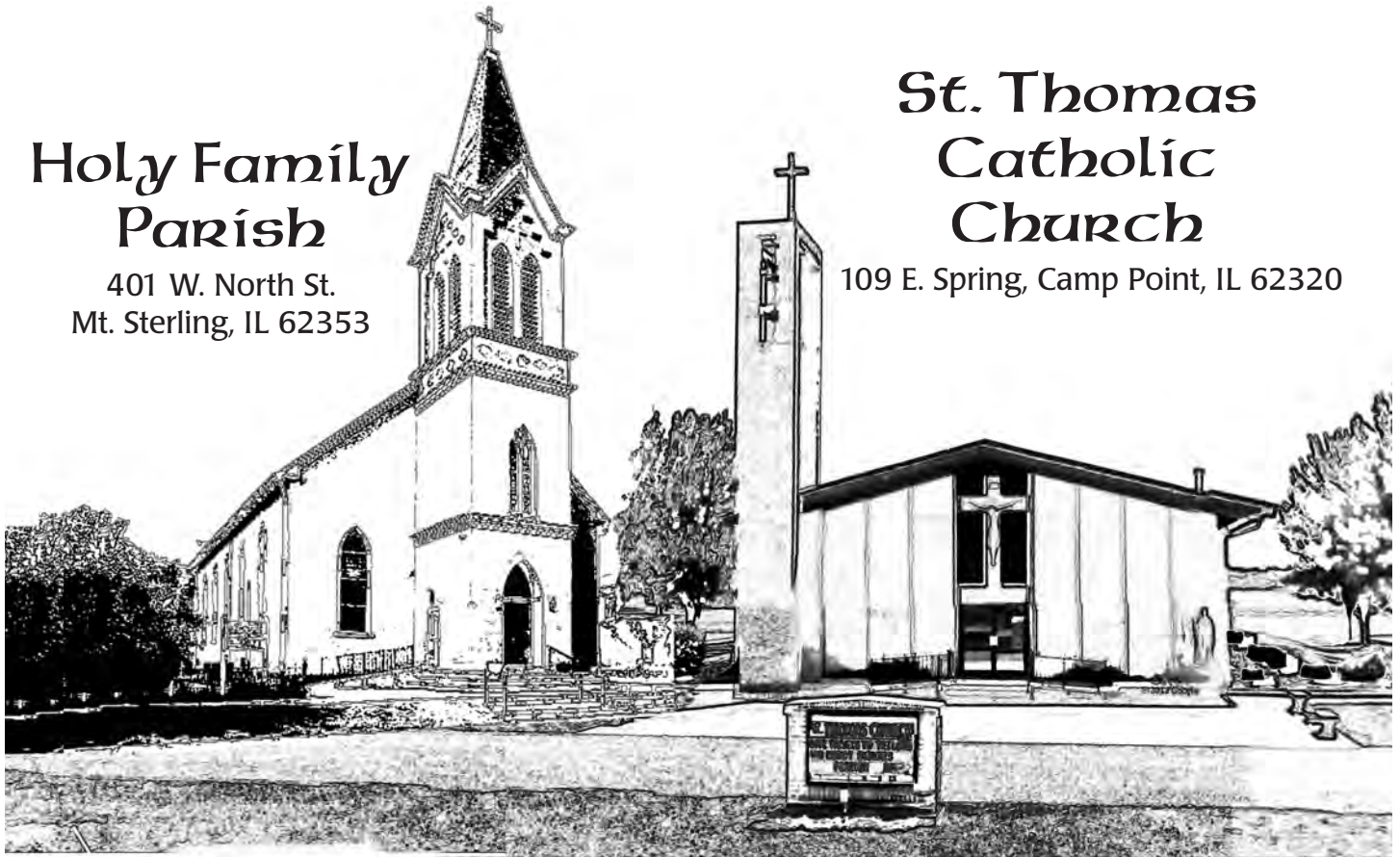


# Holy Family Parish

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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 16 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin  
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 17 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr  
Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Ed Veith

(By Marilyn and Pat Veith)

### Wednesday, October 18 – 7:00 a.m.

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

Paul Mueller

(By Legion of Mary)

### Thursday, October 19 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Mary Ann Yeakel

(By Legion of Mary)

### St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Jerry Gunn

(By the Family)

### Friday, October 20 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest  
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Amy Ormond Lucky

(By Karla & Maurice Ormond)

### Saturday, October 21 – 5:30 p.m.

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Mable, Raymond & John Salrin

(By Nancy Salrin)

### Sunday, October 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;  
Matthew 22:15-21

Charles Koch

(By Joan Zurita)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 7-9, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,940.70

School Support: \$547.00

Sister Parish: \$499.00

Debt Reduction: \$640.00

Cemetery Support: \$125.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 8, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,746.00

Parish Improvement: \$25.00

Candles: \$13.00

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.”
- ❖ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the **Legion Hall** on **Wednesday, October 25, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome.

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.*

*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 † Elijah Craig †  
Kathy Cramblitt † Steve and Bonnie Sorrells †  
Katie Dunbar † Alan Bowen †  
Dylan Hendricks †

*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Jason Volk who passed away on October 8, 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.*

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 22, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Brent Obert  
**Greeters:** Denny & Nancy Campbell  
**Lector:** Jenni Obert  
**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Nora Clausius  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Clausius  
**Collection Counters:** Greg & Elizabeth Likes  
**Ushers:** Alex Mock and Jerel Mock

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today use imagery of a banquet to which the Lord invites us. This banquet is spread before us and can fully satisfy our needs. Yet, how often have we refused the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us?

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the abundance of our lives given to us by God alone. Let us ask the Lord to help us know our sins more fully (a great gift God gives to us), repent of those sins, and turn to the Lord so that we may always rejoice in the abundance that the Lord provides.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 16 - Optional memorials of St. Hedwig, Religious and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.

St. Hedwig was born in Bavaria and was Duchess of Silesia. The mother of seven children, she was known as a peacemaker dedicated to the poor and the imprisoned. As a widow, she retired to a Cistercian Convent. She died in 1243. St. Hedwig, Pray for us!

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French Visitandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and First Friday Devotions. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus helped free the Church from the spirit of the Jansenism heresy. She died on October 17, 1690 at the age of forty-three. St. Mary Margaret Alacoque, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, 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!

-Wednesday, 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!

-Thursday, 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!

-Friday, 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!

-WIENER ROAST - John and Janice Brady are hosting a wiener roast at their farm (2691 N 1800th Ave, Clayton, IL) for St. Thomas Parish, next Sunday, October 22, beginning around 3:00 p.m. Please plan to join us if you can. Hot dogs and buns, condiments, chips, ingredients for s'mores and maybe even some

caramel apples along with tableware will all be provided. Bring your drink and a chair if you need one.

So that we have some idea on the number of people to plan for so as to have enough of everything, please sign up in the back of St. Thomas Church if you are planning to come.

-SEMINARIANS - I recently received the new seminarian/vocation poster for this year. They either are or will soon be up in the parishes. There are currently fifteen men in formation for the Priesthood for our Diocese. Please keep these men in your prayers and also continue to pray for good and holy vocations.

-ANDREW DINNER - Each Deanery of the Diocese tries to plan an Andrew Dinner every other year. An Andrew Dinner is for men whom God may be calling to the Priesthood. It is an opportunity to meet together with our Bishop and clergy of the Deanery for dinner and prayer and to talk about Vocation. It does not commit anyone to anything. Men in high school and up are invited. It is not just for high school or college students but any man who might be called to the Priesthood. Attending the Andrew Dinner is one way for a man to open his heart to know and follow God's Will.

The Quincy Deanery is planning an Andrew Dinner on Monday, November 27. Location still to be determined. Though it is a little ways off, if you know a man who might be called to the Priesthood or if you are a man reading this that has considered the Priesthood, please let me know. I would like to invite those men to join me at the Andrew Dinner. More information to come.

-HOLY DAY - Wednesday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. I will try to have the Mass schedule for that day in the bulletin next week so you can begin to plan accordingly.

All Souls Day is the following day, November 2. I will be having Mass at both parishes. Though not a day of obligation, I certainly encourage everyone to join us for Mass on that day to pray for the souls of all who have died.

-FINANCIAL REPORTS - I know I have been delayed in getting the year-end financial reports out to you. I am working to have those ready very soon.

-PRAYER LIST - A reminder that names included on the prayer list in the bulletin will

remain on the list for 60 days and then removed. If necessary, they can be included again if the person or an immediate family member requests it.

-DIACONATE FORMATION - A while back I mentioned in the bulletin that Matt Heldt from Holy Family had begun Formation for the Permanent Diaconate. This fall, Matt began his second year of formation. There are five years of total formation for the Permanent Diaconate.

For the next two years, I will serve as Matt's supervisor in his parish work and experience. In these two years, Matt will continue with monthly formation weekends in Springfield and regular academic work. To aid in his formation, he will also be assisting with more things in the parish and I will be working with him to help him have a better understanding of Liturgical norms, pastoral care, and parish administration while helping him to maintain and grow a solid spiritual life focused on the role of the Deacon as one who serves.

I am grateful for this opportunity and for Matt's help and commitment. It has been a blessing for me beyond what I could have imagined. I ask you to keep Matt and his formation and the other men who are in formation in your prayers.

-SERVERS - As noted immediately above, Matt Heldt has been assisting with a number of things in the parishes. I am grateful for the work he has done thus far with the servers at Holy Family and I am grateful for those who have stepped up to serve. Matt has been working individually with new servers for weekend Masses at Holy Family. It is a great opportunity to learn. If your children are interested in serving weekday or weekend Masses, please reach out to Matt or myself.

I am also grateful for the servers (or I should really say server) at St. Thomas. I would like to see more take on this role. If you have a child who is interested, please let me know. Sometime in the future, I may have Matt assist with this as well as there is no better way to learn than by doing.

-INDULGENCES - Indulgences are a great treasure of the Church that too few take advantage of. But, you may be confused on how they work, what you have to do, what's the point of doing them, and where you can find out what indulgences are available. Fr. Chris House answers all things

indulgences! Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

#### -OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INDULGENCE -

The diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist going on now has a heavenly treasure of our Catholic faith attached to it. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the "Old Cathedral") now through December 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts "may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the day the work is performed" (Handbook of Indulgences, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3). An indulgence is a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.

-WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Next Sunday, October 22 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 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. Those dioceses in our country, considered mission territories, continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the

last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father to meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Gratefully in the Lord, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois."

-REMINDERS - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family: Wednesday mornings 6:15 a.m. - 6:45 a.m., Mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by Exposition until 8:00 a.m., Saturday evenings, 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., Sunday mornings, 6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

-Evening Mass at St. Thomas on Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

-Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas Thursday evenings from 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.; Sundays after Mass until 12:15 p.m. (with benediction)

-Rosary at St. Thomas beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

-Sacrament of Reconciliation - Regular schedule, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings at Holy Family; First Fridays at St. Thomas from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Anytime by appointment.

-RESPECT LIFE MONTH - A reminder that October is designated as Respect Life Month. Let us pray for the respect for and protection of all human life in all stages from the moment of conception to natural death.

Many evil forces attack the dignity and sanctity of human life. It is far too easy to become indifferent to or complacent with these evils. Sadly, many folks buy into the deceit that promote such evils. One such evil

is abortion, the murder of a child. One deceit of abortion is to call it "healthcare."

Healthcare properly ordered can never harm or take the life of an individual. Abortion is murder and can and does harm women. Another such evil is euthanasia. One deceit of this killing is that it puts an end to one's suffering. Again, properly ordered, suffering can and is redemptive for one's soul.

Folks like to speak of rights but NO ONE has a right to take the life of another. God alone is the author and giver of ALL life. May God have mercy on us all for having allowed such tragedies to have even be perpetrated and sadly, continued to this very day. Each one of us need to fall to our knees in repentance and sacrifice for such atrocity!

-EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Another reminder that the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is Saturday, October 28 in Springfield. 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. There are no Masses permitted that day in the Diocese (except the Mass at the Eucharistic Congress). There will be no 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family on October 28.

-ROSARY SIGN -UP - The Rosary is prayed each Sunday morning at St. Thomas beginning at 9:30 a.m. 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.

-SYNOD - The Synod on Synodality in Rome convened on Wednesday, October 4. Please keep the Synod in your prayers.

-TURKEY DINNER - Mark your calendars for the Holy Family Turkey Dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 5, the first Sunday in November. It is served at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Letters have gone out to Holy Family Parishioners about the Turkey Dinner. If you'd like to make a contribution for the Turkey or turn in your raffle tickets, the box is in the back of Holy Family Church as in the past. Thank you for your support!

-DEER CLASSIC - This year's Brown County Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 11.



The Vigil Mass that evening at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your 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

### **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 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.

### **CASS SCHUYLER AREA HOSPICE**

Cass Schuyler Area Hospice Volunteers are doing our annual wreath fundraiser. There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board in back of church. Money is to be turned in with the orders (other arrangements can be made). The wreaths will be delivered between November 19-22. Please call Karla Ormond by October 21 at 217-257-3835 or Karen Yingling at 812-459-2022.

### **HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER**

Turkey time again! November 5 is the Annual Turkey Dinner. This will be a drive thru event from 11-1. Meals are \$10. Turkey donations (\$35) can be dropped in the box as you come into church. Letters will be going out with all the details, workers list, and raffle tickets. Extra copies will be available on the table in the back. Let us come together as a Catholic family to support our Church and School. Bless you.

### **BIRTHRIGHT TRIVIA**

Birthright Trivia will be November 4 starting at 6:45. Doors open at 5 p.m. Quincy University in the Health & Fitness Center. There is a silent auction going on at the same time. Anyone wanting to make a cash donation to help Birthright or sign up a team to play, please see Butch or Dorothy Obert.



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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