

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, December 30 – 7:00 a.m.

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

Communion Service

Tuesday, December 31 – 7:00 a.m.

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Carol Likes
(By Legion of Mary)

Tuesday, December 31 – 4:00 p.m. AT ST. THOMAS

David Rothgeb
(By Maurice & Clara Schmidt)

Tuesday, December 31 – 5:30 p.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

Mark Ebbing
(By Jeff & Barb Kozak)

Wednesday, January 1 – 8:00 a.m. AT HOLY FAMILY

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God
Number 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Maurice Ormond
(By Barb Lehne)

Wednesday, January 1 – 10:00 a.m. AT ST. THOMAS

Jerry Herkert
(By Jim & Nora Clausius)

Thursday, January 2 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and
Doctors of the Church
1 John 2:22-28; Hebrews 1:1-2

Father Aaron's Intentions

AT ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

Danny Seals

Friday, January 3 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Holy Name of Jesus
1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Dwight Armstrong
(By Cathy Black)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Barb Kuhn
(By Greg & Elizabeth Likes)

Saturday, January 4 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Father Aaron's Intentions

Holy Family – 5:30 p.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, January 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Thomas L. Tracy
(By Knights of Columbus Council #1281)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Russell & Esther Sherman
(By Sheila Druffel)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 21-22, 2024

Due to the printing deadline for this bulletin
this will be updated in an upcoming bulletin.

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 22, 2024

Due to the printing deadline for this bulletin
this will be updated in an upcoming bulletin.

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:

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark †

Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson †

Isabella Wilson † Calvin Schenk †

Dylan Hendricks † Mary Gregory †

Ezra Keokham † Greg Jones † Misha Follis Allen †

Susan Kenady † LeonaDunn † Georgia Metz †

Dyson Ham † Caden Callihan †

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Epiphany Party - Sunday, January 5 is our day to celebrate as a parish family all the joys of the Christmas season. Join us after Mass for a delicious dinner. You don't have to bring anything, except yourselves. There will be a cake walk (always fun!) for both adults and children. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church.

From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas! I pray that you are all having a most joyous and blessed Christmas. Indeed, we celebrated Christmas Day last Wednesday but we continue that celebration for eight days...the Octave of Christmas. Not only that, we remain in the Christmas Season until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord which this year we celebrate on Sunday, January 12. So again, Merry Christmas to each of you!

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. At Holy Family, this celebration is elevated to a Solemnity.

As you ponder their inner family dynamics, relationships, and charity, use them as a model of how best to relate to your own family. Some families more fully imitate those sacred virtues; others fall gravely short. Look into your own heart and ask the Holy Family to teach you how to show greater love to those in your family. Though you will never arrive at perfection, you can receive inspiration from their lives, leading to greater growth and unity, making your own family a greater source of strength for your Christian living.

Prayer: Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me,

my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You."

-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. The faithful are obligated (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on that Day or at a Vigil Mass in anticipation of the Solemnity the evening before. **TO DISREGARD THIS IS SERIOUSLY SINFUL!**

The Mass Schedule at each parish is as follows:

-Holy Family - Vigil Mass on Tuesday evening, December 31 at 5:30 p.m.; Mass on Wednesday, January 1 at 8:00 a.m.

-St. Thomas - Vigil Mass on Tuesday evening, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.; Mass on Wednesday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

-OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK
- Tuesday, December 31, Optional memorial of St. Sylvester I, Pope; Thursday, January 2 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church; Friday, January 3, Optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus; Saturday, January 4, in the USA, Obligatory Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious.

-FIRST FRIDAY - This Friday, January 3 at St. Thomas; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at Noon until 5:45 p.m.; Confessions 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.; Benediction 5:45 p.m.; Mass 6:00 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday, January 4 beginning at 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family, going through the night; Benediction around 7:45 a.m.; Regularly scheduled Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-CHRISTMAS PARTY - Next Sunday, January 5 at St. Thomas following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall. If you have not already done so, please sign up in the back of Church.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you each day and again. May you have a most blessed week and blessed Christmas!

-Fr. Aaron

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