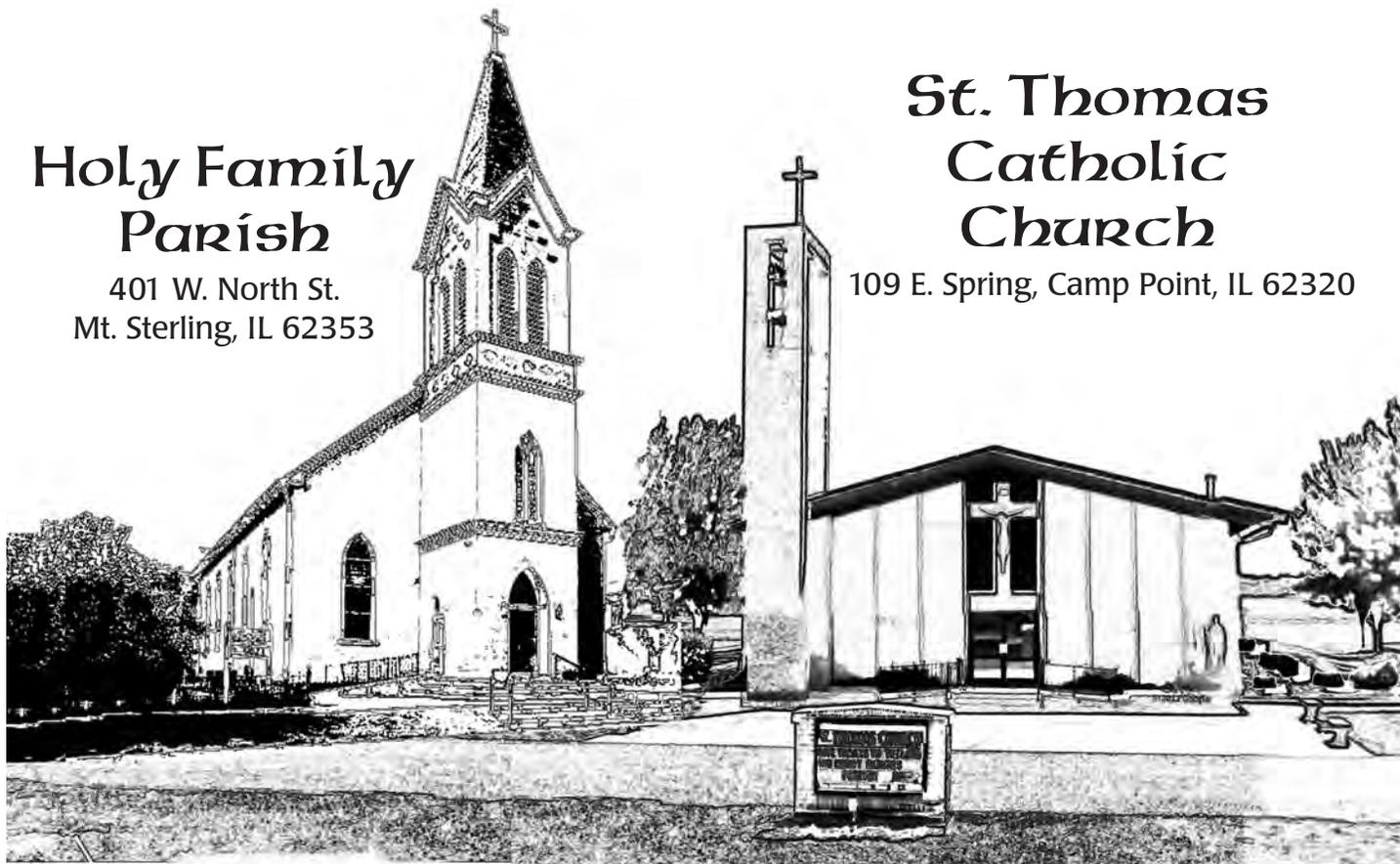


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

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Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

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

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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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, June 21 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 22 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and
Thomas More, Martyrs
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Communion Service

Wednesday, June 23 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

Bob Koch
(By Tom and Marcy Koch)

Thursday, June 24 – 7:00 a.m.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26;
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Norbert, Mary Jo and Linda Busen
(By Tony Busen)

Friday, June 25 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4

Russell Volk
(By Larry and Jennifer Volk)

Saturday, June 26 – 5:30 p.m.

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17

Dorothy Tracy
(By Susie Woodward)

Sunday, June 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15;
Mark 5:21-43

Parishioners of Holy Family

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 12-13, 2021

Holy Family: \$3,282.00

Sister Parish: \$152.00

School Support: \$60.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 13, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,486.30

Sister Parish: \$130.00

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. Our phone number is
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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 and 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 and Baby † Sheila Thompson
† J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson † John Norkus
† Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing

† Cal Noelke † Joe Ray † Maryann Yeakel
† Kimberly McKinny † Marilyn Kerr † Bryce Shank
† Elaine Parkin and family † Liz Bohannon and Baby
Jack † Dawn Stoecker † Rick Parker † Barb Kuhn
† Andy Ray † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed

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 - 4th of July at the Park

St. Thomas is serving homemade ice cream and pie at the 4th of July celebration at Bailey Park. We can use your help. We need folks to serve at the park (short 2-hour shifts), setting up, and tearing down. And of course, making pies or brownies. We will have a sign-up table after Sunday Mass.

If you can help defray the cost of ingredients by making a donation, that would be greatly appreciated. You can leave your donation at the sign-up table or put it in the collection basket marked "ice cream donation." Thank you for your support.

Men and Women's Society Needs You!

Please consider coming to our next meeting on June 24 at 7 p.m. at the hall. We will discuss the upcoming 4th of July ice cream and dessert at Bailey Park, and also the Ice Cream Social on August 18. Did you know that as members of St. Thomas, you are already a member! We need all the help we can get, so just bring your willingness to serve. Remember, we are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth; as He came to serve, so should we. The meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., unless scheduled otherwise, like our meeting on June 24.

CareNet's Baby Bottle Blitz will be ending June 20, Father's Day. Please return your baby bottles and money to the back of church on that day. Thank You.

Pastoral Council Meeting June 10, 2021

Fr. Aaron, Pat Sharow, Claudia Coggeshall, Brent Obert

Pastoral Council - Claudia attended the meeting for Quincy Deanery for Catholic Women on May 19 at St. Mary's in Pittsfield. Programs and ideas obtained from the day were discussed.

We discussed the need to review the Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Springfield.

Father announced that Bishop Paprocki would be ending the dispensation from Mass starting June 13. An article on this is in the June 13 issue of the Catholic Times.

We will gradually be restarting certain ministries for the Mass.

New Ministries sign-up sheets were reviewed and will be typed up. If you did not get your name crossed off for a ministry you are no longer able to do, or wanted to sign up for a ministry, please let Pat know.

A mission Appeal Weekend will be June 26 and 27.

Parish Tithe will replace ACSA.

July 3 is the Solemnity of St. Thomas. Father is planning on a morning Mass that Saturday at St. Thomas.

First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral next year.

Buildings and grounds - We are going to get a new garbage disposal for the kitchen. Keeping outside back of hall clean was discussed.

Next meeting July 8, 2021.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 27, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters

Lector: Kim Gronewold

Ushers: Brent Obert, Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and we are reminded that Jesus calms the storm and quiets the fears in the hearts of His followers.

“Quiet! Be still!” With these words in today’s Gospel, Jesus calmed the storm that was threatening the Apostles as their boats were being tossed about and filled with water. It must have been quite a fierce storm since it frightened these men, many of whom made their living on the sea. They were afraid enough to wake Jesus, who was asleep in the boat. They needed Him to be present to them in their panic and fear.

Jesus can certainly calm the worst storms in our lives as well. What are those storms? Do we struggle in our relationships? Perhaps our storms are connected to physical or financial difficulties. Maybe we wrestle with our faith or are challenged by anxiety or depression. How wonderful it is that Jesus can calm all those storms, whatever the storm may be. He is there for us with His peace if we just turn our fears over to Him. Just as He quieted the winds and silenced the waves, He can certainly bring comfort to us.

As the disciples witnessed this miracle on the sea, they were struck with awe and wonder. Who then is this, they ask, whom even wind and sea obey? Indeed, they were still learning who Jesus was and the might of His power. Even though they followed Him daily, listening to His words and witnessing His miracles, they were still uncertain. Jesus rebukes them a bit when He asks them, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”

The truth is that in our journey to the Father, we are still learning who Jesus is as well. It is often a big leap to go from the Jesus we read about or hear in the Gospels to the Jesus who lives fully in our hearts.

There is certainly a difference between knowing Jesus intellectually and fully becoming one with Him.

As in any relationship that we want to nurture and deepen, our love and closeness will grow as we get to know each other better. This requires spending time together – listening and watching and learning. In order to grow our faith, we need to deepen our relationship with Jesus, spending time with Him daily and including Him in our thoughts and decisions through prayer. We can read the Gospels and spend time with others who also believe in Him so we can learn from their experience. This is a lived faith.

For Christ to be in our hearts, we must invite Him in and then nourish that relationship daily. A relationship that is not nourished can never survive. We can survive the storms in our life with Christ’s help. In loving Jesus, the storms with which we live will be calmed, and our faith will grow stronger.

And now just a few notes:

– FATHER’S DAY – Happy Father’s Day to all of our father’s. Though it is a secular celebration, it is good to recognize and honor all of our fathers and the importance of fatherhood in our world, in our culture, and certainly in our families. Families have at their foundation the union of a man and a woman. Fathers are essential to family life and to the Church. Fathers play a vital role in the sanctification of the world. As the attacks against the family, from the devil himself, remain and grow ever stronger and more violent, let us pray for all of our fathers that they may protect and guide and sanctify. St. Joseph is a beautiful example of fatherhood. In his great humility, we ask his intercession for all father’s. St. Joseph, Pray for us!

– BABY BOTTLES – As I mentioned at Masses last weekend, this is the weekend to return the baby bottles that were passed out on Mother’s Day. Contributions for this go to pregnancy centers in Quincy and in Rushville. Thank you for your support. It is very important.

- LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 21 - Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. St. Aloysius was a Jesuit scholastic who renounced inheritance to enter the Jesuits. His Spiritual Director was St. Robert Bellarmine. St. Aloysius was devoted to the Holy Eucharist, interior prayer, and charitable service. He died in 1591 at the age of twenty-three, caring for the sick. He is the patron of youth and of students in Jesuit colleges and universities. St. Aloysius, Pray for us!

Tuesday, June 22 - Optional memorials of St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop and Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs. St. Paulinus was a dedicated Bishop who is known to have given his possessions to the poor. He died in 431. St. Paulinus, Pray for us!

St. John Fisher was the Chancellor of Cambridge University, the Bishop of Rochester, and a dedicated Pastor of souls. He is renowned for his preaching and educational reforms. He was a great defender of Church tradition against Martin Luther and of the Roman primacy against Henry VII. He was beheaded on June 22, 1535.

St. Thomas More was the Chancellor of England, refusing to support Henry VIII's divorce of Queen Catherine and his Act of Supremacy. He was beheaded on July 6, 1535, and is the patron of lawyers, statesmen, and politicians. Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, Pray for us!

Thursday, June 24 - Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - This Solemnity, dating from the 4th Century AD in both East and West came to be celebrated in accord with Luke 1:36, six months before the Lord's birth. Quoting John 3:30, St. Augustine found this date (near the summer solstice) appropriate since, after the birth of John, daylight begins to grow shorter, whereas after Jesus' birth, it begins to increase. St. John the Baptist, Pray for us!

- ANNIVERSARY - Tuesday, June 22 is the eleventh anniversary of the Installation of our Bishop, Thomas John Paprocki. We are blessed to have Bishop Paprocki as our Bishop. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki and all Bishops and priests in your prayers.

- MISSION APPEAL - Next weekend, we will have a visiting priest celebrating all the Masses. Fr. Paul is a Vincentian priest and will be speaking about the work of his Religious Community at each Mass and asking for both your prayerful and financial support. I will try to have some special envelopes for this, and I ask you to be as generous as you can to support the work of Fr. Paul's Religious Order. Please keep Fr. Paul, his Religious Community, and the work they do in your prayers. Thank you for your support. Also, Fr. Paul is planning to hear Confessions at Holy Family on Saturday, June 26 during our regular confession times, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

- DISPENSATION LIFTED - Effective June 13, Bishop Paprocki has lifted completely the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations. No general dispensation for anyone remains in place for this. If significant concern or fear remains for someone, they need to speak with their pastor who may give a dispensation for serious cause on an individual basis. Those who are seriously ill or for a very serious reason are unable to attend Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation are excused. This should never be taken lightly or broadly interpreted for convenience. For example, a ball game, a tractor pull, a family gathering are not serious reasons for not attending Mass. These are all good things, yes, but must always be enjoyed with God as the foundation. The celebration of the Sunday Liturgy every week and Holy Days of Obligation are necessary. What a great joy and blessing it is to be able to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy!

- UPDATE - I have had an inquiry about the progress of the Capital

Campaign at Holy Family and the church repairs. To date, there has been about \$400,000 collected for the Campaign. These monies are set aside in savings. I am hoping to be in conversation with the contractors this summer to begin roof work, masonry work, and work on the bell tower in the fall. While there are a number of other projects that need to be addressed, these three projects are priority. The cost of these three projects will be at least \$500,000. The three projects really must be done in conjunction with one another, at or about the same time. Using some of the monies from the land sale along with the funds that have been collected in the Capital Campaign, we should be able to successfully begin and complete these three projects.

Thank you once again to all of you for your contributions toward these major projects. Completing these and other projects will help to both restore and ensure the integrity of the church and are very necessary. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to this. I would ask you to prayerfully consider continuing your support of this Capital Campaign as we work to accomplish all of the necessary projects.

- ACSA UPDATE - The Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) is being completely renewed throughout the Diocese. There will no longer be an ACSA Campaign where letters are sent from the Bishop to the parishioners in early fall seeking contributions toward a parish's assessment amount. Instead, beginning July 1 of this year there will be what is called a Parish Tithe to the Diocese. This will be 10% of parish support/contributions. Each month, each parish will send in 10% of its parish support contributions to the Diocese. This will be payable on the 30th of each month with the first month, as we begin this, due August 30 for the month of July.

There are a few things I'd like to mention about this, and I will try to provide updates as it all unfolds. First, if you have been considering any single,

larger contribution to either of the parishes, I'd ask you to consider making those before June 30. That will be the close of the month and contributions received by June 30 of this year will not be subject to the 10%.

Any monies received for the school, whether it be tuition or contributions or fundraisers, is exempt from the 10%. Designated gifts are also exempt from the 10%. If you ever want to make a larger single contribution and make it as a designated gift, please contact me and I'll be happy to talk with you about that. Contributions collected for an approved Capital Campaign (like the Campaign currently at Holy Family for the church repairs) are also exempt from the 10%. Grants are almost always designated and thus are also exempt.

Since the appeal letter from the Bishop will not be coming out in the fall, I'd ask you to consider what contribution you would have made to the appeal and make that contribution to the parish. Many of us have been very consistent with what we have sent into the Diocese for ACSA. Since you will no longer be supporting ACSA in the same way, please consider making that contribution to the parish. If you have any questions, please do not ever hesitate to contact me.

Yes, this is all new, but I think it will work out fine. Your weekly support of the parishes and school are very important, and I cannot begin to thank you enough. The support of the Diocese is also important. Thank you for sharing the gifts that God has given you.

- PIE and ICE CREAM - St. Thomas will once again be serving homemade ice cream and pie at the Fourth of July Celebration in Bailey Park in Camp Point. We need folks to help and to bring pies. There will be a sign-up after the Sunday Mass the next couple of weeks to sign-up. I ask you to do what you can to help support this. There is also a need for ice

cream containers. If you have some, please drop them off at the hall or church.

- DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS -
I want to encourage you to join folks around the Diocese at 4:40 each day in praying one Hail Mary for our Diocese to have 40 seminarians. This was begun some time ago and I hope that you will join us in this.

- TUESDAYS - As I mentioned at Masses last weekend, I will need to be away from the parishes for the next several Tuesdays at least. We, of course, already have a Communion Service at 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family on Monday. On Tuesdays for the next few weeks anyway, Deacon Mike will also be offering a Communion Service when he is available. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please continue to also pray for families and family life, for the protection of all human life in all stages, and for the sanctification of the world. Please know of my prayers for each of you each and every day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

Bulletin Short for
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 June 2021

The Raging Storm. Like the disciples today, we can feel as if we are in a small boat, on a deep lake, far from shore, in a raging storm. It seems like Jesus is sleeping through it all. But we know and believe, deep in our hearts, He is not. He is with us. He is in control - in His time and way.

- What is raging around me that is seeming to threaten me?
- How will I turn to Jesus, even in a chiding way like the apostles, for help?

- How can I, whom can I, help as I have been helped?

Bosco Kids Updates

We are starting to plan for next year's activities for Bosco Kids and other religious education programs for the parish.

Bosco Kids will start with registration and orientation on Wednesday 9/1 at 6:15. We need a couple more teachers in this program.

We are planning to start a Youth Group Program for our high school students. We are very excited to start this and are looking for adults and teens to help us get this organized. We will plan a meeting in June to start the planning.

RCIA will start in September for anyone interested in getting more information about joining the Catholic Church next year.

Please contact Ann O'Sullivan, PSR Coordinator, at 217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com if you have questions about or are interested in helping out or joining any of these programs.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you forgot to return your baby bottle on Father's Day, please bring it next week. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rushville.

Hope

So, I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in Him.

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