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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, 11/17-

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

Tuesday, 11/18 -

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

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

Wednesday, 11/19 -

7:00 a.m. Joe Ray (By Karla & Luke Metz) (HF)

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

Thursday, 11/20 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Gay Gunn (By Jerry & Marge Herkert) (ST)

Friday, 11/21-

8:15 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Robert & Teresa Frazier) (HF)

Saturday, 11/22 -

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

5:30 p.m. Monica Yakle Bailey (By Mary Kassing & Family) (HF)

Sunday, 11/23 -

8:00 a.m. Tom & Barb Kuhn (By Kaye Marshall) (HF)

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

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 8-9, 2025

Holy Family: \$7,207.00

School Support: \$852.00

Sister Parish: \$350.00

Cemetery: \$1,235.00

All Saints: \$150.00

Debt Reduction: \$150.00

Campaign for Justice & Hope: \$30.00

ACSA/Tithe: \$35.00

Easter: \$50.00

Good Friday: \$50.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 9, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,721.00

Sister Parish: \$165.00

Votive Offerings: \$19.00

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

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 † Bob Kassing † Becky Pool †
LeeAnn DeJaynes †

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas will be having a food collection for the next 3 weeks for the Community for Christ Assistance Center in Camp Point. Please bring non-perishable food to the church for the next 3 weeks. At the end of November, the items will be delivered to the CFCAC. The need seems to be on the increase. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

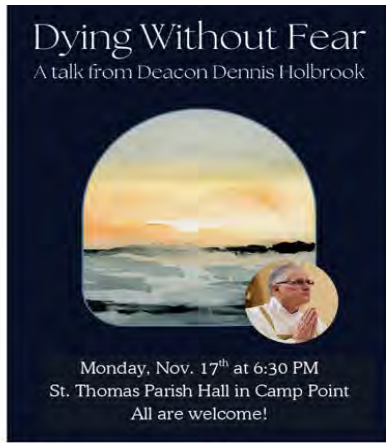
ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 23 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters:	Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn
Lector:	Karen Janssen
Servers:	Grace Mock, Charlie Reed
Gift Bearers:	Matt & Laura Evans Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Tod & Elijah Perry

Turkey Dinner Success

Huge win -- we didn't run out of turkey, and we were able to sell some leftovers!! With serving 867 meals and all the raffle tickets sold that day we took in \$13,923. Raffle winners: Ed Perry - \$250 FS Gas Card; Danielle Hannig - Quilt; Betty Veith - \$250 FS Gas Card; Mary Koch - Fall Tree full of scratch-off lottery tickets; Ed Wagner - \$100 Kassing's Lumber Gift Card; Lori Veith - \$100 Dorothy's Market Gift Card; Mickie Jennings -- \$50 Jersey's Gift Card; Karla Ormand -- \$50 Jersey's Gift Card; Jeanette Barfield -- \$50 Mt. Sterling Foods Gift Card; Josh Ward -- \$25 Conoco Gas Card and Teresa Busen -- \$25 Conoco Gas Card.



Living a Christ-centered life means we can face suffering and death without fear. I pray that this talk will enlighten our perspective on this topic and how our relationship with God can truly help us approach the end of our earthly life. Ray Wheeler will accompany us that evening with music and songs.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Program

Save the date - 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16 - Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer - Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer life. More information to follow in a future bulletin.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time which means we have only two weeks of Ordinary Time remaining in this Liturgical Year before we begin the Season of Advent on Sunday, November 30. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Solemnity of Christ the King.

In today's readings, Jesus teaches that His disciples (followers) will be persecuted as a necessary prelude to the Parousia (Christ's Second Coming and all it involves). Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious when the Lord comes again. As we await the Day, let us conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

Indeed, we are called to persevere in faith until the day Christ returns. As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in Her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in Heaven. Do we know that? Do we desire that? Those are serious questions. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy. May each of us take this seriously, without delay and without excuse.

-WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera* (November 20, 2016), Pope Francis designated the Thirty-Third Sunday of

Ordinary Time "World Day of the Poor." He wrote: "It will be a day that will help communities and each Baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Cf. Lk 16:19-21) there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in Her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy" (21).

-CHRISTMAS CARDS - A reminder that there are beautiful and solidly Catholic Christmas cards in the back of each Church that I encourage you to use. If you'd like to make a contribution toward the cards, there are also envelopes by the cards that you can use and place in the collection basket. I encourage you to also purchase and use the Mary and Jesus Christmas postage stamps from the Post Office... consider using them all year round.

-ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION - Every three years, parishes across the United States participate in a special collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services. This Archdiocese is unique in that while it serves many, many souls, it has no individual parishes. Every three years, the faithful across the country are invited to make a contribution to the Archdiocese for Military Services.

This special collection should have occurred last Sunday. I apologize that I did not realize there was no envelope included for these contributions in the regular packet of envelopes that are sent out. I will make envelopes available in each Church marked "Archdiocese for Military Services" the next couple of weeks. I will have them in each pew and/or the back of each Church. If you'd like to make a contribution to the Archdiocese for Military Services, please use one of those envelopes and place it in the regular collection basket.

-"TRAVELING" CHALICE - In order to promote and pray for Vocations, especially as a family, St. Thomas now has a "traveling" Chalice and Paten. Families or individuals sign up to take the Chalice and Paten for a week to Pray for Vocations at home (and hopefully continue to do so). The Chalice and Paten are returned to Church for the next person or family to take. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church. Please consider signing up for a week.

-THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES - Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States this year on Thursday, November 27. Though not a Liturgical celebration, I can think of no better way to start Thanksgiving Day than participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. More information in next week's bulletin but I will plan to celebrate Mass at both parishes Thursday morning, November 27.

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