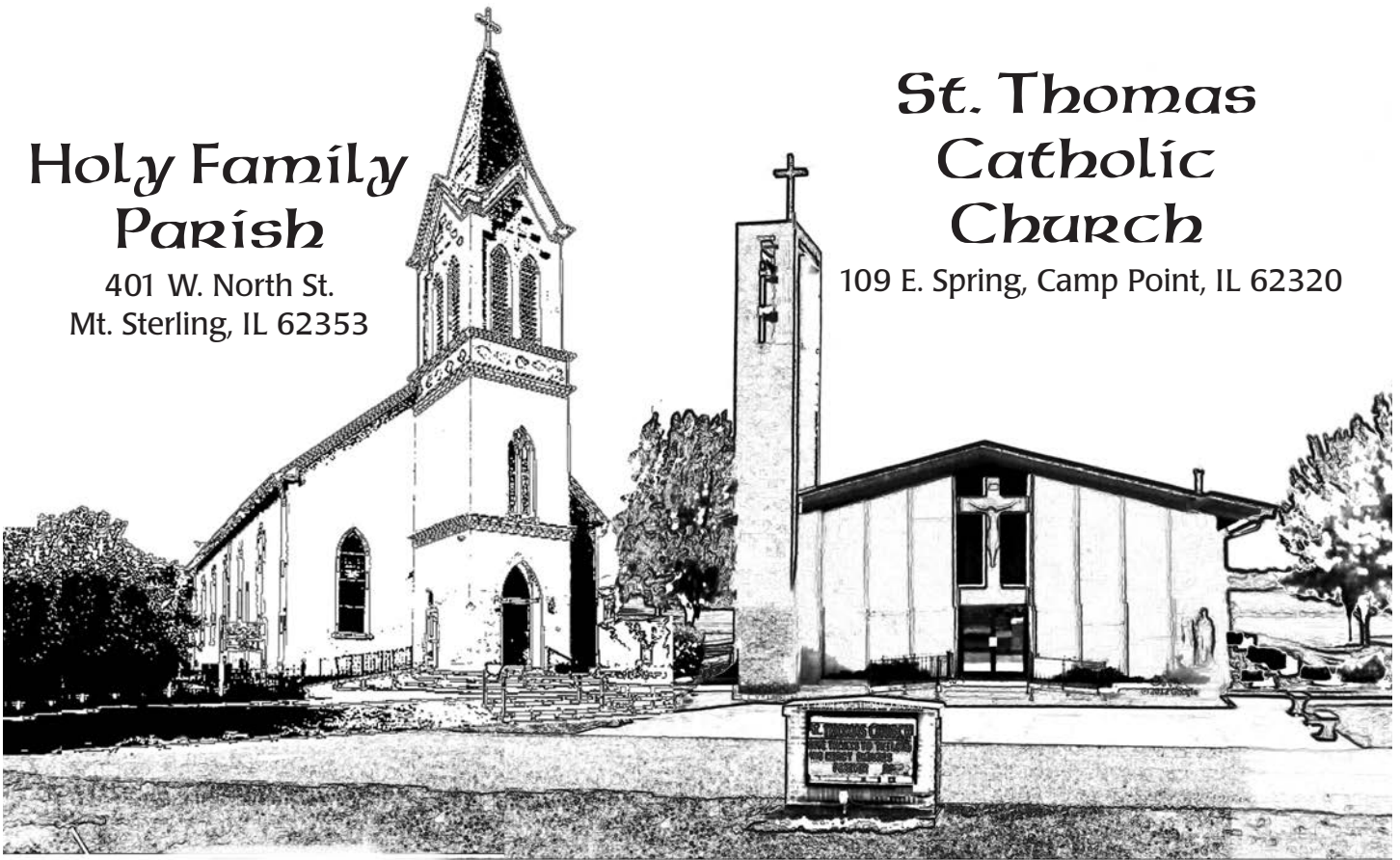


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: 8:30 a.m. (during school year), 5:30 p.m.

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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, February 8 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Communion Service

Tuesday, February 9 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Richard Salrin
(By the Family)

Wednesday, February 10 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Scholastica, Virgin
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Glen and Lora Mae Sullivan Logsdon
(By Bob and Judy Schenk)

Thursday, February 11 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Marilyn Esela
(By Charles, Kenny and Mary Koch)

Friday, February 12 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Richard Lauer
(By Mrs. Tom Kuhn and Family)

Friday, February 12 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Friday, February 12 – 9:30 a.m. (School Mass)

Saturday, February 13 – 5:30 p.m.

Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Glenn Stephenson and Brent Kindhart
(By Donna Stephenson)

Sunday, February 14 – 8:00 a.m.

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

Parishioners of Holy Family

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Chad Hilbing
(By Maurice and Clara Schmidt)

St. Thomas – 11:30 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 30-31, 2021

Holy Family: \$5,520.00

School Support: \$105.00
Sister Parish: \$45.00
Catholic Times: \$60.00
First Offering: \$10.00
Assumption of Mary: \$20.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 31, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,467.25
Latin America: \$20.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **SMS Annual Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Fry** will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021 at the K of C Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. See page 5 of this bulletin for further details.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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 †

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 Tom Parker † Cal Noelke † Joe Ray †

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Fish Fry - February 26 -
 Mark your calendars! St. Thomas Parish is
 hosting a **Drive-Thru** Fish Fry, February
 26, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Menu is catfish, potato
 salad, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and
 dessert. All included for \$10.00 per meal.
 Enjoy a great carry-out meal, all the while
 supporting St. Thomas parish!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

February 14, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Gary Mast
Lector: Bobbi Mock
Ushers: Brent Obert, Tony Obert

February 14, 2021 - 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Kim Gronewold
Ushers: Lucas Likes, Justin Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fifth
 Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings
 today really describe our everyday lives at

times and what we as Christians are called
 to. If we take a look at our First Reading
 from the Book of Job, it's anything but
 uplifting as Job describes his life as
 drudgery and misery. I think it's safe
 to say that each one of us can relate to
 Job...either ourselves personally (now or
 sometime in the past) or certainly with
 others that we know. How often have we
 heard someone or even ourselves talk
 about the drudgery of life or work, how
 difficult or burdensome things are. And
 how often is that coupled with some
 statement of how busy we are?

And if you study the Book of Job in
 greater detail, you discover Job's growing
 frustration when his friends and those
 who know him are convinced that all of
 Job's hardships and heartache must surely
 be a result of something that Job did
 although he (and the reader) knows that
 it isn't.

So it is with us as well. Our lives will
 almost certainly at times bring us sorrow,
 pain, struggles, discontentment and so
 forth and not necessarily because of
 anything we've done. Yet we know the
 Lord sustains the lowly and heals the
 brokenhearted as we hear in the Psalm
 for today and this gives us hope and
 encouragement to move forward and
 persevere.

As we look at today's Gospel from
 St. Mark and St. Paul's Letter in our Second
 Reading, we find a couple of things. First,
 in the Gospel, Jesus reaches out to Simon's
 mother-in-law, grasping her hand, and the
 woman is healed of her illness. This is
 wonderful indeed but what's more
 important for us to take away from this is
 what happens next...it says, "the fever left
 her and she waited on them." Yes, she
 waited on them. She was healed by the
 Lord and what did she do?...she waited on
 Him and those who were gathered there
 with Him. She didn't say... "Oh, I think I'll
 take a rest now" or, "Wow, that was great,
 I'm sure glad my son-in-law knows this
 guy!" No, she had encountered the Lord

and was healed by Him and then immediately resumed what she was called to do, she resumed her work.

So too, the Lord knows our struggles, our hardships, our discontentment and He stretches His hand out to us as well and when we allow for that encounter with Christ to touch and to heal us, we too are called to resume what we've been called to do, in our work and in our faith.

And what else do we find that Jesus does in the Gospel? Yes, many are brought to Him and He heals many. But more importantly for us is again what happens next. It says simply that Jesus "went off to a deserted place, where He prayed." Yes, He prayed. He didn't say "Oh, I've done a lot lately, that's enough for now," and He didn't say, "Does anyone even appreciate what I do around here." No, after a long and busy day prior, Jesus goes off to pray. He had given so much of Himself and needed to be in touch with the Father, the source of His energy, the source of our energy, to restore wholeness and peace. And what happens? Jesus comes away energized and ready to serve. We're told that He goes to nearby villages to preach and drive out demons because, He says, "for this purpose, I have come." Jesus too resumes His work after His time in prayer.

So too, each of us needs to turn to God in prayer, each and every day, even in, or perhaps especially in the midst of our busyness, our daily activities, our struggles and discontentment. We all need to find rest that refreshes and renews us so that we too can come away energized and ready to serve. And this rest is found not in some kind of escapist activity (activity that seeks to provide distraction from an unpleasant reality) or dissipating activity (activity that disappears or squanders our gifts). No, this rest is found only in the Lord.

Finally, St. Paul in our Second Reading today speaks of not just his desire to preach the Gospel but his obligation to do

so. We too share in that obligation (and hopefully in that desire). Everyone is seeking Christ. Some are more willing and disposed to it while others may not be quite conscious of it. Still, we are called to bring others to Christ and we do that through both our words and actions and our witness to the Fullness of Truth.

As we reflect on the healing and saving power of God we are reminded of the response to the Psalm today... "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." Let us remain mindful of all those who we hear about in today's Gospel, those who were ill and were brought to Jesus, and the whole town who was gathered at the door. And let us gather together all of our struggles and weaknesses, bringing them to the Lord and asking Him to heal us through the Sacred Mysteries and His redeeming grace.

And now just a few notes:

-Bids are being accepted for the mowing and trimming of our Catholic Cemetery in Mt. Sterling for the upcoming season. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting a bid or finding out more about it, I'd ask you to contact Jim Henrick. If you need Jim's contact information, just give the parish office a call (217)-773-3233. I would like to thank Jim for all of his work in helping to oversee our Cemetery. It is wonderful to have our Catholic Cemetery available to us.

-Mark your calendar for the St. Mary School Fish Fry on Friday, February 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. This year's Fish Fry will be drive-thru only.

-St. Thomas is also planning a Fish Fry for Friday, February 26 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Serving will be drive-thru only at the Parish Hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

-This seems like a strange thing to include in our bulletin but it is important. I remind you about the upcoming

requirement of dialing the full 10-digit phone number (area code plus phone number). We are in a grace period for now but at the end of February, the dialing of the 10 digits will be required for all calls to be completed. Please keep that in mind.

-It is hard to believe that we will soon be entering the Liturgical Season of Lent in the Church. February 17 this year is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. I will be offering the following Masses on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family, 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family (both of these Masses will include part of the school), 12:00 Noon at St. Thomas, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family, 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas.

Concerning the imposition of ashes for this year, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has provided the following modification to the rite of the imposition of ashes during liturgies on Ash Wednesday for this year:

The Priest will bless the ashes and sprinkle them with holy water as usual. Then he will address all those present and, only once, will say one of the two formulae found in the Roman Missal. Then, those present will come forward and the priest will sprinkle ashes on the head of each person without saying anything.

The sprinkling of the ashes on the head is the most obvious difference from what we have become accustomed to. It is important to note, however, that the practice of imposing ashes on the forehead in the Sign of the Cross is not a universal practice; in fact, it is an uncommon one. In most of the world, and for most of the Church's history, ashes are imposed by sprinkling on the crown of the head, in keeping with the practice as we find it in the Old Testament.

-I want to make sure that we are all aware that Pope Francis announced a "Year of St. Joseph" on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in honor of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation in 1870 of

St. Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church." Here now and in the next few weeks, I hope to share some additional information regarding this. Fr. Wade Menezes of the Fathers of Mercy offers some great information regarding the Year of St. Joseph. I will be sharing some of what Fr. Wade has written with you here and in upcoming bulletins.

The Decree states that Pope Francis established a "Year of St. Joseph" so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." The Decree adds that the Pope has granted special Indulgences to mark the year. I will speak more about the Indulgences in future bulletins.

In addition to the Decree, Pope Francis also issued an Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020 dedicated to the Foster Father of Jesus Christ. The Pope explained in the Letter, titled *Patris Corde* ("With a father's heart") that he wanted to share some "personal reflections" on the holy and just Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Holy Father said, "My desire to do so increased during these months of the pandemic," noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others (just as St. Joseph did with the Holy Family). "Each of us can discover in St. Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed - a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote. "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* ("With a father's heart") Pope Francis reflected on the fatherly qualities of St. Joseph, describing him as beloved, tender, loving, obedient, accepting, and "creatively courageous." He also underlined that St. Joseph was a "working father."

There is more in the letter from Pope Francis that I look forward to sharing with you as well as the information concerning the Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph.

The Pope concluded his new Apostolic Letter by urging Catholics to pray to St. Joseph for “the grace of graces: our conversion.” He ended the text with this prayer and I offer it to you now as I conclude: “Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.”

-Please know of my continued prayers for you each and every day. Thank you for your prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
07 February 2021**

Pursuing Jesus. After curing Simon’s mother-in-law, Jesus, standing at the door, is teaching, healing, and casting out demons. Then, leaving at dawn, he goes off alone. Simon and the boys, pursuing him, find him praying and plead: “Everyone is looking for you.”

- Since I am looking, where will I find Jesus this week?
- What teaching of his do I need to hear? What healing?
- Where and when will I make time for praying?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Bosco Kids children who have received their First Reconciliation:

Clara Howard and Francine Garrett

Thank you to catechist Hannah Howard for helping prepare them!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Mary School Annual Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021 at the K of C Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Drive-Thru Only.** Menu: buffalo/pollock, potato salad, baked beans, bread, onions, and desert. All included for: \$10.00 per meal.

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.

MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery is accepting bids on the mowing and grounds keeping of the cemetery for the 2021 mowing season. Please call (217) 617-3956 for bidding information.

BIRTHDAYS

A card shower is being held in honor of Fr. John Sohm's 89th Birthday on February 11th. Father Sohm served in the Sullivan, Shelbyville and Mt. Sterling areas throughout his Priestly Ministry. Anyone who would like to extend him good wishes may at: Fr. John Sohm, PO Box 464, Sullivan, IL 61951

Father Steve's birthday is February 10. If you would like to send him a birthday card, his address is:

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THANK YOU!

Friends of St. Mary would like to thank the anonymous donor for their generous donation. FOSM would also like to thank all those that continue to leave aluminum cans in the white dumpster for recycling. The proceeds of that recycling benefit St. Mary School in so many ways!

ASSUMPTIONS CATHOLIC STORE IN QUINCY, FEBRUARY 20

Assumptions (Catholic Store) will be selling sacramentals; books for Lent; gifts to celebrate Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation plus much more on

Saturday, February 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 715 Chestnut, Quincy. Socially distanced tables will be set up in the hall for you to browse a selection of their items. Masks are required. If you have a special request for an in-stock item or will want a quantity of some item, please call ahead before Friday, February 12 to the store at (309) 833-1979. Handicap accessible. Entrance from the parking lot on north side.

HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS

Please be sure to securely close all church doors when you leave. If the door is not latched securely, the wind catches the door and swings it open.

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