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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, 2/16-

7:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

Tuesday, 2/17 -

7:00 a.m. Doug & Margie Dunn (By Doug & Dawn Dunn) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 2/18 -

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

8:15 a.m. Don & Anna Mae Obert (By Alan & Rhonda Koch) (HF)

12:00 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)

5:30 p.m. Suzanne Forsythe (By Sandra Kemper) (HF)

7:00 p.m. Joyce Dietrich (By Melvin & Connie Dietrich) (ST)

Thursday, 2/19 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Carol Likes (By Russ & Karen Ebbing) (ST)

Friday, 2/20 -

8:15 a.m. Corrine Kassing (By Donnie & Linda Howard & Family) (HF)

Saturday, 2/21 -

8:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

Sunday, 2/22 -

8:00 a.m. J.B. Heaton (By Clark & Netty Wear) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Henry & Olivia Ehrhardt (By the Family) (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 †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

February 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters
Greeters: Justin & Emily Obert Family
Lector: Teresa Bockhold
Servers: Charlie Reed, Addiley Schmidt
Gift Bearers: Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt, Laura Evans
Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy DeRousse
Ushers: John Brady, Denny Campbell

Upcoming Area Events

-Friday, February 20 - St. Mary School Fish Fry; Served drive thru at the Mt. Sterling Knights of Columbus Hall.

-Tuesday - Wednesday, February 24-25 - SDCCW Lenten Retreat; Springfield, IL; More information at <https://dio.org/event/springfield-diocesan-council-of-catholic-women-lenten-retreat/>.

-Saturday, February 28 - Trivia Night; St. Brigid, Liberty; Meal at 4:00 p.m., Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.; More information, contact Jeanne (217)-653-3962.

-Saturday, March 7 - Quincy Holy Family Fest, EQUIP 2026; more information at <https://www.quincyholysfamilyfest.com/>.

-Monday, March 9 - Deacon Dennis Holbrook speaking on "The Sign of the Cross;" St. Thomas Parish Hall, Camp Point; 6:30 p.m.

-Thursday, March 19 - 2026 Diocesan Mass for Life; 10:00 a.m.; Illinois State Fairgrounds, Exposition Building; more information and registration at <https://dio.org/prolife/mass/>.

-Sunday, March 22 - Lenten Day of Recollection; Springfield, IL; More information at <https://dio.org/event/lenten-day-of-recollection-he-loved-them-to-the-end-preparing-for-holy-week-and-easter/>.

-Wednesday, March 25 - Quincy Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting; St. Thomas, Camp Point.

ST. THOMAS

Stations of the Cross Fridays 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas during Lent. Let Robin or Claudia know if you would be interested in leading a Friday Stations of the Cross.

Sign-up 40 Days for Life Prayer Calendar in back of St. Thomas Church to end abortion. Starts Ash Wednesday February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29. Please consider it as a Lenten practice you can participate in this year.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading from Sirach, the author writes: "Immense is the wisdom of the Lord." In the Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul describes God's wisdom as mysterious, hidden. In the Gospel, we hear from the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus teaches on the law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths. In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep His commandments and follow His ways.

As disciples, we strive to follow God's wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of "wisdom" in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God's wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus' wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God. May we always seek God's wisdom and follow His commandments.

-LENT - The Liturgical Season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, February 18. A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence (the full Lenten regulations follow). As noted in previous bulletins, following is the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday:

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

St. Thomas, Camp Point - Noon; 7:00 p.m.

-LENTEN REGULATIONS:

1. ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

2. FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating

between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

3. TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IS SERIOUSLY (MORTALLY) SINFUL.

-SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION - It was with great joy that I celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion) with Donnie Howard on Saturday, February 7. Donnie's Confirmation name is St. Augustine and Donnie's wife, Linda, is Donnie's Godparent and Sponsor.

-FOOD DRIVE - Holy Family, Mt. Sterling will be collecting food items during Lent for those in need. There will be a tub in the vestibule of the church to place your items. Thank you for your contributions toward the food drive and helping those in need. Thank you also to Marilyn Veith who is heading this up.

-FISH FRY - A reminder that the St. Mary School Fish Fry is this Friday, February 20, served drive thru at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Be sure to come by and pick up some delicious meals while supporting St. Mary School. Thank you for your continued support!

-MONDAYS - For the time being until further notice, there will be no Mass or Communion Service on Mondays.

-SATURDAYS - For the time being until further notice, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings.

-FROM THE SAINTS - St. Thomas Aquinas: "In this life no one can fulfill his longing, nor can any creature satisfy man's desire. Only God satisfies, he infinitely exceeds all other pleasures. That is why man can rest in nothing but God."

St. Paul: "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, for by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith." (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

Thank you for your continued prayers for one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You remain in my prayers each day.

Fr. Aaron

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