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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, 10/6-

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

Tuesday, 10/7 -

7:00 a.m. Donna Stephenson (By St. Rose of Lima Legion of Mary) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 10/8 -

7:00 a.m. Marion Elbus (By Mark Elbus) (HF)

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

Thursday, 10/9 -

7:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)

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

5:30 p.m. Barb Kuhn (By Hugh & Susan McCoy) (ST)

Friday, 10/10-

8:15 a.m. Amy Ormond Lucky (By Maurice & Karla Ormond) (HF)

Saturday, 10/11 -

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

5:30 p.m. Luke Hedden (By Norma Hufnagel) (HF)

Sunday, 10/12 -

8:00 a.m. Daniel Quinn (By Thomas R. Salrin) (HF)

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

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 27-28, 2025

Holy Family: \$3,255.00

Sister Parish: \$10.00

Church in Africa: \$30.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

September 28, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,426.00

Parish Improvement: \$20.00

Candles: \$19.00

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 †
Kalvin Schenk † Dylan Hendricks † Mary Gregory †
Misha Follis Allen † Leona Dunn † Brandon Volk †
Tricia Grenier † Mike Babb † Karl Groesch †
Rachel Saxer † Dyson Ham † Greg Jones †
Eileen King † Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne †
Linda Lehne † Bob Kassing †

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

October 12 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jim Clausius
Greeters:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Lector:	David Leezer
Servers:	Charlie Reed, Sydney Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Tod Perry Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
Collection Counters:	Dale & Sindy DeRousse
Ushers:	Jacob & Maurice Schmidt

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.



Knights of Columbus Council 1281, Mt. Sterling, will again accept donations to purchase NEW Coats for children in our area who are in need.

K of C Members will collect donations after masses on October 20 & 21. Questions: Contact Joe Sullivan 217-242-9862.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading, the Prophet Habakkuk asks how long he must look upon destruction and violence. The Lord answers that the vision will be fulfilled, and it will not disappoint. In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells Timothy to stir into flame the gift of God he has received and to bear his share of hardship for the Gospel with the help of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, the Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith.

Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. God is the rock of our salvation.

Faith is a gift that demands a response. Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, October 6 - In the United States, optional memorial of St. Bruno, Priest; also, optional memorial of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin.

-Tuesday, October 7 - Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

-Thursday, October 9, Optional memorial of St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; optional memorial of St. John Leonardi, Priest.

-Saturday, October 11 - Optional memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope.

-BISHOP - It was good to have Bishop Paprocki here with us last weekend. I appreciate his visit to the parishes and his faithful leadership as our Bishop. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki and all Bishops in your prayers.

-OCTOBER - The Month of October is designated as Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. Please make yourself aware of how you can further promote the respect for all human life in all stages. This 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 and the world!

-HOG ROAST - St. Mary School is hosting their annual hog roast this Sunday, October 5 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., drive thru only.

There is also a drawing for a meat (beef) bundle (1/8 of a beef) from Houser Meats in Rushville. This Meat Bundle has been donated by a supporter of St. Mary School who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you to this supporter and to all who help support St. Mary School.

Be sure to come and get your meals and your chances at the meat bundle.

-LIFE CHAIN - This Sunday, October 5; 2:30 p.m.; Broadway Street in Quincy between 14th & 18th Streets. This is a great way to give a public witness to life and to pray silently for the respect of all human life in all stages. I have gone for several years. I am unable to be there this year but I encourage you to go if you are able.

FROM THE SAINTS - St. Vincent de Paul: "Let us beware of complaints, resentments, and evil-speaking against those who are ill-disposed to us, discontented with us, or hostile to our plans and arrangements, or who even persecute us with injuries, insults, and calumnies. Rather let us go on treating them as cordially as at first, or more so, as far as possible showing them esteem, always speaking well of them, doing them good, serving them on occasion, even to the point of taking shame and disgrace upon ourselves, if necessary to save their honor. All this ought to be done, first, to overcome evil with good, according to the teaching of the Apostles; and secondly, because they are our allies rather than our adversaries, as they aid us to destroy self-love, which is our greatest foe; and since it is they who give us an opportunity to gain merit, they ought to be considered our dearest friends."

Thank you for your continued prayers and support 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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