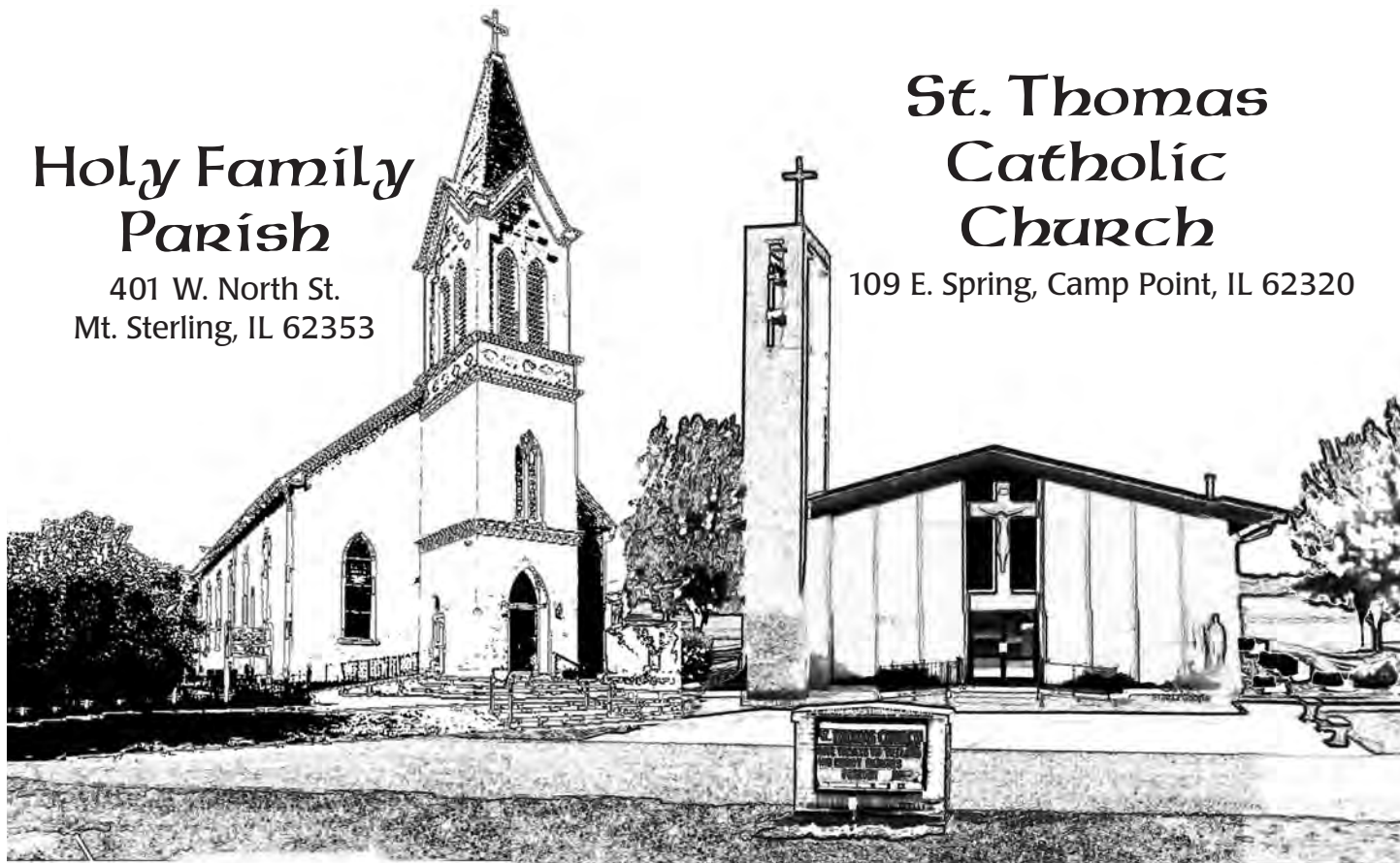


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

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.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 5 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26

Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 6 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr  
Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-28

Communion Service

### Wednesday, July 7 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7

Susie Wolfmeyer  
(By Tammy)

### Thursday, July 8 – 7:00 a.m.

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15

Patricia Parker  
(By Raymond Metzger)

### Friday, July 9 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs  
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23

Grace Vose  
(By Deacon Paul and Charlotte Koch)

### Saturday, July 10 – 5:30 p.m.

Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33

James P. O'Sullivan  
(By Bill and Ann O'Sullivan)

### Sunday, July 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Marian Elbus  
(By Mark and Rose Elbus)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas  
and Holy Family

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 26-27, 2021

Holy Family: \$3,305.00  
Sister Parish: \$20.00  
School Support: \$230.00  
Peter's Pence: \$323.00  
Catholic Charities: \$30.00  
Mission Appeal: \$979.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 27, 2021

St. Thomas: \$2,417.28  
Sister Parish: \$5.00  
Peter's Pence: \$280.00  
Mission Appeal: \$481.00

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Knights of Columbus meeting will be held  
at the KC Hall on Tuesday July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

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

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*July 11, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.*

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Jonah Coggeshall
<b>Lector:</b>	Laura Evans
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Butch and Dorothy Obert
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jacob Schmidt and Maurice Schmidt

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our country celebrates Independence Day but, as I mentioned in last week's bulletin, and as I hope we are all aware, this is a secular celebration (not unimportant by no means, but secular). Liturgically, we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. You may wonder why I seem to make such a fuss over the distinction, and you may argue that the fullness of our lives intersect. I would agree with that, but Christ must always be at the center of that life. Additionally, it is so very sad that some folks today seem to place more emphasis on the secular than on the Liturgical or the Divine. Somehow the Divine and the Lord's own call to us for holiness gets relegated to the far end of the list of priorities, tossed about as just another commodity for us to consume if we so desire. And that is a very sad state of affairs. We are only able to celebrate Independence Day because of Christ Himself whom we should always celebrate first!

Two of my classmates from seminary and I have become very close friends. For the sake of my telling about us here, I'll call them Bob and John. Our friendship was widely known throughout the seminary as the three of us could often be found doing things together. Where one of us was, you could most often find the other two...never instigating anything, of course. And it isn't so much the closeness of our friendship that is unique, but more

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*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Rick Parker who passed away on June 22, 2021. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his 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.

**CareNet's Baby Bottle Blitz** - If you haven't returned your baby bottle for Care Net's Baby Bottle Blitz you may still do so by bringing it on Sunday and leaving it in the back of Church.

so the fact that the three of us could hardly be more different. We are from very different cultures, different countries, different socio-economic levels, and even different age groups. One is what we call a “city-slicker,” in every sense of the word for sure; another a “country bumpkin;” and the third, well, kind of an in-between, I guess.

Somehow, we became friends early on. But one evening Bob and I were talking, and he seemed a little off. I asked him what the problem was, and he said quite frankly “I don’t really think I get along all that well with John. We seem to disagree a lot and then I get frustrated.” Well, I was a little surprised to hear this to say the least. And truthfully, I wasn’t sure what to say. In some sense, I defended “John” saying that I thought he was a good friend, and it was just part of his personality. Nevertheless, there was a noticeable strain on our friendship for a while.

Long story short, I began to understand more what Bob was talking about. It did seem that John was a bit of a protagonist. He seemed to want to argue just for the sake of arguing. I wasn’t really bothered by it, and sometimes I even enjoyed it. I came to realize quickly that John was just “messing” with us...and he thought it was funny, especially when he thought he’d gotten the best of us. I explained to Bob one day that this tension he felt with John was just John messing with him...and that he (Bob) always let John win by LETTING John get the best of him. And so, when John started in on Bob and Bob started to be frustrated, I would quietly say, “Hey, he’s messing with you, and he’s winning.” Well, it wasn’t about winning or losing. But eventually Bob did come to realize this about John, and fortunately the friendship grew ever stronger.

So, by now you may be thinking to yourself, “Gosh, I guess it’s story time with Fr. Aaron.” Well, not exactly. I tell you all this to help illustrate some points for us to take away from today’s readings.

First off, for some strange reason, it seems that often times those whom we are close to are both our most trusted allies AND our most despised associates when they say something that is difficult for us to hear. Isn’t that interesting? We often times expect others to agree with us and think exactly like us, and when they don’t, we get upset. And I’d venture to say that this has more to do with self-centeredness than anything else.

Certainly, there are Truths that we must uphold, that are non-negotiable. And we need to speak those Truths. Still, often times our self-centered pride prevents us from even having a good conversation and prevents us from hearing the other person. We are more concerned with proving ourselves right and “winning” than we are with speaking the Truth and spreading the Gospel message. When we work to rid ourselves of this self-centeredness, we grow in authentic Christian love, and we truly share in building God’s Kingdom.

And we know from our readings today (and frankly, our very lives themselves) that our work in proclaiming Christ is not always easy. In fact, it’s difficult. And sometimes we’ll encounter folks whose hearts are not opened to receiving God’s Word. We won’t always be accepted by those to whom God sends us. But this is not a time for frustration and despair, but rather an opportunity to love and to grow in patience. For so long as we are truly doing what the Lord calls us to do, we need not obsess over such encounters. We need only be confident in God’s loving mercy. Those whose hearts are not yet ready to receive the Word of God and reject us still hear and see what we say and do. And our authentic Christian example to them may be the seed of repentance and conversion in their life, so that they too may come to know and grow in authentic Christian love.

Finally, St. Paul reminds us in our second reading that God’s grace is sufficient. We may be tempted to get caught up in OUR abilities and what WE

do. But all we have is a gift from God, and all we do to build up God's Kingdom is God working through us. We need not obsess over our own weakness or always trying to be the "best." God's grace is sufficient, and He will equip us with all we need. He will work through our weakness so that His power is glorified. And so we find great peace and motivation in what St. Paul tells us: "I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

And so, as we continue to live out our Christian lives and seek that growth in holiness each day, let us ask the Lord to rid us of any self-centered notions so that we may authentically proclaim Christ's message to the world, grow in authentic Christian love, and draw ourselves and others closer to Christ.

And now just a few notes:

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY** - Today our country celebrates Independence Day. While it is a secular celebration, of course, it is a good opportunity for us to reflect both on the freedom that we enjoy and the many threats against that freedom. As I've said before, there is a great misunderstanding over what real freedom is. Today as our country celebrates Independence Day, we pray for our country and for those who have worked for and protected our freedom. We pray also for religious freedom and religious liberty which, like real freedom itself, is under attack each and every day.

**THANK YOU** - Thank you to all those who have helped with the pie and ice cream at St. Thomas in any way. It is great to see the people of the parish working together.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - Speaking of ice cream, it may seem like a ways away, but the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social is slated for Wednesday, August 18. Mark your calendar and start spreading the word.

**MISSION APPEAL** - It was good to have Fr. Paul from the Vincentian Missionaries with us last weekend at all the Masses. Fr. Paul was a delightful guest. Thank you for supporting the Vincentian Missionaries with your prayers. If you were able to make a financial contribution, thank you for that as well. If you would still like to make a financial contribution, you certainly still can. I kindly ask you to use the envelopes in each church that are marked "Mission Appeal," place your contribution in those envelopes, and place your envelope in the regular collection. Each parish will take care of forwarding what is collected to the Vincentians. Please have all contributions turned in as soon as possible and no later than the end of July.

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

- Monday, July 5, we celebrate the memorial of St. Anthony Zaccaria and, in the United States, the memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

St. Anthony Zaccaria was a doctor turned priest. He was a popular preacher and founded the Clerics Regular of St. Paul for the reform of society. He died in 1539 at the age of thirty-six. St. Anthony Zaccaria, Pray for us!

St. Elizabeth of Portugal was named after her great aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary whose Memorial is celebrated on November 17. St. Elizabeth of Portugal was a queen and a mother, a lover of the poor, and a peacemaker in the royal family. She is the patroness of Catholic charities. St. Elizabeth of Portugal died in 1336. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, July 6, we celebrate the memorial of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr. St. Maria Goretti died in 1902 at the age of twelve. She was stabbed to death, preferring to die than to be raped. She was canonized in 1950 with her mother present and before the largest crowd ever assembled at the time in Rome for canonization. She is the patroness of teenage girls. St. Maria Goretti, Pray for us!



- Friday, July 9, we celebrate the memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs. The 120 martyrs honored today died between 1648 and 1930. Most were born in China and ranged in age from nine to seventy-two. This group included four Chinese priests. The thirty-three foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner, Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresses to his martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Do not forget, sign up for Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas is happening now.

- DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - Again, I want to encourage you to join folks around the Diocese at 4:40 p.m. 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. Our need for good and holy vocations remains. Thank you for supporting all vocations in the Church, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. You remain in my prayers each day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 4, 2021**

**Hometown and Country.** In the gospel today, Jesus astonishes the hometown folks who then poke fun at him. But Jesus still did what he could by preaching and healing a few. Even when things seem not

to go right, we still embrace our town folk and our country.

- What astonishes me about my own town and country members?
- How can I still converse with them even if we disagree on some issues?
- In what good and right ways will I behave toward them because it is good and right?

**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 9/8 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](mailto: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. **Please return the baby bottle even if you are not making a contribution.**



## What is the 10 for 10 Hornet Challenge?

The Brown County Public Schools and St. Mary School are working together to raise money for the **NEW Brown County Public Library!** SMS students love the library! Students take field trips to the library, they use the inter-library loan system for additional classroom novels, and teachers utilize a variety of library books for our students. Our goal is for 25 individual students or families to read 10 books in July and find 10 people to sponsor at \$1.00 per book. Each sponsor would donate \$10 dollars and with 10 sponsors, each student/family would donate \$100 towards our new library! **WHAT AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY TO FOSTER A LOVE OF READING AND DONATE TO AN AMAZING CAUSE!!!**

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