

## Holy Family Parish

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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, 9/8 -**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)
- Tuesday, 9/9 -**  
7:00 a.m. Mike Rolf (By Mark & Mary Hill) (HF)  
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Wednesday, 9/10 -**  
7:00 a.m. Charles Koch (By Paul & Charlotte Koch) (HF)  
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Thursday, 9/11 -**  
7:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)  
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)  
5:30 p.m. Jerry Herkert (By Alice Massey) (ST)
- Friday, 9/12 -**  
8:15 a.m. Corrine Kassing (By Norma Hufnagel) (HF)
- Saturday, 9/13 -**  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)  
5:30 p.m. Luke Hedden (By Marie Ketcham) (HF)
- Sunday, 9/14 -**  
8:00 a.m. Suzanne Forsythe (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (HF)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 30-31, 2025

Holy Family: \$3,171.00  
School Support: \$285.00  
Sister Parish: \$20.00  
ACSA: \$100.00  
Cemetery: \$100.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 31, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,565.25

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 † 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 †

## 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 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

## **YMCA COMMUNITY BAND & CHOIR**

Calling all music lovers ages 14+. The YMCA Community Band & Choir are kicking off a brand-new season, and YOU'RE invited to join the fun!

Band rehearsals: Thursdays @ 7 p.m. |  
Start September 18

Choir rehearsals: Mondays @ 7 p.m. |  
Start September 15

BCHS Music Room (at the high school),  
enter thru cafeteria.

## **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 Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, the author asks who among mortal human beings could know God's wisdom without help from God Himself. In the Second Reading, St. Paul urges Philemon to accept Onesimus on his behalf, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother. In the Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus says that anyone who wants to follow Him must carry his own cross. He encourages His listeners to consider the cost of discipleship.

Love for God should be the inspiration for and goal of everything we do. Christ challenges us to allow our Christian vocation to affect every aspect of our lives. He calls us to order our love properly, with love for God as the inspiration for and goal of everything we do. If we love our families, our lives, and our possessions for God's sake and not for the sake of the things themselves, we will indeed be His disciples.

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

-Monday, September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

-Tuesday, September 9 - In the United States, Obligatory Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest.

-Friday, September 12 - Optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary. God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus, Her name is a name of honor, a holy name, a maternal name, and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

-Saturday, September 13 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

-Sunday, September 14 - Next Sunday, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be celebrated instead of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. More information on that celebration in next week's bulletin.

-CONVOCATION - The priests of the Diocese will be gathering for their annual Convocation Monday, September 15 - Thursday, September 18. I will be away those days attending the Convocation. Please see next week's bulletin for Liturgical celebrations.

-AREA WIDE MASS - All are welcome to attend the Area Wide Mass on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Quincy Notre Dame gym. Staff and students from the 4 Catholic grade schools in Quincy, St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, and QND will gather with family and friends to celebrate the Eucharist and the gift of Catholic Education with Bishop Paprocki.

As we did last year, weather permitting, 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.

-PASTORAL VISIT - Bishop Paprocki is scheduled to celebrate Masses at the parishes on Saturday evening, September 27 and Sunday morning, September 28. We look forward to having Bishop Paprocki here with us. More details to follow.

-ANDREW DINNER - Calling all single men, juniors in high school and above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28 at St. Rose in Quincy. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering 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](mailto:zsamples@dio.org). We hope to see you there!

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.

-Fr. Aaron

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