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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
<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 9/1 -
7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)
Tuesday, 9/2 -
7:00 a.m. Thomas L. Tracy (By Paul & Charlotte Koch) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
Wednesday, 9/3 -
7:00 a.m. Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk (By Bob & Judy Schenk) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
Thursday, 9/4 -
7:00 a.m. Helen Armstrong (By Cathy Black) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
5:30 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)
Friday, 9/5 -
8:15 a.m. Jim Kassing (By Tammy) (HF)
6:00 p.m. Barb Kuhn (by Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (ST)
Saturday, 9/6 -
8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)
5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)
Sunday, 9/7 -
8:00 a.m. Janet Yakle (By Donnie & Linda Howard) (HF)
10:00 a.m. Russell & Esther Sherman; Robert & Alice Druffel (By Sheila Druffel) (ST)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 23-24, 2025

Holy Family: \$2,929.00
School Support: \$24.00
Sister Parish: \$180.00
Assumption: \$35.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 24, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,116.00
Sister Parish: \$100.00
Candles: \$16.00

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 †
Greg Jones † Eileen King † Sharon Wiese †

ST. THOMAS

A Great Day for Ice Cream - Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social such a great day! Many thanks to all who helped in the preparing, serving, and cleaning up. And thanks to everyone who came and donated in any way. There were many favorable comments on how good everything was. What a great day for ice cream at St. Thomas!

St. Thomas "Sandwich Sunday" - There will be a slight change for our usual "Donut Sunday" for September. The Men & Women Society will be serving Maidrite sandwiches and chips for our fellowship treat after Mass on the first Sunday of September. Come enjoy lunch at the parish hall and visit with friends.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 7 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor
Greeters: Mark & Amanda Obert Family
Lector: Denise Taylor
Servers: Sydney Kearby, Miles Kearby
Gift Bearers: Brent & Sara Kearby Family

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall
Ushers: Curtis Cramsey, Andrew Llewelyn

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings for today remind us that humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the Heavenly Jerusalem. May we always strive for humility in our lives and in everything we do as we put aside any self-centeredness and pride.

-POPE'S INTENTION - for September: "For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

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

I would like to thank Chuck Simmons who, for many years, has helped to make sure the hours of Adoration are all covered for First Fridays and has helped to set-up. Chuck has decided to step away from this role. If you would like to help coordinate First Friday Devotions at St. Thomas and be the contact person for this, please let me know.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday night, September 6 beginning at 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family. Ends with Benediction at about 7:40 a.m. on Sunday followed by our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-“DONUT” SUNDAY - Next Sunday, September 7 at St. Thomas immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Instead of donuts this month, the Men's and Women's Group will be serving a maid rite luncheon.

-STREET CLOSURE - Repairs are being made on Washington Street in Mt. Sterling which affect our parking lot for Holy Family/St. Mary School and our drop-off and pick-up procedures for St. Mary School. Washington Street is the Street that runs in front of St. Mary School.

The adjustment for the drop-off and pick-up procedures for the School are going well.

I did not know that the parking lot at Holy Family would need to be closed for a period of

time. As of this writing, it is closed and inaccessible though the plan is to have it back open and accessible very soon. Once re-open, it will only be accessible for a while by traveling north on Cherry Street and making a right turn into the parking lot. To exit the parking lot, you will need to turn left onto Cherry Street and head south.

Again, I ask you to be extra aware and cautious around the School and Church during this road construction.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Wednesday, September 3 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

-Friday, September 5 - In some places, this day is observed as the optional memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta. While not included in either the General Roman Calendar or in the liturgical calendar to the United States, the memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious, may be observed this day.

-BULLETIN CHANGES - You have seen and will continue to see some changes to the bulletin layout.

For the most part, we will be staying with a two-page bulletin as we've had the past few months.

The listing of Masses and the Intentions has changed a little with this bulletin. Please note the abbreviations we will be using for the parish...HF for Holy Family; ST for St. Thomas. Occasionally we may also use the abbreviation SMS for St. Mary School in other parts of the bulletin.

The Scripture citations for the Lectionary Readings for each day are absent with this bulletin. As we continue to make changes, I will look to see how we might be able to include them again sometime. I will also be looking at how we can consistently list the Liturgical Celebration for each day.

-LABOR DAY - Monday, September 1 is observed as Labor Day this year in the United States. Though not a Liturgical Celebration, we do recognize the value and gift of the work that God has given us to do. School is not in session on Labor Day and many folks have a day off from work. May we spend this day and every day in praise and thanksgiving to God for all He has done for us and continues to do for us.

This day is also observed as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Thank you for all you do. You remain in my prayers each day. May you have a most blessed week!

-Fr. Aaron

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