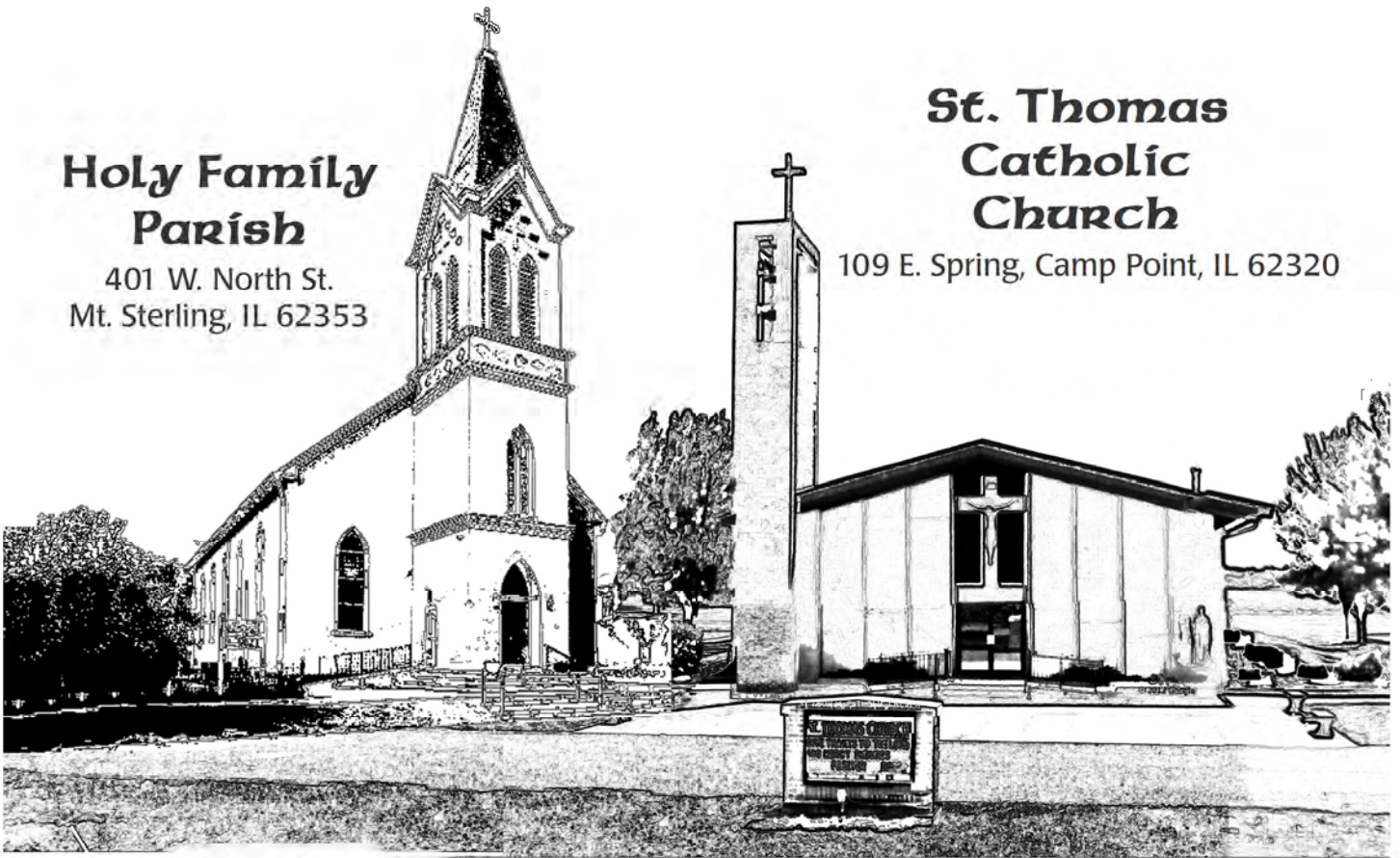


## Holy Family Parish

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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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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.

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 2nd Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 21 – 7:00 a.m.

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 22 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John Paul II, Pope  
Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

John VanGiesen II  
(By Marilyn & Pat Veith)

### Wednesday, October 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John of Capistrano, Priest  
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

Barbara Gillan  
(By Byron & Kriss Johnson)

### Thursday, October 24 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop  
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

Fr. Aaron's Intentions

### AT ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

No Adoration or Mass

### Friday, October 25 – 8:30 a.m.

**(School Mass)**

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

Raymond & Marie Koch  
(By Joan Zurita)

### Saturday, October 26 – 5:30 p.m.

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

Doug & Margie Dunn  
(By Doug & Dawn Dunn)

### Sunday, October 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Raymond & Mildred Schrecke  
(By Elizabeth & Greg Likes)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 12-13, 2024

Holy Family: \$3,313.00

School Support: \$230.00

Sister Parish: \$247.00

Cemetery: \$20.00

All Souls: \$40.00

World Mission: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 13, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,405.00

Parish Improvement: \$50.00

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 23, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Call 1-800 Red Cross or 217-257-3117 for appointments.

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:**

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Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson †

Isabella Wilson † Calvin Schenk † Mary Gregory †

Ezra Keokham † Greg Jones † Misha Follis

Allen † Susan Kenady † Leona Dunn †

## ST. THOMAS

**Ice Cream for Sale** -- St. Thomas still has some of their homemade ice cream for sale. Gallons (\$20) and Half gallons (\$10). If you'd like to buy some, please contact Pat (217-740-2140).

**Adams County Right to Life annual, "Pennies for Life Campaign"** will be held the weekends of October 6 & 13.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*October 27, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Dawn Peters
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jim & Nora Clausius
<b>Lector:</b>	David Leezer
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Matt & Laura Evans Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Jim Clausius/Laura Evans
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Dale & Sindy DeRousse
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jerel Mock, Morgan Mock

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that true greatness, holiness that is, is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate High Priest in whom we have placed our hope.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, October 22 - Optional memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope. Lived 1920-2005; Patron Saint of World Youth Days; Canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014; Liturgical Color: White.

"Quote: Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power, open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "what is in man." He alone knows it. So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed

by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of eternal life. Inaugural homily of Pope John Paul II"

"Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Józef Wojtyła's early life was one of loss and suffering. When Karol was twelve, his mother and two siblings had already died. His father, who taught him devotion to Mary and how to pray, died when Karol was twenty-one. His university studies were forced underground when Germany invaded Poland, igniting World War II. To avoid deportation, Karol worked in a quarry and a chemical factory. Sensing God calling him to the priesthood, Karol studied in a clandestine seminary. He escaped a 1944 Nazi round-up by hiding in his uncle's house and then hid in the archbishop's residence until the Soviet Red Army liberated Kraków on January 19, 1945.

On November 1, 1946, Karol was ordained a priest and then studied for his doctorate in Rome. While in Rome, Father Wojtyła visited the Capuchin monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo, where the famous mystic Padre Pio resided. In confession, Padre Pio told Father Wojtyła that he would "ascend to the highest office in the Church." In 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio.

Back in Poland, Father Wojtyła spent ten years in pastoral ministry, taught and served as university chaplain, received a second doctorate in philosophy, and wrote poems, plays, and articles. He gathered university students for prayer and discussion, as well as kayaking and camping trips. While on a camping trip with friends in 1958, he was called back to Warsaw and learned that he had been named auxiliary bishop of Krakow at age thirty-eight. The new bishop lived simply and maintained his friendships. He took part in the Second Vatican Council, becoming cardinal for Kraków in 1967.

When Pope John Paul I died in 1978 after thirty-three days in office, the cardinals chose Cardinal Wojtyła as pope, the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his inaugural homily, Pope John Paul II said words that echoed during his papacy, "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

Pope John Paul II drew massive crowds in 129 countries while in office. He met with heads of



state, held open-air Masses, began World Youth Day celebrations, met with leaders of other faiths and survived an assassination attempt. He commanded a powerful and endearing presence everywhere, almost always speaking in the native language. In 1979, his visit to his homeland sparked the Solidarity Movement, leading to communism's downfall in Poland. The movement spread across Eastern Europe, where democratic governments replaced communism in the coming decades.

Pope John Paul II wrote extensively on morality, dogma, spirituality, Mariology, sexuality, family life, marriage, the dignity of the person, the economy, and society. Along with his encyclicals, apostolic exhortations, apostolic letters, apostolic constitutions, *motu proprio*, many catecheses, homilies, plays, and books, he reformed the Code of Canon Law and promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Among the 482 saints that Pope John Paul II canonized was Saint Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun entrusted with the Divine Mercy message. He instituted Divine Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of the octave of Easter. After bravely suffering with Parkinson's disease, unable to walk and barely able to talk, Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday."

"Pope John Paul II not only lived well, he also died well. After suffering with Parkinson's disease in public view for years, unable to walk and barely able to talk, he died on April 2, 2005, on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Saint John Paul II was one of the most visible figures in the history of the world. He navigated the Church through a tumultuous period, becoming the third longest-reigning pope in history..."

"Prayer: Saint John Paul II, your life began with the loss of your earthly family, but you were later entrusted with the entire world as your children. Please pray for me, that I will never allow hardships in this life to deter me from the service of God's Will, so that I can remain hopeful and fearless as I seek to serve our glorious God. Saint John Paul II, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Wednesday, October 23 - Optional memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest. Lived

1386-1456; Patron Saint of military chaplains, judges, jurists, and lawyers; Canonized by Pope Alexander VIII on October 16, 1690; Liturgical Color: White

"Quote: Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. They must completely remove from their lives the filth and uncleanness of vice. Their upright lives must make them like the salt of the earth for themselves and for the rest of mankind. The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others. They must learn from their eminent teacher, Jesus Christ, what he declared not only to his apostles and disciples, but also to all the priests and clerics who were to succeed them, when he said, "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." ...By the brightness of their holiness they must bring light and serenity to all who gaze upon them. They have been placed here to care for others. Their own lives should be an example to others, showing how they must live in the house of the Lord. -From the treatise "Mirror of the Clergy," by Saint John of Capistrano."

"John was born in Capistrano, in the Kingdom of Naples, modern-day Italy. His family's wealth, prominence, and excellent education led King Ladislaus to name him Governor of Perugia when John was in his mid-twenties. Betrothed to a wealthy man's daughter, John received her large dowry.

As governor, John's attempts to root out corruption earned him strong opposition. Amid conflict among noble families, cities, and kingdoms, he tried to broker peace when the Malatesta family rejected King Ladislaus' authority over Perugia. The family imprisoned him. Chained and poorly fed, John awaited a rescue that did not come. In his suffering, he thought seriously about his own soul, realizing that spiritual riches mattered more than material things and temporal power. Tradition holds that Saint Francis of Assisi appeared to him, instructing him to enter the Franciscan order.

Either John's wife died while he was in prison or the unconsummated marriage was dispensed. Either way, John sold his property to pay his ransom. He entered the Franciscan order on October 4, 1416, the Feast of Saint

Francis. Having survived severe tests from his superior to confirm his spiritual commitment, he donned the Franciscan habit. Brother John lived a life of prayer and penance, eating no meat, having one small meal a day, sleeping on the ground for a few hours each night, and mortifying his flesh. He pondered the Scriptures, spent hours before the Blessed Sacrament or a crucifix, and desired to become, like the Apostle John, our Lord's beloved disciple.

Saints know saints. Brother John's close friend in the order was the future Saint James of the Marches. One teacher and mentor was the future Saint Bernardine of Siena, and he later assisted the future Saint Colette with the reform of the Poor Clares. After studying theology under Father Bernardine and accompanying him on missions, Brother John was ordained a priest at age thirty-nine in 1425; he spent the next thirty-one years preaching across northern Italy and throughout northern Europe. Like his mentor, he was zealous for the conversion of souls. He railed against immorality, converted entire towns, healed the sick, performed miracles, and had to preach in the public square, no church ever being large enough. When he preached a mission, normal activity would stop for several weeks, drawing many from surrounding villages.

Fathers Bernardine and John spread devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus by asking people to place the first three Greek letters of His name on their doors: IHS. The two were committed to the reform of the Franciscan order to return it to the high ideals of its founder. The reformers persevered in their work, making great strides forward. Respected by Church leadership, Father John acted as a papal legate to resolve disputes, was sent on diplomatic missions, and weeded out heresy.

In 1453, Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Empire, threatening Christian Europe. Pope Callixtus III called on Father John to preach in support of a crusade to defend Europe. By 1456, as many as 50,000 men had joined the crusade, earning Father John the title, "Soldier Priest." At age sixty-seven, he led the troops that stopped the Turks from advancing on Belgrade, modern-day Serbia. Horrendous living conditions in camp led to a plague that took Father John's life a few months later."

"Saint John of Capistrano was a man who initially appeared to have all that this world had to offer. God saved him from the world through the suffering he endured during his imprisonment. After his eyes were opened, he radically devoted himself to Christ and the salvation of souls.

As we honor this saintly preacher and reformer, reflect upon any ways that God can use your struggles to deepen your faith. Trials can lead us down the path of despair or prod us to the heights of holiness. Allow Saint John to inspire you so that you, too, will become a truly beloved disciple of our Lord.

Prayer: Saint John of Capistrano, your taste of worldly power and wealth was unsatisfying, leading you to search for more. The suffering of your imprisonment helped open your eyes to God, and you turned to Him and never turned back. Please pray for me, that I will come to the same deep conviction in my life that God alone is what matters. May I become completely devoted to Him, serving His will alone. Saint John of Capistrano, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-Thursday, October 24 - Optional memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop—Optional Memorial. Lived 1807-1870; Patron Saint of the Catholic press, textile merchants, and weavers; Canonized by Pope Pius XII on May 7, 1950; Liturgical Color: White.

"Quote: Love in a man who preaches the Word of God is like fire in a musket. If a man were to throw a bullet with his hands, he would hardly make a dent in anything; but if he takes this same bullet and ignites some gunpowder behind it, it can kill. It is much the same with the Word of God. If God's Word is spoken only naturally, it does very little; but if it is spoken by a priest who is filled with the fire of charity—the fire of love of God and neighbor—it will wound vices, kill sins, convert sinners, and work wonders. We can see this in the case of St. Peter, who walked out of the upper room afire with the love he had received from the Holy Spirit, with the result that through just two sermons he converted 8,000 people, three in the first sermon and five in the second. - from the Autobiography of Saint Anthony Mary Claret (#439)."

"Anthony Adjutor John Claret y Clara was born in Sallent, in the Province of Barcelona, Spain, one of five surviving children of devout

Catholic parents. When only five, he would lie down at night and ponder eternity. Filled with holy sorrow for those who were miserable in life, he desired to help as many as possible get to heaven. He memorized the catechism, visited the parish church in the evening, and prayed the rosary every day. He felt a growing desire to be a priest.

As a teenager, Anthony worked in his father's thread and cloth factory and studied manufacturing techniques in Barcelona. Invited with his father to open a factory there, he declined, knowing that something else awaited him. His spiritual director convinced him to study philosophy in the diocesan seminary in Vich, twenty-five miles from his family home. Refocused on his prayer life, Anthony realized that the diocesan priesthood was God's will. He was ordained a priest on June 13, 1835. Assigned to his hometown, he spent the next four years continuing his theological studies.

After a short period when he explored being a foreign missionary, Father Anthony was assigned to a parish in Viladrau where he preached a mission. Its success led to preaching in a neighboring village. Each mission was more effective than the previous one, with many conversions. God also healed the sick and cast out demons through Father Anthony. He heard many confessions, spread devotion to our Blessed Mother, celebrated the Eucharist, and zealously preached the Word of God. After eight months, the bishop moved Father Anthony to Vich as a base for giving parish missions. The Vatican gave him the title, "Apostolic Missionary," granting him faculties to preach in any diocese. From 1843 to 1848, Father Anthony walked across Catalonia, preaching, living in poverty, and converting sinners. He wrote catechetical materials that he distributed everywhere he went. In 1848, he founded a publishing house which, over the next two decades, distributed millions of books, booklets, and leaflets. Shortly after, he preached in the Canary Islands with the same powerful effect.

Returning to Vich in 1849, Father Anthony founded the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, later known as the Claretian Missionaries, or Claretians. The new congregation's goal was to train priests for preaching missions, evangelizing, and saving souls. Just after founding the

congregation, he was appointed as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba. He then added "Mary" to his name: Archbishop Anthony Mary Claret. After his episcopal ordination, he arrived in Cuba in February, 1851 and spent the next six years reforming the clergy, creating new parishes, making multiple pastoral visits on foot to every parish, and renewing the people's faith. He co-founded an order of sisters, preached against slavery, and established facilities to help the poor.

In 1857, Queen Isabel II called Bishop Claret back to Spain to serve as her confessor and spiritual director. For the next ten years, he accompanied the queen on her travels, preaching missions in each town while continuing to write and publish. In 1868, due to a revolution in Spain, the queen and her court fled to France. After advocating for papal infallibility at Vatican I, Bishop Claret returned to France, taking refuge in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide, where he died several months later."

"Saint Anthony Mary Claret was a man who continually sought to glorify God and save souls. At the heart of his life was prayer. His prayer drew him into deep union with God, and that union produced an abundance of good fruit. As we honor this saintly priest, missionary, mystic, miracle worker, bishop, writer, confessor, and founder, consider these words from his autobiography, "...whenever I see sinners, I grow restless, I cannot quiet down, I cannot be consoled, my heart goes out to them." Saint Anthony's heart burned with a profound love of every sinner, and he dedicated his life to their salvation. Ponder your own attitude toward sinners, especially those who have sinned against you, and seek to imitate Saint Anthony's example.

Prayer: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, God set your heart on fire with a love for Him so deep that it overflowed into the hearts of every sinner you encountered. Please pray for me, that I will grow deeper in my love of God, and from that love will love others whom I encounter every day. Saint Anthony, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

-FROM THE SAINTS - St. Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

-FOOD DRIVE - Marilyn Veith is heading up a food drive once again at Holy Family. We will be collecting food now through Thanksgiving. If you would like to contribute, for the first two weeks, please bring canned goods. You may put your items in the tubs that will be in the back of the Church.

-TURKEY DINNER - The Holy Family Turkey Dinner will be Sunday, November 3, the first Sunday in November. Please plan to join us. Letters and work lists have been mailed out. If you are a member of Holy Family and have not received a letter, please let us know so we can make sure we have your correct address.

-DEER CLASSIC - This year's Brown County Deer Classic is Saturday, November 16. As has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

-THURSDAY - I may need to be away this Thursday, October 24 and am not sure what time I would return. Therefore, I am canceling Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass that evening at St. Thomas. There will be no Mass or Communion Service at St. Thomas on Thursday, October 24.

Thank you for your continued prayers 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 (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion {PSR}) will start classes in early September for students in grades K-6. We will set the day and time for these classes based on what works best for the families and teachers. 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. Ann O'Sullivan -- [aosullivan2031@gmail.com](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com) or 217-257-2516.

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.

### Holy Family Turkey Dinner

Turkey time again! November 3 is the Annual Turkey Dinner. This will be a drive through event from 11-1. Meals are \$10. Turkey donations (\$35) and raffle tickets/money can be dropped in the box as you come into church. Extra sheets of raffle tickets 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.



Knights of Columbus Council 1281, Mt. Sterling Illinois, will be accepting donations to purchase NEW Coats for children in our area that are in need.

**K of C Members will collect donations after all Holy Family Masses October 19 & 20**

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