

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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 17 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 18 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest  
Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24

Marjorie Salrin  
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

### Wednesday, July 19 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27

Mary Franklin Brahler  
(By Maureen Norvell)

### Thursday, July 20 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr  
Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

Ramona Lehne  
(By Norma Hufnagel)

### St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

In Honor of  
Brent & Jenni Obert's 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
(By Pat Sharow)

### Friday, July 21 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church;  
Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest & Religious Founder  
Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

Edward (Rocky) Griffiths  
(By Barb Lehne)

### Saturday, July 22 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene  
Song of Songs 3:1-4g; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### Sunday, July 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Charles Koch  
(By Legion of Mary)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Martha Koettters  
(By Barbara Steinkamp)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 8-9, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,619.00  
School Support: \$1,898.00  
Sister Parish: \$383.00  
Peter's Pence: \$10.00  
ACSA/Tithe: \$35.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 9, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,447.50  
Parish Improvement: \$5.00  
Candle Money: \$9.00

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 - Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 †  
 Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse †  
 Janice Leverton † Margo Pool † Gary Shields †  
 Abby Schuhardt † Jim Steinkamp †  
 Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Sheila Thompson †  
 J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus † Marilyn Wort †  
 Carolyn Kassing † Kimberly McKinny †  
 Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin & family † Sheila  
 Roberts † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton †  
 Vera Marie Rolf † Christine Colgan Moore †  
 Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch †  
 Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker Baker †  
 Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson †  
 Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Rick Flatt †  
 Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy † Jeff Kozak †  
 Carol Likes † Janice Hendricks † Kendall Atteberry †  
 Mark Ebbing † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese †  
 Carolyn DeWitt † Jim Duvendack †  
 Leeann DeJaynes † Irene Norkus † Boone Holden  
 † Sean Fink † Dan Ray † Elijah Craig †  
 Julie Ray Radel † Joan Zurita † Kathy Cramblitt †

of the church (cloak room) or to the parish hall. We appreciate your help. Thank you!

**Birthright will again have a booth at the KC BBQ picnic in Quincy.** All the churches in the area will be invited to bring homemade baked goods for the bake sale. We will also sell chances for a beautiful handmade quilt and a \$200 dining package. The picnic will be August 11-13

We will need volunteers to sell chances, work at the bake sale, and to help with the kid's games.

This event and "trivia" in November are the largest source of income to help our clients with their crisis pregnancy.

Contact Butch & Dorothy with questions. 217-257-6825.

### ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*July 23, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Jonah Coggeshall
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mark & Amanda Obert Family
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Janssen
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Brenda Hoelscher Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Elizabeth Likes
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Robin Coggeshall
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt

*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Jim Wort who passed away on July 5, 2023. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings today remind us that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, July 18 - In the United States of America, optional memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest. Born in 1550, Camillus was a soldier addicted to gambling. His conversion led him to found a Society in 1582, the Camillians,

### ST. THOMAS

**Gallon Ice Cream Containers Needed -** Please save any gallon ice cream containers that you have. We need them for our ice cream social on August 20. If you can donate them, please bring them to the back

today numbering some eleven hundred Religious. The Society has established hospitals and has cared for the sick with affection and diligence. St. Camillus died in 1614 in Rome.

“Humanly speaking, Camillus was not a likely candidate for sainthood. His mother died when he was a child, his father neglected him, and he grew up with an excessive love for gambling. At 17, he was afflicted with a disease of his leg that remained with him for life. In Rome he entered the San Giacomo Hospital for Incurables as both patient and servant, but was dismissed for quarrelsomeness after nine months. He served in the Venetian army for three years.

Then in the winter of 1574, when he was 24, Camillus gambled away everything he had—savings, weapons, literally down to his shirt. He accepted work at the Capuchin friary at Manfredonia and was one day so moved by a sermon of the superior that he began a conversion that changed his life. He entered the Capuchin novitiate but was dismissed because of the apparently incurable sore on his leg. After another stint of service at San Giacomo, he came back to the Capuchins, only to be dismissed again, for the same reason.

Again, back at San Giacomo, his dedication was rewarded by his being made superintendent. Camillus devoted the rest of his life to the care of the sick. Along with Saint John of God he has been named patron of hospitals, nurses, healthcare workers, and the sick. With the advice of his friend Saint Philip Neri, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained at the age of 34.

Contrary to the advice of his friend, Camillus left San Giacomo and founded a congregation of his own. As superior, he devoted much of his own time to the care of the sick. Charity was his first concern,

but the physical aspects of the hospital also received his diligent attention. Camillus insisted on cleanliness and the technical competence of those who served the sick. The members of his community bound themselves to serve prisoners and persons infected by the plague as well as those dying in private homes. Some of his men were with troops fighting in Hungary and Croatia in 1595, forming the first recorded military field ambulance. In Naples, he and his men went onto the galleys that had plague and were not allowed to land. He discovered that there were people being buried alive and ordered his brothers to continue the prayers for the dying 15 minutes after apparent death.

Camillus himself suffered the disease of his leg through his life. In his last illness, he left his own bed to see if other patients in the hospital needed help.

Saints are created by God. Parents must indeed nurture the faith in their children; husbands and wives must cooperate to deepen their baptismal grace; friends must support each other. But all human effort is only the dispensing of divine power. We must all try as if everything depended on us. But only the power of God can fulfill the plan of God—to make us like Himself.” (from Franciscan Media)

St. Camillus de Lellis, Pray for us!

-Thursday, July 20 - Optional memorial of St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr. Early accounts report that St. Apollinaris was ordained bishop by St. Peter himself. Known for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith and finally martyred in the first century.

“According to tradition, Saint Peter sent Apollinaris to Ravenna, Italy, as its first bishop. His preaching of the Good News was so successful that the pagans there beat him and drove him from the

city. He returned, however, and was exiled a second time. After preaching in the area surrounding Ravenna, he entered the city again. After being cruelly tortured, he was put on a ship heading to Greece. Pagans there caused him to be expelled to Italy, where he went to Ravenna for a fourth time. He died from wounds received during a savage beating at Classis, a suburb of Ravenna. A beautiful basilica honoring him was built there in the sixth century.

Following Jesus involves risks—sometimes the supreme risk of life itself. Martyrs are people who would rather accept the risk of death than deny the cornerstone of their whole life: faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone will die eventually—the persecutors and those persecuted. The question is what kind of a conscience people will bring before the Lord for judgment. Remembering the witness of past and present martyrs can help us make the often small sacrifices that following Jesus today may require.” (from Franciscan Media)

St. Apollinaris, Pray for us!

-Friday, July 21 - Optional memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church. St. Lawrence, a Capuchin, was known to be a forceful preacher and extensive writer.

“At first glance, perhaps the most remarkable quality of Lawrence of Brindisi is his outstanding gift of languages. In addition to a thorough knowledge of his native Italian, he had complete reading and speaking ability in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French.

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. His parents William and Elizabeth Russo gave him the name of Julius Caesar, *Caesare* in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was

educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

With his facility for languages Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence’s sensitivity to the needs of people—a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar—began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence’s writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

His constant devotion to Scripture, coupled with great sensitivity to the needs of people, present a lifestyle which

appeals to Christians today. Lawrence had a balance in his life that blended self-discipline with a keen appreciation for the needs of those whom he was called to serve.” (from Franciscan Media)

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pray for us!

-Saturday, July 22 – Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. St. Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus and present at His Crucifixion. In the Gospel form St. Mark, she is the first to witness to the Risen Lord. St. Mary Magdalene died in the first century and is the patroness of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

“Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the New Catholic Commentary, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the Jerome Biblical Commentary, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus

with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.” (from Franciscan Media)

Saint Mary Magdalene is the Patron Saint of penitents and perfumers. St. Mary Magdalene, Pray for us!

-July 23 – Normally the optional memorial of St. Bridget, Religious (not to be confused with St. Brigid), the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time takes precedence, of course, this year.

-THANK YOU – A note of gratitude for the many birthday wishes. I received many cards, most in the mail, but apparently there was a delay in mail delivery as I received most of them on one-day last week. Though the mail may have been delayed, I certainly appreciate receiving the cards and notes. Thank you for your kind words and for thinking of me and for your continued prayers for me.

-WOMAN OF DISTINCTION – Though I suspect in her humility she might prefer I didn’t, I want to recognize and congratulate Dorothy Obert as St. Thomas’ Council of Catholic Women Woman of Distinction. Dorothy, of course, is well known by the parishioners of St. Thomas and beyond. Her work is tireless in the Church and in caring for and supporting others. One of Dorothy’s greatest attributes is her humility. Dorothy is grounded in faith and in Jesus Christ, a great model for a



sometimes troubled world. Her sincerity and kindness have been known to and has had an effect on many people. Congratulations, Dorothy, and thank you for all you do and for living a Christ-centered life.

-REST IN PEACE - Jim Wort died on Wednesday, July 5. His Funeral Mass was at Holy Family on Saturday, July 8. Please pray for the repose of Jim's soul and for his family in this time of sorrow.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Registration Day at St. Mary School is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (217)-773-2825. If your family is interested in learning more about St. Mary School and enrollment into the school, please reach out to our Principal, Mrs. Melissa Obert, at the same number.

-FOOD PANTRY - Marilyn Veith is collecting items for the food pantry once again over the next several weeks. This week was boxed meals. Next week we will be collecting canned fruit. If you'd like to contribute, please bring the items to Holy Family Church and place them in the totes that will be out.

-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Thank you to all who helped in any way with Vacation Bible School this year at St. Thomas. I want to especially thank Alicia Schmidt who spearheaded it for us once again this year. I know there is a lot of work that goes into preparing for it. Also, although I was not able to stay for the cook-out after the Saturday evening Mass because of the Mass at Holy Family, it is great to see us gather together like this.

-EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. If you'd like to go, please let

me know as you will need a ticket through the parish. These must be requested BEFORE August 1. More information to follow but you can also refer to the Diocesan website and the Catholic Times. Please note that there will be no Saturday evening Vigil Mass at Holy Family on that day. No Vigil Masses are allowed that day at parishes in the Diocese. Also, no funerals or weddings are allowed on that day.

-ICE CREAM - Thanks to all who helped in any way at St. Thomas with the ice cream and dessert for the Fourth of July in the park.

A reminder that the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, August 20. Mark your calendars to join us.

If you have gallon ice cream containers with lids, St. Thomas is still collecting them. You can bring them to either church and place them neatly in the back of church and someone will get them from there.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. I ask for your continued prayers and assure you of my daily prayers for you. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

### POT OF GOLD

July Pot of Gold winners are:

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