

Holy Family Parish

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Website: www.smseagle.org

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

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 6 – 7:00 a.m.

St. André Bessette, Religious
1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 7 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Robert Koch

(By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families)

Wednesday, January 8 – 7:00 a.m.

1 John 4:11-18; Luke Mark 6:45-52

John Bullard

(By the Family)

Thursday, January 9 – 7:00 a.m.

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

Jim Kassing

(By Tammy)

AT ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

Father Aaron's Intentions

Friday, January 10 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

A Special Intention

(By Patty Kunkel)

Saturday, January 11 – 8:00 a.m.

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Father Aaron's Intentions

Holy Family – 5:30 p.m.

John Colgan

(By Martha Fluckey)

Sunday, January 12 – 8:00 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Mary & Orville Gronewold
(By Kim & Jim Gronewold)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 21-22, 2024

Holy Family: \$4,360.15

School Support: \$95.00

Sister Parish: \$5.00

Cemetery: \$150.00

Retired Religious: \$50.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$65.00

Christmas: \$255.00

Debt Reduction: \$300.00

ACSA/Parish Tithe: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 22, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,203.00

Immaculate Conception: \$100.00

Christmas Flowers: \$40.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$20.00

Christmas: \$125.00

Candles: \$33.00

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:

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 † Leona Dunn † 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.

EPIPHANY

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Following is some information regarding the Epiphany taken from ewtn.com:

-“What is the Solemnity of the Epiphany? On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi - also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings. In earlier times, this feast combined two other manifestations: one that took place at the Lord's Baptism and one that took place in Cana at the wedding feast. This is still the custom in Eastern Christianity. Although the date of the Epiphany on the General Calendar of the Church is January 6, in the United States and some other countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1 so more Catholics can participate. Thus, in 2025 the Solemnity of the Epiphany is Sunday, January 5.”

-“Who were the Magi or Wise Men? The word “magi” is of Persian origin and refers to a class of men who were priests-scientists-philosophers rolled into one.

Different ancient societies used different names, but all had some intellectual class which sought knowledge and truth, even though much of what they possessed was corrupted by sin and error. Nonetheless, through the means to which they were accustomed, such as reading “signs” in nature, God drew them to true knowledge, in this case, the knowledge of Himself and Christ. According to tradition, their names were Balthasar (from Arabia), Melchior (from Persia), and Caspar (from India).”

-“What are the three gifts of the Three Kings? The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. St. John Chrysostom said, “For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.”

-“What is the spiritual meaning of Epiphany? On the Solemnity of the Epiphany in 2019, Pope Francis said, ‘It is not enough to know where Jesus was born, as the scribes did, if we do not go there. It is not enough to know that Jesus was born, like Herod, if we do not encounter him. When his place becomes our place, when his time becomes our time, when his person becomes our life, then the prophecies come to fulfilment in us. Then Jesus is born within us. He becomes the living God for me. Today we are asked to imitate the Magi. They do not debate; they set out. They do not stop to look but enter the house of Jesus. They do not put themselves at the center but bow down before the One who is the center. They do not remain glued to their plans but are prepared to take other routes. Their actions reveal a close contact with the Lord, a radical openness to him, a total engagement with him. With him, they use the language of love, the same language that Jesus, though an infant, already speaks. Indeed, the Magi go to the Lord not to receive, but to give. Let us ask ourselves this question: at Christmas did we bring gifts to Jesus for his party, or did we only exchange gifts among ourselves?’”

-“What gifts can we give to Jesus? Jesus wants us to grow closer to Him, so our gifts should reflect this goal. We can pray more, read Sacred Scripture, go to Confession, forgive someone, or break a sinful habit.”

-Fr. Aaron

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