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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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D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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, July 28 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 29 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; John 11:19-27

Donna Stephenson

(By Martha Fluckey)

Wednesday, July 30 - 7:00 a.m.

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Thomas L. Tracy

(By Michael & Jacklyn Brennan)

Thursday, July 31 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53

Janice Westburg

(By Legion of Mary)

AT ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

Fr. Aaron's Intentions

Friday, August 1 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58

Mark Ebbing

(By Linda Colgan)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Paul & Martha Koettters

(By Maurice & Clara Schmidt)

Saturday, August 2 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Fr. Aaron's Intentions

Holy Family – 5:30 p.m.

Becky & Mike Metzger

(By Raymond Metzger)

Sunday, August 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;

Luke 12:13-21

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Jerry Herkert

(By Alice Hughes)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 19-20, 2025

Holy Family: \$6,658.00

School Support: \$600.00

Sister Parish: \$185.00

Debt Reduction: \$20.00

Peter's Pence: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 20, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,109.00

Candles: \$19.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$2,635

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Legion of Mary** meets each Tuesday at **4:00 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.

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 † Misha Follis Allen †
Leona Dunn † Brandan Volk † Tricia Grenier †
Mike Babb † Karl Groesch † Rachel Saxer †
Dyson Ham †

ST. THOMAS

Baked items for Birthright. At the KC BBQ. We are asked to make baked items and bring them to Church on August 10. They will then be delivered to the KC in Quincy,

We are also selling chances on a beautiful handmade quilt and a dining out package. \$1.00 per chance or 6 for \$5.00. Questions?? Dorothy Obert 217-257-8625.

Interested in learning how to make ice cream?

Join us as we make 50 gallons of ice cream Saturday, August 16. The ladies start mixing at 8 a.m., bring your own hand-held mixer. The guys start churning about 10 a.m. It's time for a new generation of ice cream makers and tasters to start. Questions call Bobbi Mock 217-430-2859.

St. Thomas Ice Cream Social Coming Soon!

Plans are in the works for the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 17. It'll be here before you know it. We need help to make the ice cream and help the day of the social. There will be a basket raffle. If you'd like to donate a basket (your choice of what's in it), please let Pat know (217-740-2140). We also need gallon ice cream containers. LOTS! Please bring them to church or to the hall. Thanks!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Darren & Amy Hildebrand
Lector:	Kim Gronewold
Servers:	Grace Mock, Myles Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers:	Jerel & Morgan Mock

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time which places us at the half-way point of Ordinary Time. Each Liturgical Year we celebrate thirty-three or thirty-four weeks of Ordinary Time.

The First Reading from Genesis for today reminds us that in the beginning with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer and then in the Gospel, Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to ask, seek, knock. May our prayer open us to God's Will and so build up His strength within us for as St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading, in Baptism, we have died with Christ and have been raised to life with Him.

And so, we are confident in the Lord's instruction, "Ask and you will receive." All of Sacred Scripture tells of the necessity of prayer and Jesus exhorts us to be persistent because something powerful happens in that repetition. As we ask, as we return to the source of mercy and love, we are

changed by our encounter with God. Indeed, God is faithful, God is merciful!

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK - Tuesday, July 29, Obligatory Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In the household of Bethany, Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Let us pray for families and for the good and holy friendships God has given to us.

Wednesday, July 30 - Optional memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, known for his exceptional preaching ability.

Thursday, July 31 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Friday, August 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church and founder of the Redemptorists; stressed Christ's love and Mary's intercession; master of moral theology; patron of confessors and moral theologians.

Saturday, August 2 - Optional memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.

-DAY OF PRAYER - Today, Sunday, July 27, is designated the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. We pray in a special way for the elderly and especially our Grandparents, living and deceased, who have passed the faith on to us. This day of prayer is especially important with today's lack of respect for life in general, especially the unborn and the aged.

-POPE'S INTENTION - For August: "For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."

-FISRT FRIDAY - This coming Friday, August 1; First Friday Devotions at St. Thomas, Noon - 5:45 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Confessions; 5:45 p.m. Benediction; 6:00 p.m. Mass.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - At Holy Family beginning Saturday night, August 2 at 10:00 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night; Benediction at 7:40 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-CCW - Next meeting of the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women is Wednesday, August 13 at Holy Family, Mt. Sterling. More information and a sign-up sheet will be forthcoming.

Thank your prayers and for all you do 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

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