

Rectory: (217) 773-3233 E-mail: holy.family@smseagle.org

Parish Staff

Rev. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor – (217) 773-3233 *Emergency only* (217) 242-9669 *E-Mail:* akuhn@dio.org Deacon Michael P. Ellerman Ashley Guthrie, Bookkeeper Tammy McKeown, Parish & School Secretary Cheryl Dillard, Liturgical Music Coordinator Ann O'Sullivan, C.R.E.

School: St. Mary (217) 773-2825 Website: www.smseagle.org Principal: Melissa Obert

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 Phone (217) 593-6685, (217) 773-3233 E-mail: stthomascp@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow

Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493 Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member: Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520 Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859 CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283 D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m. 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 https://stthomascp.formed.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<u> Monday, September 26 – 7:00 a.m.</u>

Sts. Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 27 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56

> Mary Klingele Ahmed (By Wm. & Joan Ray)

Wednesday, September 28 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

> Mary Ann Yeakel (By Barb Lehne)

Thursday, September 29 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

> Eugene Zackey (By Martha Fluckey)

<u>Friday, September 30 – 8:30 a.m.</u> (School Mass)

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Chris Jones (By Kim Gronewold)

Saturday, October 1 - 5:30 p.m.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

> Nancy Hendricks (By Leona Dunn)

Sunday, October 2 – 8:00 a.m.

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

> Pat Boylen (By Legion of Mary)

<u>St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.</u>

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 17-18, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,942.50 School Support: \$255.00

Sister Parish: \$20.00 ACSA: \$1,045.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

<u>September 18, 2022</u>

St. Thomas: \$2,537.00 Sister Parish: \$5.00 ACSA: \$450.00

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."

Nocturnal Adoration: Saturday, October 1, beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on October 2 at 7:45 a.m.

Please contact Tammy at 217-773-2825 or <u>tmckeown@smseagle.org</u> 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

<u>Please keep the following in your prayers:</u>

All Caregivers **†** The shut-ins of our parish and community **†** Matthew Bishop **†** For the safety of all of our military **†** For a Special

safety of an of our minitary [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 † Kay Downey † Marilyn
Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf
† Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore
† Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori

Bradshaw † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham

† Cameron Francis † Norma Herbster † Fritzi Harper † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth "Libby"
Tichy † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen † Roger
Busen † Carol Walker † Sandy Smith † Janice

Hendricks **†** Kendall Harper Passmore **†** Rick Kunkel **†** Marissa Atteberry **†** Mark Ebbing **†** Joan Weilbacher **†** Roger Lanz

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas PSR – Our PSR year kicked off September 14 with Mass at 6:30. Registration forms are in the back of church, or you can contact Laura Evans at <u>levans@adams.net</u> or 217-316-1734 for one!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 2, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Lector: Jim Clausius Karen Jansen

Gift Bearers:	R. Frese Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Alicia Schmidt
Ushers:	Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. With that said, it is worth mentioning that it may be hard to believe then that there are just eight more weeks of Ordinary Time in this Liturgical year. (The new Liturgical year will begin with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27 this year.

Our readings from Sacred Scripture today remind us once again that love is the heart of the Gospel. It is no wonder that we need to have the correct understanding of love since we are reminded of it so often.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the many opportunities that come before us to show love to others. As with all parables, it operates on two levels, the story and the teaching.

In the story, we see how the rich man, living a life of comfort and ease, is oblivious to the struggles of Lazarus at his doorway. How often did he step over him or look away? The "rich man" would have known the teachings of the prophets so we may wonder how he could have knowledge of the words of Amos that we hear in today's First Reading and not have been moved to help? How could he have given worship to God and yet been blind to Lazarus' pain, we might ask.

The "rich man" had chosen not to see Lazarus. One of the great themes of Luke's Gospel is reversal. That is, God puts down the arrogant and raises the lowly; He feeds the hungry and sends the rich away empty; He warns the rich that they have received their consolation; and He tells those who have the respect of others that it is fleeting and will fade.

That same reversal is evident in today's Gospel parable. The once poor and

destitute Lazarus is now at the side of Abraham while the once wealthy and influential rich man lies in torment. In this sobering parable, Jesus calls us to a new way of living, one that highlights mutual responsibility

The Kingdom is what we say, "already but not yet," both something to be striven for and something to be built here and now in our actions and choices. If we listen closely to the Gospel, we will become more alert and open to the needs of others, especially those around us. Of course, we know that it may cost us, and perhaps even dearly at times, but the rewards will be "out of this world" so to speak.

We will be judged by Love (Who or What is Love but Christ Himself, the fullness of Truth). All-too-often, folks are devoid of love and compassion and closed to the needs of others, much like the "rich man" in today's Gospel. This is due, in part, by a lack of knowledge of what love and compassion really are.

The Christian message is one of joy and hope, which makes us open to the needs of others. *Gaudium et spes*, one of the four constitutions coming from Vatican Council II, says, in part, "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

If we seek to live in the love of God, then we must strive to and be willing to share that love with others. If we wish to experience the love of God, let us begin by becoming a people of love and showing that love through our words, our choices, and our actions. And let us remain mindful that love reflects the fullness of Truth.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK – We have a full week of Memorials and Feasts:

– Monday, September 26 – Optional Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs. Cosmas and Damian were brother physicians known as "moneyless ones" for their gratuitous care of the sick. They are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). They were martyred around the year 300 at Cyrrhus in Syria and are the patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind. Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, September 27 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest. Vincent de Paul was born in Pouy and is known to have reformed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned. He founded the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians) which today number about three thousand eight hundred members. With St. Louise de Marillac, he also founded the Daughters of Charity. Vincent de Paul is also known to have preached against Jansenism. Vincent de Paul died in Paris in 1660 and is the patron of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and Madagascar. St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, September 28 - Optional Memorials of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs.

Wenceslaus was the duke of Bohemia and sought to bring the faith to his people. He was killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus, in 929 at the age of twenty-two. He is the patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. St. Wenceslaus, Pray for us!

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions were martyred between 1633 and 1637 in Nagasaki, Japan. After enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu. Lawrence and his companions were canonized October 18, 1987. St. Lawrence and Companions, Pray for us!

- Thursday, September 29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. These Biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care. Michael means "Who is like God?" and is patron of security forces and the sick. Gabriel means "God's Strength" and is patron of telecommunications and the postal service. Raphael means "God's Remedy" and is patron of travelers and the blind. Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Pray for us!

- Friday, September 30 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Jerome was a devoted monk and ascetic from Dalmatia. He authored the Latin translation of the Bible and wrote numerous commentaries on it. He is one of the Four Great Doctors of the Church. Jerome died in 420 in Bethlehem and is patron of Scripture Scholars. St. Jerome, Pray for us!

- Saturday, October 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Therese Martin, known as "the Little Flower," was born in Alencon. She was a contemplative who, in her biography, *The Story of a Soul*, urges all to follow "the little way." She died on September 30, 1897, of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of twenty-four. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II on October 19, 1997. She is the patroness of missions, florists, and France and secondary patroness of the Apostleship of Prayer. St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Pray for us!

- AREA-WIDE MASS - Most of our St. Mary School students will be attending the Area-Wide Mass at Quincy Notre Dame this coming Tuesday, September 27. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass. Mass begins at 9:30 a.m. in the QND gym. Staff and students from the four Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic education. This Mass is often celebrated by the Bishop. Unfortunately, Bishop Paprocki is unable to be with us this year. I encourage you to join us if you can.

- BAPTISM - Last Saturday evening, September 17, at the Vigil Mass, I celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Casen Bo Holtsclaw, son of Chris and Bailey Holtsclaw. Congratulations to Casen and his family. It is a great joy to have celebrated the Baptism and to bring Casen into the Church.

If you have a child who needs Baptism or are expecting a child, please let me know so that we can get a date for Baptism set up.

- MISSION APPEAL - Last call for Mission Appeal contributions. The parishes have been very generous to the Mission Appeal this year. Thank you. We will be sending in the funds that were collected very soon so if you were still wanting to make a contribution, please do so now. Envelopes are still in the back of each church.

- YOUTH GROUP - The Youth Group for Holy Family will be meeting this Sunday evening, September 25, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Those in seventh grade through high school are encouraged to come and enjoy. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Kent and Leighann Boylen.

St. Thomas Youth Group plans to meet the first and third Sundays of the month in the evening. For more information, contact Gary and Gail Mast or Kailyn Mast.

- MINISTRY SIGN UP - Happening at St. Thomas this weekend after Mass (outside or the back of church) and next weekend in the Hall along with donut Sunday. Please take a few minutes to review the sign-up sheets. If you wish to continue in what you are doing, initial by your name; if not, cross your name off. Please do not initial or cross off for anyone else. If you are interested in one of the ministries and your name is not on the list, please write it in along with your contact information.

- NOCTURNAL ADORATION - October 1 is the First Saturday of the month and so we will be having Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. and going through the night. Benediction will be at 7:45 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. - THANK YOU - The St. Mary Hog Roast was last Sunday. Thank you to all who supported the hog roast in any way.

- DIACONATE FORMATION - I wanted to mention that Matt Heldt has begun formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Those who are at weekday Masses regularly know that Matt has been serving those Masses when he can. Please keep Matt and all those in formation in your prayers.

- RESPECT LIFE MONTH - October is recognized in a particular way as Respect Life Month. Next Sunday, October 2, there will be a Life Chain in Quincy. This will be on the south side of Broadway between 14th and 18th Streets. This is an opportunity to spend an hour in silent prayer in a very public way for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages. If you are able to go, I encourage you to do so.

The Adams County Right to Life is also hosting its annual Respect Life Dinner on Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Quincy. Tickets need to be purchased in advanced by October 11. If you are interested, let me know. I will try to have more information about tickets and reservations in next week's bulletin.

- PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way. We have a number of parishioners and folks connected to our parishes and school who are or have recently been hospitalized or seriously ill.

- HOLY FAMILY RESTORATION - As the exterior restoration work continues at Holy Family, I ask you once again to prayerfully consider any support that you may be able to give toward the project. Thank you for your generosity!

- COATS FOR KIDS - The Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus is participating in Coats for Kids program. The Council is seeking monetary donations for this. Envelopes are in the back of each church. Thank you to those who have already contributed. I encourage you to consider making a contribution for this if you have not already. You may place your contribution in one of the marked envelopes and drop it in the collection basket for your convenience. If you are writing a check, please make the check payable to Knights of Columbus. You may also give the envelope to me or mail it into the office, and I will make sure the Council gets it. Thank you for your kind consideration in supporting the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids.

- VOCATIONS RAFFLE - The Illinois Knights of Columbus is also once again sponsoring the drawing to support the Illinois Vocations Support Program. There are twenty cash prizes, top prize is \$10,000. Tickets are in a book of 15 for \$15.00. The Mt. Sterling Council has a limited number of books on hand, but we can get more. I have a few books myself. If you would like some tickets, you can let me know or get in contact with one of the other members. We are also hoping to have a member with tickets available after Masses one weekend in October at Holy Family.

The drawing is scheduled for December 3, and we need to have tickets turned in by mid-November. I know it seems like a long time off, but it will be here before we know it. I encourage you to take part in this as it directly supports vocations in the State of Illinois.

Thank you for your continued prayers 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 <u>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>September 25, 2022</u>

Are the Rich in Trouble? Here, today, is the story of a rich man and a poor man, Lazarus (Lazarus means, "My God helps"). The impoverished life of the latter and the sumptuous life of the former gets reversed in death and the life that follows. Are the rich in trouble? It depends.

- How will I keep one eye on heaven, my final home?
- How will I be generous today?
- How can I feed those who are hungry?

Announcements from the Holy Family Parish Coordinator of Religious Education (Ann O'Sullivan, <u>aosullivan2031@gmail.com</u> or 217-257-2516)

Bosco Kids

Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria and classrooms for grades K-6.

Wednesday, 9/28 – Family Night – God's Plan in Scripture – All SMS and Bosco Kids students and families are invited as we begin this new Bible study program geared for young children and their parents. 6:15-7:30

RCIA

RCIA classes are 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 Catholic Faith.

Youth Group

Youth Group will start on Sunday night, September 25, for grades 7-12 and meet every other week. Our first meeting will be from 6-7:30 p.m. with a cookout at the K of C Hall. We look forward to seeing all of our youth at this first meeting.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions on *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* will start on Tuesday, November 29, and run for 3 weeks during Advent. More details and sign up information will be posted in early November.

IT'S TURKEY TIME

The Annual Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, serving from 11 to 1. May this year be as successful as the last two. Proceeds from 2020 were \$11,324 and 2021 was \$9,678. Letters will be mailed this week with all the details, raffle tickets, and the workers list. If there are any questions or you do not see your name on the workers list and would like to help, please call Lora Decker at 217-440-6696.

QUEST

FOR THE YOUTH – Upcoming QUEST – October 7 and 8. QUEST is for youth ages 13-15. It's an overnight experience to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled atmosphere. Go to <u>greatrivertec.org</u> for more information and to register. Open to all Christians.

Teens Encounter Christ

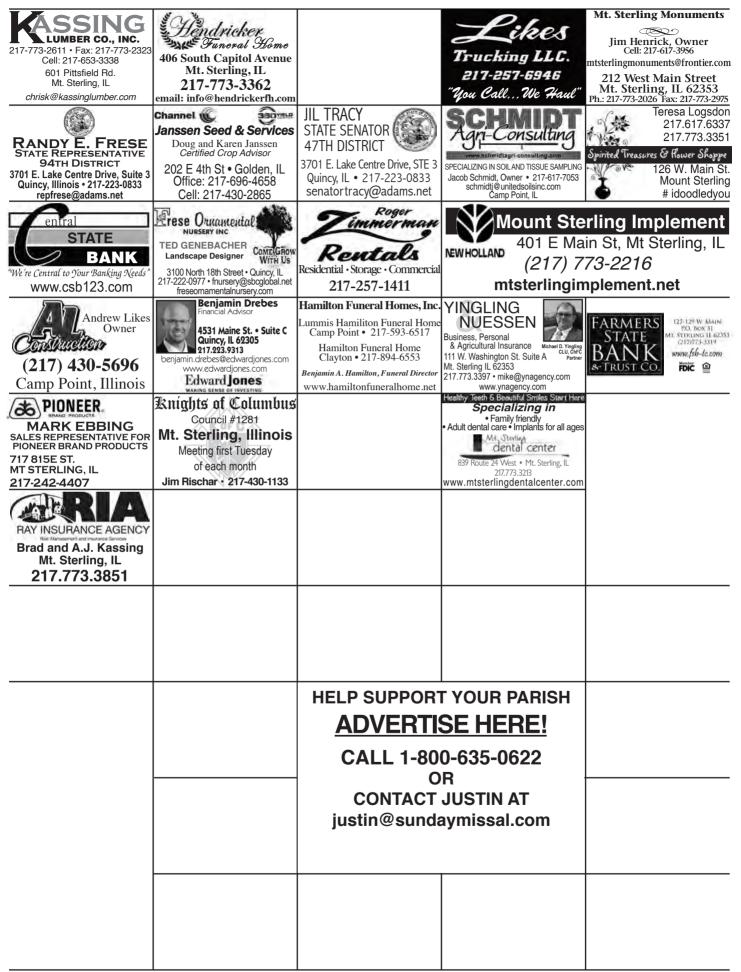
FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS – Upcoming TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) – November 12-14. TEC is for teens 16 and older. TEC provides a space to reflect upon one's own ideals, hopes, dreams, problems, and discover how God works in their lives. Go to <u>greatrivertec.org</u> for more information and to register. Open to all Christians.





Women's Cursillo Set for November 3 to 6

Does your life need a spiritual recharge? Are you ready to charge up your faith? How about spending quality time learning, growing, and contemplating on what God is calling you to do in your life. The Quincy Cursillo is hosting its next Women's Cursillo November 3 to 6 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located on Quincy University's North Campus. Imagine spending a few days in spiritual renewal with other Catholic women eager to deepen their relationship with Jesus. For more information Contact Ann O'Sullivan or Gary & Gail Mast



+