Observing traditions is good and right. But avoiding oppressing thoughts, words, and deeds is better. In the Second Reading, Saint James says: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." In short, be holy.

- What unholy words and deeds can I avoid?
- What holy words and deeds shall I do this week?
- Whom can I invite to holy behavior with me?

Attention St. Thomas and Holy Family Women Parishioners

I attended a meeting for the Quincy Women's Deanery back in May of this year and came away with this prayer opportunity.



Meet Santi, our "100th" Student

Santi became St. Mary's milestone student on January 4, 2021. Santi and his big sister, Genesis, returned St. Mary School to 100 students for the first time in 10 years. This little guy's favorite parts of PreK are playing with animal toys, running around the playground with his friends, and learning about Jesus.

He describes his teachers — Mrs. Jenni Obert, Ms. Branigan and Ms. Becky — as "Great" and "Very Sweet." (Santi is pictured above with Mrs. Jenni Obert, SMS PreK Teacher.) Santi's favorite color is blue and, if his mom would let him, he would eat Mexican rice for every meal.

At home Santi can be found dancing, hanging out with his sister, Genesis, and, best of all, riding his hoverboard...everywhere! The boys' gym class at AADM counts on his smile and participation; the local YMCA puts his soccer skills to use on the boys' team and practicing with Genesis' team.

"My experience at SMS has been amazing! I don't think I could have made a better choice for my children. They are so advanced in their education and, most importantly, their faith, which makes me extremely happy. The teachers are so caring and wonderful and truly take care of their students as they would their own children. All of the staff are great to work with! From the first conversation I had with Mrs. Melissa Obert, I knew that coming to SMS would be the best choice. WE LOVE SMS!" - Santi's mother, Steph

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