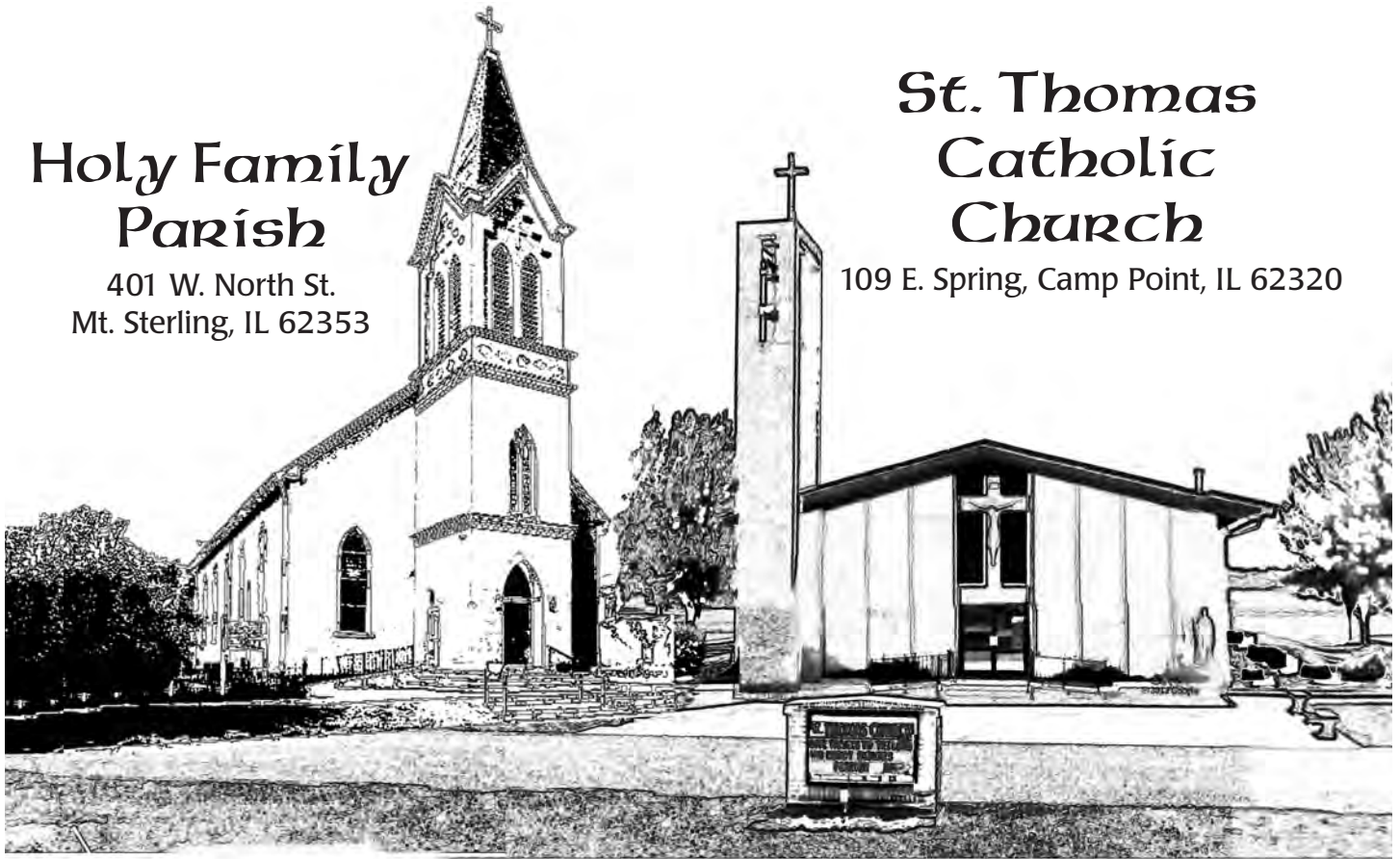


# Holy Family Parish

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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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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, September 5 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Communion Service

### Tuesday, September 6 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

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

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

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk  
and Ruth James  
(By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

### Thursday, September 8 – 7:00 a.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Barb Kuhn  
(By Dave & Amy Zanger)

### Friday, September 9 – 8:30 a.m.

#### (School Mass)

St. Peter Claver, Priest  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

Jim Kassing  
(By Tammy)

### Saturday, September 10 – 5:30 p.m.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Vera Marie Rolf  
(By Larry & Ellie Rolf)

### Sunday, September 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

#### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Becky Metzger  
(By Pam Goudschaal)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 27-28, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,022.50  
School Support: \$115.00  
Mission Appeal: \$615.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 28, 2022

St. Thomas: \$3,235.00  
Mission Appeal: \$275.00

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."
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus meeting** will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday, September 6, at Noon. A light meal will be provided.

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 † 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 † Cindy Coats

## ST. THOMAS

**St. Thomas Youth Group** – Come join the fun and bring a friend or two. Our next youth group night will be September 18 at St. Thomas Hall at 6 to 8 p.m. All youth Junior High, High School, and recent grads invited (parents are welcome too).

For more information, contact Kailyn Mast, 217-617-0282, or Gail Mast, 217-617-1731.

**St. Thomas Ice Cream Social** – Another rousing thank you to everyone who helped, donated, or came to St. Thomas’ Ice Cream Social! It was so good to share a pleasant evening of fellowship, and delicious ice cream. We had fun with our raffles, too. Here are the winners: Brad Obert won the 50/50 drawing. Baskets were won by: Cathy Wagner, Nora Clausius, Elizabeth Likes, Kelsey Post, Mary Koch (2), Teresa Busen, Gianna, and Barb Seeley. Thanks again!

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*September 11, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Brent Obert
<b>Lector:</b>	Denise Taylor
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	C. Simmons Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Jim Clasius
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Brady Jerry Herkert

## From the Pastor’s Desk

As the Church celebrates the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings for today remind us that discipleship is why we do what we do.

Each of us has a list of responsibilities that are important. We have work and families, organizations we support, and people who depend on us. We try to fulfill all our duties properly and this is seen, in part, as living a good, Christian life.

Now undoubtedly there are times when we could give more. Perhaps at other times we think and feel like we’ve given all we can. Many folks are committed to doing what’s asked of them and when these things are done, there’s a feeling of having done what we should... “what God asks of us” we might even say.

And yet, in today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that this is not enough. Simply fulfilling what is required as a parent, child, employee, committee chairperson, or neighbor is not the essence of discipleship.

Jesus’ words in the Gospel seem harsh... “If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” The force of a text like this reframes the ordinary world we know. Jesus’ words should indeed shake us up...so, let them.

Jesus reveals to us that discipleship is not just one more hobby or extracurricular activity. Discipleship is why we do what we do, mindful of the costs it brings. What Jesus commands is prioritizing Him as the source of our life, and as its ultimate end. It is making our love for Him the ordering principle of everything else we do. For without Him, nothing else matters.

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Thursday, September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we celebrate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God. What a beautiful celebration! This Feast coincides, of course, with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception that we celebrate every year on December 8. Saints Joachim and Anne, whose memorial is celebrated on July 26, are the parents of Mary. We look to Mary as the perfect example for us of how to live a perfect Christian life, how to always say yes to God, and how to endure the sufferings of this life. Mary is not only a great example for us but also a powerful intercessor. Devotion to our Blessed Mother is so very powerful and I personally have a deep devotion to Mary. I would encourage you also to develop devotion to our Blessed Mother. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

- Friday, September 9 - Obligatory Memorial in the United States of St. Peter Claver, Priest. Peter Claver was a Catalonian Jesuit who served the Columbian Mission in Cartagena. He devoted himself to caring for African slaves, baptizing some 300,000 and calling himself "the slave of the slaves forever." He died on September 8, 1654. St. Peter Claver, Pray for Us!

- LABOR DAY - Monday, September 5, is Labor Day. There is no school on Monday and many folks enjoy a day off from work. This, of course, is not a Liturgical Celebration but we do recognize the great gift and value of work and workers throughout the world. May St. Joseph,

patron of workers, guide and protect each and every person in the work they do, and may we give praise and thanks to God for the work He has called us to and given to us.

- SEPTEMBER 11 - Sunday, September 11, marks the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We pray for an end to terrorism in the world and we pray for those who lost their lives on that day. We also honor all firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel who serve our local community.

- BOSCO KIDS - Holy Family Bosco Kids will kick off the new year with Mass on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:15 p.m. in the church. Registration for the year and a few introductory things will be right after Mass. Our Bosco Kids and their families should plan to be at this and everyone is welcome to join us.

- PSR - St. Thomas PSR will kick off the new year with Mass on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The teachers will be there for you to meet and if you haven't already registered, registration will take place then along with a few introductory things after Mass. PSR students and families should be present and everyone is welcome to join us.

- BAPTISMS - Last Sunday, August 28, I celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for two children, one at each parish:

Liam Kerry Smith was Baptized during Mass at St. Thomas. Liam is the son of Lance and Erin Smith.

Irys Camilla Reich was Baptized at Holy Family. Irys is the daughter of Erik and Allix Reich.

Congratulations to Liam and Irys and their families. The Sacraments are always a joy to celebrate. If you have a child who needs to be Baptized or are expecting a child, please contact the Parish Office so that we can get it scheduled for you.

- HOG ROAST - The annual St. Mary School Hog Roast is scheduled for Sunday,

September 18. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

- FINANCIAL REPORTS - Last weekend I had the year-end financial reports available at each parish for you to take. If you did not get one, there are still a few copies available. At Holy Family, I also had information on the exterior restoration work that is going on that included more information on the scope of the project and the financials for the project. Thank you for your continued support of the parishes and school.

- CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - It's a little while off, but I want to let you know that Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our third graders is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Those receiving the Sacraments need to be checked in at the Cathedral before 10:00 a.m. that day.

I just received confirmation from the Bishop's Office last week for this date and wanted to get it out to you right away. Please mark this on your calendar, especially if you have a third grader receiving one or both of the Sacraments. If you have a third grader, you may have already received this information in an earlier communication as well.

This is a wonderful celebration with the Bishop at the Cathedral and an exciting time as the kids prepare for these Sacraments. Please keep those preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers. As we receive any additional information, we will let you know.

- LOOKING AHEAD - The Diocesan Priest Convocation will be held Monday, September 19, through Thursday, September 22, in Collinsville. I will be away from the parishes those days. I am checking with Deacon Mike to see if he is able to celebrate a Communion Service on those mornings and will let you know. As we prepare for and attend this year's

Convocation, please keep the priests and Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

- YOUTH GROUPS - I am grateful for the folks in both parishes who have been working to form a Youth Group at each parish.

St. Thomas' group has already met once. While they will not be meeting this Sunday, September 4, they are planning to normally meet the first and third Sundays of the month. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Holy Family is planning to have their first Youth Group get together on Sunday evening, September 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Keep an eye out for more information on this as well.

- PRAYER AND FASTING ON FRIDAYS - I wrote last week about the ladies in the Diocese of Peoria who, recognizing the massive evil of abortion that is being promoted in the State of Illinois, began an effort to Pray and Fast every Friday on Bread and Water for the State of Illinois and to stop Illinois from becoming known as the "abortion hub of the Midwest." We now have a poster hanging in the back of each church about this as well as prayer cards for you to take and use.

The ladies who began this effort are working to encourage it throughout the state and I encourage you to take this up as you are able. We recognize, of course, that some may be medically unable to do the fasting portion, but we can all certainly pray and offer sacrifice in some way for this effort. Perhaps for some good reason, we may even need to do this on a different day of the week either temporarily or permanently. Believe me, it can be difficult, and we can be easily tempted to forego it, but we can persevere in it.

Abortion is one of the greatest evils. It is nothing less than the murder of children. Some are appalled that I would say that and some even react violently. But what else is it but murder?! It is not "reproductive healthcare." It is not a

“choice” that one has a “right” to. These are catch phrases that, sadly, some folks use to try and condone this intrinsic evil and tragic reality, or they use them to try and convince folks that it is something other than what it is, murder.

All evil is demonic, and the murder of children is a grave evil designed by the father of lies and deception, Satan himself. The destruction of human life is not from God. Are we to stand by quietly and say or do nothing so that we don't “offend” anyone? Divine Law is always supreme! We continue to pray for the conversion and salvation of souls and the world and to conform our will to God's Will in all we do.

With that said, we need to also be mindful of those who face difficult or unplanned pregnancies. We need to help these folks and families in whatever way we can and keep them in our prayers. It was so very good to see folks from St. Thomas both contributing to the Birthright bake sale at the Quincy Knights of Columbus Barbeque and also working at the Birthright tent. Additionally, both parishes recently participated in the Baby Bottle Blitz which raised funds for pregnancy centers in our area. These are just a couple of ways that we can continue to help.

As I also mentioned in last week's bulletin, Fridays have been a day of fasting and sacrifice for years and continue to be. Some folks incorrectly say something like, “Oh, you don't have to do that anymore.” While it is true that abstaining from meat on all Fridays is no longer an obligation outside of Lent, Friday remains a day of sacrifice and fasting. Some choose to not eat meat on Fridays, others offer sacrifice in other ways. We should not be misled to believe that Fridays, in particular, are not days of sacrifice and fasting “anymore.” That is not true.

- DCCW CONVENTION - The 93rd Annual convention of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is

scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Mattoon, IL. Guest speakers are Dr. Dee Stern and Patty Winn. This is open to all women in the Diocese, and I encourage you to consider attending. Registration should be made by Friday, September 7. I have placed a few registration forms in the back of each church. If you need one and don't see them, let me know.

The Quincy Deanery DCCW has also re-established itself and I encourage all women of both parishes to learn more about it and become involved in it. You can contact Claudia Coggeshall from St. Thomas for more information. Claudia is the Vice-President of the Quincy Deanery Council. Additionally, as of July 1, I became the Spiritual Advisor of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Again, I encourage the ladies to join us for the local meetings throughout the year and the Annual Convention.

Once again, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 4, 2022**

**What Does It Take to Be a Disciple?** Jesus is relentlessly traveling to Jerusalem. He urges the following crowds to be relentless disciples. How? (1) Be loyal to me and my Father. (2) Carry your own cross - every day. (3) Don't let possessions get in the way.

- What does my loyalty to God expect of me?
- What cross will I carry today, tomorrow, and each day this week?
- What of my possessions will I share in merciful ways?

**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**

Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion [PSR]) will start classes on Wednesday night, September 7, at 6:15 to 7:30 with Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria and classrooms for grades K-8. 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. The schedule for the year has been emailed to the families who have registered.

### **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.

Blessings to you all this week.

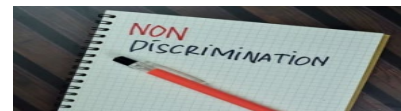
### **Men's Cursillo Set for September 15 to 18**

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 Men's Cursillo September 15 to 18 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located on Quincy University's North Campus. Imagine spending a few days in spiritual renewal with other Catholic men eager to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

For more information, contact:

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Ann O'Sullivan, 217-257-2516, or by email at: [aosullivan2031@gmail.com](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com).



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### **Theology on Tap | September 6 | Fr. Arisman**

Grab a quality brew as we hear from our presenter, Fr. Arisman from St. Francis Church, and share in Christian Fellowship at the Quincy Brewing Co.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Come on in and grab drinks and a seat! The talk will begin at 6:45 p.m.

The talk will be followed by Q&A then discussion at the tables.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Fuentes at: [faithformation@blessedscs.org](mailto:faithformation@blessedscs.org).

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