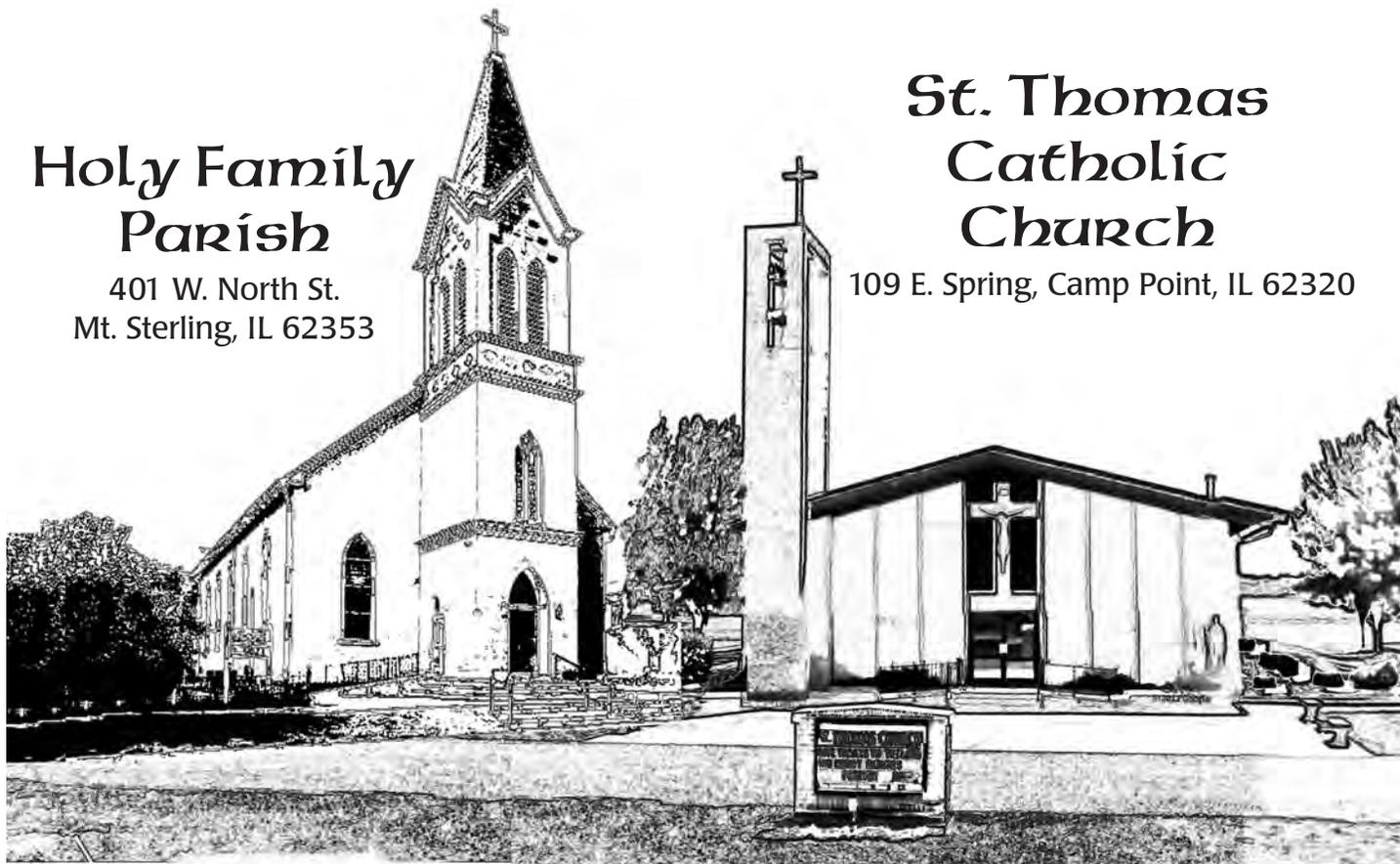


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## Mass Schedule

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 12 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 13 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Henry

Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24

Communion Service

### Wednesday, July 14 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:23-27

Communion Service

### Thursday, July 15 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

Roberta Young

(By John and Lana Nuessen, Barb Lehne  
and Cheryl Dillard)

### Friday, July 16 – 7:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

Grace Vose

(By Deacon Paul and Charlotte Koch)

### Saturday, July 17 – 5:30 p.m.

Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21

Bill O'Sullivan

(By Scotty and Carol Blentlinger)

### Sunday, July 18 – 8:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Faye Greenwell

(By Jim and Nora Clausius)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 3-4, 2021

**Holy Family: \$3,703.00**

**Sister Parish: \$15.00**

**School Support: \$654.00**

**Peter's Pence: \$30.00**

**Catholic Charities: \$260.00**

**Mission Appeal: \$195.00**

**Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500**

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 4, 2021

**St. Thomas: \$2,073.00**

**Sister Parish: \$20.00**

**Parish Improvement: \$215.00**

**Catholic Charities: \$100.00**

**Mission Appeal: \$175.00**

**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 – 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  
† 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 Bohannan and Baby Jack  
 † Dawn Stoecker † Barb Kuhn † Andy Ray  
 † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed  
 † Becky Hill † Sheila Roberts † Father Tom Hensler

## 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.

**A Sparkling Thank You!** It was a beautiful day this 4th of July and a great day to celebrate all the blessings of our country, especially with a bowl of homemade ice cream and a piece of pie! Our St. Thomas ice cream stand at Bailey Park was a success. Thank you so much to all the parishioners who helped. Thanks to the organizers, the ice cream makers, the kitchen crew, and the pie cutters, the runners, the “dippers,” and all the behind-the-scenes folks. We can't name you all individually, but each of you is greatly appreciated. The money taken in will be a help to the parish. And what a fun way of sharing our St. Thomas presence with the community. God bless you all.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

*July 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Sacristan:** Gary Mast  
**Lector:** Karen Janssen  
**Gift Bearers:** Jacob and Alicia Schmidt Family  
**Ushers:** Jacob Schmidt and Maurice Schmidt

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first line in the Gospel for today, and really, the first few words, are significant concerning our missionary and evangelization efforts. We read that “Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out...” You see, it is the initiative of Jesus Himself, the summoning of the Twelve, that begins the missionary effort.

And so too it continues to be with us. Jesus calls us and invites us to cooperate with Him, but it is the Spirit that evangelizes because God works through us not because of us. Thus, it's not what I DO or what I'VE accomplished but rather what God does and accomplishes through us. An individualistic concept of the Christian life is dangerous, often leading to self-centeredness and preventing us from carrying out God's work. And no one is excluded from the Love of God. It has to reach every corner of the earth and we are the ones summoned by God to make sure this happens.

Now, it's true that being open to what the Lord is calling us to do, accepting what He asks of us, and carrying that out can certainly be difficult at times. Our first reading today is a perfect example. In it, we hear that the prophet Amos was being chastised and run out of Bethel where the Lord had sent him. Furthermore, we find Amos saying that he was no prophet but simply a shepherd and dresser of sycamores. Yet he was called by God and, more importantly, responded to that call positively to do something more.

We too can sometimes find ourselves in a similar situation. We may be sent to deliver God's message to folks whose hearts are not open to receiving it yet and become frustrated. Or, when God calls us to do a particular task, we may be tempted to say something like, "Oh, I can't do anything like that, I'm just a..." ...whatever... You fill in the blank. Or maybe "I wish I could but there's just no way that I can go out to do any more." And while we all may have limitations of some kind placed upon us, Jesus is still calling you, guiding you, and equipping you with all you need. St. Paul in our second reading says, "In Him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of His will, so that we might exist for the praise of His glory, we who first hoped in Christ."

Where each of us is called, and where each of us go, and what each of us do to spread God's Kingdom is different from one another. But He who calls and sends each one of us and the message we are sent to proclaim always, always remains the same. And the One who calls and the message we proclaim is Christ; Christ who suffered, died, and rose from the dead so that we might enjoy Eternal Life with the Father.

Now certainly all of this requires a good deal of patience and humility and charity, both with others and with ourselves. But any journey that involves spreading God's Kingdom and drawing others and ourselves closer to Christ is always worth it. And Jesus' travel instructions to His Apostles that we hear in the Gospel are valuable to us as well in carrying out the Lord's work. Jesus tells the Apostles to take nothing with them for the journey except a walking stick, no food, no sack, no money. These travel "limits," if you will, were meant to free the Apostles and keep them focused on others and not themselves. Indeed, it required trust in the Lord to travel in this spirit of dependence.

And so too the Lord calls and instructs us. The possessions we have are not bad things. In fact, all we've been given by God is to be used for His Glory and to spread His

Kingdom here on earth. But what we do need to be on guard against today is our possessions taking control of us, becoming idols to us that we chase after and begin to replace God with. And believe me, it can happen very easily, without even realizing it sometimes. Little by little we move God from the center of our lives and begin to replace Him with other "things" ...money, power, possessions, hobbies, whatever it might be. And so, we remain on constant guard against that by honestly examining our lives and motives so that we can remain free to authentically carry Christ's message to others.

As Christians, Jesus is calling each of us in whatever environment we find ourselves to evangelize - to invite people to know Him, love Him, serve Him, and follow Him. And we do this not just through words and ideas and doctrines, but also through the sharing of our own experience of Christ in our life. We do this so that we might all spend Eternal Life with the Father in heaven.

And so, let us ask the Lord to open our hearts to what He is calling us to so that others may be drawn closer to Him as we share our experience of Christ in our lives and invite others to know, love, serve, and follow Him in the hope of Eternal Life.

And now just a few notes:

- SCAM - Sadly, there seems to always be some sort of scam that we need to be aware of. One such scam that has been around for some time and continues to pop up are messages to parishioners that appear to be from the pastor - usually an e-mail message and sometimes a text message. The message usually says that Father needs some help or is in some kind of difficulty. The message often asks the receiver to respond back directly to the message and to act discreetly. Some messages even go so far as to say not to call. If you respond back to the message, you normally receive another message then asking for gift cards or money.

Please be very aware of such messages. First off, know that I will not make such solicitations in such a way. Also, the

messages can seem very convincing as they appear to be from me. You can look to see the e-mail address from which the message is sent. I almost exclusively use my dio.org or sms.org e-mail accounts to send e-mail messages. The scam messages will come from a different account although it may bear my name. For those of you who have received authentic e-mails from me, you know that I have a pretty standard format of my messages, especially with my greeting/salutation and my closing. If a message ever sounds even slightly suspicious, please do not hesitate to call me directly at the office number, 217-773-3233, or on my cell phone, 217-242-9669. As always, I kindly ask that my cell phone number only be used for emergencies and urgent matters. Also, by now I think most of you know that I do not communicate by text, so if you receive such a message via text, it is certainly a red flag.

Again, it is very sad that we have to be so aware of such scams. Additionally, such scams have deteriorated our trust and our relationships with others. Folks prey on the faithful for the very reason that they are faithful and know that the faithful parishioners not only want to but will eagerly help the parish and the pastor. So, I simply ask you to remain vigilant and to pray for those who initiate such scams that God may have mercy on their eternal soul. I also want to thank the parishioner who did call me directly to check on such an e-mail that she received. It helps me to remain aware as well, and to also offer these reminders to you from time to time.

Again, should you have any questions about anything at all that you receive that appears to be from me or the parishes or the school, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

- THANK YOU - Many thanks for all of the birthday and anniversary greetings from many of you. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

- PIE AND ICE CREAM - Thanks also to all who helped in any way with the pie and ice cream at St. Thomas for the Independence Day

Celebration at Bailey Park. Again, it is so good to see the parishioners working together.

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday, July 13 - The Church celebrates the memorial of St. Henry. In all he did, St. Henry's purpose was always to accomplish peace in Europe. While it may seem he was too quick to do battle and too ready to use power to accomplish reform, St. Henry shows that holiness is possible in a busy secular life and that it is in doing our job that we become saints. St. Henry died in 1024 at the age of 52. He was canonized in 1146. St. Henry, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, July 14 - The Church in the United States celebrates the Obligatory Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born to a Christian Algonquin who had been taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan. Her parents died when she was four and she was raised by her uncle. Though moved by the words of the Jesuit missionaries, fear kept her from seeking Christian instruction. At the age of 19, however, she courageously took the step to converting and was baptized on Easter Sunday. Though she was always in danger because her conversion and holy life created opposition, her life in grace grew rapidly. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life and practiced severe fasting as penance for her and the conversion of her nation. St. Kateri Tekakwitha died in 1680 at the age of 24. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized very recently in 2012. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 15 - The Church celebrates the Obligatory Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Christ was the center of everything for St. Bonaventure - his teaching, his administration, his writing, his life. He was born in 1221 and became a Franciscan at the age of 22. A man of prayer and a good administrator, St. Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. The noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings makes him appealing. St. Bonaventure died suddenly in 1274 at the age of 53.

Some theorize that he was poisoned. It is said that to know him is to love him, and to read him is still for us today to meet a true Franciscan and a gentleman. St. Bonaventure, Pray for us!

- Friday, July 16 - The Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This celebration grew from the Hermits who lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. The hermits had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady and by the 13th century they became known as Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the Universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

There is a tradition that Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The brown scapular reminds us of the Gospel call to prayer and penance; a call that Mary models in a splendid way. You will hear more from me about the Brown Scapular as I look into investing each of our First Communicants in each parish each year with the Brown Scapular.

WEEKDAY MASSES - I am needing to make several adjustments this week for the weekday Masses. Several of the weekday Masses will be replaced with a Communion Service. Please note these in the listing of Mass Intentions at the beginning of the bulletin. I will likely have to continue to make some adjustments for a while and will try to keep it up to date in the bulletin. However, since our bulletin has to be in for printing early in the week, some last-minute changes that I have to make may only be announced the day or two before. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please know of my continued

prayers for you each and every day. May you have a most Blessed Week.

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 11, 2021**

**Travel Light.** To do ministry (that includes every one of us who is baptized), the Gospel - Jesus, really - tells us to travel light. No cane, food, suitcase, money. Just go and do.

- What encumbers me from doing what I am called to do, from doing good work?
- What food and drink can I give away (mercy work) to help others do good work?
- What money can I donate to worthy, needed causes?

**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.



## 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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