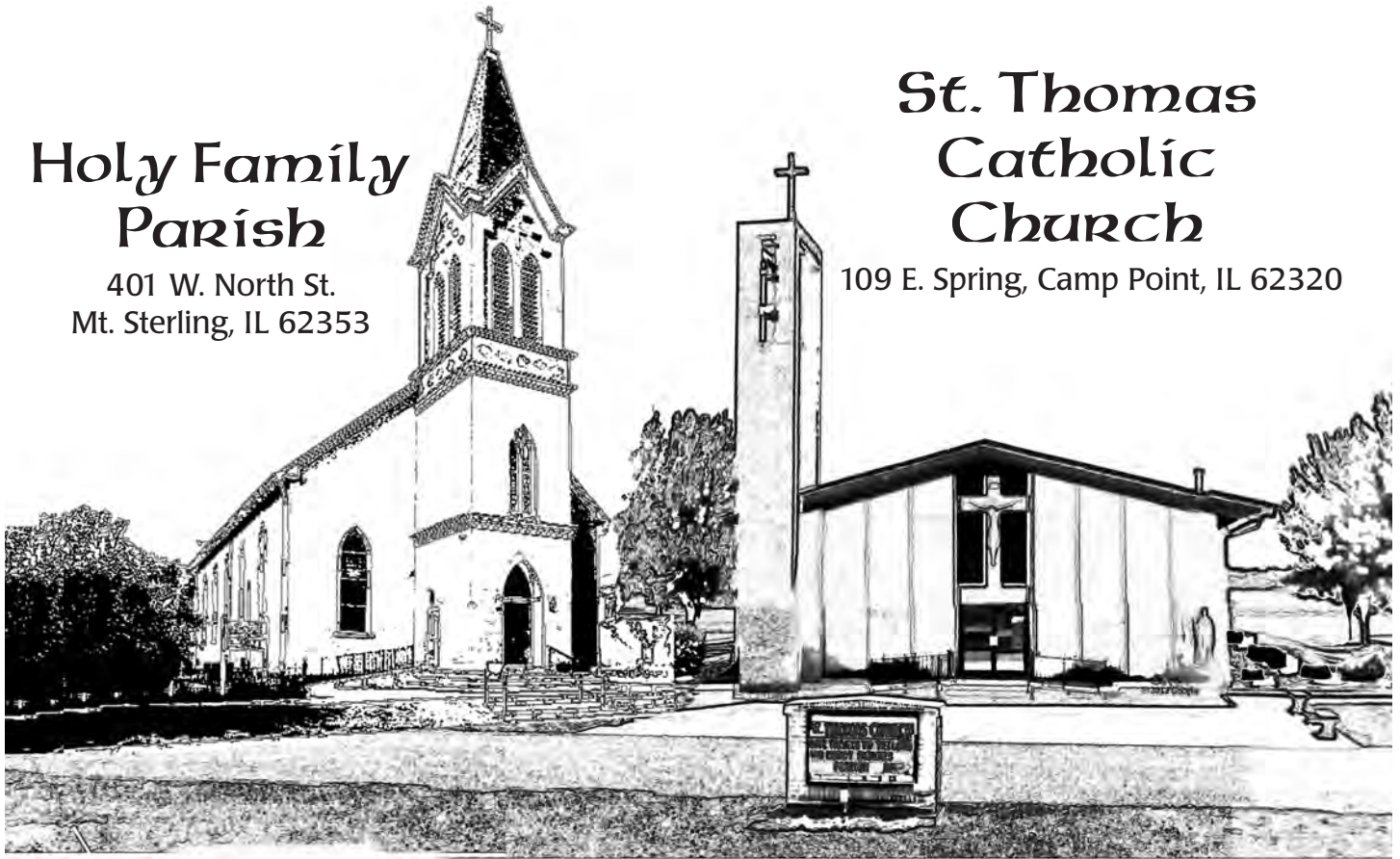


# Holy Family Parish

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# St. Thomas Catholic Church

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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

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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 17 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr  
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 18 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Luke, Evangelist  
2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

Mike Metzger  
(By the Family)

### Wednesday, October 19 - 7:00 a.m.

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Issaac Jogues Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

Beth Clark  
(By Norma Hufnagel)

### Thursday, October 20 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest  
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

Marie Faugust  
(By Mark & Mary Hill)

### Friday, October 21 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

Lucille Wagner  
(By Richard Ryan)

### Saturday, October 22 – 5:30 p.m.

St. John Paul II, Pope; BVM  
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

Mary Klingele Ahmed  
(By Donnie & Linda Howard)

### Sunday, October 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;  
Luke 18:9-14

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Allen & Mary Stout  
(By Jim & Marilyn Stout)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 8-9, 2022

Holy Family: \$2,526.00  
School Support: \$414.00  
Sister Parish: \$222.00

All Saints Day: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 9, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,293.00  
Parish Improvement: \$50.00  
ACSA: \$30.00

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."

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 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.*

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## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

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 † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank †  
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## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*October 23, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Denise Taylor
<b>Lector:</b>	Bobbi Mock
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	J. Schmidt Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Kim Gronewold
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. We continue to approach the end of our Liturgical year rather quickly it seems. Our readings for today remind us that our perseverance will keep us faithful to God's ways.

The meaning of persistence is certainly brought to mind with our three readings for today. In the First Reading, as long as Moses kept his hands raised, eventually with the help

of Aaron and Hur, Joshua and the Israelites prevailed over Amalek and his men. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy to remain faithful to what he has learned and believed. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the persistent widow to remind His disciples about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

And what does it mean, really, to be persistent? The dictionary describes or defines persistent as the firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition. Some synonyms for this "obstinate continuance" include perseverance, tenacity, and endurance.

Let us think about persistence with regard to our relationship with God. There is no doubt that when thinking about how God relates to us, persistence is an apt description though it, like any other word is inadequate in our description of God. Still, God created us and pursues us in love endlessly. He never diverts from this path. He loved us into being, and His love is what sustains us. From our existence, to the daily efforts we expend, God is our source of being. The entirety of Scripture attests to this.

When it comes to our relationship with God we need to also ask ourselves if there is persistence on our part. We certainly have the opportunity for there to be. The Sacramental graces we receive give us the power to persist in prayer, and our participation with that grace enables us to do so. Even when folks faithfully celebrate the Sacraments regularly, there is a real possibility of misunderstanding this or "overlooking" this. Sacramental grace is real, it is important, and it is powerful. The Sacraments are real encounters with Jesus Christ who gave them to us so that we might live that life of holiness that He call us to.

The gift of faith allows us to trust that God will provide for us not just in answer to our prayer, but even in the act of praying for something, as he provided Aaron and Hur to assist Moses. And hope helps assure that our persistence will be rewarded in eternity with Christ. How could we choose not to have persistence in the foundation for our relationship with God!

In Baptism we are united to Christ and to one another and our unceasing prayer for our

needs and the needs of the world have an effect. This is so important for each of us to foster in our own lives, that recognition that our persistence in prayer really does have effects.

We are also united in the Holy Eucharist which is both the gift we receive and the gift that we offer to the Lord's Glorious Majesty from the gifts that He has given us, the Pure Victim, the Holy Victim, the Spotless Victim, the Holy Bread of Eternal Life and the Chalice of Everlasting Salvation. If that does not powerfully touch us, I don't know what will!

Through God's grace, we have the persistence to face whatever obstacles might tempt us or drag us away from our purpose in this life. Each of us is a beloved child of the Father, journeying to be one with the Father in the Eternal Kingdom of heaven. That identity as a beloved child of God, made in His image and likeness, is a powerful one and an important one. It may seem so simple but is so often overlooked by many and sadly, by some, it is cast away as if it means nothing at all.

As followers of Jesus Christ, our lives are not easy and there are no "quick fixes" (though many seem to act as if there are). Quick fixes may work for a leaky tire, but eventually the tire will need to be replaced if we want to drive on it for a long journey. May we always be reminded of the voice of God reminding us to pray always without becoming weary and may the grace we receive from God help us follow that command.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 17 - Obligatory memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr. From Syria, Ignatius of Antioch was an Apostolic Father known as the second successor to St. Peter in Antioch. He wrote seven letters to local communities on church unity and structure and is the first to use the term "Catholic Church" as a collective definition for Christians. Ignatius was martyred around the year 107 under Trajan in Rome's amphitheater. He is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Ignatius of Antioch, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, October 18 - Feast of St. Luke - St. Luke was a Syrian physician from Antioch and a companion of St. Paul. He wrote the Acts of the Apostles and also one of the four Gospels, a Gospel for the Gentile Christians that speaks of God's mercy, salvation love of the poor and marginalized, absolute renunciation prayer, and the Holy Spirit. He is often represented by a winged ox. St. Luke is the patron of the medical profession, painters, artists, sculptors, and butchers. St. Luke, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, October 19 - In the United States, the Obligatory Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions, Martyrs. Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues were French Jesuit priests. They and their companions were missionaries to the Hurons and Iroquis of North America. Isaac was tomahawked to death by Iroquis near Albany and John was savagely mutilated and slain near Georgian Bay. Isaac and John and their companions were martyred between the years of 1642 and 1649. Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions, Pray for us!

-Thursday, October 20 - In the United States, optional memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest. In the United States this optional memorial of St. Paul of the Cross is perpetually transferred from October 19 to October 20. St. Paul of the Cross was a renowned preacher and founder of the Passionists (C.P.), today numbering nearly 2,000 members. Passionists combine the apostolate of retreats and missions with penitential monasticism. St. Paul of the Cross died on October 18, 1775. St. Paul of the Cross, Pray for us!

-Saturday, October 22 - Optional memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope. Born Karol Jozef Watjtyla in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland, John Paul II is well known to many of us and a beloved Pope to many. As Archbishop of Krakow, he took part in the Second Vatican Council. He was elected pope on October 16, 1978. His exceptional apostolic zeal, especially for families, young people, and the sick, led him to make numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. John Paul II left as a heritage to the Church a rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic

Church, the revised Code of Canon Law, and the Third typical edition of the Roman Missal. Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005 and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014 along with Pope John XXIII whose memorial we celebrated last Tuesday, October 11. Pope St. John Paul II, Pray for us!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Next Sunday, October 23 is World Mission Sunday. We are encouraged to and called to assist with the mission of the Church in spreading the Gospel. The following is a letter from Bishop Paprocki concerning World Mission Sunday:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church. Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided some \$7 million in help to the new and growing Churches in the United States. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago. As Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible

to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday, especially in this bicentennial anniversary year. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is lifegiving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. Thank you, and God bless. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois.”

If you wish to make a contribution and do not have a specified envelope, please place your contribution in an envelope marked specifically “WORLD MISSION.”

-FOOD COLLECTION - Marilyn Veith has begun the initiative for Holy Family to collect food items for the food pantry in Mt. Sterling. Each week through the end of November, we will be collecting different food items. Marilyn will have some totes in the back of the church for you to place your items and she will deliver those to the food pantry. Next weekend we will be collecting boxes of pasta. Please place your contributions of pasta in the totes.

I'd like to thank Marilyn for heading this up. If you have any questions, please get in contact with her. She may also be appreciative of some help, so I encourage you to ask her if you are interested in helping. As I mentioned, Marilyn is going to do this each week through the end of November. Perhaps the parish would like to coordinate something each month after that. We can see how things unfold.

-COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting will be held Thursday, November 3 at St. Thomas. I encourage all women to attend if you are able. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas. There is always good information from these meetings and a nice meal. It's quite a nice day. Sign up in the back of church so we can have a number for lunch.

-QUINCY HOLY FAMILY FEST - Saturday, October 22 at the Knights of Columbus in Quincy. For more information, see the flyers in the back of the church. Registration is required and limited to 250 people.



-TURKEY DINNER – The Holy Family Turkey Dinner is Sunday, November 6, the first Sunday in November. Letters for the Turkey Dinner have gone out by U.S. Mail to Holy Family Parishioners. If you have not received a letter, please let me know. I encourage you to help support the Turkey Dinner as you have done so graciously in the past. Raffle tickets are in the back of church and you can also place those and other contributions in the chest there on the table.

-DEER CLASSIC – The Brown County Deer Classic Committee has been hard at work and it will be here before we know it. This year's Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 12. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
16 October 2022**

**Is God Slow to Answer Prayer?** Moses wearily struggles to keep his hands raised in prayer for the benefit of the People. He needs help. Don't we all! Timothy is charged to remain faithful to the Scriptures. Us, too! Jesus tells a parable about praying. Don't be weary, he says. Be persistent, he says. Do it always, he says.

- How is my life of prayer?
- How will a small daily dose of reading the Bible foster my daily prayer? If unsure where to start, read and reread the Sunday texts.
- How can I be relentless in praying day after day, even if it seems God is slow to act?

**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**

Classes are held every Wednesday night in the school cafeteria or the convent (your teacher will let you know where) for grades K-6. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will celebrate this on Saturday night (10/15) before the 5:30 Mass as we join together to say the rosary with the parish. Please be at church by 5:05 p.m.

Regular classes will be on Wednesday 10/19.

Family night is 10/26--all parents and children of Bosco Kids and SMS are invited to attend our second session of God's Plan in Scripture

**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 meet on Sunday night, October 23rd for Grades 7-12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Kof C hall and meet every other week. Note the time change for this week. We have fun activities planned with a hayrack ride, scavenger hunt at the cemetery, and a hot meal afterwards. Please wear warm clothing and bring your cell phone for the scavenger hunt. We will meet and dismiss from the KC Hall. We look forward to seeing all of our youth again.

On November 6 our youth will help with serving meals at the Holy Family Turkey Dinner at the KC Hall from 10:45-1:00 p.m. with a pizza lunch served afterwards.

Catholic Heart Work Camp is July 9-15 in Nashville, TN. We are working with St. Thomas Parish. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to attend. The registration fee is \$100 and we will raise funds for the rest of the cost.

## 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.

## IT'S TURKEY TIME

The Annual Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 serving from 11-1. May this year be as successful as the last two. Proceeds from 2020 was \$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.

**Turkey Dinner Note - We missed getting the raffle ticket sheets in the envelopes that were mailed out. There is a stack of raffle ticket sheets on the table by the drop box as you enter the church. Please take as many as needed and take some to give to others. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Turkey Dinner. Thanks!**

## 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 [greatrivertec.org](http://greatrivertec.org) 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**

## HOLIDAY WREATHS

Cass-Schuyler Area Hospice Volunteers are selling "Beautiful Holiday Evergreens from Sherwood Forest Farms" again this year. There are 3 different fresh wreaths, garland, a door swag and a centerpiece. And also a cute Reindeer set. A product flyer is displayed on bulletin board in back of church. If you are interested in supporting Hospice, call Karla Ormond 217- 257-3835 or Karen Yingling 812-459-2022. Orders will be taken through Oct. 31 and delivered before Thanksgiving (between November 15-22). Money is to be collected at time of order unless other arrangements made. Please make checks to Cass-Schuyler Area Hospice. Thank you!

## Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Birthright Trivia Night & Silent Auction 2022: We are excited to announce that we will be having our 13th annual trivia night and silent auction IN PERSON on Saturday, November 5th at the QU Health and Fitness Center! Doors open and auction begins at 5:00pm; trivia begins at 6:45pm sharp! Registration is \$125 for teams of up to 8 people. Please visit [www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org) or our Facebook page for more details and registration, or you may call the Birthright office at 217-224-1277 if you have any questions. This is our largest fundraiser which helps us continue to serve the needs of mothers and babies right here in our community. We hope you will join us!

## Snow Removal

We are in need of volunteers for snow removal around the school once it starts snowing. If you are interested in helping with snow removal, please let Melissa know (217-773-2825 or [mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org)). Thanks!



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