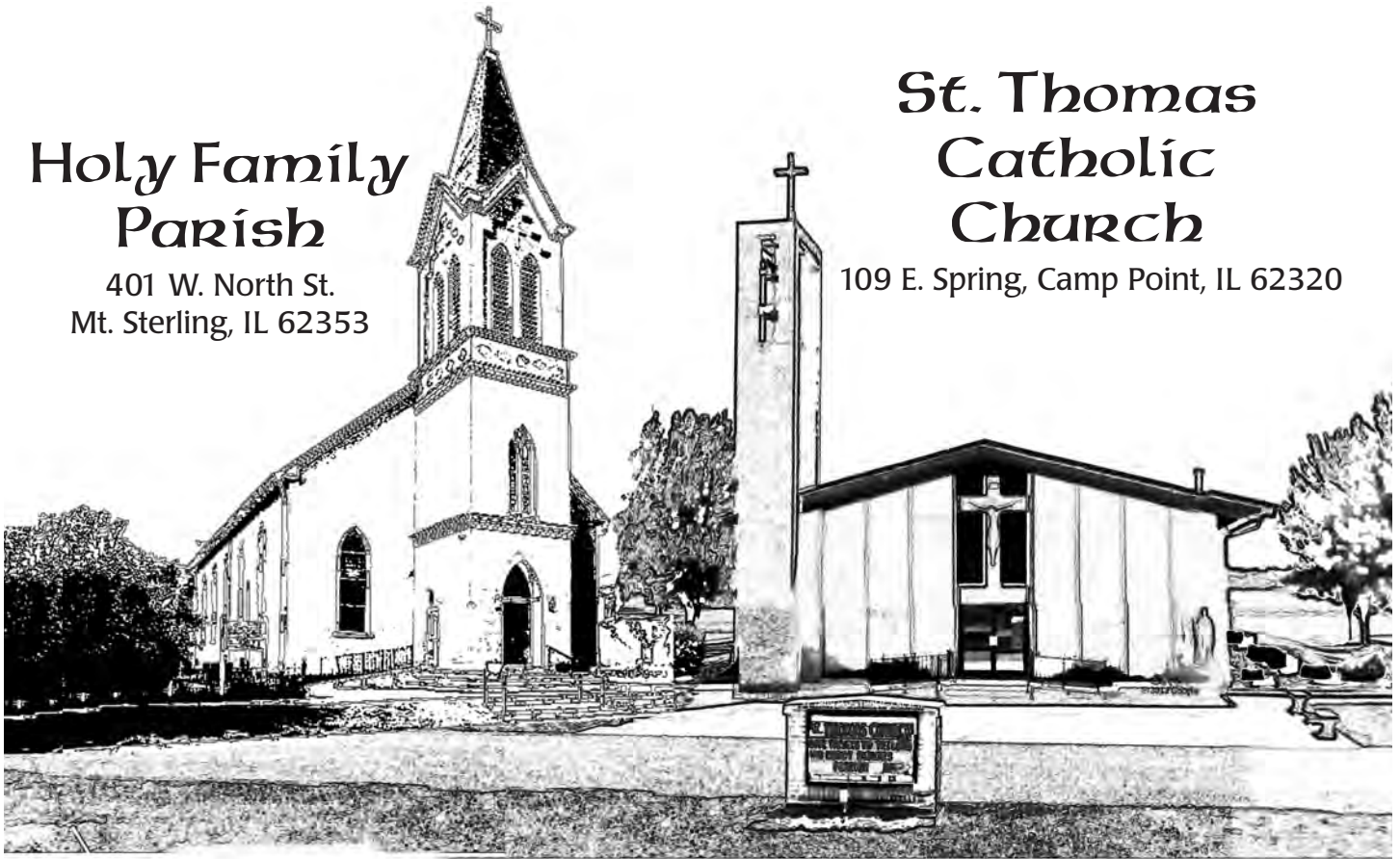


# Holy Family Parish

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# St. Thomas Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: Will be Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of month

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Holy Day: Will be Announced

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. with

Reconciliation prior 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m.

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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 22 – 7:00 a.m.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Communion Service

### Tuesday, August 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

Georgia Volk  
(By Jim & Rosey Shank)

### Wednesday, August 24 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Patricia Parker  
(By Scotty & Carol Blentlinger)

### Thursday, August 25 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Elinor Davis  
(By John & Linda Colgan)

### Friday, August 26 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Marie Flynn  
(By Legion of Mary)

### Saturday, August 27 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Monica  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Marilyn Clark  
(By Ray & Mary Gregory)

### Sunday, August 28 – 8:00 a.m.

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a;  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger  
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 13-14, 2022

Holy Family: \$5,040.50  
School Support: \$460.00  
Sister Parish: \$273.00

Assumption: \$55.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 14, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,570.00  
Assumption: \$65.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$2,635

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Legion of Mary** meets each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us and learn more about the Legion. "With Mary's help we guide, console and enlighten others."
- ❖ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Legion Hall on **Wednesday, August 24, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.

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 to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 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 and Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Janice Leverton † Margo Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Abby Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin and family † Sheila Roberts † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Cameron Francis † Norma Herbster † Fritzi Harper † Steve Bunch † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth “Libby” Tichy † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen † Roger Busen

## ST. THOMAS

### **Pastoral Council minutes – August 11, 2022**

Janice Brady, Pat Sharow, Claudia Coggeshall, Laura Evans, Fr. Kuhn

Pastoral Council – Ministry sign-ups will be coming this fall, end of September and beginning of October.

DRE – PSR starts September 14 with a Mass and meeting the catechist. Teachers have been found for 3rd grade and K-1st grade. Meeting at St. Francis September 29 for Quincy Deanery

catechists. Diocese of Springfield will be providing FLOCKNOTE, free of charge, to parishes.

Youth Group – Meeting Sunday at the Hall, August 14, 6-8 p.m.

Men’s and Women’s – Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 21.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2022.

**Birthright would like to thank everyone** at St. Thomas Church for the wonderful baked items for the Birthright bake sale at the K of C BBQ.

And, also, the raffle tickets we bought. The winner for the Dining Out Package was Beverly Brown and Ron Vecchie won the quilt. Also, thanks to the parishioners who worked.

**St. Thomas Cursillo News:** Gary and Gail Mast are the Area Representatives for St. Thomas Church. We will be having our first informal Ultrea for the St. Thomas community Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. in the Hall. If you have already made a Cursillo, you are invited to attend.

We are also updating our email list. If you have attended a Cursillo and are not currently receiving emails from us, please email:

[gailandgary92@gmail.com](mailto:gailandgary92@gmail.com). Be sure to include your name and your original Cursillo #.

## **ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES**

### August 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Brent Obert
<b>Lector:</b>	David Leezer
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	A. Llewellyn Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Jim Clausius
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Brady, Darren Hildebrand

## **From the Pastor’s Desk**

“I do not know where you are from. Depart from me.” Wouldn’t those be terrible words to hear from the Lord, to think that He would not know us!

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time, and we are reminded that no one, no matter who they are, has an absolute guarantee of being saved.

Still, we know too that Jesus comes to bring the Truth, to bring God's love and freedom to the whole world, to all people. As Christians we should be proclaiming the Truth and the Good News of God's love to the whole world and to show what it means to really live. We do this for our own growth in holiness, but also in hope that many will respond to its message of life through a conversion of their own lives.

But we need to make sure that we are living that Christian life, fully and authentically, as God has called us to. You see, the proclamation of the Good News of God's love is not just verbal. Our whole lifestyle is to be a proclamation to all those who hunger for Truth, and love, and justice, and compassion. Indeed, to be saved is to live and die in a close, loving relationship with God and with others.

This commitment to building a relationship with the Lord and with others that we're called to brings to mind a story of a young novice monk who entered a monastery and took a vow of silence. He was allowed to say two words every ten years. After his first ten years, the Abbott asked him what two words he wanted to speak and his response was "bed, hard." After the next ten years, the Abbott again asked him what two words he would like to speak and his response was "food, stinks." After the next ten years, the Abbott once again asked him what two words he would like to speak and his response was "I, quit," to which the Abbott responded, "Well, I can see why...all you ever do is complain."

Now, this is indeed just a story and perhaps it makes us chuckle a bit. But it brings about a great point for our own lives. You see, for thirty years in the monastery, the monk was immersed in Sacred Scripture, listened to and studied Jesus' teachings, attended Liturgies, and received the Holy Eucharist and yet, somehow, he still missed the point of it all. His interests were not in things associated with the Kingdom that Jesus speaks about but rather in those temporal things that mattered to him.

By placing his needs first, the monk failed to see the value of the discipline that our Second Reading today says will bring the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. Indeed, that Second Reading says "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. He

scourges every son He acknowledges. Endure your trials as discipline...At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but pain. Yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

The story of the monk illustrates how our attitude, and failure to act from a place of Truth of God's love, can dampen our very awareness of it. God's love and kindness and fidelity are bursting out in everything around us. If we are to proclaim the Truth and the Good News of God's love to all the world, we've got to align our works and thoughts with the message of the Cross which truly proclaims the steadfast kindness and fidelity of God. It doesn't give us a warm and fuzzy feeling that often times folks desire.

The Lord reveals to us in the Gospel today that the path to life is through a narrow gate and this can be summed up with love. It cannot be stressed enough that the word love has taken on many meanings and is often times misused or misunderstood. What love is here, and throughout the Gospel, is that care and concern for the other, compassion for the other; that is, entering into the suffering of the other for no other reason than for the good of the other, no strings attached, not expecting anything in return - unconditional, genuine love. Love desires the good of the other and seeks the Eternal salvation of the other. The greatest form of love is Truth since Christ is Truth Itself.

Love in one sense seems to be an all-embracing word, yet to guide all of one's actions only by love is a choice that indeed may be difficult for many of us and unfortunately, for some, it is a choice that is rejected or unable to be made. It may be preferred by some to go the broader way, an easier way, a way that feels good, a way erroneously called by some a more human way...that of hatred, jealousy, resentment, competitiveness, revenge. But the Lord calls us to that narrow gate of love, no matter our state in life. We might ask ourselves how "successful" we've been in walking that narrow way of unconditional and unremitting love.

Indeed, it would be terrible to hear the words from Jesus "I do not know where you are from, depart from me." We might even wonder how He could ever say that. Well, perhaps it's because we don't recognize Christ

as the Truth or we don't recognize Christ in those people whom we hated, or resented, or used, or exploited, or manipulated, or rejected, or trampled on.

Let us pray that the Lord will recognize us. May we both believe in who Christ is and commit ourselves, each and every day, to building our relationship with Him through love and Truth. A relationship built here on earth will hopefully allow us to recline at table with Him in the Kingdom of God. What will you do today so Jesus knows you?

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, August 22 - Obligatory Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Memorial, prescribed in 1954 by Pope Pius XII for May 31, is now fittingly celebrated on the Octave Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our King till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, August 23 - Optional Memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. St. Rose of Lima was born Isabel de Oliva and was a Peruvian mystic. Because of her beauty, she was nicknamed "Rosa." She was a Third Order Dominican, living a life of penance and solitude while caring for the homeless, elderly, and sick. She died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one. St. Rose is the patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru. She is also the patroness of florists and gardeners. St. Rose of Lima, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, August 24 - Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Bartholomew is likely a surname in the Synoptic Gospels meaning "the son of Tolmai." In John's Gospel, he is known as Nathaniel. He is closely associated with Philip and is said to have preached the Gospel in India and in Armenia. According to tradition he was martyred by

being flayed alive in the First Century. St. Bartholomew, Pray for us!

- Thursday, August 25 - Optional Memorials of St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz. St. Louis IX of France was a model ruler and father of eleven. He was a Third Order Franciscan who cared especially for lepers. He built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the Crown of Thorns. While on his second crusade, he died of the plague near Tunis in 1270. He is the patron of masons and sculptors. St. Louis, Pray for us!

Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon and in 1617 founded the Clerics Regular of Religious Schools in 1617 which today numbers almost fourteen hundred Religious. Dedicated to helping poor children, he faced many trials and calumnies for his work including the temporary suppression of his institute. He died in 1648 and is patron of all Christian schools dedicated to assisting the poor. St. Joseph Calasanz, Pray for us!

- Saturday, August 27 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Monica - After thirty years of prayer, St. Monica obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband and under the guidance of St. Ambrose (whose Memorial is celebrated on December 7), she won the conversion of her eldest son, St. Augustine. St. Monica died in 387 and is the patroness of mothers. St. Monica, Pray for us!

- Sunday, August 28 - This year, the Church celebrates the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time on August 28. Outside of this, August 28 marks the Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Monica, as noted above, was the mother of St. Augustine and her Memorial is celebrated the day prior (August 27 when it does not fall on a Sunday).

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Don't forget to join us for the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social, This Sunday, August 21, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

- START OF SCHOOL - We are happy to have another school year underway at St. Mary School. School began this past Wednesday. I ask you to continue to keep our school, teachers, staff, and students in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support of the great gift and blessing of St. Mary School.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Thank you to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas this year. It is good to have our young people engaged in the activities at the parish.

- PSR/BOSCO KIDS - St. Thomas PSR and Holy Family Bosco Kids will be starting soon. Contact Ann O'Sullivan for Holy Family or Laura Evans for St. Thomas for more information.

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 on your schedules.

- JOINING THE CHURCH - Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Please contact me for more information.

- MISSION APPEAL - A reminder that we have a visiting missionary this weekend at each Mass at both parishes. Fr. Alwin Samy will be here with us. He is a priest of the Diocese of Sivagangai, Tamil Nadu, India. Fr. Samy currently serves as a pastor in the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi. His appeal is for the Diocese of Sivagangai, India and they have forwarded the following to us:

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the Diocese of Sivagangai, India profoundly thanks and appreciates every one for your great generosity and support in the Mission Cooperative program. This year's Mission Appeal will benefit the primary and higher education of the poor students, and in particular the orphans and destitute children of this Diocese in India. Your support will definitely make a big difference in taking care of their orphanages as they reopen all the institutions after being heavily affected by COVID-19. They are looking for help to finance the setting up of infrastructure and the operation of the schools and orphanages, particularly St. Mudiyaipper Boys Home at Thiruvarangam. They would like to make an appeal to your kindness and ask your generous financial support to educate the illiterate, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, and to proclaim the Gospel. We appreciate your generosity.*

These Mission Appeals are set up through our Diocesan Missions Office. I will have specially marked envelopes for your contributions to the appeal in the pews and in the back of each church. I encourage you to listen carefully to Fr. Samy and to prayerfully consider how you can help financially. Please keep their work in your prayers and the work of all missionaries.

If you are making a financial contribution, please place the contribution in the special envelopes marked "Mission Appeal" and put them in the regular collection basket or send them in to the Parish Office. Checks should be made payable to the parish as we will forward all funds collected to the Diocesan Missions Office who will then forward those funds to the appropriate location. No funds are given directly to the missionary who is present at the parish. Thank you for your support.

- WEEKDAY MASSES - We are back in the church at Holy Family for weekday Masses. We will see how it goes. If we need to move again, we will. As of this writing, I'm not certain where our Friday morning Masses will be with the school children. I am hoping to celebrate Mass in the church with them. If this becomes impossible, we will be in the school gym.

- RESTORATION WORK - The exterior restoration work at Holy Family is moving along. There have been some delays in materials arriving and also some change orders, but things are progressing. As we continue to place this restoration work under the Patronage of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I ask for your continued prayers and support.

- MORNING OFFERING - Do you make a morning offering? Some folks wonder how to pray, or they suggest that they don't have time. Well, how about beginning each day with a Morning Offering. It is an excellent practice no matter where you are in your Spiritual life or your Prayer life. The following Morning Offering is a common one that I would encourage you to offer:

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins,

the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.”

- FROM THE SAINTS - “If you wish to explore the Holy Scripture, and you overcome your laziness and apply yourself, thirsting for the knowledge, then every good thing will be yours. You will fill your mind with the divine light. Then, when you apply that light to the doctrines of the Church, you will very easily recognize everything that is true and unadulterated, and lay it up in the hidden treasures of your soul.” - St. Cyril of Alexandria.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 21, 2022**

**Are Only a Few to Be Saved?** It is not uncommon for someone to ask us: “Have you been saved?” Often, they are looking for one fixed date, one specific event. But we know these truths: (1) We are saved everyday - because of God’s grace; (2) God chooses to save everyone - me and them; (3) Salvation is strengthened by working for justice, by living merciful lives.

- How will I acknowledge that I am being saved by Christ every day?
- How will I cherish that everyone is saved - even those people I do not like but need to still love?
- What mercy work does this summon me to do this week?



**Announcements from the Holy Family Parish  
Coordinator of Religious Education (Ann  
O'Sullivan, [aosullivan2031@gmail.com](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com) or  
217-257-2516).**

### **Bosco Kids**

Can you believe the start of the school year is coming up very quickly?? Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion [PSR]) will start classes on Wednesday night, September 7, at 6:15-7:30. We will start the school year with a Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria and classrooms for grades K-8. We received a grant from the diocese to start a new program on Bible study, *God's Plan in Salvation*, for students and their parents this year. We're very excited to have this program and we will share more information at our opening night on September 7. We are getting ready to order books for the year and need to know how many students we will have in each class. If you have not already done so, please let me know if your children are coming to class this year. Just a reminder that 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 3rd grade students receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### **RCIA**

We will start Right of Christian Initiation (RCIA) classes on September 28 from 6:30-7:45 weekly. These are classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic religion and/or coming into the Catholic Church. Please let me or Father Aaron know if you are interested in attending these classes or have any questions about the classes.

### **Youth Group**

We are in the beginning stages of forming a youth group for our teens. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for this group or would like to help. We will keep you informed as we firm up the plans.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

We also received a grant from the diocese for a program called *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. We will start these sessions and share more information about this program later in the fall.

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