

# Holy Family Parish

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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)

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 20 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang,  
and Companions, Martyrs  
Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Communion Service

### Tuesday, September 21 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Communion Service

### Wednesday, September 22 – 7:00 a.m.

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Communion Service

### Thursday, September 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Communion Service

### Friday, September 24 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

Fr. Thomas Henseler  
(By Karla & Maurice Ormond)

### Saturday, September 25 – 5:30 p.m.

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### Sunday, September 26 – 8:00 a.m.

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Rick Parker  
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Louie & Marilyn Hammer  
and John Herbster  
(By Jim & Fritzie Harper)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 11-12, 2021

**Holy Family: \$2,717.00**

**Sister Parish: \$220.00**

**School Support: \$240.00**

**Peter's Pence: \$25.00**

**Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500**

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 12, 2021

**St. Thomas: \$2,555.68**

**Sister Parish: \$65.00**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - Friday  
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 † Kimberly  
Kestner & Baby † Sheila Thompson † J. J.  
Gronewold † Jack Johnson † John Norkus  
† Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing

## Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids (Holy Family Parish PSR program) meets weekly on Wednesday nights in the SMS school cafeteria from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We welcome all of your children.

RCIA starts this week on Wednesday, 9/22, in the SMS cafeteria from 6:15-7:30 for all of those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and/or to join the Catholic church. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan for more information about either of these programs, [aosullivan2031@gmail.com](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com) or 217-257-2516.

## 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.

**Today is catechetical Sunday.** A catechist is someone who instructs others in the faith. We ask that you lift our catechists in prayer for the upcoming year as they guide our students along in their faith journey: Dessy Wilkey, Denise Taylor, Katie Foote, Claudia Coggeshall, Amanda Hesse, and Laura Evans.

**There are copies of raffle tickets** at the back of church for the upcoming Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women being held in Jacksonville, September 29. They are for Pot of Gold 50/50 Raffle and Quilt Raffle Tickets. Instructions are on the tickets. Need not be present to win.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*September 26, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Brent Obert
<b>Lector:</b>	David Leezer
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Ben Drebes Family
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tod Perry, Malachi Perry

## From the Pastor's Desk

Both God and the world offer their wisdom; our lives can be governed by only one. Today, the Church celebrates the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and the readings today feature a clash of two definitions of wisdom: worldly wisdom and divine wisdom.

Worldly wisdom looks at the just man with loathing. He pricks their consciences and points to the law of God. The wicked scoff: let us see whether his words be true ... if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him. If the just man is truly righteous, then God should step in, revealing truth through might. If God fails to do so, the wicked then claim victory through their abuse of the just ones.

Worldly wisdom also spurred the debate among the Apostles in the Gospel passage. Who was the greatest? Who would get the seat of highest honor in the Kingdom? Honors and rewards are paramount in worldly wisdom. Divine wisdom is explained by St. James in the second reading: Wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. That sounds exactly like what the world needs.

St. James not only describes the fruits of divine wisdom, but also indicators of its absence: jealousy, selfish ambition, war, conflicts. Might makes right in the short term but leads to disaster. He also shows the self-defeating nature of worldly wisdom; coveting doesn't lead to possessing but to downfall.

In the Gospel, Jesus foretells His passion and death and stuns the Apostles into silence. Picture Jesus' passion and death – the events, the figures, and especially the crucifixion. The supposed victory of the wicked over the just one is actually part of the divine wisdom. We don't have a good way to process this until it happens to us: how could revilement, torture, and a shameful death be anything good? That's why the cross is a stumbling block.

So where do we go? Who wins? Divine wisdom does. First, worldly wisdom falls short because it has no eternal perspective. Those who taunted Jesus as he died on the Cross inadvertently fulfilled what the Old Testament speaks of in our first reading. God used Jesus' rigged trial and horrendous death toward an eternal end.

Second, worldly wisdom is short-sighted even in the temporal realm. Might making right works until someone mightier comes along. And history testifies: eventually, someone stronger always comes along.

Third, worldly wisdom relies solely on human intellectual powers. On the other hand, divine wisdom comes from our all-knowing God. It includes the Cross but also heaven.

If we persevere according to worldly wisdom, we may get temporal rewards and death. If we persevere according to divine wisdom, we get eternal love and happiness. The difficulty lies both in the choice for God and in the commitment to His ways. In full trust, let us choose God's wisdom.

And now just a few notes:

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Tuesday, September 21 - Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. St. Matthew is one of the four Gospel writers. His Gospel was written around the year 85 and is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, St. Matthew's Gospel seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that St. Matthew preached in Judea and Ethiopia where he was martyred. He is symbolized by the winged human being (Ezekiel 1) and is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1). He is the patron of accountants and customs officers. St. Matthew, Pray for us!

- Thursday, September 23 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest. Also commonly known as St. Padre Pio, he was a Capuchin priest who received the Stigmata (the wounds of Christ). In his life here on earth, he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. St. Padre Pio is a more contemporary saint, born in 1887. He died in 1968. He was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II. He is considered the patron of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

- HOG ROAST - Don't miss out on the St. Mary School Hog Roast this 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.

- CONVOCATION - Our Diocesan Priest Convocation is this week. It begins Monday evening and runs through Thursday afternoon. With few exceptions, all active Diocesan priests are expected to be present. I will be attending the Convocation with my other brother priests. We will be meeting in Collinsville this year. Please keep me and all the priests in your prayers.

Because of the Convocation, there will be no Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. I am planning for a Communion Service each of those days in addition to the regular Communion Service on Monday. While it is always good to be with the other priests, I will certainly look forward to being back at the parishes with all of you.

- 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. - 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.

- DCCW CONVENTION - The 92nd Annual Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. - 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.

- LOCKS & KEYS - As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, 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.

I want to emphasize again 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 also 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.

- LITURGICAL ROLES - We have returned to having ushers, gift bearers, and servers at Holy Family. It is certainly overdue, and I am happy that these roles have resumed in the liturgies. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, it was brought to my attention that

the gift bearers had been family members for who 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 a routine or a schedule, 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. Thanks so much for your help.

- HOLY FAMILY CHURCH PROJECTS - Just to give you a quick update, I continue to move forward with the church restoration projects at Holy Family. I have been in conversation with contractors and look to getting us on their calendars soon. I am hopeful that we will be able to proceed with the replacement of the roof, repair of the bell tower, and the masonry work all at once. Other major pieces of the restoration project include the guttering and exterior painting as well as some interior improvements. I will continue to keep you updated on the progress. Thank you for your continued support of this much needed restoration of the church. It is a large project in its entirety, and I ask for your continued prayers for and support of the project. I look forward to having the restoration completed as we care for the beautiful church building that the Lord has given to us.

- FINANCIAL REPORTS - I have not forgotten about providing you the financial reports for the parishes. I recognize the need and necessity to get these out to you. Please be assured that I will have them out as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

- PRAYERS - There are many folks who are in need of our prayers, and there are many needs in our own parishes and communities and certainly in our country and our world. Please continue to keep those folks and those needs in your prayers.

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

- Fr. Aaron

## Bulletin Short for

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

**"I'm Better Than You."** Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps from embarrassment, even shame - especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?

### **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. More information can also be found at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

**I have had 3 ladies commit so far for The Seven Sisters Apostolate. I need 8-9. Please prayerfully consider this worthwhile apostolate. Contact me if you have any questions. Claudia Coggeshall, [rcogg@adams.net](mailto:rcogg@adams.net) or 217-593-7285**

## 2021 Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

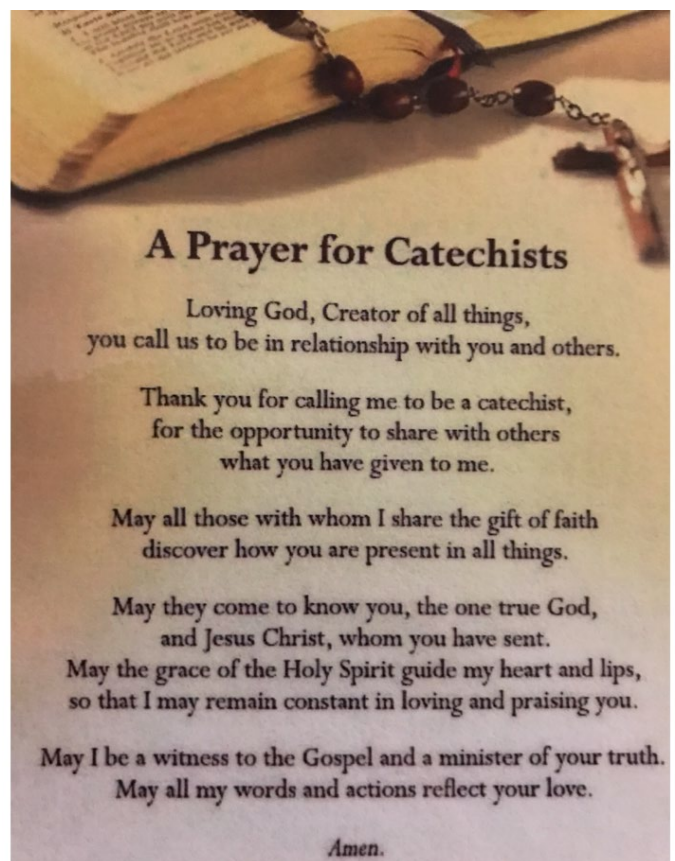
South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL.

Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in over 1400 other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2021 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs.) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

**HIGH VISIBILITY** - A great opportunity to impact thousands of passers-by with the pro-life message. Please stand two arm-lengths apart.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County.



## Meet St. Mary School Middle School Teachers



Mrs. Kassing

Mrs. Lipcaman

Mrs. Koch

Mrs. Becca Kassing teaches 7th/8th grade at SMS. She currently has six 8th grade students and eleven 7th grade students. She teaches math, social studies, religion, PE, and 4th grade math. She is married to Brad Kassing and has 4 children who attend St. Mary School. Mrs. Kassing completed her 5th year at SMS this past spring. Thank you, Mrs. Kassing, for inspiring our students!!

Mrs. Susan Lipcaman teaches 5th/6th grade at SMS. She currently has nine 6th grade students and ten 5th grade students. She teaches math, science, social studies, and religion. She is married to Mark Lipcaman. Mrs. Lipcaman completed her 22nd year at SMS this past spring. Thank you, Mrs. Lipcaman, for your dedication to our students!!

Mrs. Meggie Koch is our new part-time ELA middle school teacher at SMS. She teaches 5th-8th grade language arts and writing. Students receive individualized instruction pertinent to their grade level. Meggie is married to David Koch and has 3 children who attend St. Mary School. Mrs. Koch taught 3 years prior to teaching at SMS. Welcome to St. Mary School Mrs. Koch!!

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