

## Holy Family Parish

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## St. Thomas Catholic Church

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Website: [www.smseagle.org](http://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](http://www.stthomascp.org)  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 9/29-

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

Tuesday, 9/30 -

7:00 a.m. Charles Koch (By Joseph & Marlene Libritz) (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

Wednesday, 10/1 -

7:00 a.m. Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family) (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

Thursday, 10/2 -

7:00 a.m. James J. Wort (By John & Carol Ormond) (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

5:30 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)

Friday, 10/3-

8:15 a.m. Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By Jerry & Lila Shoopman) (HF)

6:00 p.m. Louise Waner (By St. Thomas Men & Women's Society) (ST)

Saturday, 10/4 -

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

5:30 p.m. Pat Volk (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)

Sunday, 10/5 -

8:00 a.m. Tom Schneider (By Nancy & Family) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 20-21, 2025

Holy Family: \$3,079.00

School Support: \$765.00

Sister Parish: \$31.00

ACSA/Tithe: \$600.00

Church in Africa: \$150.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 21, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,392.00

Sister Parish: \$100.00

ACSA/Tithe: \$150.00

Church of Africa: \$180.00

Candles: \$14.00

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](mailto: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 †  
Kalvin 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](mailto:aosullivan2031@mail.com)) for more information on these programs.

## ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Meeting Sunday, September 28 5:00 p.m.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 5 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:  
Greeters:

Denise Taylor  
Maurice & Clara Schmidt

**Lector:** Karen Janssen  
**Servers:** Charles Evans, Tess Obert  
**Gift Bearers:** Mark & Amanda Obert Family  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert  
**Collection Counters:** Robin Coggeshall  
**Ushers:** Jacob & Maurice Schmidt

**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.

**HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER**

Holy Family Turkey Dinner drive through will be on November 2 at the K of C Hall. Meals are \$12. Turkey donations (\$35) can be dropped off in the box as you come into church. Letters containing workers' list and raffle tickets have been handed out or mailed. Extra raffle tickets will be available on the table in the back of church.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The word of God teaches us to pursue righteousness rather than selfishness. When we ourselves suffer, as Jesus did for us, we grow in humility and empathy toward others. We learn to re-evaluate our priorities and place love for God and our neighbor above pleasure, power, and wealth. Though not a good in itself, suffering can change our hearts, move us to repentance, and return us to God.

We are called to be Christ's hands of mercy in this world, that we might live with Him for eternity in the next. The things we often rely on for support and fulfillment - wealth, power, pleasure, to name a few - are fleeting, temporary. We can't take any of them to eternity with us.

Jesus reminds us that what we do in this life matters - there are eternal consequences to our actions. What He wants is for us to learn to love as He loves, especially in showing mercy and generosity, and not being indifferent to the plight of those less fortunate and in need. In so doing, we conform ourselves more to Him, opening the way to an eternity of riches.

-WELCOME - We are very happy to have Bishop Paprocki with us this weekend to celebrate Masses and to visit with us. We are grateful for

his faithful service to the Universal Church and for his leadership of the local Church. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki and all Bishops in your prayers.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, September 29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels.

-Tuesday, September 30 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

-Wednesday, September 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church.

-Thursday, September 2 - Obligatory Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels.

-Saturday, October 4 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.

-FIRST FRIDAY - October 3; Devotions at St. Thomas; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at Noon; Reconciliation 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.; Benediction 6:45 p.m.; Mass 6:00 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday, October 4 beginning at 10:00 p.m. at Holy Family; Adoration through the night; Benediction 7:35 a.m.; Mass 8:00 a.m..

-DONUT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, October 5 at St. Thomas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

-OCTOBER - The Month of October is designated as Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. More information in future bulletins but please make yourself aware of how you can further promote the respect for all human life in all stages. Next Sunday, October 5 is designated as "Respect Life Sunday" as we "kick-off" the month.

And if you don't already, October is a great time to commit to praying the Holy Rosary each day. Believe me, prayed with devotion, it can and will change your life!

-POPE'S INTENTION - For October: "For the collaboration between different religious traditions."

-UPCOMING EVENTS:

-Wednesday, October 1 - SDCCW Annual Convention; St. Paul, Highland, IL

-Sunday, October 5 - St. Mary School Hog Roast; K of C Hall, Mt. Sterling

-Sunday, October 5 - Life Chain; 2:30 p.m.; Broadway Street in Quincy between 14th & 18th Streets.

-Tuesday, October 7 - Respect Life Dinner; Holiday Inn, Quincy; 5:30 p.m.

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