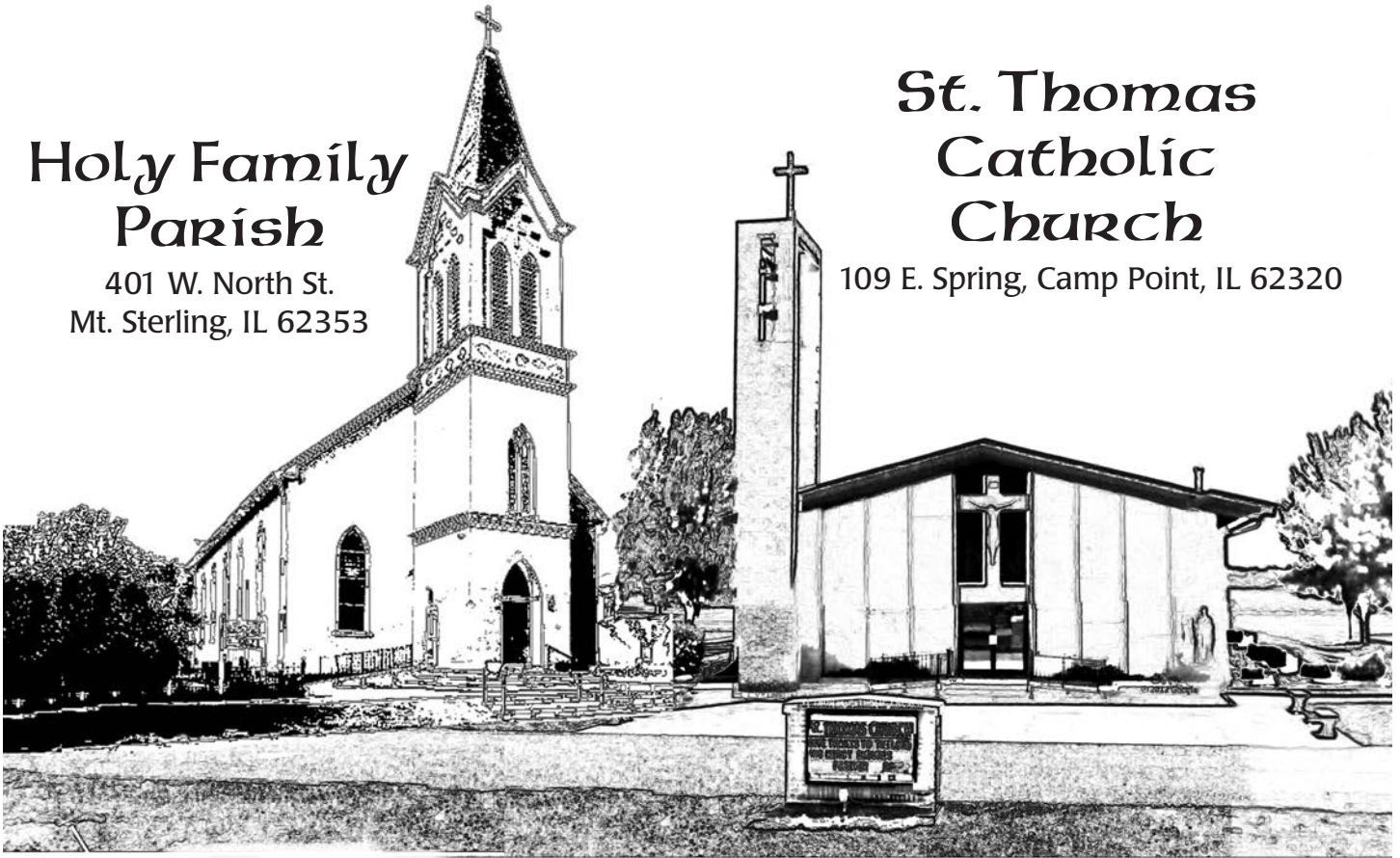


# Holy Family Parish

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# St. Thomas Catholic Church

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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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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.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 25 – 7:00 a.m.

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18  
Communion Service

### Tuesday, January 26 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35  
Jim McKeown  
(By Tammy)

### Wednesday, January 27 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20  
Marvin Schrieber  
(By Norma Hufnagel)

### Thursday, January 28 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25  
The Costello Family  
(By Eddie Costello)

### Friday, January 29 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34  
Henrietta Geisler  
(By Tom and Nancy Schneider)

### Friday, January 29 – 8:30 a.m.

**(School Mass)**

### Friday, January 29 – 9:30 a.m.

**(School Mass)**

### Saturday, January 30 – 5:30 p.m.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41  
Kathleen Salrin Root  
(By Nancy Salrin)

### Sunday, January 31 – 8:00 a.m.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;  
Mark 1:21-28

Parishioners of Holy Family

**St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Thomas

**St. Thomas – 11:30 a.m.**

Orville and Mary Ann Gronewold  
(By Jim and Kim Gronewold)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 16-17, 2021

Holy Family: \$5,032.00  
School Support: \$100.00  
Sister Parish: \$200.00  
Catholic Times: \$105.00  
First Offering: \$15.00  
New Year's Day: \$45.00  
Church in Europe: \$20.00  
Latin America: \$40.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 17, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,305.00  
Catholic Times: \$75.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$3,000

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

## OFFICE HOURS

*School Office hours will be Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is (217) 773-2825.*

*The rectory phone number is: (217) 773-3233.*

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

All Caregivers † The shut-ins of our parish and community † Matthew Bishop † For the safety of all of our military † For a Special Intention † Gay Gunn † Don & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin

McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische †  
 Janice Leverton † Jack Pool † Gary Shields †  
 Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby  
 Schuhardt † Corine Kirby † Sheila Roberts †  
 Jack Cannon † Kim Koch † Betty (Koch)  
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 Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen  
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 Maisy Keller † Faye Greenwell † Carol  
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 J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson † Rhonda  
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 Jim Wort † Tom Parker † Cal Noelke †

## ST. THOMAS

**Card Shower** – February 6 is Pauline Seal’s birthday. Let’s shower her with birthday wishes. Pauline’s address is:

Pauline Seals  
 Good Samaritan Home  
 2130 Harrison, Room 332  
 Quincy, IL 62301

**Pastoral Council January 14, 2021** – Fr. Kuhn, Pat Sharow, Brent Obert, Claudia Coggeshall

Pastoral Council – Commemorate Friday, January 22 Pro Life Day with Adoration starting at 4:30-6:00 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m.. Discussion of having the Parish Fish Fry during Lent on a Friday night as a carry-out with possible raffle. St. Thomas cellphone has been discontinued. More information will be in Sunday bulletin. Changes for times and numbers on front of bulletin need to be changed.

DRE – Parish wide study is coming for Saturday evenings. More information in bulletin.

Liturgy – Need at present for only 2 ushers at 10:00 Mass, 1 at 11:30 Mass. New guidelines from Bishop Paprocki regarding Spiritual communion to replace blessings was discussed. Read Catholic Times December 27, 2020 for

further education. Observances for Lent discussed. More information to come.

Buildings and Grounds – Snow Plowing

Next meeting February 11, 2021.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

***January 31, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.***

**Sacristan:** Brent Obert

**Lector:** Sheila Roberts

**Ushers:** Maurice Schmidt, Butch Likes,  
 Jacob Schmidt

***January 31, 2021 - 11:30 a.m.***

**Lector:** Kim Gronewold

**Ushers:** Butch Obert, John Brady

## From the Pastor’s Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings for today really help to draw us to consider more fully our preparation for Eternal Life. Indeed, we should live each day preparing for eternity. As we reflect on our life and eventual death, our readings remind us that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. The awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.

In our Second Reading today, short as it is, St. Paul very clearly reminds us that the world in its present form is passing away. This isn’t meant to scare or alarm us, but it should certainly spur us to reflect on how we are living our lives each and every day as St. Paul points to the reality that is before us.

Christ will return at the end of time. Christ may return at any moment. None of us know when that will be and frankly it makes little sense to try to “predict” it. While we might gamble in a game of cards, our Eternal Life is nothing to gamble with. Sadly though, many live their lives as if ignorant of their own mortality and even more sad, they live as if the coming of Christ again has no effect on them at all.

As already mentioned, we do not know when Christ will come again. Christ Himself told that to us. If it’s not during our lifetime,

each of us will one day die. If we have repented, have continuously been seeking God's forgiveness for our sins, have believed in the Gospel, and have followed Christ to the fullest, then, God willing, we will see and enter the Kingdom of God where we will enjoy Eternal Life. Why not live a life of righteousness every single day rather than imagining that we can predict the day of the return of the Lord! Again, our Eternal Life is far too important to wager a gamble on.

If Heaven is our goal, our readings today offer us a few practical suggestions on how to live our lives. The Ninevites in the First Reading remind us of our need to acknowledge our own sinfulness, to repent, and to seek forgiveness. Sounds like a nice set of suggestions, but we all know that those things are much harder to do than to talk about. Yet that is what the Lord calls us to. Our Christian responsibilities can cause us discomfort in the midst of worldly allurements, yet it is our carrying out of those responsibilities faithfully and consistently that lead us to eternal Life in and through Christ.

What the Ninevites remind us of is important, not only because it is right and just but because it is also an exercise in humility and humility helps us to grow in holiness.

St. Paul's letter, besides reminding us of the reality of our own immortality, also calls us to keep our focus not on the things and events of this world but rather, on Heaven. It is not to suggest that we remain oblivious to what is happening around us, but St. Paul is essentially reminding us to live each and every day knowing that we are preparing our souls to hopefully live in Heaven with Christ and all the saints and angels...at least that is how we should be living each of our days. The question for us each day is, "am I?"...am I living each and every day knowing that I am preparing to hopefully live in Heaven with Christ and all the saints and angels?

In the Gospel from St. Mark, we find Jesus calling us to "repent and believe in the Gospel." Such simple directions from Jesus in such a simple line, right?...the simplicity of living that life of righteousness, and yet time and time again we find those simple instructions so very difficult to bring into our lives.

The Gospel reminds us that faith includes actively following Christ even if it means leaving the good things of this world behind. Gosh, what does the Lord expect of me?! What does He want?! He wants all of us, that's what He wants. Not part of us and not part of the time. The Lord wants all of us all of the time. Remember from last week's Gospel, the question isn't so much, "What does God want," but rather we begin with the question "What am I looking for." Self-sacrifice is never easy but following Christ is the most important thing we can possibly do in this life. And so, let us pray for God's grace to always keep our eyes fixed on Heaven because indeed, the world in its present form is passing away.

-As we celebrate this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we also recognize that this Sunday is noted as The Sunday of the Word of God. This is significant for all of us. Pope Francis instituted this designation in September 2019 and it is to be held every year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This day reminds each one of us of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life as well as the relationship between the Word of God and the Liturgy.

Francis writes: "As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness."

Following are some points I'd like to highlight concerning The Sunday of the Word of God taken from the December 17, 2020 Note issued by Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:

"Through the proclaimed Biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to His people and Christ Himself proclaims His Gospel; Christ is the center and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. Listening to the Gospel, the high point of the Liturgy of the

Word, is characterized by a special veneration, expressed not only by gestures and acclamations, but by the Book of the Gospels itself.”

“The arrangement of the Biblical readings laid down by the Church in the Lectionary opens the way to understanding the entirety of God’s word. It is therefore necessary to respect the readings indicated, without replacing or removing them, and using only versions of the Bible approved for liturgical use. The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them. An understanding of the structure and purpose of the Liturgy of the Word helps the assembly to receive God’s saving Word.”

“Because of the importance of the Word of God, the Church invites us to pay special attention to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. It is not a functional piece of furniture, but a place that is in keeping with the dignity of the Word of God, in correspondence with the Altar: in fact, we speak of the table of God’s Word and the table of the Body of Christ, referring both to the ambo and especially to the Altar. The ambo is reserved for the readings, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet); the homily and the intentions of the universal prayer can be delivered from it, while it is less appropriate to use it for commentaries, announcements or for directing singing.”

“The purpose of this Note is to help reawaken, in the light of the Sunday of the Word of God, an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the Liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God. ‘God’s word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life.’”

And so, as we celebrate this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and The Sunday of the Word of God, I encourage each of us to more fully recognize the importance of Sacred Scripture and its study in our lives and in the celebration of the Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery. It is the Living Word of God. What does that mean for your life?

-As most of you know, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout the nation each year. I thought the designated Catholic Schools Week this year was January 24 through January 30. Mrs. Obert, our Principal, has informed me that actually this year, Catholic Schools Week is designated from January 31 through February 6. Regardless, I am happy to celebrate our Catholic Schools every day of the year. What a great blessing these schools are for each and every one of us and what an incredible gift God has given to us locally in St. Mary School as well as the other Catholic Elementary Schools in the area and the Catholic High Schools in our area including Quincy Notre Dame and Routt Catholic High School. At St. Mary’s we celebrate the gift of Catholic Education every day and this year, I guess we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week for two weeks really but that’s ok as it is such a wonderful celebration. Thank you for all your support of St. Mary School and Catholic Education.

-Our 2nd Grade PSR students at both parishes have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At Holy Family, the Bosco Kids students celebrated their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 20. At St. Thomas, the students will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 27. Please continue to keep all of our young people in your prayers. Students in St. Mary School will be celebrating their First Reconciliation sometime later during Lent.

-As we have just observed the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children this past Friday, I urge you all to keep in your prayers the protection and dignity of all human life in all stages and to do all you can to always advocate for life. I also urge you to thank God each day for the gift of life. Life is one of the greatest gifts that God bestows on every human person. This life begins at the moment of conception and is to be safeguarded until the moment of natural death. No one has a right to take the life of another no matter what stage of life a person is in.

As we continue to live out our Christian lives and our call to holiness, I thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please continue to be assured of my daily prayers for

you as well. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
24 January 2021**

**Proclaiming the Gospel of God.** Jesus is very busy in the beginning of Mark’s gospel – proclaiming, teaching, healing. And calling others to come and follow. The responses of Simon and Andrew, of James and John were immediate: stopping what they were doing, leaving it all behind without hesitation – they followed him. Stay tuned to this whole liturgical year to see where that leads.

- What of the good news of God is Jesus proclaiming to me today?
- How am I hesitating in giving Jesus Christ my immediate attention and response?
- What am I leaving behind, stopping doing in order to follow Jesus in more faithful ways?

**TAX REPORTING**

If any parishioner would like to receive a statement of contributions for calendar year 2020, please contact the school office at (217) 773-2825 (for Holy Family) and (217) 593-6685 (for St. Thomas). **A contribution statement will not be provided unless a request is received.** As always, we suggest you refer to your own personal contribution records if at all possible.

**MT. STERLING CATHOLIC  
CEMETERY**

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery will be closing their books for 2020 shortly. If you wish to make a contribution, please drop in the collection or mail to:

Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery,  
P.O. Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2020) is a Novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive Novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>. Each day there is an intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.

**2021 RESPECT LIFE MEMORIAL  
DRIVE (CAR PARADE)**

In support of the Sanctity of Human Life, Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring the 2021 Respect Life Memorial Drive (Car Parade) (in place of our annual Memorial Walk and Service).

This year, the Right to Life of Adams County Memorial “Walk” can be bigger, bolder, more distanced, and more comfortable than ever!

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021

Gathering location: Church of St. Peter parking lot, 25th and Maine

Time: 1:30

(Meet 1:00-1:15 to line-up, receive flags, and finish decorating your vehicles).

Route: West on Maine to 4th, North on 4th to Broadway, East on Broadway to 48th, South on 48th to Maine, West on Maine to St. Peter.

Pro-life flags will be provided to the first 50 vehicles.

Please decorate your vehicle with additional POSITIVE PRO-LIFE messages.

Please plan to attend.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to speak out for life.

Let’s make a bold pro-life statement!

**Monday:**  
**Wear Red,  
White, & Blue  
to celebrate  
our Nation.**

**Tuesday:**  
**Wear class colors  
to celebrate  
Students & 100th  
day of school  
activities! Book  
Fair 11:30-7 pm.**

**Wednesday:**  
**Wear pajamas to  
celebrate families  
& donate to the  
food pantry.**



**Thursday: Wear  
SMS clothing to  
celebrate  
Faculty, Staff, &  
Volunteers.**

## **MASS**

**January 23, 5:30 pm Mass will be  
dedicated to our Parish and  
Catholic Schools Week.**

**Friday: Dress up,  
Mass, and all-  
school Bingo!  
Book Fair: 11:30-  
7 pm**

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