

## 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, 11/24-**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)
- Tuesday, 11/25 -**  
7:00 a.m. James J. Wort (By John & Carol Ormond) (HF)  
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Wednesday, 11/26 -**  
7:00 a.m. Jim & Corrine Kassing (By Tammy) (HF)
- Thursday, 11/27 -**  
7:00 a.m. John Colgan (By Legion of Mary) (HF)  
9:00 a.m. Joyce Dietrich (By Jim & Nora Clausius) (ST)
- Friday, 11/28-**  
8:15 a.m. Robert Kemper (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (HF)
- Saturday, 11/29 -**  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)  
5:30 p.m. Thomas J. Schneider (By the Family) (HF)
- Sunday, 11/30 -**  
8:00 a.m. Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By John, Rosemary, Carissa, Jay & Andy Holler) (HF)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 15-16, 2025

Holy Family: \$2,917.00  
School Support: \$220.00  
Sister Parish: \$82.00  
Cemetery: \$170.00  
All Saints: \$10.00

Campaign for Justice & Hope: \$355.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 16, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,043.00  
Sister Parish: \$20.00  
Campaign for Justice & Hope: \$100.00  
All Souls Day: \$20.00

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

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 †  
Greg Jones † Eileen King † Sharon Wiese †  
Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne † Bob Kassing †  
Becky Pool † LeeAnn DeJaynes †  
Georgia Champagne †

## ST. THOMAS

Sarah and Sydney Kearby are attending Catholic Heart Work Camp in Montague, Michigan next summer with the St. Brigid/St. Edward/St. Joseph group. They are doing a 50/50 raffle to help fundraise for the trip. The group needs to raise nearly \$10,000! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. You can contact Sarah at 217-653-2269 or [sarahkearby@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahkearby@yahoo.com) if you'd like to purchase any tickets. They will also be set up outside after church on November 23 with tickets available.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*November 30 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Dawn Peters
<b>Greeters:</b>	Butch & Dorothy Obert
<b>Lector:</b>	David Leezer
<b>Servers:</b>	Tess Obert, Addiley Schmidt
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Darren & Amy Hildebrand
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Dale & Sindy DeRousse
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tod & Elijah Perry

## 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.

## Community Band & Choir Concert

The Community Band and Choir will host a concert on Sunday, November 23 at 2 p.m. in the Brown County High School Auditorium.

The concert will feature Christmas selections and is free to attend. The band and choir are sponsored by the Mt Sterling Community Center YMCA.

Please join them in starting off the holiday season!

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as Christ the King. A solemnity is of the highest celebrations in the Church. In this celebration, we are both reminded and praise God that Jesus is King of ALL creation. Christ is King, Judge, and Ruler of all. He is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our Baptism, we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to His glory and Kingship before the world.

Though some try to deny it, ignore it, or even threaten those who know it, Christ is the Sovereign King of all, having absolute and supreme power and authority over all. We need to ask ourselves each day if we truly believe that and if so, do we live every moment and every aspect of our lives reflecting that.

-THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES - Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States this year this Thursday, November 27. Though not a Liturgical celebration, there is no better way to start Thanksgiving Day than participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

I will offer Mass at each Parish on Thursday morning: 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas.

There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass that evening at St. Thomas nor Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

-POSITION FILLED - I am happy to announce that we have filled the position of Director of Mission Advancement for Holy Family Parish/St. Mary School. Mrs. Schuyler Isley will be assuming this role. She will report directly to me and Mrs. Melissa Obert, St. Mary School Principal. I look forward to having Mrs. Isley join us in this role. Due to some already scheduled commitments, Schuyler will be visible around the Church and School on a limited basis initially.

-MISSALETES - With the start of the new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent (this year, November 30), both parishes will be using new Missalettes. We are moving to the Source and Summit Missal this year.

This missalette is a single volume book that includes the Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Mass readings and hymns in one single book. There will not be two books. Though these missalettes do not have the weekday readings, they do include the citations for the readings during the week, the response to the Psalm, and the Entrance and Communion Antiphons. We will continue to have The Word Among us publication that includes the daily weekday readings.

As with anything new, the new missalettes will take some getting used to but we will adjust. The new missalettes, again, are a single volume book and will be used for the entire Liturgical Year, no switching out of one of the books several times throughout the year. The books are easy to read, offer a number of devotional prayers and other information, and are theologically sound. I have purposely kept a subscription model for now rather than a permanent book since the Lectionary is currently under some revision.

As an "added" bonus, these new missalettes will save the parishes a significant amount of money, primarily with shipping costs. Since the books are shipped out of Illinois, I was able to go and pick them up and save on the shipping costs which is significant.

I will try to provide more timely information as we go to help you more easily use the missalettes. As always, I kindly ask you not to take the missalettes from the Churches. We only have so many.

-THANK YOU - To all who helped with and supported the Holy Family Turkey Dinner earlier this month. It was a delicious meal and a great day!

To all who helped with and supported the Brown County Deer Classic last Saturday. Another great year and event as the BCDC celebrated its 35th year supporting St. Mary School.

To Deacon Dennis Holbrook and those who attended his talk last Monday evening at St. Thomas. Thank you also to those who organized the talk. Deacon Holbrook spoke on "Dying Without Fear" and offered not new but great insights and reminders on what the Lord has given to us, asks of us, and how to prepare ourselves in this world so as to be able to approach death without fear. As we pray in a special way for the dead in the month of November (though we need to pray for them always), celebrate All Saints Day and the Commemoration of All Souls this month, it was a most appropriate timing for this talk.

-LOOKING AHEAD - Monday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The faithful are obliged (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this day. To disregard this obligation is seriously (mortally) sinful.

Following is the anticipated schedule of Masses for both parishes that day:

Holy Family, Mt. Sterling - 7:00 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas, Camp Point - Noon; 5:30 p.m.

Fr. Aaron

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