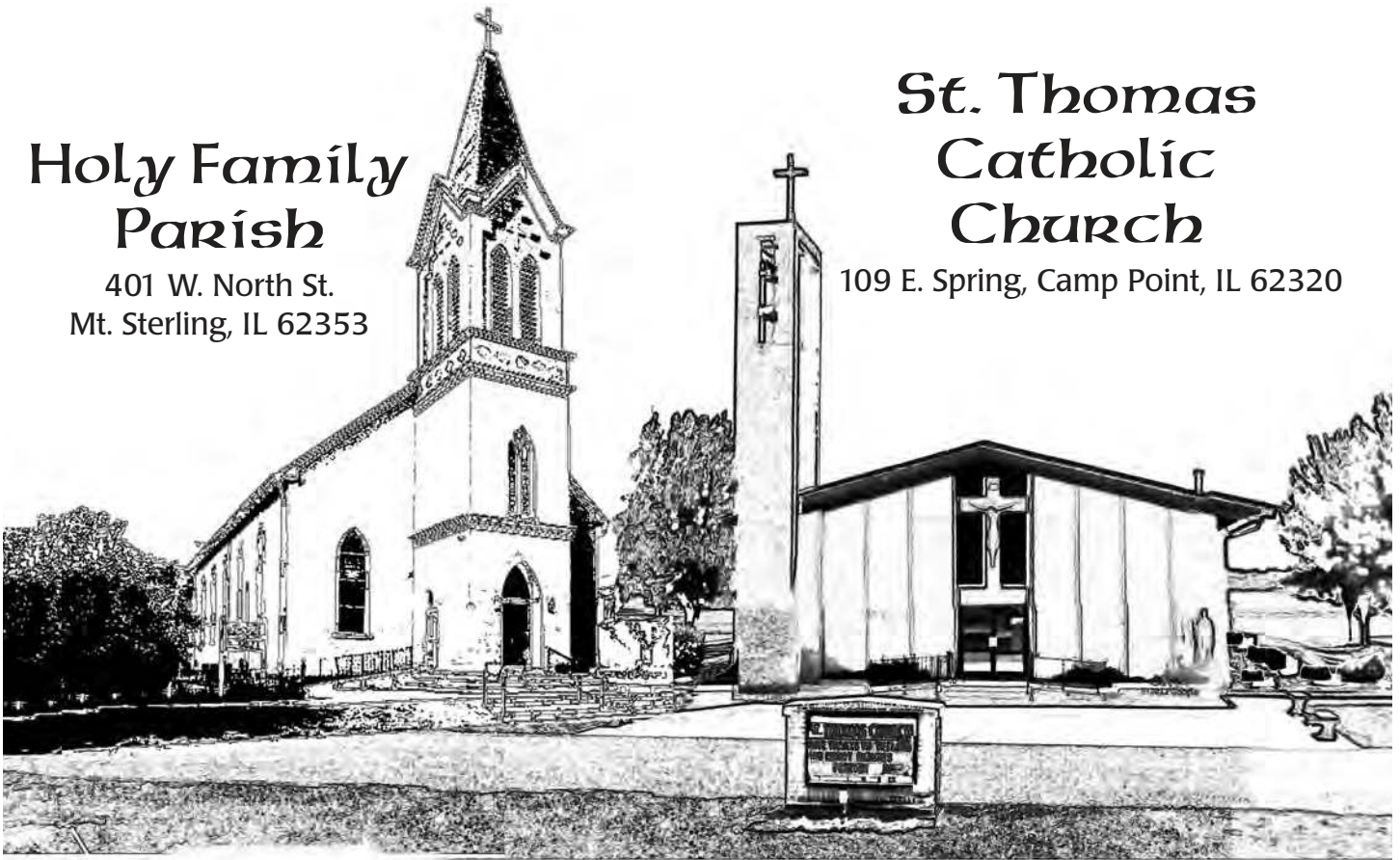


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Holy days: 8:30 a.m. (during school year), 5:30 p.m.

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

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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.
Website: www.stthomascp.org
<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 24 – 7:00 a.m.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Acts of The Apostles 1:12-14; John 19:25-34

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 25 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St.
Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin
Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Kathleen Salrin Root
(By Mary Kassing)

Wednesday, May 26 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Philip Neri, Priest
Sirach 36:1, 4-51, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45

John & Mary Louise Moorman
(By Tammy)

Thursday, May 27 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52

Verna Veith
(By the Family)

Friday, May 28 – 7:00 a.m.

Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Marilyn Mating
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Saturday, May 29 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul VI, Pope
Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

Sunday, May 30 – 8:00 a.m.

The Most Holy Trinity
Deuteronomy 4:32-34; 39-40; Romans 8:14-17;
Matthew 28:16-20

John Yeakel
(By K of C Council #1281)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Eugene Steinkamp
(By Barb Steinkamp)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 15-16, 2021

Holy Family: \$4,050.00
School Support: \$340.00
Catholic Communications: \$55.00
Diocesan Priests: \$30.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 16, 2021

St. Thomas: \$1,857.00
Communications/Media: \$115.00
St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$3,000

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 -
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

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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 †
Janice Leverton † Jack Pool † Gary Shields †
Carroll Hedden † Bonnie Meats † Abby
Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Kim Koch † Betty
(Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox
† Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley
Harms † Pat Boylen † Michelle Baucom-Keller
† Myles Keller † Maisy Keller † Carol

Eickelschulte † Kimberly Kestner & Baby †
Sheila Thompson † Suzanne Forsythe † J. J.
Gronewold † Jack Johnson † John Norkus †
Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing †
Cal Noelke † Joe Ray † Arika Pipkin †
Maryann Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny †
Marilyn Kerr † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin &
family † Liz Bohannan & Baby Jack †
Dawn Stoecker † Rick Parker † Barb Kuhn

May 30, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Lector: Shelia Roberts

Ushers: Butch Likes, Mike Likes

From the Pastor's Desk

Think about a recent message you received. Chances are, it was a personal message for you alone or perhaps a message for a group of people. Messages are most often directed to individuals of a group, for instance, teachers, priests, parents of school children, seniors, farmers, accountants, whatever it may be. But those messages are directed to specific individuals and likely have no relevance to others and may not even be understood by others. Such is not the case with our Christian lives and it is evident in today's readings.

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, sometimes referred to as the Birthday of the Church. For the Vigil Mass, the Church gives us several options for readings and there is certainly great value and wisdom in the optional readings. One of those readings is from the Book of Genesis and recounts the Tower of Babel story where the speech of the world was made confused and the people were scattered all over the earth, humanity becoming deeply divided.

Today, as we hear in the first reading, Babel is reversed as all those present there for this promised event are filled with the Holy Spirit and the sign of that presence is their ability to speak in different languages. Folks who are from all over are amazed at the ability to hear the message of Christ being proclaimed by the Apostles in their own language. The meaning is clear, what the Apostles are preaching is a message destined for the whole world, not just for a few individuals but for the whole world. Indeed, Babel is reversed as all are speaking and hearing the message of Christ with full understanding. People are

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Patricia Parker who passed away on May 16, 2021. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Vacation Bible School - Planning is underway for VBS to be held August 2 -6. I am in a unique situation of needing multiple teachers and helpers this year. Please prayerfully consider helping either in a classroom, the kitchen or decorating. All help is needed, all ages. Our young children look forward to this week all year long and it's so rewarding, seeing the smiles on their faces. Please consider joining us. Please call or text, Kailyn Mast at 217-617-0282.

St. Thomas will be having their Ministry Sign Up starting May 16 after both Masses in the back of church. Please review the lists to make sure we have your phone number and email address correct. Cross out your name if you are no longer interested in the ministry your name is under. Add your name, phone number and email address under ministries you would like to sign up for. If you have questions, contact Claudia 217-593-7285.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

being brought to unity under God. That divided humanity is being brought to unity under God.

And then in the Gospel, Jesus sets us out on mission when He says, "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Indeed, we are called to continue the work of Jesus and that mission is to bring people to God, that mission is to bring unity to a divided people, to work with God in building the Kingdom. For the Kingdom fully realized is the whole world acknowledging the Lordship of God our Creator and people directing their lives to be one with Him.

And how do we set out to accomplish this mission we've been given? Well first, Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to guide and to safeguard us and the Truth. In the Gospel today, we heard that Jesus breathed on the Apostles saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." That breath symbolizes life. And indeed, Christ does give them and each of us new life through the Holy Spirit.

And St. Paul in our second reading reminds us that we've all been given special gifts by God to carry out His work though certainly not the same gifts and not called in the same way. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, different forms of service but the same Lord, different workings but the same God. To each individual, St. Paul reminds us, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. And he compares that to the human body, consisting of many parts but each part ordered to the well-being of the whole. That should be the picture of any Christian community and indeed all of Christianity. And doesn't this speak volumes about some of the situations we are facing today.

Every person is equal in dignity, every person has the same ultimate goal, and every person is energized from the same Source, God Himself, but each with different qualities of character, ability,

calling, and manner of service, each given to us uniquely and beautifully by God to carry out His mission so that we and all others may direct our lives entirely to be one with Him.

And so, on this Solemnity of Pentecost and as we celebrate the formation and mission of the whole Christian community, let us reflect also on our own particular role that God has for each one of us, the particular contribution that each one of us can make to cooperate with the mission of the Church, bringing people to God and building the Kingdom. And in doing so, may we always be guided by the Truth of the Gospel.

The same Spirit of Jesus is enabling each of us to go out and boldly proclaim the Good News...Jesus Christ has died for all, has forgiven our sins, has destroyed death's power over us, and in all things, loves us. That's not just a message for a few, that is a message destined for the whole world, a message unlike any other, one that can be spoken and understood by all through folks like you and me.

And now just a few notes:

-RETURN TO ORDINARY TIME - With the celebration of Pentecost, we also bring to a close the Easter Season and enter back into Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time resumes on Monday, May 24 with the 8th week. Ordinary Time will continue until the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021. That may sound crazy but frankly, it will be here before we know it but we rejoice in the great gift of each day that God gives us and the great gifts that He fills our lives with each day.

-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - This past Tuesday, May 18, was the last day of the school year at St. Mary School. Many blessings to our school families. Thank you for all of your support of our school and thank you to all of our teachers and staff. What a great gift we have in St. Mary School. I wish all of our students a good summer and look forward to having you back with us next school year. In the

meantime, I will see you at Sunday Mass and maybe even a weekday Mass once in a while...how wonderful that would be!

-CONGRATULATIONS - Last weekend I recognized graduates from both parishes at one of the Masses at each parish. Congratulations to all of the graduates from our parishes.

-IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT MASS SCHEDULE - Just a reminder, I announced at all the Masses last weekend that I will be discontinuing the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Thomas effective immediately. Many parishioners have asked me about returning to just one Sunday Mass and I think the time has come. It was important to offer the additional Mass for a time but I am also happy to return to the one Sunday Mass.

-PEW MARKERS - If they have not been removed already, the remaining ropes and tape marking off the pews will be removed from both churches.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-On Monday, May 24, the Church celebrates universally the Obligatory Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. On February 11, 2018, The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a Decree implementing Pope Francis' decision that the Memorial of the "Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and observed on the Monday following Pentecost, taking precedence over conflicting obligatory Memorials. The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on His nature, cannot ignore the figure of the woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.

Also in May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that this day be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. This

day was chosen as it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

-On Tuesday, May 25, the Church offers three optional memorials, St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin.

St. Bede authored the Ecclesiastical History of the English People and wrote Scriptural expositions, commentaries, and homilies. He was known as the Father of English history. St. Bede died in 735.

St. Gregory VII championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading to the excommunication of Henry IV. He also expanded the authority of the Holy See. St. Gregory VII died in 1085.

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi was a Carmelite mystic who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness. She was instrumental in the reform of her Order. St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi died in 1607.

-On Wednesday, May 26, the Church celebrates the Obligatory Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest. St. Philip Neri founded the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory in 1575, today numbering about 550 members, to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching. He is noted for his joyful and simple spirit and his use of short, wise maxims. He is known as the "Apostle of Rome" and "Reformer of the Eternal City." St. Philip Neri died in 1595.

-On Thursday, May 27, the Church celebrates the optional memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop. A monk, St. Augustine of Canterbury, along with 40 other monks, was sent to England by Pope Gregory I. He was ordained a bishop in 597 and established the Sees of Canterbury, London, and Rochester. He died on May 26, 604.

-On Saturday, May 29, the Church celebrates the optional memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope. St. Paul VI was elected Pope in June 1963 and immediately decided to continue the work of Vatican Council II which concluded on December 8, 1965. St. Paul VI wrote 7 encyclicals including *Ecclesiam Suam* in 1964, *Populorum Progressio* in 1967, and *Humanae Vitae* in 1968. Other writings included *Evangelii Nuntiandi* in 1975 and *Moralis Cultus* in 1974. Pope St. Paul VI died on August 6, 1978, was beatified on October 19, 2014, and was canonized just recently on October 14, 2018.

-ANNIVERSARY - This Wednesday, May 26 is especially significant for me personally as it is the 3rd year anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. What a wonderful gift God has both given to me and entrusted me with. And what a great gift it is to share my Priesthood with each one of you. I share here what appeared on my Ordination Holy Card: "Bless, O Lord, my family and friends and all who have helped me to Your Altar. Please pray for me often that all I do may be done for the glory of God and the salvation of souls." As I celebrate my anniversary, I ask for your continued prayers for me and for all priests and bishops and I assure you of my daily prayers for you.

-THANK YOU & UPDATE - Many of you know already and I announced it at each of the Masses last weekend that I needed to be away from the parishes unexpectedly for several days the last couple of weeks to attend to some personal family issues. I want to thank Deacon Mike for his help with Communion Services and other things as well while I've been away and also Tammy and Pat and all of the staff who have made sure everything has been taken care of. I cannot possibly mention everyone by name who have been so very helpful and supportive. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and understanding. It may very well be possible that I will need to be away from the parishes some additional days and I

ask you to continue to keep my family, and especially my mother, in your prayers.

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

-Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for Pentecost Sunday - 23 May 2021

Two Acclamations. Because locked doors cannot keep him away, Jesus comes. He gives his standard Easter greeting: Peace be with you. Then he says: Go, I send you. To us, too, this very day. We cannot stay behind in locked rooms.

- What am I being sent to do?
- To whom am I being sent?
- What peace of Christ will I express in what I say and do?

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.

The Amazing Science of Recent Eucharistic Miracles

The last few decades have seen a surge in Eucharistic miracles which cannot be explained by science. Check the below link: <https://media.ascensionpress.com> for the article *The Amazing Science of Recent Eucharistic Miracles: A Message from Heaven?*

ST. MARY SCHOOL 8TH GRADE GRADUATES



Congratulations to Olivia Mae Dunn and Isabella Faith Wilson on their 8th grade graduation from St. Mary School. We wish you much success in high school and beyond!

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