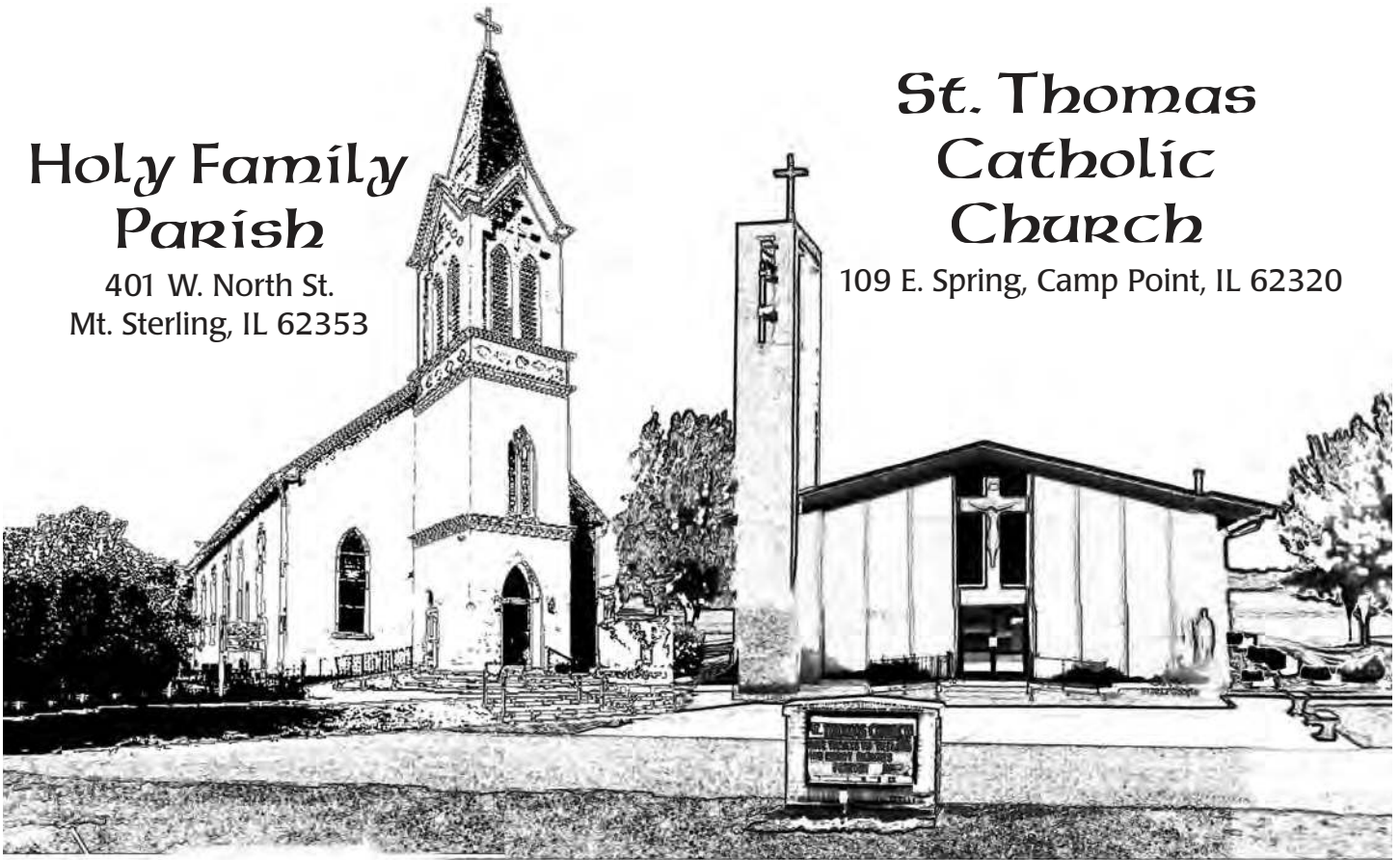


# Holy Family Parish

401 W. North St.  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

# St. Thomas Catholic Church

109 E. Spring, Camp Point, IL 62320



Rectory: (217) 773-3233  
E-mail: [holy.family@smseagle.org](mailto:holy.family@smseagle.org)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor – (217) 242-9669  
Deacon Michael P. Ellerman  
Ashley Guthrie, Bookkeeper  
Tammy McKeown, Parish & School Secretary  
Cheryl Dillard, Liturgical Music Coordinator  
Ann O’Sullivan, PSR  
D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

School: St. Mary (217) 773-2825  
Website: [www.smseagle.org](http://www.smseagle.org)  
Principal: Melissa Obert

## 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.

Eucharistic Adoration  
First weekend of month

Phone (217) 593-6685, (217) 773-3233  
E-mail: [stthomascp@gmail.com](mailto:stthomascp@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: Pat Sharow – (217) 209-4765

Arts & Environment: Amanda Genenbacher – (217) 257-3184  
Liturgical Music Coordinator: Anita Witt – (217) 440-9060  
Renting of Hall: Cathy Holtschlag – 217-430-7493  
Community for Christ Assistance Center Board Member:  
Dorothy Obert – (217) 593-6520  
Ministry Schedule: Bobbi Mock – (217) 430-2859  
CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283  
D.R.E: Laura Evans – (217) 316-1734

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](http://www.stthomascp.org)  
<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 26 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Mary Kleinlein  
(By Mary Kassing)

### Tuesday, July 27 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43

Ray Colgan  
(By John and Linda Colgan)

### Wednesday, July 28 – 7:00 a.m.

Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Lucille Wagner  
(By Tom and Nancy Schneider)

### Thursday, July 29 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Martha  
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; John 11:19-27

Kathleen Salrin Root  
(By Barb Lehne)

### Friday, July 30 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58

Deceased Members of the  
Frank Veith Family  
(By Marilyn Veith)

### Saturday, July 31 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Mary Kleinlein  
(By Marilyn Clark and Mary Gregory)

### Sunday, August 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Parishioners of Holy Family and  
and St. Thomas

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Janet Harper  
(By Jim and Fritzie Harper)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 17-18, 2021

**Holy Family: \$4,089.00**  
**Sister Parish: \$120.00**  
**School Support: \$5.00**

**Catholic Charities: \$20.00**

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

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 18, 2021

**St. Thomas: \$2,346.30**

**Catholic Charities: \$5.00**

**Parish Improvement: \$25.00**

**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 † Dawn Stoecker † Barb Kuhn † Andy Ray † Derry Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed † Becky Hill † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom † MacKenzie Wilmoth

Adults: \$10.00; children 6-10: \$8.00; children 5 and under: free. To place advanced orders for ice cream (\$15/gallon), call 593-6685 or 217-740-2140.

We will be needing lots of help...preparing, serving, cleaning up, and making desserts. Many hands make the work lighter...and fun. Please start thinking how you can help. If you can help defray the cost of ingredients, any donation would be appreciated, too. Thank you for supporting St. Thomas.

**Left over ice cream from July 4<sup>th</sup> for sale!** \$15.00 per gallon. Contact Pat at 217-740-2140 and she will meet you at the Hall for pickup.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 1, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Dawn Peters  
**Lector:** Bobbi Mock  
**Gift Bearers:** Chuck and Sally Simmons  
**Ushers:** John Brady, Lucas Likes

## From the Pastor's Desk

Are you satisfied with what you have? Is there any lack of fulfillment in your life? Are you struggling with something on a daily basis?

What about love? How are you expressing love to others? How do you accept the love expressed to you?

Today the Church celebrates the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. These questions may sound like the beginning of a well-crafted sales pitch, asking leading questions so that you can more easily identify what you are in need of or what is lacking in your life and to make you predisposed to responding positively to the message about to be presented to you. It is a clever tactic and one we often times are misled by.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Jennifer Volk who passed away on July 15, 2021, and Don Tooley who passed away on July 14, 2021. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls 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.

**Ice Cream Social Coming in August** - Mark your calendars! The St. Thomas Ice Cream Social will be Wednesday, August 18. Serving will be 4:30-7:00 p.m. Sandwiches, desserts, and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

Before you answer those questions I posed to you or think to yourself “yeah, yeah, he’s just going to say that Jesus is the answer to all my problems, ho hum,” I urge us all to reflect on the passages from Sacred Scripture we just heard proclaimed. And, by the way, yes, Jesus is the answer, but saying that is so simple and knowing the answer doesn’t necessarily mean we understand the message.

The Gospel for today is a familiar one to most of us I’d guess, Jesus feeding the multitude with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Most of us recognize this as one of Jesus’ great miracles. So too, the people whom Jesus fed SAW the miracle, but they missed the message (which, by the way, will be explored in next week’s Gospel). How could this be, you might ask. Well, we can take a look at our own lives to find the answer.

Often times, whether we realize it or not, we confuse God’s blessing with faith. We assume material abundance is the sign of God’s favor and this sets up a vicious cycle of greed. What we have is suddenly never enough and we want more. When we get more, the cycle continues. And we even begin to rationalize our greed in the name of God... “I work hard so God will bless me abundantly.”

What we often refer to as the “prosperity gospel” does just that. It suggests that the more we give, most often, financially, the more we will get in terms of material wealth. Now certainly it is important for all of us to support the works of the Church through our contributions of time, talent, and treasure. We are each called to do this at whatever level we can do so; it is not there as just a nice option.

But what we can NEVER associate our giving with is what we will materially receive in return. Certainly, God will continue to bless us and provide for us; but our material giving of time, talent, and treasure is part of no formula for a

materially advanced life. This can be difficult for folks to accept as we become more individually focused and are always looking at the cost/benefit analysis...how is THIS (thing I’m doing or gift I’m giving) going to benefit ME?! Would any of us ever suggest that those who are not as materially well off as us are not blessed by God? If so, we have a very distorted image of not only God but also of our Christian life.

You see, the people who SAW Jesus’ miracle in today’s Gospel fell to the temptation of greed. After they experienced God’s blessing, they wanted more. They wanted to make Him king, not in terms of faith and the center of their lives but so that He could continue to give them more and more material wealth. He had just miraculously given them more than there fill to eat. He could give them so much more, so many more material things. Indeed, Christ gives all; but, again, the people SAW the miracle but missed the message. It wasn’t about the food or the material wealth that had been given to them; it was about the healing and wholeness that Christ, and only Christ, brings into our lives.

We too can fall to the temptation of greed if we’re not careful, even with God’s love and mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a necessary part of our Christian life and relationship with Christ. Yet even there, we need to be on guard against greed. Certainly, we should always seek forgiveness from God and trust in His loving mercy. What we need to be careful about is that we are truly trying to amend our ways. If we use the Sacrament of Reconciliation and fail to truly try to change our lives each and every day, then our relationship with Christ becomes one sided. We begin to expect Him to do all the work while we sit by idly. We should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation often and with the desire to work to change our lives.

Finally, our Scripture today speaks of sharing even what little we may have. Our first reading speaks of Elisha sharing the little that had been given to him with many people and having some left over. In the Gospel, the feeding of the 5000 began with the little boy who shared his small amount of bread and fish. Jesus feeds the crowd with what was shared, and Jesus now feeds us with His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. It is Jesus who comes to us in the Word and in the Eucharist. He is the true source of all our nourishment, spiritual and material. And God's blessing and gifts to us are for everyone and are overflowing. In the Gospel we heard, Jesus did not just feed the crowd enough to get by but provided an abundance, enough left to fill 12 baskets. So too, Christ provides for us, all we need and then some.

And St. Paul delivers an important message for us in the second reading...live a life worthy of the calling in which you have been called...A supportive love expressed through humility, selflessness, gentleness, and patience, working to preserve unity. We are not individuals trying to please God and win a reward. Rather, we are One, united in the Body of Christ, working to bring others and ourselves closer to Christ so that we may all share in Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. We use the same heart to love one another and to love God. We cannot possibly love God then without loving others in the same way. The fullness of love is love that gives of itself, unconditionally and often involving personal sacrifice.

Jesus is the true source of nourishment for our lives, but we have to be prepared to fully enter into the Paschal Mystery of His love-centered life, self-giving suffering, and death as a way to life. As we continue to live out our Christian lives today and every day, let us ask ourselves how we can more fully appreciate God's gifts given to us and resist the temptation to demand more from God, turning faith

into an exercise of selfish greed. And let us ask the Lord to open our hearts to a more perfect love for others as we share what we've been given and seek to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Monday, July 26 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joachim is the patron of fathers and grandparents. St. Anne is the patroness of childless women and miners. Saints Joachim and Anne, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 29 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Martha. Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. She was a faithful disciple and a model of hospitality. St. Martha is the patroness of housewives, waiters, and waitresses. St. Martha, Pray for us!

- Friday, July 30 - Optional memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Peter Chrysologus was known for his exceptional preaching ability and became known as "golden tongue." He died around the year 450. St. Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us!

- Saturday, July 31 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. St. Ignatius of Loyola is the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and is well known for authoring the Spiritual Exercises. Today there are some 16,100 Jesuits. St. Ignatius of Loyola died in 1556 and is the patron saint of retreatants and soldiers. The following is a beautiful Prayer for Generosity attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola: "Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do Your Will." St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pray for us!



PRAYERS - We continue to pray for all those who are sick and all those who are suffering in any way, especially those in our parishes. We pray also for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially those who have recently died including Fr. Tom Hensler, Jennifer Volk, and Don Tooley.

LAST MINUTE CHANGES - I had to make some last-minute changes to the weekday Mass schedule once again last week. I thank you for your continued understanding and kindness in all of this. Please know that I pray for you each and every day.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for me, one another, the parishes and school, and the Universal Church. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 25, 2021**

**Enough to Share.** So much in the gospel today. Large crowd following Jesus. Nearness of Passover, the remembering of rescue from slavery. The need to eat, thus, the need to provide a meal. A giving of bread and fish by a little boy. Bounty. Sharing. Wasting nothing. Right here in the heart of summer, it is time to read the letter of Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, on fraternity and social friendship. Download a free study guide from the USCCB:  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-study-guide>

- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what food can I share?
- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what comfort can I provide for someone?
- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what do I have that I will not waste, that I will gather up, save, and recycle?

**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.

**One Little Rose**

I would rather have a little rose  
From the garden of a friend  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end.  
I would rather have one pleasant word  
In kindness said to me  
Than flattery when my heart is still  
And life has ceased to be.  
I would rather have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true  
Than tears she round my casket  
When this world I've bid adieu.  
Bring me all your flowers today  
Whether pink, or white or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truckload when I'm dead.



Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Phone Number: 773-2825

Melissa Obert: [mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org)

Tammy McKeown: [tmckeown@smseagle.org](mailto:tmckeown@smseagle.org)



### **St. Mary School Golf Classic**

Our SMS Golf Classic will be on July 31, 2021, at Rolling Greens in Mt. Sterling.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will be an 18-hole best ball scramble. Mulligans will be available for purchase and lunch will be provided. A 4-person team is only \$240.00, and a hole sponsorship is \$75.00. We look forward to seeing you at the SMS Golf Classic.

Please call Brad Kassing (217-248-2505) or Mark Lipcaman (217-370-6720) with any questions.

---



### **St. Mary School Registration**

SMS registration will be on July 27, 2021, at St. Mary School cafeteria from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Many of our classrooms are nearing capacity, so please call Melissa at 217-773-2825 if you are interested in sending your child to SMS for the 2021-2022 school year.

**KASSING**  
LUMBER CO., INC.  
217-773-2611 • Fax: 217-773-2323  
Cell: 217-653-3338  
601 Pittsfield Rd.  
Mt. Sterling, IL  
chrisk@kassinglumber.com

*Hendricker*  
Funeral Home  
406 South Capitol Avenue  
Mt. Sterling, IL  
217-773-3362  
email: info@hendrickerfh.com

**GUNN CONSTRUCTION**  
Excavating Contractors  
Dozers • Backhoe • Cranes  
Endloaders • Scrapers  
Jeff Gunn Cell: 217-257-6364  
Camp Point 217-593-6629

**Mt. Sterling Monuments**  
Jim Henrick, Owner  
Cell: 217-617-3956  
Randy Johnson, Owner  
Cell: 217-617-3322  
212 West Main Street  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
Ph.: 217-773-2026 Fax: 217-773-2975

**RANDY E. FRESE**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
94TH DISTRICT  
3701 E. Lake Centre Drive, Suite 3  
Quincy, Illinois • 217-223-0833  
repfrese@adams.net

**Channel**  
**Janssen Seed & Services**  
Doug and Karen Janssen  
Certified Crop Advisor  
202 E 4th St • Golden, IL  
Office: 217-696-4658  
Cell: 217-430-2865

**JIL TRACY**  
STATE SENATOR  
47TH DISTRICT  
3701 E. Lake Centre Drive, STE 3  
Quincy, IL • 217-223-0833  
senatortracy@adams.net

**SCHMIDT**  
Agri-Consulting  
SPECIALIZING IN SOIL AND TISSUE SAMPLING  
Jacob Schmidt, Owner • 217-617-7053  
schmidtj@unitedsoilsinc.com  
Camp Point, IL

Teresa Logsdon  
1.800.433.8098  
217.773.3351  
**Spirited Treasures & Flower Shoppe**  
126 W. Main St.  
Mount Sterling  
# idoodledyou

**Central**  
**STATE**  
**BANK**  
"We're Central to Your Banking Needs"  
www.csb123.com

**Frese Ornamental**  
NURSERY INC.  
TED GENEBACHER  
Landscape Designer  
3100 North 18th Street • Quincy, IL  
217-222-0977 • fnursery@sbcglobal.net  
freseornamentalnursery.com

**Roger**  
**Zimmerman**  
**Rentals**  
Residential • Storage • Commercial  
217-257-1411

**Mount Sterling Implement**  
NEW HOLLAND  
401 E Main St, Mt Sterling, IL  
(217) 773-2216  
mtsterlingimplement.net

**AL**  
Construction  
Andrew Likes  
Owner  
(217) 430-5696  
Camp Point, Illinois

**Benjamin Drebes**  
Financial Advisor  
4531 Maine St. • Suite C  
Quincy, IL 62305  
217.223.9313  
benjamin.drebes@edwardjones.com  
www.edwardjones.com  
**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Hamilton Funeral Homes, Inc.**  
Lummis Hamilton Funeral Home  
Camp Point • 217-593-6517  
Hamilton Funeral Home  
Clayton • 217-894-6553  
Benjamin A. Hamilton, Funeral Director  
www.hamiltonfuneralhome.net

**YINGLING**  
**NUESSEN**  
Business, Personal  
& Agricultural Insurance  
111 W. Washington St. Suite A  
Mt. Sterling IL 62353  
217.773.3397 • mike@ynagency.com  
www.ynagency.com

**FARMERS STATE BANK**  
& TRUST CO.  
Mt. Sterling • Tiptonville • Versailles  
VISIT US ONLINE AT  
www.fsb-tc.com  
(217) 773-3319 **FDIC**

**PIONEER**  
BRAND PRODUCTS  
**MARK EBBING**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
PIONEER BRAND PRODUCTS  
717 815E ST.  
MT STERLING, IL  
217-242-4407

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council #1281  
**Mt. Sterling, Illinois**  
Meeting first Tuesday  
of each month  
Jim Rischar • 217-430-1133

Healthy Teeth & Beautiful Smiles Start Here  
**Specializing in**  
• Family friendly  
• Adult dental care • Implants for all ages  
**Mt. Sterling**  
dental center  
839 Route 24 West • Mt. Sterling, IL  
217.773.3213  
www.mtsterlingdentalcenter.com

**RIA**  
RAY INSURANCE AGENCY  
Risk Management and Insurance Services  
Brad and A.J. Kassing  
Mt. Sterling, IL  
217.773.3851

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**  
**ADVERTISE HERE!**  
**CALL 1-800-635-0622**  
**OR**  
**CONTACT JUSTIN AT**  
**justin@sundaymissal.com**