

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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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, 10/27-

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

Tuesday, 10/28 -

7:00 a.m. Charles Koch (By Rosemary Howell & Family) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 10/29 -

7:00 a.m. Janet Yakle (HF)

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

Thursday, 10/30 -

7:00 a.m. Robert & Betty Koch (By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families (HF)

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

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

Friday, 10/31-

8:15 a.m. Jason Volk (By Larry Volk) (HF)

Saturday, 11/1 -

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

9:30 a.m. Gay Gunn (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes (ST)

5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

Sunday, 11/2 -

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Legion of Mary (HF)

10:00 a.m. Esther Sherman (By Sheila Druffel) (ST)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 18-19, 2025

Holy Family: \$5,504.00

School Support: \$75.00

Sister Parish: \$15.00

World Mission: \$215.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 19, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,380.00

Missionaries of Hope: \$310.00

Candles: \$20.00

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

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 † Bob Kassing †
Becky Pool †

ST. THOMAS

Box of Joy can be brought to the St. Thomas Hall Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. along with the \$9 for shipping. If this does not work for you, contact Claudia and she will set up a time you can get the box to her - 217-653-6716.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 2 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Matt & Laura Evans Family
Lector: Teresa Bockhold
Servers: Sydney Kearby, Charlie Reed
Gift Bearers: Denny & Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Sharow, Teresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters: Dale & Cindy DeRousse
Ushers: Tod & Elijah Perry

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.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading, Sirach speaks of the Lord as a God of justice ... He hears the cry of the oppressed and the petitions of the lowly. In the Second Reading, with the end of his earthly life nearing, Paul expresses continued trust in the Lord's help and eternal reward. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses those who were convinced of their own righteousness with a parable of a Pharisee and tax collector praying in the temple area.

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon Him. Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation.

Humility before the Lord is its own righteousness. In the spiritual life, it is tempting to look at others' motivations and behaviors and compare them to ourselves. We may even comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we are "not like them." The Lord reminds us that our focus should be on examining our own actions, recognizing our own sins, and humbly repenting for these, seeking God's mercy.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday, November 1 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and going through the night. Please note, we will technically begin at 11:00 p.m. this month since Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Benediction at 7:35 a.m., regularly scheduled Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

-TURKEY DINNER - Holy Family Parish is serving its Turkey Dinner next Sunday, November 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., drive thru only.

-POPE'S INTENTION - for November: "For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to die by suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

-NOVEMBER - During November, we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. Let us pray for the souls of all the faithful departed that they may have Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven.

Both parishes will be praying the Prayers for the Dead after each Mass on Saturday evening, November 1 and Sunday morning, November 2. Again, I invite you to bring a photo of deceased family members and loved ones that will be displayed near the Sanctuary for these prayers. Place a note on the back of each photo with your name and the name of the deceased person(s). There is a table in the back of each Church to place these photos. Please have them to the Church as soon as possible but no later than Friday.

-PLENARY INDULGENCE - "Many Catholics may be unaware that they can obtain not one but eight plenary indulgences for departed souls in the first week of November. Due to space constraints, I am hoping to have an insert in this bulletin concerning this and other information about praying for the dead so please take a look at that.

-SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - Saturday, November 1. This is a Holy Day of Obligation but the obligation is lifted this year since it falls on a Saturday. Still, it is one of the Church's highest celebrations. I will have a Mass that day at each parish, 8:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 9:30 a.m. at St. Thomas.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. As always, you remain in my prayers each day.

-Fr. Aaron

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