

## Holy Family Parish

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## St. Thomas Catholic Church

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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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D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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)  
<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Monday, 11/10-**  
 7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)
- Tuesday, 11/11 -**  
 7:00 a.m. Daniel B. Quinn (By Mary Eloise Meyer) (HF)  
 8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Wednesday, 11/12 -**  
 7:00 a.m. Donna Stephenson (By Paul & Charlotte Koch) (HF)  
 8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Thursday, 11/13 -**  
 7:00 a.m. Thomas L. Tracy (By Michael & Jacklyn Brennan) (HF)  
 8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)  
 5:30 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)
- Friday, 11/14-**  
 8:15 a.m. John Bullard (By the Family) (HF)
- Saturday, 11/15 -**  
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)  
 4:00 p.m. Becky & Mike Metzger (By Raymond Metzger) (HF)
- Sunday, 11/16 -**  
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)  
 10:00 a.m. Cursillo #380 team & candidates (By Robin Coggeshall) (ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 1-2, 2025

**Holy Family: \$4,686.00**  
**School Support: \$815.00**  
**Sister Parish: \$80.00**  
**Cemetery: \$125.00**  
**All Saints: \$555.00**  
**All Souls: \$385.00**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$10.00**  
**Catholic Children's Home: \$10.00**  
**Campaign for Justice & Hope: \$35.00**  
**Retirement for Religious: \$10.00**  
**ACSA/Tithe: \$50.00**  
**Christmas: \$10.00**

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 2, 2025

**St. Thomas: \$2,481.00**  
**Sister Parish: \$360.00**  
**All Saints: \$215.00**  
**All Souls: \$165.00**  
**Votive Offerings: \$9.00**

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 † Brandon 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 †

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Karla Ormond, who passed away on November 2, 2025. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## ST. THOMAS

Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Thomas who participated in the Box of Joy Campaign this year. It was a great success.

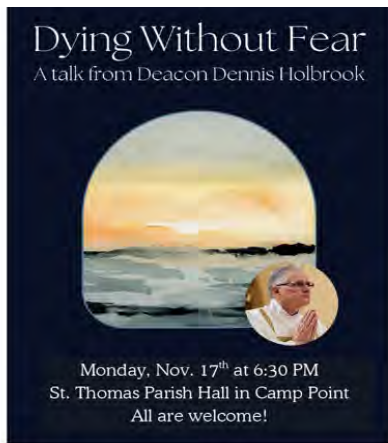
St. Thomas Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday, November 13 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Thomas church 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 16 - 10:00 a.m.

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Denise Taylor
<b>Greeters:</b>	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
<b>Lector:</b>	Kim Gronewold
<b>Servers:</b>	Alex Mock, Charles Evans
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Jerel & Bobbi Mock
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tod & Elijah Perry



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 begins the Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time but today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Today marks the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome, on land owned by the Laterani family, by Pope St. Sylvester I in 324. The Basilica is honored as the Episcopal Seat of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. According to an inscription which Pope Clement XII placed there, this Church is the "Mother and head of all Churches of Rome and the world (Omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput)." This Basilica was the residence of popes from the Fourth Century until their moving to Avignon in 1309. It has been the site of five Ecumenical Councils. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries and always rebuilt. Beneath its High Altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass. Dedicated from the beginning to Christ the Savior, the Basilica is also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. We most commonly refer to it as the Lateran Basilica.

In celebrating the Lateran Basilica's dedication, we celebrate our unity in Christ and His Church. At first glance, it may seem strange to celebrate the dedication of a particular building. Due to space constraints, I offer on the insert in this week's bulletin some further details to help understand this and to explore the Readings more fully. It is important information for all of us, and I encourage you to take a look at it.

-POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's Prayer intention for November is "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."

-CCW MEETING - This Wednesday, November 12 at St. Francis in Quincy. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Sign up in the back of Church before Monday morning. Contact Claudia Coggeshall for more information.

-BROWN COUNTY DEER CLASSIC - next Saturday, November 15. More information can be found at [bcdeerclassic.com](http://bcdeerclassic.com). **The Saturday evening Vigil Mass that evening at Holy Family will be at 4:00 p.m.**

-FALL COLLECTION - Holy Family's annual Fall Collection is underway. Please be on the lookout for your letter and envelope for your contribution. I ask that you try to make your contributions to the Fall Collection by Monday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

-LIFE ISSUES - The Illinois Senate passed physician assisted suicide in the early morning hours of October 31. Bishop Paprocki condemns the action:

"It is quite fitting that the forces of the culture of death in the Illinois General Assembly passed physician-assisted suicide on October 31—a day that, culturally, has become synonymous with glorifying death and evil. It's also ironic that these pro-death legislators did it under the cloud of darkness at 2:54 a.m. Make no mistake: killing oneself is not dying with dignity. Doctors take an oath to do no harm. Now, they can prescribe death. There are documented cases of patients being denied treatment and instead offered life-ending drugs. Individuals could also be coerced into taking the lethal drug. Physician assisted suicide undermines the value of each person, especially the vulnerable, the poor, and those with disabilities. Pray for Governor Pritzker to reject this legislation. Illinois should be a state that offers compassion, care, and hope—not death—as the answer to human suffering."

Fr. Aaron

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