

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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Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow

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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, 9/15-

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)

Tuesday, 9/16 -

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)

8:15 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

Wednesday, 9/17 -

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)

8:15 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

Thursday, 9/18 -

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)

8:15 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

5:30 p.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (ST)

Friday, 9/19 -

8:15 a.m. Randy Rigg (By Kathy Rigg) (HF)

Saturday, 9/20 -

8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)

5:30 p.m. Thomas J. Schneider
(By St. Rose Legion of Mary) (HF)

Sunday, 9/21 -

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

10:00 a.m. Cursillo #379 team & candidates
(By Robin Coggeshall) (ST)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 6-7, 2025

Holy Family: \$4,622.70

School Support: \$812.00

Sister Parish: \$40.00

ACSA: \$1,195.00

World Mission: \$10.00

All Saints/All Souls: \$10.00

Debt Reduction: \$250.00

Church in Africa: \$10.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 7, 2025

St. Thomas: \$3,013.00

Tithe: \$460.00

Sister Parish: \$105.00

Candles: \$30.00

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 †
Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS

Happy Fall to all. Bosco Kids (the Holy Family PSR program) will start in the next few weeks. This religious education program is for children in grades 1-6 who are attending public school. Just a reminder that our students receive the sacraments of Reconciliation in second grade and Confirmation and First Holy Communion in third grade. It is best to start their formal religious education in first grade.

For anyone interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the Catholic religion, the OCIA program (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA) will start in late September.

Please contact Ann O'Sullivan (217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@mail.com) for more information on these programs.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 21 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters:	PSR
Lector:	PSR
Servers:	PSR
Gift Bearers:	PSR

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers: Curtis Cramsey, Andrew Llewelyn

ST. MARY SCHOOL CROPS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

St. Mary School Crops for Kids will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Please contact Jon Boylen at (217) 257-5276 with any questions. Lunch will be provided as in year's past.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Feast is celebrated on September 14 each year and this year, since it falls on a Sunday, we celebrate this Feast instead of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. While we enter into the Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time, the celebration of the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross takes precedence over the celebration of the Sunday of Ordinary Time.

In the Cross is our hope. The Cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring His perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the Cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.

And may we never overlook the humility of Christ our Savior and seek to humble ourselves all the more.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATION THIS WEEK:

-Monday, September 15 - Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

-Tuesday, September 16 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.

-Wednesday, September 17 - Optional memorials of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church.

-Friday, September 19 - Optional memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr.

-Saturday, September 20 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs.

-MATERIALS IN CHURCH - Please do not leave material that is not directly related to the Parishes or School in the Churches for folks to take or post it on the bulletin boards without checking with me first.

-CONVOCATION - The priests of the Diocese will be gathering for their annual Convocation this week, Monday, September 15 - Thursday, September 18. I will be away those days. If there is an emergency, call the parish office; follow the prompts for an emergency if there are any. If you need to leave a message, leave a clear message and a clear call-back number. For emergencies, someone will return your call as soon as possible. For "regular business" calls, calls will be returned as soon as possible when someone is in the office. I kindly ask you to keep myself, Bishop Paprocki, and all the Priests in the Diocese in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

Due to this Convocation, there will be Communion Services at Holy Family Monday through Thursday at 7:00 a.m. only. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday morning. There will be no 8:15 a.m. Masses or Communion Services. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, or Communion Service at St. Thomas Thursday evening.

-CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE - Join Bishop Paprocki as he celebrates a Mass for couples married 50 years or more on Sunday, September 21, 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield. Register at dio.org/events or contact Gracie Ortiz, (217)-698-8500 or gortiz@dio.org.

-AREA WIDE MASS - Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Quincy Notre Dame gym. St. Mary Staff and students, grades 2-8 will be going. You are welcome to join us for the Mass with Bishop Paprocki.

We will plan to go to a park after Mass for lunch and relaxation. If you would like to join us, please contact myself or our Principal, Mrs. Obert, so we can give you details of where we will be meeting and so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone.

-ANDREW DINNER - Sunday, September 28 at St. Rose in Quincy. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering for single men, juniors in high school and older, where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/TbvXG6959K4fM77f6> or email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I'd love to take men from our parishes as my guests. This commits a man to nothing, it is just an opportunity to be with Bishop, a few Priests of the Diocese, and other men who seek to follow God's Will in their life.

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

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