

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, October 2 – 7:00 a.m.

The Holy Guardian Angels
Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5,10

Communion Service

Tuesday, October 3 – 7:00 a.m.

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

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

Wednesday, October 4 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi
Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

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

Thursday, October 5 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Jack Logsdon
(By the Family)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Jim Stout
(By Marilyn Stout)

Friday, October 6 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Mary Kleinlein
(By Bob Kleinlein)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Butch Roberts
(By Pat Sharow)

Saturday, October 7 – 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Rosary
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Derry Schnelle
(By John & Lana Nuessen)

Sunday, October 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Terry Dillard
(By Cheryl Dillard)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 23-24, 2023

Holy Family: \$5,560.01

School Support: \$110.00

Sister Parish: \$55.00

ACSA/Parish Tithe: \$455.00

Solidarity Fund – Africa: \$130.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 24, 2023

St. Thomas: \$3,077.00

Sister Parish: \$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 †
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 †
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Leeann DeJaynes † Irene Norkus †
Boone Holden † Sean Fink † Elijah Craig †
Kathy Cramblitt † Steve and Bonnie Sorrells †
Katie Dunbar † Alan Bowen † Dylan Hendricks †

ST. THOMAS

40 Days for Life Prayer campaign will be from September 27 to November 5.

There will be a sign up for prayers each day in the back of St. Thomas Church.

Respect for Life Dinner is Thursday October 12, 2023, Quincy. Steve Karlen, Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life, is this year's speaker. Father and Claudia Coggeshall are both sponsoring tables this year.

Please consider joining us for an evening of motivation and learning more about the Pro-Life movement.

Contact Father or Claudia 217-653-6716, if you are interested.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 8, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Gary & Gail Mast
Lector: David Leezer
Gift Bearers: Denny & Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Likes
Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy DeRousse
Ushers: Alex Mock and Jerel Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings remind us that Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on the Cross. We remember the Lord's compassion and kindness of old and that He is ever ready to forgive us if we but repent.

We thank the Lord for helping us to know our sins and we pray that we may have true repentance so that we can turn back to him and have the hope of Eternal Life.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 2 - Obligatory Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Observed in Spain since the 16th century, Pope Clement X assigned this Memorial to the first free day following Michaelmas day.

"Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers, real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not

despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God’s enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.”
(Franciscan Media)

Holy Guardian Angels, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, October 4 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi – Interestingly, St. Francis of Assisi was a deacon, not a priest. He founded the Franciscan Family which includes the Friars Minor (Capuchins, Conventuals, and Leonine Union), Poor Clares, Third Order Religious, and Secular Franciscan Order. St. Francis received the stigmata on September 14, 1224. He is noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all, and love for God’s creation, renouncing wealth to live a life of poverty.

It is often interesting to hear how folks think of St. Francis. Today he is often thought of as this nice guy who loved nature and animals. While he may have had a kind and peaceful demeanor, he was anything but lackadaisical in the faith. I suspect Francis would be abhorred by some of the Liturgical abuses seen today, the lack of faith by so many, the irreverence for and lack of understanding of the Holy Eucharist, and the attacks against the dignity of the human person.

St. Francis is a model of holiness for us, and especially a model of detachment from the world. He died on October 3, 1226 and was canonized just two years after his death. He is the patron of Italy and ecologists.
St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us!

-Thursday, October 5 – Optional memorials of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin and, in the United States of America, of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest.

St. Faustina is venerated as the “Apostle of Divine Mercy.” Born in Glogowiec, Poland on August 25, 1905, she professed her first religious vows in the Congregation of our Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1928. Beginning in 1924 and throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with Him which she noted in her diary. This diary was later published. On February 22, 1934, Faustina had a vision of Jesus who presented Himself as the “King of Divine Mercy” wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from His heart. She heard Jesus ask her to become the apostle and secretary of divine mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument of implementing God’s plan in the world. Faustina died on October 5, 1938, was beatified on April 18, 1993 and canonized on April 30, 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II. Her optional memorial was added to the General Roman Calendar by Pope Francis on May 18, 2020. St. Faustina Kowalska, Pray for us!

Born in Germany in 1819, Francis Xavier Seelos entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, was sent to North America, and was ordained a priest in 1844. He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburg and would eventually become a full-time itinerant missionary preaching in both German and English in a number of different states. He died on October 4, 1867 in New Orleans and declared Blessed by Pope St. John Paul II on April 9, 2000. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Pray for us!

-Friday, October 6 – Optional memorials of St. Bruno, Priest and, in the United States, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin.

St. Bruno sought to “seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully.” He founded the mother house of the Carthusians whose motto is “while the world changes, the Cross stands firm.” St. Bruno died in 1101. St. Bruno, Pray for us!

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher was born in Quebec and began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women. She founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian Education. She died in 1849 at

the age of thirty-eight.

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Pray for us!

-Saturday, October 7 – Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – This Memorial was established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571 and recalls the Holy Rosary and its meditations on the Mysteries of Christ and our Salvation. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

-FIRST FRIDAY – October 6 at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at noon until 5:45 p.m., Benediction at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – October 7 is the First Saturday of the month and so we will be having Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. and going through the night. Benediction will be at 7:45 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-RESPECT LIFE MONTH – October is designated as Respect Life Month and Sunday, October 1 is designated as Respect Life Sunday. We remain mindful of the tragedy of abortion that kills thousands of babies each year and our need to continue to pray for an end to abortion and to work for the protection of all human life in all stages. Abortion is a great tragedy, there is no denying that! Respect for Life is much broader than just abortion. When we hear respect for life, our thoughts often turn to the tragedy of abortion, which indeed is the ultimate disrespect for human life, it is the direct killing of a child. Could there be any greater disrespect for human life?!

Respect for life calls us to respect and care also for the poor, the family, our own bodies and so on, every human life from conception to natural death. Disrespect seems to be everywhere today. Again, I encourage you to spend some additional time, this month especially, in prayer and sacrifice for the respect for life and to work against all those things opposed to life. There are many!

-LIFE CHAIN – This Sunday, October 1 there will be a Life Chain in Quincy on Broadway Street between 14th and 18th Streets. This is an opportunity to spend an hour in silent prayer in a very public way for

the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages. If you are able to go, I encourage you to do so.

-SYNOD – The Synod on Synodality in Rome convenes on Wednesday, October 4. It is necessary that we keep this Synod in our prayers, so please do so.

-40 DAYS FOR LIFE – St. Thomas has their 40 days for Life Calendar in the back of the church. If you have not done so already, sign up for one or more days to pray especially for life.

-ROSARY SIGN -UP – The Rosary is prayed each Sunday morning at St. Thomas beginning at 9:30 a.m. I encourage you to arrive early to pray the Rosary. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of church for folks to sign up to lead the Rosary each Sunday. Please sign-up for one or more Sundays. The sign-up runs through the end of the year. Any questions, please contact Robin Coggeshall. Thank you for your help.

-RESPECT LIFE DINNER – The Adams County Right to Life is hosting its annual Respect Life Dinner on Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Quincy. Tickets need to be purchased in advance by October 7.

I am planning to attend so there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Mass that evening at St. Thomas.

-PRAYER & FASTING – A reminder of the Friday Prayer and Fasting initiative for the State of Illinois. Prayer and fasting and other sacrifice are powerful elements of the Christian life and should be a part of every Christian life.

It is important for us to remember that Fridays remain a day of sacrifice. For many years, we abstained from meat on all Fridays. Many folks still do. The mandate to abstain from meat on all Fridays was lifted and now is required of us on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

However, the call to sacrifice remains in place and always has. It's so interesting to hear or see someone's surprise when you tell them you don't eat meat on Friday...it's as if the whole notion of sacrifice has been done away with. It hasn't! We are all called to sacrifice. It is part of our Christian life and Fridays in particular remain a day of

sacrifice. It may not be meat that we are required to abstain from on Fridays for sacrifice but we are called to sacrifice. And so, I urge you to consider how it is you do or will begin to live out this call to sacrifice.

-MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY - October is also known as the month of the Holy Rosary. As noted above, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. I would encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary each day, especially with your family. The Holy Rosary, as we meditate on the Life of Christ through the Mysteries, is a most beautiful and powerful prayer. If you are unsure on how to pray the Rosary, please reach out to me and I'd be happy to help.

-PRIEST CONVOCATION - As you all know, I was away from the parishes a couple of weeks ago attending our Diocesan Priest Convocation. Thank you for your prayers. Our presenter at the convocation spoke on celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Church lays forth some very clear instructions on celebrating the Liturgy and in that gives some options. In some cases, those options have been taken as licenses for folks to begin to add things or do things that are not liturgically appropriate or correct. I strive to celebrate the Liturgy as the Church intends. It was good to hear the presenter review some items in celebrating the Liturgy. In doing so, it also reminded me of the need for all the faithful to understand every element of the Liturgy more fully. I am hoping to address the elements of the Mass in future bulletin columns.

-DEBT REDUCTION - Since coming to the parishes as Pastor three years ago, we have been able to pay down about \$80,000 in debt at Holy Family. This past fiscal year we retired a \$40,000 loan. This is all good news. However, Holy Family still has about \$80,000 in debt. We must, and will, continue to work on this in order to eliminate it.

I'd really like to see this all paid off this fiscal year. With everyone's help, this is not an impossible task. Beginning this weekend, I am placing special marked envelopes in the pews at Holy Family and in the back of each church marked "Debt Reduction." Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to contribute toward this debt reduction in addition to your regular weekly support. You may place a contribution in the

envelopes and put it in the regular collection basket or mail it into the parish office. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

-EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS - A reminder that the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. Last weekend I read a letter at all the weekend Masses from Bishop Paprocki inviting all of you to the event. If you reserved tickets already through the parish, you will be receiving those either from me or by e-mail. If you would still like to register, registration has been opened to everyone. You can go online to the Diocesan website to register or learn more.

Another reminder that there are no Masses permitted that day in the Diocese (except the Mass at the Eucharistic Congress). Thus, there will be no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family on October 28. We will have our regular Sunday Mass schedule.

-TURKEY DINNER - The Holy Family Turkey Dinner will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5, the first Sunday in November. More information to come.

-DEER CLASSIC - This year's Brown County Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 11. More information to come. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As a side note, as has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

-HOLY FAMILY RESTORATION - As the exterior restoration work begins to come to a close at Holy Family, I ask you to prayerfully consider any final support that you may be able to give toward the project. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. As you remain in my prayers each day, may you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids - Bosco Kids meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 -7:30.

Linda Howard is teaching 3rd grade and Hannah Howard is teaching 2nd grade. The class schedule may vary each week

Ann O'Sullivan and Kriss Johnson are teaching 4th-6th grades on Monday nights from 6-7 p.m.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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.

Blessings to you all this week.

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings:

October 1- Youth Group at K of C Hall- 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

October 29- Fall Party- Hayrack ride, bonfire and fun! Event will be held at Kent and Leigh Ann's House. More details as we get closer.

November 5- Service at Holy Family Turkey Dinner.

2023 Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

South Side of Broadway between 14th & 18th Streets, Quincy, IL

Right to Life supporters will again join with pro-lifers in hundreds of other U.S. cities in a nationwide observance of the sanctity of life at the 2023 Life Chain. Life Chain is a peaceful and respectful public witness by pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. (Those not able to stand for one hour may bring lawn chairs) Please join the pro-life community in making a visual statement of pro-life solidarity. YOUR participation is crucial.

HIGH VISIBILITY--A great opportunity to impact thousands of passers-by with the

pro-life message. Please stand two arm-lengths apart.

Pick up your sign at the SW corner of 16th and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

The National Life Chain signs are provided for each participant by the Right to Life of Adams County.



A semi will be going around the different counties on the above days, collecting grain from whoever wishes to donate! A meal will be served as well to the participating farmers.

If you know a farmer that would like to donate and they are not in the area, or these dates don't work. You can donate before or after the events at the listed locations.

1. Western Grain Marketing in Mt. Sterling
2. Cargill in Meredosia
3. JBS in Griggsville.

To donate crops to the school at any of these locations, the account name is St Mary's School Mt. Sterling.

Contact: Beth Boylen @ 217-242-1237 or Jon Boylen @ 217-257-5276 for more information.

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