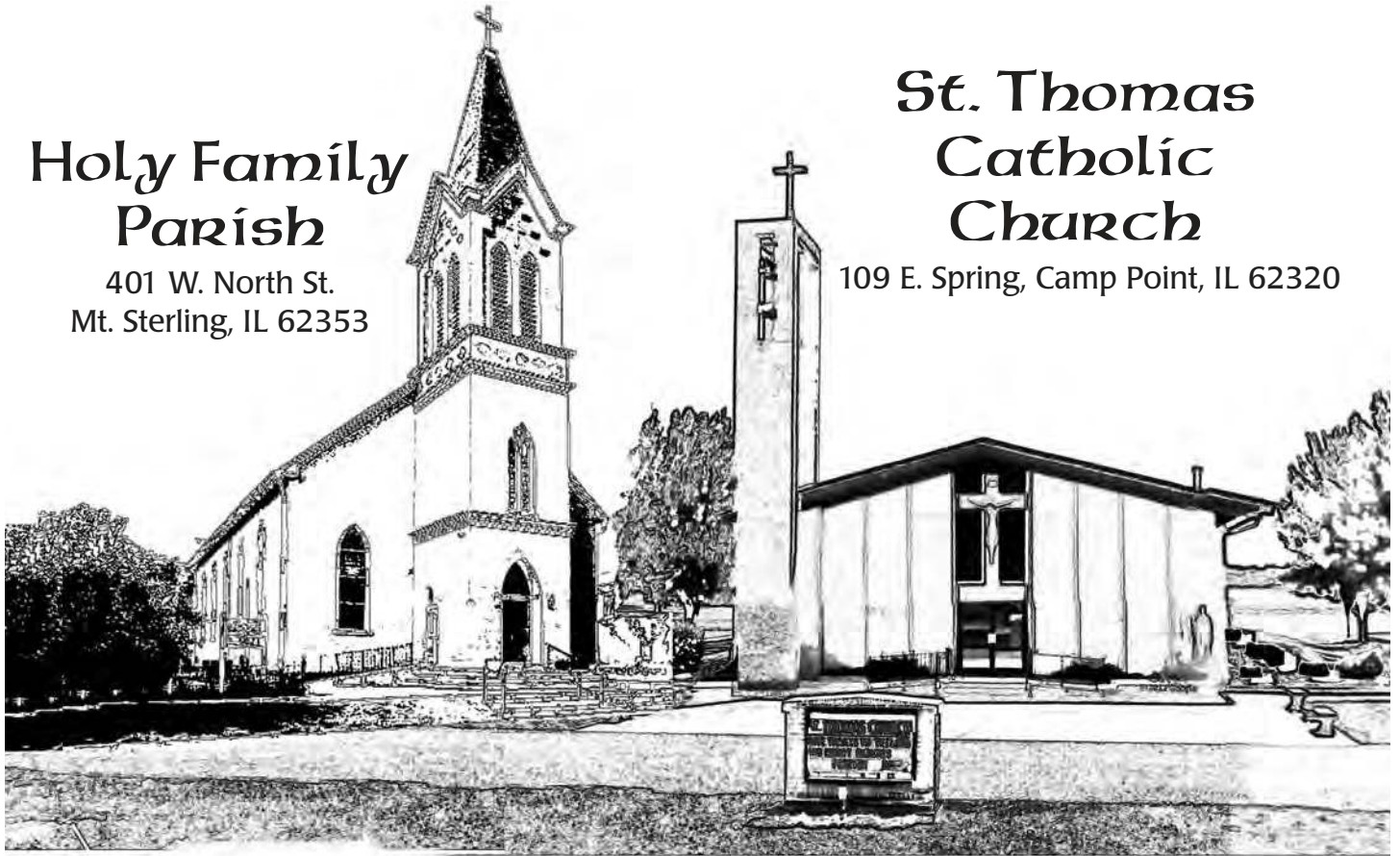


# Holy Family Parish

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# St. Thomas Catholic Church

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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](http://www.stthomascp.org)

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 13 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Communion Service

### Tuesday, September 14 – 7:00 a.m.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

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

### Wednesday, September 15 – 7:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27

Communion Service

### Thursday, September 16 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Charles, Maxine & David Colgan  
(By John & Linda Colgan)

### Friday, September 17 – 8:30 a.m.

#### (School Mass)

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Mary Kleinlein  
(By Legion of Mary)

### Saturday, September 18 – 5:30 p.m.

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Bill O'Sullivan  
(By Barb Lehne)

### Sunday, September 19 – 8:00 a.m.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Charlotte Markert  
(By Luke, Karla & Will Metz)

#### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas  
and Holy Family

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 4-5, 2021

Holy Family: \$3,969.00

Sister Parish: \$10.00

School Support: \$887.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 5, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,305.00

Sister Parish: \$390.00

Deaconate: \$50.00

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SMS Hog Roast** – Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19, 2021. See page 6 for details.

Please contact Tammy at (217) 773-2825 or [tmckeown@smseagle.org](mailto: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 † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox † Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Michelle Baucom-Keller † Myles Keller † Maisy Keller

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 Downey † Marilyn Clark † Boyd Hatfield  
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## ST. THOMAS

**St. Thomas Parish School of Religion (PSR)** 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](mailto:levans@adams.net) or by calling her at 217-316-1734.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*September 19, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.*

**Sacristan:** Gary Mast  
**Lector:** PSR Students  
**Gift Bearers:** PSR Students  
**Ushers:** Tod Perry, Malachi Perry

## Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids meets this week on Wednesday, 9/15 from 6:15-7:30 in the cafeteria at St. Mary School. We will have regular class and then practice singing for Mass from 7:10-7:30 in the church.

We will have a family Mass for Catechist Sunday on Saturday night, 9/18, at 5:30. Our Bosco Kids will read, sing, and serve at the altar at this Mass.

RCIA classes will start on 9/22 at 6:15-7:30 in the school cafeteria. These classes are 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](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com) if you have questions about joining any of these programs.

## From the Pastor's Desk

“But who do you say that I am?” As we celebrate the Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear Jesus ask that question of His disciples in today’s Gospel. And that question is as much for us today as it was for the disciples then. You see, as I’ve said before, Sacred Scripture is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was many centuries ago and will be equally relevant in the future.

And that question, when posed today by Jesus to us, reveals many different answers among people; an indication of the urgency to faithfully hear, proclaim, and defend the Truth and the authentic Gospel message of Jesus Christ. But when we proclaim Jesus as Christ, it’s important for us to remember the responsibility, and even the risk, that those words, that response, brings.

Our Gospel passage today from Mark helps us to better understand this. Peter responds to Jesus’ question with “You are the Christ.” But when Jesus goes on to instruct the disciples about how the Son of Man would suffer, and be rejected by many, and even killed, Peter is shocked. Jesus’ words do not make sense to him; it wasn’t part of what the disciples had envisioned, and so we’re told that Peter begins to “rebuke Jesus.” And then we hear immediately Jesus’ seemingly harsh response to Peter, “Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

You see, Jesus knew that this was the way He was being called to follow and Peter, in his response, was seen as a stumbling block. Peter’s response, in fact, shows his own self-centeredness, his own self-seeking interests. And more importantly, Peter had missed, or at least did not understand, a critical piece of what Jesus said...that He would rise after three days. In Peter’s defense, this made no sense either...what did “rise after three days”

mean? We know the rest of the story. We know that after three days Jesus rose from the dead, conquering death itself and giving us Eternal Life. But while the disciples knew who Jesus was, they had to learn and discover what kind of Messiah He would be. This becomes clear to them only after the Resurrection.

And this sets up the scenario for our own life. Many of us know who Jesus is. But when we proclaim Jesus as Christ, we forget the responsibility and the risk that brings. In the Gospel we hear Jesus go on to say to the crowd that had gathered around Him, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me," indicating that Jesus' way must also be our way. But we tend to straddle the fence at times. We want to be "good" Catholics but also have everything else...wealth, power, pleasure, etc. We are sometimes reluctant to take up our own crosses, even thinking sometimes that prayer is to ask Jesus to take away all of the physical pain and nasty things in our life and to make our lives smooth sailing all along the way. But Jesus promises none of that to His followers. What He does offer though is far greater...not popularity and comfort in this life but Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. And if we are striving after anything other than that, then we need to examine our own lives and motives and commitment to our Christian life.

St. James in our second reading today points out that some claim to believe in Christ and the Gospel but nothing of that appears in their lives. How sad that is. And it's true of some folks today and each one of us can fall to that if we're not on guard against it. It is not enough to just hear the message of Christ and do nothing with it. We need to share it with others. It is not enough to say we believe but then do little or nothing to help others. We need to demonstrate our belief in the message of Christ in all of our words and all of our deeds, each and every day. Our second reading from St. James reminds us that virtue is an extension of our faith and that faith proves itself in virtue.

The Catechism of the Church states that "The Church progresses on Her pilgrimage amidst this world's persecutions and God's consolations." And so, as we continue to live out our Christian lives today and every day, let us reflect on that question that Jesus asks each one of us, "Who do you say that I am?"

And as we proclaim Jesus as Christ, even in our trials and struggles, let us recall our Lord's promise of Eternal Life to those who follow Him, asking the Lord to help us know and follow His way for us and to put aside any obstacles that stand in our way of doing so.

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, September 13 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. John Chrysostom was named Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Noted for his outstanding preaching, he was called "golden mouthed." He was a strong defender of the poor and sought reform of the clergy. He was exiled twice due to royal opposition. St. John Chrysostom died on September 14, 407. He is the patron of preachers and Istanbul. St. John Chrysostom, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church above the empty grave of Jesus, a shrine marking the place of crucifixion, and a basilica in the square between the two churches. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. They were later rebuilt around the year 626 but destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present Church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149.

This day also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's Cross by the empress, St. Helena, in 320.

- Wednesday, September 15 - Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. This memorial celebrates the seven sorrows of Mary: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in Jerusalem, the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus' Body from the Cross, and Jesus' Burial. As we reflect on Mary as the perfect example for us of how to live a perfect Christian life and how to always say yes to God, we remain mindful of the sorrows of Mary and how close she is to us in our own suffering. Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

- Thursday, September 16 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. Cornelius opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the lapsi controversy. He died a martyr in 253 and is buried in the cemetery of Callistus.

Cyprian was an ally of Cornelius and Bishop of Carthage. He authored *On the Unity of the Catholic Church*. Cyprian was the first African bishop to be martyred, decapitated on September 14, 258 under Valerian. He is the patron of North Africa and Algeria.

Both Cornelius and Cyprian are mentioned in the Roman Canon. Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Pray for us!

- Friday, September 17 - Optional memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Robert Bellarmine was a brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation. He died in 1621 and is the patron of catechists and catechumens. St. Robert Bellarmine, Pray for us!

- THERMOSTATS - Please do not adjust the thermostats in the churches. Occasionally I may forget to change them but generally speaking, they should be left where they are set. I have gone into the church on several occasions now to find it way too hot or way too cold.

- LOCKS and KEYS - I have found it necessary to look at locking the church and convent overnight at Holy Family. In the very near future, I will be locking the two buildings. Generally speaking, I will leave the convent locked at all times and the church will be open throughout the day. Additionally, the Sacristy in the church will be locked off from the Sanctuary. I know there are some folks who regularly meet in the convent or who may need access to the Sacristy of the church or to the church itself at night. I will try to get in contact with those folks who I am aware of. If someone needs access regularly to one of these places, please talk with me directly. For occasional or one-time access needs, we will check out keys from the office. I will provide updates as we go. Please know that this is not an attempt to keep anyone from coming into the church to pray. I think it is wonderful that we have the church open for folks to come in and pray. Sadly, there are areas even in our

own country where this is not possible. With that said, I think it is most prudent to secure the buildings overnight. I am looking for a couple of people who may be able to help with locking the church at night and even opening it in the morning. If you could help out, please contact me. Thank you for your understanding and your help.

- HOLY MATRIMONY - Congratulations to Alec Boylen and Julie Mountain who were married at Holy Family on Saturday, August 28. May their marriage be richly blessed. We pray for Alec and Julie and for all married couples and for all families.

- HOG ROAST - Don't miss out on the St. Mary School Hog Roast on Sunday, September 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. It is being served drive thru at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. You will also want to be sure and get your tickets for the grill and meat bundle drawing. Come and get a great meal, your chance at the grill and meat bundle, and support St. Mary School. Thank you for your continued support.

- LITURGICAL ROLES - I would like to return to having ushers, gift bearers and servers at Holy Family. It was brought to my attention that the gift bearers had been family members for whom the Mass is being offered. We will continue this. Since we are not yet assigning servers or ushers, I've told some of the kids that if they would like to serve to just come on back to the Sacristy before Mass starts and I'd be happy to have them serve if I don't already have servers. Additionally, I would like to have at least 2 ushers for each Mass. Until we get back to making a schedule of ushers, I will either be asking a couple of folks at each Mass to usher, or I'd kindly ask that you step forward to help out.

- CONVOCATION - The Diocesan Priest Convocation is next week, Monday, September 20 through Thursday, September 23. Most of the priests of the Diocese will gather together for the Convocation. This year, the Convocation is in Collinsville. Please keep all of us in your prayers. That week, I will try to have Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

- RELICS - As I wrote in last week's bulletin, 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. I have had a few folks already offer some financial support for this. 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.

- NEW APOSTOLATE - We are bringing the Seven Sisters Apostolate to St. Thomas and Holy Family. We are initially looking for seven women from the parishes to commit to praying one hour each week for the pastor. Claudia Coggeshall is spearheading this for us. Please contact her or me if you are interested and to get more details. After the Seven Sister Apostolate is formed, then there is an opportunity to form a men's group as well. I look forward to our participation in this Apostolate.

- DCCW CONVENTION - The 92nd Annual Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hamilton's South Ballroom in Jacksonville. Guest speaker is Coleen Kelly Mast. This is open to all women in the Diocese, and I encourage you to consider attending. The Quincy Deanery DCCW is also "re-establishing" itself, and I encourage all women of the parishes to learn more about it and become involved in it. You will be seeing more information going forward. In the meantime, you can contact Claudia Coggeshall or me for more information.

- PSR - Another reminder, PSR/Bosco Kids at Holy Family will begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact Ann O'Sullivan with any questions.

PSR at St. Thomas will also begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Contact Laura Evans with any questions.

- RCIA - If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, our next RCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 22. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan or me for more information.

- FRIDAY MASSES - Just 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 - Another reminder also that 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.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You continue to be in my prayers each day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 12, 2021**

**Deny. Take. Follow.** On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to Who am I?) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week.

- Clothe the naked. What will I do?
- Feed the hungry. What will I do?
- Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

**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.

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](mailto:rccogg@adams.net). More information can also be found at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

# ST. MARY SCHOOL HOG ROAST

(Drive-Thru at Mt. Sterling KC Hall or Delivery)

***September 19, 2021***

***11:00 AM-1:00 PM***

Menu: Pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. Cost: \$10 per meal.

***\*Call 217-248-5468 for delivery.***

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