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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, 1/19-

7:00 a.m. No Mass or Communion Service (HF)

Tuesday, 1/20 -

7:00 a.m. Eric & Sarah Kemper (By Sandra Kemper) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 1/21 -

7:00 a.m. Mary Margaret Bordenkircher (By Tom & Nancy Schneider) (HF)

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

Thursday, 1/22 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Gay Gunn (By Pat Sharow) (ST)

Friday, 1/23 -

8:15 a.m. Amy Ormond Lucky (By Sarah Markert, Liz Garrett & Dawn Dunn) (HF)

Saturday, 1/24 -

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

5:30 p.m. Jim McKeown (By Tammy) (HF)

Sunday, 1/25 -

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

10:00 a.m. Cursillo #381 Team & Candidates (By Robin Coggeshall) (ST)

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 † Brandan Volk †
Greg Jones † Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne †
Linda Lehne † LeeAnn DeJaynes †
Georgia Champagne † Abram Kelle † Pauline Seals †
Lloyd White † Betty Parker † Dan Ray †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

January 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Confirmandi
Lector:	Confirmandi
Servers:	Confirmandi
Gift Bearers:	Confirmandi
Eucharistic Minister:	Kim Gronewold, Ray Bockhold
Collection Counters:	Dale & Sindy DeRousse
Ushers:	Mark & Everett Obert

Holy Family Adult Faith Formation Program

We invite you all to attend this Winter Adult Faith Formation Study program. Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer: Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life -

We will meet on Tuesday nights at the K of C Hall starting on 1/20/26 from 7-8:30. There will be 4 in-person sessions and 4 online sessions on YouTube that you can do at home. I will share the exact dates on the first night of class. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Ann O'Sullivan at 217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. What happened to the First Sunday of Ordinary Time, you might ask, since we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday. Well, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord draws to a close the Christmas Season and is normally celebrated on a Sunday although sometimes its celebration has to be moved to Monday. While the Church celebrates the First Week of Ordinary Time with its weekdays, the "First Sunday" of Ordinary Time is not celebrated as such. Thus, we moved into the First Week of Ordinary Time last Monday, January 12 and now celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

In the first reading for today, Isaiah prophesies that Israel will be gathered to the Lord. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of their call to be holy. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus, calling Him the Lamb of God, and

testifies to what he saw at the Baptism of Jesus.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the Light of the nations who came to do the Father's Will. In Christ, we have been called to be a holy people. We must bring the light of Christ to the world. The servants of God are lights to the world. There is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the Light of the world, but He also desires that His followers bring His true light to the world.

-MONDAY(S) - There will be no Mass OR Communion Service on Monday, January 19. I will be considering what we will do for future Mondays and let you know.

-FALL COLLECTION - Thank you to all who have contributed to the Holy Family Fall Collection. If you have not yet turned in your contribution for the Fall Collection, please do so as soon as possible.

-CONTRIBUTION TOTALS - Two weeks ago, due to changes to bulletin submission deadlines during December, we included a list of contributions for many of the Sundays and Holy Days in December. Going forward on a trial basis, we are going to move to doing this same thing each month. The thought as of now will be to have such an insert in the bulletin on the First Sunday of each month reflecting the previous month's contributions. We'll try this for a while and see how it works.

-SACRAMENTS - Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our Third Graders at both parishes on Saturday, January 24 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield with Bishop Paprocki. This is always a beautiful celebration. We have eight students total who will be receiving the Sacraments. Please keep them and their Sponsors in your prayers.

We will celebrate this locally at both parishes. At Holy Family, we will celebrate that same evening at the 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a reception in the School Cafeteria. At St. Thomas, we will celebrate the following day at the 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Students will be invested with the Brown Scapular at the end of each of those Masses.

-DAY OF PRAYER - In the United States of America, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (no. 373) indicates that on the anniversary (January 22) of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade in 1973, all dioceses of the United States shall observe a day of pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

I encourage each of us to continue to offer prayers and penance for the protection of all human life in all stages from conception through natural death and to observe this day of prayer and penance in a particular way. We might consider what failing to do so says about our own conviction of human life.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, January 20 - Optional memorials of St. Fabien, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr.

-Wednesday, January 21 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.

-Thursday, January 22 - Day of Prayer in the United States; see note in bulletin.

-Friday, January 23 - In the United States, optional memorials of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin.

Saturday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

-LOOKING AHEAD - Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is Wednesday, February 18. The anticipated Mass schedule for both parishes is:

Holy Family - 7:00 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.;
5:30 p.m.

St. Thomas - Noon; 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you each day.

Fr. Aaron

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