

# 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. (Tues.-Thurs.)  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
Holy days: 8:30 a.m. (during school year), 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance  
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration  
First weekend of month

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Youth Group Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Day: 7:30 p.m.

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12.00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. also Reconciliation after Mass

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 7:00 p.m.  
Website: [www.stthomascp.org](http://www.stthomascp.org)  
<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, May 13 - 7:00 a.m.

Communion Service

### Tuesday, May 14 - 7:00 a.m.

Jim Wort  
(By the Children)

### Wednesday, May 15 - 7:00 a.m.

Ruth James  
(By Ceile Duesterhaus)

### Thursday, May 16 - 7:00 a.m.

Tony Markert  
(By Stephen and Bonnie Nagle)

### Friday, May 17 - 8:30 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### Saturday, May 18 - 5:30 p.m.

Bob and Sylva Dixon and Julie Link  
(By Cheryl Dillard)

### Sunday, May 19 - 8:00 a.m.

Leo and Irene Lashbrook  
(By Wayne and Judy Wagner)

### St. Thomas - 10:00 a.m.

Ron and Judy Bull  
(By Jenni Obert)

### OUR TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 4-5, 2019

Holy Family: \$5,615.75  
School Support: \$1,127.00

St. Thomas: \$1,820.00  
Easter: \$50.00

Parish Improvement: \$375.00

Holy Family budgeted amount: \$6,500

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **AA Meeting** - Saturday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Parish Center.
- ❖ **Legion of Mary will meet on Tuesday evenings at 5:00 p.m.**

- ❖ **Finance Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **St. Mary School graduation** will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **School Board Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **St. Mary School Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Rolling Greens. Contact Brad Kassing (217-248-2505) for information or sign up.

**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 4:00 p.m. for insertion into the next weekend's bulletin.**

*Rectory/School Office hours are Monday - Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.*

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**  
All Caregivers † The shut-ins of our parish and community † Joan Russell † Matthew Bishop † Gary Wenger † Debbie Beebe & Randi Bobier †  
For the safety of all of our military † For a Special Intention † Julie Gunn Erwin † Janelle Bowen † Fred Dunbar † Gay Gunn † Don & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Jenny Niesen † Donna Reische † Janice Levertson † Robert Koch † Jack Pool † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Sherry Messner † Stan Obert † Chris Jones † Bobby Volk † Bonnie Meats † Abby Schuhardt † Rachel Snelling † Steve Quinn † Corine Kirby † Sheila Roberts † Greg Likes † Jack Cannon † Kim Koch † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Carolyn Kassing † Carol Boylen † Alexa Rhea †  
For the farmers for good weather to get their crops in the fields

## ST. THOMAS

**FORMED:** To sign up for FREE, just visit us at <https://stthomascp.formed.org>.

**St. Thomas Graduation Mass** – This will take place at Mass on May 19 (NEXT SUNDAY!). If you are graduating from 8th Grade, High School or College you are encouraged to wear your cap and gown and participate in the liturgical roles of the Mass. If you are interested in being a reader or gift bearer, please contact Laura Evans [levans@adams.net](mailto:levans@adams.net) or 217-316-1734. All graduates will serve as greeters before Mass as well.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

May 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Myron Witt

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Graduates

**Lector:** Graduates

**Servers:** Ella Venverloh and Morgan Mock

**Gift Bearers:** Graduates

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Janice Brady, Randy Frese, Ronda Frese and Kris Mast

**Collection Counters:** Jerel and Bobbi Mock

**May Ushers:** Jerry Herkert, Dalton Hildebrand, Darren Hildebrand, Butch Likes

## Bulletin Short for

### Fourth Sunday of Easter – 12 May 2019

**Sheep and Shepherd.** There is a huge mosaic on the back wall of the sanctuary in my parish church. It is of Jesus caring for the flock. Every Sunday, when I pay attention, I see the spoken Word of God, with arms outstretched, caring for me and for us. Jesus the Christ is Good Shepherd for us all.

- Let me sing all week this psalm refrain: “We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”
- How will I listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd this week?
- How will I care for \_\_\_\_\_ this week, as Jesus would, by doing this mercy work \_\_\_\_\_?

## FYI FROM THE DRE

### stay inFORMED

The top 5 things your fellow subscribers are experiencing on FORMED: Video-Forgiven Session 5, Audio-Stations of the Cross, Audio-Three Days That Changed the World, Video-Session 9 on The Bible and The Virgin Mary, and Video-the Introduction to Presence. Did you know there is also an app available for your smart phone? You can also access FORMED on your Apple TV and with an Amazon Firestick! Please sign up at [stthomascp.formed.org](http://stthomascp.formed.org) today!

### Restored Order FAQ

Father Steve and Laura Evans will be holding a Restored Order FAQ session. This is open to EVERYONE. It will be held at St. Thomas on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall and for Holy Family/St. Mary School in the school cafeteria on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Come learn about why our Diocese is moving in this direction, the historical/Biblical reasoning behind it, and help us decide how we will implement it in our parishes! In the meantime, you can check out [restoredorder.dio.org](http://restoredorder.dio.org) for more information

### Laura’s FORMED Recommendation

May 13 we celebrate Our Lady of Fatima. Fatima Hope for the World is a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. It includes details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the children seers and their missions, Our Lady’s specific requests and the importance of responding to her call. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up. Check it out at [stthomascp.formed.org](http://stthomascp.formed.org) under the COMMUNITY TAB labeled Laura’s Recommendation with the blue background.

## PARISH WIDE SELF STUDY ON FORMED

On Monday, the third session of our parish wide SELF study will launch under the COMMUNITY TAB on FORMED. An Augustine Institute original series, Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told tells the dramatic history of God’s love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous

appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. This is a 10-week study, but you can work at your own pace. A new session will appear on the Community Tab each Monday and each session has discussion question that you can reflect on or discuss with other members of our parishes right there on FORMED. This series won 2 Telly awards in 2018, one in the History Category and one in the Documentary Category. Please plan to participate in this study at [stthomascp.formed.org](http://stthomascp.formed.org) and locate it under the COMMUNITY TAB.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date! A committee consisting of women from St. Thomas and Holy Family are busy planning a women's retreat! We will kick things off on June 28 from 6:00-9:00 with a social at Hagel's. Just come and go as you please! This is a chance to relax, unwind, and spend time with other women. Appetizers will be available as well as a cash bar. On June 29 from 9:00-4:30 we will have two women leading a retreat at St. Thomas Hall. There is no cost to attend, but a donation would be much appreciated to help cover expenses. This retreat is open to ALL WOMEN of any faith denomination! Registration forms were in the bulletin last week. If you misplaced it and need a new one, please contact Laura Evans at [levans@adams.net](mailto:levans@adams.net) or 217-316-1734.

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REPAIR FUND

We are beginning to receive contributions to the Holy Family Church Repair Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, please place it in a plain white envelope marked "HF Church Repair Fund" and place it in the collection basket or deliver it to the school office.

### EASTER GIFT

Did you miss out on grabbing the Easter gift from the parish? No worries! Pick up your copy of "Why I Love Being Catholic" at the back of Church! For students approximately 1st-5th grade, there's a gift for you as well! A book called "The Perfect Gift".

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Medjugorje** - You are cordially invited to spend an evening learning about Our Lady's apparitions and messages in Medjugorje.

Speaker - Donna (Moredock) Caminiti.

Monday, May 13, 2019

Lecture begins at 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King Parish Center

1930 Barberry Drive, Springfield

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

25 copies of the book *My Heart Will Triumph* will be given away.

Additional copies will be available for purchase (\$10 each).

Mirjana Soldo was only sixteen years old when she and five other children saw a mysterious woman on a hillside near the village of Medjugorje, ex-Yugoslavia. The woman - who possessed an extraordinary beauty and grace - identified herself as the Virgin Mary. The events that began on that summer afternoon in 1981 dramatically changed Mirjana's life and brought intense suffering at the hands of the communist authorities. After more than 35 years of apparitions, people still flock to Medjugorje in search of answers to life's big questions. Stories of miracles abound, and, according to Mirjana, more are yet to come - the Virgin entrusted her with ten prophetic secrets concerning the future of the world.

In her new autobiography, "My Heart Will Triumph", Mirjana tells the story of Medjugorje through her own eyes - the same eyes that, according to her testimony, gazed upon the most revered woman in history.

Hosted by Christ the King Altar and Rosary Society.

**Illinois Right to Life's 51st Annual Banquet** - Please join us on Friday, May 17, 2019, at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a program at 7:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be Trey Gowdy, former Congressman and outspoken pro-life advocate. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It will determine just how many hearts and minds we can change and lives we can save, as we work to restore a culture that respects and protects human life in Illinois. We hope you can join us!

To purchase tickets, go to [www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet](http://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet) or call 312-422-9300.

**St. Mary's Annual Fish Fry** will be Friday, May 17, at the Parish Hall, 219 North Jackson, Pittsfield, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The buffet will include golden fried buffalo and catfish fillets, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, and drink. Only \$10 adults, \$5 children 4 years - 10 years, free for children 3 years and younger. Drive-thru available and encouraged. You don't need to get out of your car.

### Hannah Study Group

After a year hiatus, we are starting up the Hannah Group again on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Laura Evans' house. We will be diving into the book "I Believe in Love; A personal retreat based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux". You can purchase it through Amazon or have the Quincy Book Store order it for you! What is a Hannah Group? Through study, encouragement, and prayer, we seek to provide a community where a woman's faith in Jesus is alive and becomes the center of her heart. We stand in awe as God's grace overflows into her role as a disciple to her family. This is open to women from both Holy Family and St. Thomas parishes. We hope you can join us!

### Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank you to all participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang this year for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Baby bottles will be distributed on Mother's Day and collected on Father's Day. Contact Mary Koch, 217-506-2033, for other arrangements. Donations to the Center may be made in memory of a loved one. (Just fill out information on the form in the bottle.) Every gift is much appreciated and brings hope and help to families in our community.



### UPLIFTING THINGS TO DO TODAY

- \* Smile at a stranger
  - \* Drop a coin where a child can find it
  - \* Learn something new and teach it to someone
  - \* Tell someone you love them
  - \* Hug someone
  - \* Forgive someone who has wronged you
  - \* Try saying "I'm sorry" when you ought to
  - \* Tell a child how great they are
  - \* Sing a song about Jesus to yourself
  - \* Keep a promise
  - \* Call someone just to say hello
  - \* Try listening more than talking
  - \* Stand up for what you believe in
  - \* Thank God for His beautiful Creation
  - \* Encourage someone who is feeling down
  - \* Cherish today as if it were your last one
  - \* Tell someone about Jesus
- Author Unknown



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### Family Art Night Creations!

Again, thank you so much to the families that attended Family Art Night! The artwork that was created is simply amazing!



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### St. Mary School Lunch

Monday (May 13): Chicken and noodles w/vegetables, whipped potatoes, peaches, whole grain bread

Tuesday (May 14): Cheeseburger/bun, French fries, corn, applesauce

Wednesday (May 15): BBQ rib/bun, tator tots, green beans, mandarin oranges

Thursday (May 16): Meatball sub (meat/sauce/cheese), lettuce w/spinach, peas, blueberries

Friday (May 17): Taco burger (meat/cheese/bun), chips, black-eyed peas, pineapple

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### Important Upcoming Dates in May/June



**May 20: Volunteer Luncheon (noon)**

**May 21: Awards Night (Potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.; awards at 6:00 p.m.)**

**May 22: Graduation Mass (7:00 p.m.)**

**May 23: Last day of school!!!!**

**June 15: SMS Golf Classic (Rolling Greens Golf Club, Mt. Sterling), registration begins at 8:00 a.m.**

# School Board Candidates

Elections will be held May 18 and 19, 2019. Three candidates will be elected.



I am Lucas Ebbing. I was born and raised in Mt. Sterling where I attended St. Mary School and graduated from Brown County High School in 1999. I graduated from the University of Illinois in 2003. I have been working in the insurance and financial services industry for over 12 years. I am currently employed with Yingling and Nuessen Agency in Mt. Sterling and WestPoint Financial Group out of Peoria. I have been a board member of the Illini Club of Peoria, FarmHouse Fraternity and the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership School. In my free time I enjoy golf, going to the gym, and coaching my kids' sports. I am married to Jenny who is a care coordination manager at Blessing and have twin girls age 6 that attend St. Mary School.



Hi! I'm Monica Yard and my family and I live in Camp Point. I'm married to a wonderful man, Colby and have been for 12 years now. We have 3 beautiful, ornery and loveable kiddos - Oakley, Roman, and Haxtun. Oakley and Roman (3) came first and love attending Pre-K with Mrs. Obert. Haxtun is our, recently turned, 2-year old wild one. He sure keeps us on our toes! I am in Marketing at Dot Foods and have been there now for almost 8 years. My favorite things would have to be DIY'ing, sewing, gardening, crafting with our kids and riding horses (when I have time, that is!)



My name is Becky Niewohner. Originally from Aurora, Illinois, I attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. I moved to Quincy, IL after college where I was a member of St. Francis Church. My family moved to Mt. Sterling, IL in 2012. At that time, we became members of Holy Family Parish and my three year old daughter began preschool at St. Mary School. I also began substitute teaching at St. Mary School. I enjoy working with children, getting to know them, and helping them learn. Currently, I am still substitute teaching at both Brown County Schools and Meredosia Schools.

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