

Holy Family Parish

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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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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

Monday, November 7 – 7:00 a.m.

Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6

Communion Service

Monday, November 7 – 5:30 p.m.

AT ST. THOMAS

For the Election and All Those Elected

Monday, November 7 – 7:00 p.m.

AT HOLY FAMILY

For the Election and All Those Elected

Tuesday, November 8 – 7:00 a.m.

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14, Luke 17:7-10

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

Wednesday, November 9 – 7:00 a.m.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17,
John 2:13-22

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

Thursday, November 10 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25

Lucille Wagner
(By Richard Ryan)

Friday, November 11 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

Patricia Parker
(By Mary Kassing)

Saturday, November 12 – 4:00 p.m.

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

Jennifer Volk
(By Larry Volk)

Sunday, November 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Becky & Mike Metzger
(By the Family)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 29-30, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,189.00
School Support: \$190.00
Sister Parish: \$20.00
All Saints: \$10.00
ACSA: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 30, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,192.00
Parish Improvement: \$25.00
ACSA: \$25.00
Sister Parish: 75.00
All Saints Day: \$80.00

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 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.

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 †

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Janice Leverton † Margo Pool † Gary Shields †

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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 Youth Group - We will only be meeting once during the month of November.

November 13 at 6 p.m. Join us for Fun, Food and Faith.

All are welcome, especially those in Jr. High and High School.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 13, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jim Clausius
Greeters:	T. Perry Family
Lector:	Kim Gronewold
Gift Bearers:	M. Evans Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Maurice Schmidt
Collection Counters:	D. DeRousse
Ushers:	Mark Obert, Justin Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are quickly approaching the end of our Liturgical year.

In the first reading for today from the Second Book of Maccabees, we hear of seven brothers and their mother being arrested and tortured (for their faith). In their deep peril, their faith is steadfast. No matter how much they are brutalized, they do not cease to proclaim their belief in the Lord. Nothing the king says or does can change the truth they proclaim with their lives, that God will raise them up. In defiance of false authority, they manifest hope.

In contrast, in the Gospel for today from St. Luke we hear of the group of Sadducees who are questioning Jesus and in defiance of Christ's authority, they manifest denial. This can all sound all too familiar to our world today.

Jesus reminds the Sadducees and each one of us that our God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob; and He is not God of the dead but of the living.

We will face hardship in this life. There will be questions we cannot answer, and situations we will not understand. We cannot deny these things, but we can face them confident of the victory Christ has won for us. May we always remain committed to the Truth and authority of Christ.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Wednesday, November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This day marks the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome on land owned by the Laterani family by Pope St. Sylvester I in 324. The Lateran basilica is honored as the Episcopal Seat of The Pope as Bishop of Rome. According to an inscription, which Pope Clement XII placed on the façade, this Basilica is the “Mother and Head of All Churches of Rome and the world.” The present structure was commissioned by Pope Innocent X in 1646. Beneath its High Altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass. It was dedicated to the Savior and later to St. John the Baptist.

-Thursday, November 10 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church. St. Leo the Great was a well-known Pastor and preacher and a defender of the Roman Primacy. He was a great combatant heresy, especially Pelagianism (in short, denies Original Sin and Christian Grace), and Manichaesim (a dualistic religion, whose cosmic dualism of God and Satan is unacceptable to any monotheist who believes in One Supreme God of goodness). His extensive and scholarly writing on Christ’s Two Natures was accepted by the Council of Chalcedon in 451. He is known to have saved Rome from marauding Huns and Vandals. Many of St. Leo’s prayers are found in the

Roman Missal. He died in 461. St. Leo the Great, Pray for us!

-Friday, November 11 – Obligatory memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop. St. Martin of Tours was a soldier turned Christian at the age of eighteen. He was a disciple of St. Hilary and founded the first monastery in the West. He was the Bishop of Tours and was the first non-martyr with an annual feast in the Western Church. He died in 397 and is the patron of soldiers, wine producers, and France. St. Martin of Tours, Pray for us!

-Saturday, November 12 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr. Josaphat was born in Poland, raised Ukrainian Orthodox and became a Basilian monk of the Ruthenian Rite at Vilna. His fidelity to the Roman See and his desire for union between the Ukrainian Church and Rome led to his murder. He died in 1623 and is the first formally canonized saint of the Eastern Rite. St. Josaphat, Pray for us!

-TURKEY DINNER – A final reminder that the Holy Family Turley Dinner is this Sunday, November 6 serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Don’t miss getting some delicious meals and your chances for some great raffle prizes.

-DONUT SUNDAY – This Sunday, November 6 is the first Sunday of the month and so it is “Donut Sunday” at St. Thomas. Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. I will not be able to be there as I will return to Mt. Sterling immediately after Mass to be at the Turkey Dinner. After you have your donut, come on up and get your turkey dinner. Details are above.

-ELECTION DAY – This Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day. I encourage everyone to vote and when doing so to be mindful first and foremost of life in all stages from conception through natural death.

The threats against human life are many and the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of human life is disturbing. Unfortunately, many elected officials, including some who claim to be “practicing Catholics,” threaten human lives themselves and undermine the dignity and sanctity of human life in all stages.

I urge you to thank those (lawmakers especially) who support human life in all stages and to ask them for their continued work and support for human life. Likewise, express your disappointment to those (again, lawmakers especially) who do not support human life in all stages and encourage them to do so. In all of this, ask God for His help and pray for all of those individuals.

-MASSES FOR THE ELECTION - With the election on Tuesday, it is important that we remain grounded in prayer and pray in a special way for those who are elected and will be elected. The greatest and most life-giving prayer that God has given to us is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I will be offering Mass Monday evening at both parishes for the intention of the election, all those elected, and those who will be elected.

Mass on Monday evening, November 7 will be 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family. I urge you to join in one of these celebrations.

-NO SCHOOL - There is no school at St. Mary's on Friday, November 11. Mass will still be at 8:30 a.m. that morning

-DEER CLASSIC - The Brown County Deer Classic is next Saturday, November 12. Check out their website for more information. There will also be a link to the online auction. The website is www.bcdeerclassic.com. A reminder that the Saturday evening Vigil Mass that evening, November 12, will be at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

-RESPECT LIFE DINNER - I recently attended the Annual Respect Life Dinner in Quincy. The speaker was very good. Her message was short and it was simple but her speaking about life was very very good.

One thing she mentioned that I think we probably all know but can always be reminded of, is our need to pray for all women who are pregnant (and the fathers of those children to be born). We pray for the protection of all human life in all stages from conception through natural death and also an end to abortion, which is a good thing to do, of course. Sometimes, though, we may not think about praying for women who are pregnant and the fathers of the children.

I might also suggest that we remember to keep in prayer those involved in the abortion and euthanasia industry and those who support the destruction of human life, whoever that might be...lawmakers, corporations, healthcare professionals, etc. Sometimes it is difficult for us to pray for these individuals but it is one of the most powerful and truly loving things we can do.

-FALL COLLECTION - Another reminder that the Fall Collection at Holy Family is under way. By now, you certainly should have already received your letter from me. If you have not, please let me know.

The Fall Collection is important for operating the parish. I know there are many requests for many things and I appreciate your support of the parish through the Fall Collection. Thank you to those who have already made their contribution. Contributions may be mailed into the parish office or put into the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked Fall Collection.

As a reminder, if we receive your contribution to the Fall Collection before Thanksgiving, you will be entered into a drawing for a gas gift card. Also, the

funds raised through the efforts of the Fall Collection Parish Organization, co-chaired by Jim Rischar and Sharon Teefey, are exempt from the monthly parish tithing calculation.

-FOOD DRIVE - A reminder that we are collecting different kinds of food each week at Holy Family for the Mt. Sterling Food Pantry at least through the end of November. Next week we will be collecting boxed food items. If you'd like to donate to the food pantry to help those who are in need, you can bring your items (next week, boxed food items) to church and place them in the tote in the vestibule.

-THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES - Looking ahead for those making plans, I am planning to offer a Thanksgiving Day Mass at each parish, 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas. As you make your plans for Thanksgiving Day, why not start the day off with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

-NOVEMBER - A reminder that during the month of November especially, we remember and pray for the dead. Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. As we do so, it is also a good time to visit the cemetery and pray for those who have died.

-CHRISTMAS CARDS - As I am writing this, I received notification that the Christmas cards that I ordered are arriving. I had been a little late ordering them the past couple of years (if you don't order early, they run out fast). This year I ordered them as soon as I was able...back in July, actually (I had tried to do that last year also, but they still ran out of many of the designs quickly). The cards come from Italy and of course this year, they were delayed in arriving. But, none-the-less, they are here (or at least they are supposed to be...I have not physically seen them yet).

Once again, I will make these available to you at both parishes while they last. They are beautiful, solidly Catholic

Christmas cards. I will have them in the back of each Church. There will also be envelopes available for you to make a contribution toward the cards if you'd like...you can drop that in the collection basket or give it to me. Once again, I am personally making these available to you myself. There is no cost to the parishes. Any contributions beyond the cost of the cards will go to the parishes.

I am happy to make these available since, like I said, they are solidly Catholic and beautiful cards, and it is so important that we remember what Christmas is and what it celebrates and that we share that with others. Sending cards and notes, something that has become lost and forgotten by many, is also a great way to reach out to folks. I also urge you to use the Religious stamps from the post office when sending your cards and other mail. Those also sell out early, so I urge you to get them as soon as you can.

-CHRIST THE KING - Also looking ahead, Sunday, November 20 marks the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (commonly referred to as Christ the King). This is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the Liturgical Year. Mass Times are as usual that weekend. I will also be having Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes.

At Holy Family, Exposition and Adoration will be after the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, November 19 and will go until 7:30 p.m. Benediction will be at 7:30 p.m.

At St. Thomas, Exposition and Adoration will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 20 and will go until Noon. Benediction will be at Noon.

I will expose the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the Distribution of Holy Communion. Mass will conclude as usual and I urge you to stay in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you need to leave, please leave in silence.

Thank you once again for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my prayers each day for you. May you have a most blessed week.
-Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –
06 November 2022**

What Is This Resurrection? The Bible readings have something to say about faithfulness. The brothers Maccabees remain faithful to the Lord even while facing torture and death. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians – and us – God is faithful and, thus, be faithful in return. In conversation with the Sadducees, Jesus says that as important as this life is, resurrected life is more so and will be much more than we imagine.

- How will I be faithful this week?
- To whom will I be faithful?
- How will I keep my focus on resurrected life and not let prosperity of this life get in the way?

**Announcements from the Holy Family
Parish Coordinator of Religious
Education (Ann O'Sullivan --
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.

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

Our Youth Group (and all youth) will help with serving meals at the Holy Family Turkey Dinner on Sunday 11/6 at the KC Hall from 10:45-1:00 p.m. with pizza served afterwards. Please note this will not be a normal youth group

meeting on November 6. We will have a normal meeting again at 6 p.m. on November 20.

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, December 6 and 13 in the school cafeteria from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This Bible study program helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how to read the Bible, so that you can actually understand it. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can order enough books.

Blessings to you all this week.

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 for more information and to register. Open to all Christians.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

St. Mary School will be having a Veterans' Day Program on Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. All are welcome to help us celebrate our veterans and our freedoms. If attending, please park in front of the church or on Cherry Street. Thank you!



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