

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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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, August 14 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

Communion Service

AT ST. THOMAS- 5:30 p.m.

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

Tony Anderson
(By Jim & Nora Clausius)

AT HOLY FAMILY - 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Tuesday, August 15– 7:00 a.m.

AT HOLY FAMILY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27;
Luke 1:39-56

Rick Fraser
(By John and Eileen King)

AT HOLY FAMILY- 5:30 p.m.

Joe Ray
(By Legion of Mary)

AT ST. THOMAS-7:00 p.m.

Jim Stout
(By Marilyn Stout)

Wednesday, August 16 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Stephen of Hungary
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

Kay Downy
(By Teresa Kassing)

Thursday, August 17 – 7:00 a.m.

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Mary Ann Yeakel
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

John Herkert
(By Jerry and Marge Herkert)

Friday, August 18 – 8:30 a.m.

Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

Marie Flynn
(By Richard & Agnes Redmond)

Saturday, August 19 – 5:30 p.m.

St. John Eudes, Priest
Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Charles Koch
(By Dan Salrin)

Sunday, August 20 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Esther Coggeshall
(By Robin and Claudia Coggeshall)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 5-6, 2023

Holy Family: \$6,237.70
School Support: \$1,161.00
Sister Parish: \$20.00
ACSA: \$35.00
Assumption: \$15.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 6, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,976.00
Sister Parish: \$100.00
Candle money: \$20.00

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

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 20, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jim Clausius
Greeters:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Lector:	Bobbi Mock
Gift Bearers:	Butch & Dorothy Obert
Eucharistic Minister:	Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Jerel Mock Family
Ushers:	Justin Obert, Mark Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that in the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends His hand to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through His quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the New Covenant in Christ.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 14 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr.

"I don't know what's going to become of you!" How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe's reaction was, "I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same.

He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv—then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata"—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations.

A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one."

As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line.

"I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children."

"Who are you?"

"A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They

burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Father Kolbe's death was not a sudden, last-minute act of heroism. His whole life had been a preparation. His holiness was a limitless, passionate desire to convert the whole world to God. And his beloved Immaculata was his inspiration.

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe is a Patron Saint of addicts and recovery from drug addiction." (Franciscan Media)

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. This celebration is elevated to a Solemnity which points to its great significance. We celebrate Mary being assumed (taken up into) into Heaven, Body and Soul. Again, this is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that the faithful are obliged (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this day or at a Vigil Mass the evening before. Mass times for the Solemnity at both parishes are below.

"On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church."

I might note here that defining a dogma of the Church does not mean there is something new or a new revelation or something created. The dogmas of the Church have always existed. At times, popes have had to define or clarify what has always been true. Though it may not have been formally "defined" until Pius XII did so in 1950, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary has always been a truth of the faith revealed by and given to us by Christ Himself and safeguarded by the Holy Spirit.

"We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century

there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names— Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness." (Franciscan Media)

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, August 16 - Optional memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary. As the first Christian King of Hungary, Stephen united and Christianized the Magyar people. He received the "holy crown" from Pope Sylvester II around the year 1000 and is renowned for his charity to beggars. He is referred to as the "Apostolic King and Apostle of Hungary." He died in 1038 and is Patron of Hungary and bricklayers.

"Born a pagan, Stephen of Hungary was baptized around the age of 10, together with his father, chief of the Magyars, a group who migrated to the Danube area in the ninth century. At 20, he married Gisela, sister to the future emperor, Saint Henry. When he succeeded his father, Stephen adopted a policy

of Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons. He suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles and welded the Magyars into a strong national group. He asked the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary—and also requested that the pope confer the title of king upon him. He was crowned on Christmas day in 1001.

Stephen established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor. Out of every 10 towns one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs with a certain amount of violence, and commanded all to marry, except clergy and religious. He was easily accessible to all, especially the poor.

In 1031, his son Emeric died, and the rest of Stephen's days were embittered by controversy over his successor. His nephews attempted to kill him. He died in 1038 and was canonized, along with his son, in 1083.

God's gift of holiness is a Christ-like love of God and humanity. Love must sometimes bear a stern countenance for the sake of ultimate good. Christ attacked hypocrites among the Pharisees, but died forgiving them. Paul excommunicated the incestuous man at Corinth "that his spirit may be saved." Some Christians fought the Crusades with noble zeal, in spite of the unworthy motives of others." (Franciscan Media)

St. Stephen of Hungary, Pray for us!

-Saturday, August 19 - Optional memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest. John Eudes founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (C.I.M.) in 1643 primarily for the training of clergy. Today, the Eudists number about five hundred Religious. He also founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women. He promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. He died in 1680. St. John Eudes, Pray for us!

"How little we know where God's grace will lead. Born on a farm in northern France, John died at 78 in the next "county" or department. In that time, he was a religious, a parish missionary, founder of two religious communities, and a great promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he

volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese. Lest he infect his fellow religious, during the plague he lived in a huge cask in the middle of a field.

At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months.

In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. He had permission from his general superior, the bishop, and even Cardinal Richelieu to begin this work, but the succeeding general superior disapproved. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community.

That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary—devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries. The new venture, while approved by individual bishops, met with immediate opposition, especially from Jansenists (heretics) and some of his former associates. John founded several seminaries in Normandy, but was unable to get approval from Rome—partly, it was said, because he did not use the most tactful approach.

In his parish mission work, John was disturbed by the sad condition of prostitutes who sought to escape their miserable life. Temporary shelters were found, but arrangements were not satisfactory. A certain Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several of the women, one day said to him, “Where are you off to now? To some church, I suppose, where you’ll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures.” The words, and the laughter of those present, struck deeply within him. The result was another new religious community, called the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge.

John Eudes is probably best known for the central theme of his writings: Jesus as the source of holiness; Mary as the model of the Christian life. His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart led Pope Pius XI to declare him the father of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Holiness is the wholehearted openness to the love of God. It is visibly expressed in many ways, but the variety of expression has one common quality: concern for the needs of others. In John’s case, those who were in need were plague-stricken people, ordinary parishioners, those preparing for the priesthood, prostitutes, and all Christians called to imitate the love of Jesus and His mother.” (Franciscan Media)

St. John Eudes, Pray for us!

-SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION - As noted above, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, August 15. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that the faithful are obliged (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass either on that day or at a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity the evening before. This is a significant celebration in the Church, a reminder that celebrations raised to a Solemnity are the highest celebrations.

On Monday, August 14, the Vigil Masses will be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family.

On Tuesday, August 15, Masses at Holy Family will be at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 7:00 p.m.

-SCHOOL RESUMES - It’s hard to believe but another school year begins this week. We are happy to be starting another school year at St. Mary’s on Wednesday, August 16. As I have said before, St. Mary School is a great gift and blessing to us...the parishes and the community. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary School.

-MISSION APPEAL - Just a reminder, our Annual Missionary Appeal will take place next weekend, August 19 and 20. We will be hosting Fr. Bibin Parekunnel with the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Envelopes for an offering will be available at each church and in the pews if you’d like to make a contribution. Thank you for your continued support of the Mission Appeal.

-FOOD PANTRY - Holy Family is collecting items for the food pantry once again over the next several weeks. This week was condiments. Next week will be the final week and we will be collecting hygiene products. If you’d like to contribute, please bring the items to Holy Family Church and place them in the

totes that will be out. Thank you for your support.

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL - St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, next Sunday, August 20, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

-PSR/BOSCO KIDS - PSR and Bosco Kids will be starting soon. Contact Ann O'Sullivan for Holy Family or Laura Evans for St. Thomas for more information.

-RCIA - If you know of anyone interested in joining the Church or learning more about it, please let me know or have them reach out to me.

-EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. As of this writing, a few tickets are still available for both parishes and the deadline has been extended until September. If you have not already done so, let me know if you think you may go.

You can refer to the Diocesan website and the Catholic Times for more information. 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 that day.

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

2023-2024 Youth Group Kick Off

Holy Family Catholic Church- 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We will be starting with a kick off Mass on Sunday, August 20 followed by message and snacks.

This is for anyone going into 7th grade through 12th grade.

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion {PSR}) will start classes on Wednesday night September 6 at 6:15 -7:30 with Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the old convent for grades K-6. 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.

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.

(Ann O'Sullivan --aosullivan2031@gmail.com or 217-257-2516)

Blessings to you all this week.

Quincy Deanery CCW Summer Gathering

Please find the flyer and signup sheet in your church lobby for the Quincy Deanery CCW summer gathering. We encourage all women to join us as we further the work of Christ on earth. We learn, pray, gather new info and ideas to take to our parishes and families, and have fun-making new connections in the faith. Grab a friend and come-all ages welcome! This is Holy Family's first hosting and we want to have a great turnout for their efforts. The signup sheet is to give us an idea for food amounts, but if you find you can come at the last minute, please do so-we look forward to having you with us! This is the month of the Immaculate Heart and we have some great ideas to pass along for family spirituality and for kids! We will also have information on the upcoming Convention in Springfield. Our Lady is the Spiritual Director of this group and she always leads us in what she wants accomplished at each of our gatherings. We hope you will come and answer her calling! Please call 217-285-5483 with any questions you might have.-Angela Lipcamon-Pres. of Quincy DCCW.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH
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SUNDAY,
August 20, 2023
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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