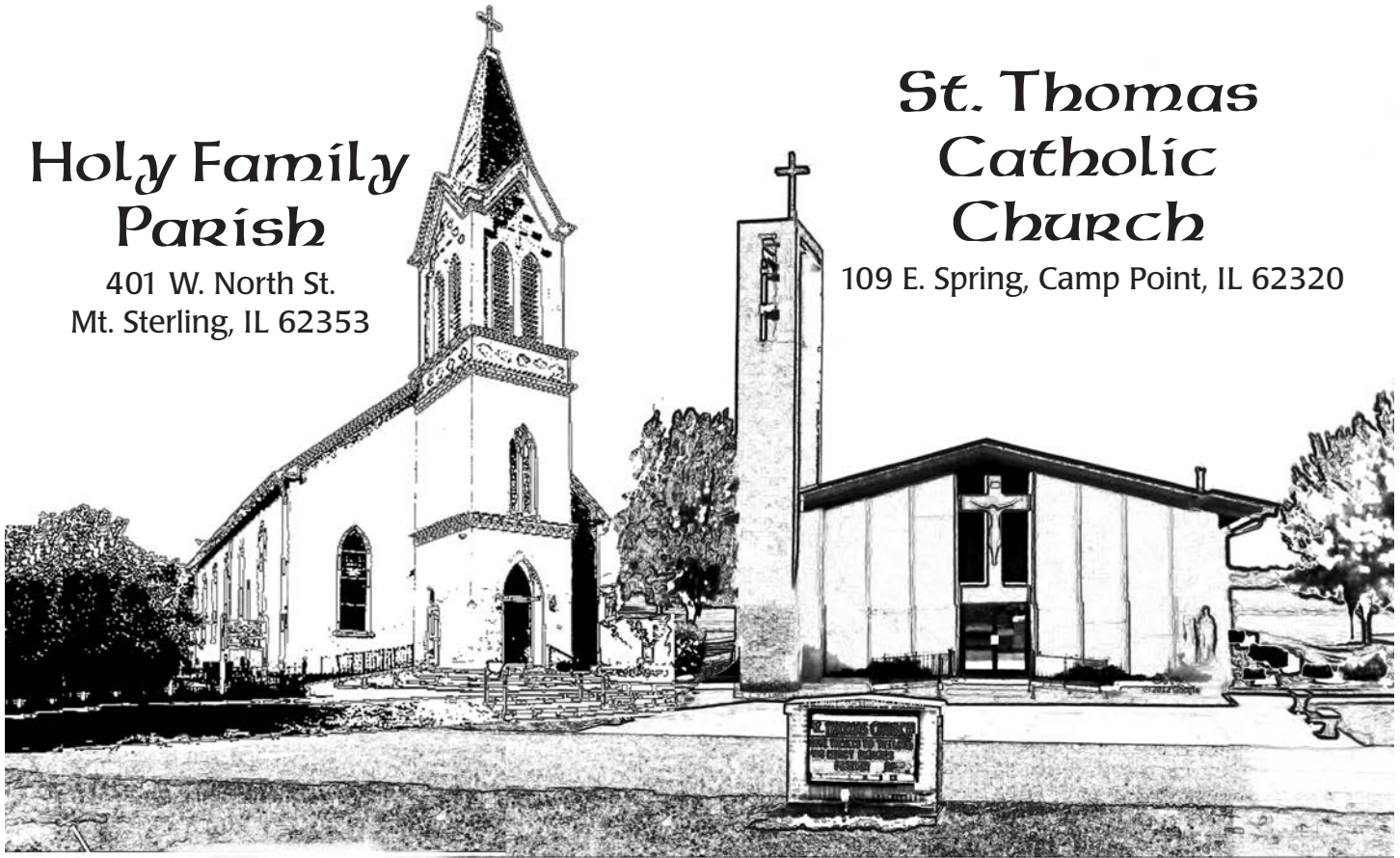


# Holy Family Parish

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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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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, August 2 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Service

### ST. THOMAS – 5:15 p.m.

Danny Seals

### Tuesday, August 3 – 7:00 a.m.

Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Linda Busen

### ST. THOMAS – 5:15 p.m.

Kathy Mowen

### Wednesday, August 4 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John Vianney, Priest  
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35;  
Matthew 15:21-28

Paul, Francis, and Larry Schenk  
and Ruth James  
(By the Schenk Families)

### ST. THOMAS – 5:15 p.m.

Alvera “Hilge” Hilgenbrinck  
(By Andrew and Amanda Llewellyn)

### Thursday, August 5 – 7:00 a.m.

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23

Marilyn Mating  
(By Barb Lehne)

### ST. THOMAS – 5:15 p.m.

Ron and Judy Bull  
(By Jenni Obert)

### Friday, August 6 – 7:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10

Herbert, Anna, Raymond,  
and Margaret Ebbing  
(By Jeff and Barb Kozak)

### FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Gunn  
(By Gay Gunn)

### Saturday, August 7 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs;  
St. Cajetan, Priest, BVM  
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

Marjorie Salrin  
(By Kathleen Root)

### Sunday, August 8 – 8:00 a.m.

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Terry Dillard  
(By Cheryl Dillard)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas and  
And Holy Family

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 24-25, 2021

Holy Family: \$2,196.00

Sister Parish: \$55.00

School Support: \$90.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 25, 2021

St. Thomas: \$3,131.00

Catholic Charities: \$20.00

Parish Improvement: \$250.00

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Nocturnal Adoration:** Saturday, August 6 beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on August 7 at 7:45 a.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  
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Baby † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold  
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† Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal  
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Shank † Elaine Parkin and family † Dawn  
Stoecker † Barb Kuhn † Andy Ray † Derry  
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† Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom  
† MacKenzie Wilmoth

## 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! 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.

Look for our sign-up sheets at the back of church. Some things would make good family projects for adults and kids. Let us all pitch in! We will be needing lots of help: preparing, serving, cleaning up, and making desserts. If you can help defray the cost of ingredients, any donation would be appreciated, too. Thank you.

### **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.

**Birthright Bake Sale** - Again this year, Birthright of Quincy will have a bake sale at the K of C Barbeque. All the local Catholic churches are asked to donate baked items. Please bring your baked goods donations to St. Thomas Hall by 12:00 Noon on Saturday, August 14. If it is more convenient, you can bring them Sunday, August 15, after Mass and they will be delivered to Quincy.

There is also a raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt and a restaurant package. Each baked goods item donated gets you a chance.

Chances are also available \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Contact Dorothy Obert if you'd like to buy some chances.

## **ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES**

*August 8, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.*

**Sacristan:** Denise Taylor  
**Lector:** Jenni Obert  
**Gift Bearers:** Denny and Cathy Wagner  
**Ushers:** John Brady, Lucas Likes

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

"Rabbi, when did you get here?" We heard this question posed to Jesus in our Gospel today by the crowd who had been searching for Him. And we notice that Jesus didn't give them a direct answer like "O, I arrived yesterday evening" or "I got here a few hours ago." Perhaps that's the kind of answer that the people were seeking, but Jesus responds by telling them what is in their hearts; you're not looking for me because of the signs you saw, He says, but rather because you had your fill of bread, implying that they sought Him out only to get more of what THEY wanted. Recall last week's Gospel where we heard about Jesus feeding the great multitude with just a few fish and loaves of bread.

Today, the Church celebrates the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, and our Gospel from St. John continues what is referred to as the Bread of Life Discourse.

Now, certainly, there could be an element of truly seeking the Lord in that question in the Gospel from the people, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Something was certainly attracting the people to Jesus. And many folks today, although they may not even know it, are seeking Jesus in their lives as they chase down one fleeting thing after another.

But the people don't stop there. Jesus tells them to work for the food that endures for eternal life and the people respond with yet another question, "What can we do to

accomplish the works of God?" Again, Jesus gives them a response that they probably aren't expecting. Rather than detailing individual actions like "pray one hour every day, do something nice for one person at least once a week, offer sacrifice each month, etc., etc.," Jesus says that the work of God is to believe in the one whom God sent, Jesus Himself.

Ah, but the people still are not satisfied. They have more questions for Jesus. Again, they ask Him what He can do, what sign He can give so that they can see and believe in Him. Seriously?! What more do they want? Again, recall what we heard in last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude. Jesus reminds the people that it is the Father who gives the true bread from Heaven and that this bread gives life to the world. Excited now, the people say "Oh, well then, let's have some of that bread," and they make demands upon Jesus to "give us this bread always."

And Jesus proclaims, "I AM the bread of life; whoever COMES TO me will never hunger, and whoever BELIEVES IN me will never thirst. And to come TO and believe IN Jesus is not just accepting what He says as true. It involves committing ourselves totally and unconditionally to His Way. It involves a total act of faith and trust and requires the investment of one's whole self. Well, wait just a moment then...do we really want that Bread?"

St. Paul in our second reading today reminds us of what it really means to come TO and believe IN Jesus. Really, he reminds us of our Baptism, where we have put away our old self, corrupted by deceitful desires, and have put on our new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. And this isn't a one-time thing and it's over. Yes, we are baptized only once, but we are reminded constantly of our Baptism, committing ourselves each and every day to putting away that old, corrupt self and putting on our new self of goodness and holiness of Truth. And this is exactly what happens when we are fed by the Bread of Life.



And how is it that Jesus nourishes us, that Jesus is our food and drink? First, by giving us His Word through the Sacred Scriptures. The Words of Sacred Scripture feed our minds and hearts and give us direction and meaning in our life. If one is deprived of this Word, they are deprived of food that they really need.

Jesus also nourishes through His Church which He has given us, and which provides fellowship and mutual support through involvement and participation. He invites all people to be a part of His Church. And Jesus feeds us through every loving and life-giving experience we encounter.

And, of course, Jesus nourishes us in the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist, we celebrate God's love shown for us through the life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus and to give thanks to God for all He has given us.

"Rabbi, when did you get here?" We may find ourselves asking that same question in one form or another as we go through life. We may find ourselves grumbling like the Israelites in the first reading when things aren't "going our way" or we're not "getting what we want." But what have we missed out on from God by dismissing what someone who "gets on our nerves" was saying to us, or by refusing to involve ourselves in an opportunity for healing and forgiveness because of our own pride, or by rejecting someone's friendship because of their shortcomings? We might reflect on those questions before we ask Jesus, "When did you get here?"

And so, let us ask the Lord to help us recognize His presence among us in the people we encounter and the experiences in our lives, and to take up our daily commitment of putting on our new self so that we might be nourished with the Bread of Life and be an example to others who still hunger.

And now just a few notes:

- FINANCIAL REPORTS - I have been asked about financial reports for the parishes. Our fiscal year ends on June 30.

We are working on preparing the end-of-year reports and I hope to make the end-of-year financial report available to you for each parish sometime in mid to late August. At that time, I will also provide the budget for the current fiscal year. I will be including financials for this past fiscal year and the previous fiscal year as a way of comparison, but also because there was no financial report provided last year. Now that I have been here a full year, I am hopeful that I will be able to provide you with useful financials more regularly, perhaps each quarter or at mid-fiscal year.

- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Some of you at Holy Family have noticed that the progress chart for the Capital Campaign for the church repairs and renovations is no longer in the back of the church. I personally moved this for just a short time and will be returning it sometime soon. It is safe and sound. Because of some anticipated visitors at the parish, I chose to move it for a while. Trust me, it will return.

Again, to date, there has been just over \$400,000 contributed for these much-needed projects. As I mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago, though we have not seen any work begun, things continue to move forward. We need to make sure we have adequate cash on hand to begin projects that must be completed simultaneously. The roof and bell tower are of greatest priority right now and must be completed together. We should have enough cash to not just begin but to complete these two portions; but even so, we have to wait for the availability of the roofers as well. There are other needs that need to be addressed as soon as possible also. This is a very large project that is taking a great deal of planning and will be going on for some time. Thank you for your continued support.

- CLOCK - Although I don't use it, the clock in the Reconciliation Room at Holy Family is missing. If you know where it is or what happened to it, please let me know. I don't necessarily need it back up there, but it had been working fine so I am wondering where it went.

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Mark your calendar for St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Advance orders for gallons of homemade ice cream to take home can be placed by calling the Parish Office number, (217)-593-6685, or Pat, (217)-740-2140.

Speaking of the ice cream social, it will be here before we know it and we need folks to help with it. Please sign up to work. Thank you.

- RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT - This retreat is to help both women and men who have lost a child from abortion to heal by reconciling with God, others, themselves, and their child. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be hosting this retreat. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, consider going or encourage another to go to experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on this weekend retreat, August 13-15 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield. For more information, contact Donna at [projectrachel@dio.org](mailto:projectrachel@dio.org), call her at (217)-698-4456, or go to [www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html). Financial assistance is available for those unable to pay the registration fee.

- FIRST FRIDAY - First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas on Friday, August 6. Adoration from Noon until 5:45 p.m. followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

- NOCTURNAL ADORATION - At Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6 with Adoration until 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by Benediction and the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - At St. Thomas each evening beginning Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- DONUT SUNDAY - Although today is the First Sunday of the month, we decided to not have donut Sunday today, but rather to have a gathering next Sunday, August 8 in the Parish Hall after the 10:00am Mass as we finish out Vacation Bible School. Please plan

to join us. The kids will be singing some of their songs from the week.

- ADDITIONAL MASSES - In conjunction with Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas this coming week, I am planning to offer evening Masses before the start of Vacation Bible School. This, of course, is not restricted to those participating in Vacation Bible School. I plan to offer Mass at 5:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday (August 2-5) at St. Thomas. This will conclude in plenty of time for those participating in Vacation Bible School. On Friday, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. since it is our regularly scheduled First Friday Mass. I hope many can join us for these Masses.

- MOVERS - I was asked if there is anyone in the parishes who might be able to help with some moving. I have asked around but have not found anyone as of this writing. If you might be able to help with a move, please let me know as soon as possible as it has to be done this week.

- POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's prayer intention for August is for the Church. Let us pray for the Church that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform Herself in the light of the Gospel.

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, August 2 - Optional memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest. St. Eusebius is known for uniting the clerical and monastic life. He died in 371. St. Peter Julian Eymard founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (S.S.S.), today numbering some 875 members, and in 1858 founded the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a contemplative women's community. He died on August 1, 1868. St. Eusebius and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, August 4 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest. Universally known as the "Curé of Ars," he was known to be a compassionate counselor who spent usually no less than eleven hours every day in the confessional in the winter and sixteen in the summer. St. John Vianney

is especially significant to me and to parish priests as he is the patron of priests and the parish clergy. St. John Vianney, Pray for us!

- Thursday, August 5 - Optional memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Following the declaration of Mary as "God-bearer" by the Council of Ephesus in 431, Pope Sixtus III erected in Rome this oldest Basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God.

- Friday, August 6 - The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

- Saturday, August 7 - Optional memorials of St. Sixtus II and Companions, Martyrs, and St. Cajetan, Priest. St. Sixtus II and four Deacons (Januarius, Vincent, Magnus, and Stephen) were arrested on August 2, 258 while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus. By order of Valerian, they were decapitated that same day. Sixtus is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Sixtus II and Companions, Pray for us!

St. Cajetan cofounded the Theatines in 1524 (today known as the Congregation of Clerks Regular [C.R.J.]). He was devoted to reform, prayer, and ministry, especially to the poor and sick. St. Cajetan, Pray for us!

- SCHOOL REGISTRATION - This past Tuesday we had registration at St. Mary School. It is hard to believe that another school year will be starting soon but we are looking forward to it. I am grateful for our increased enrollment once again this year, for all of our teachers and staff, and for all of you who support our school in so many ways. I will be giving you updated information on our enrollment numbers after school begins, as well as some information on some new faces (teachers) in the school this year.

- PSR - Plans are being made for the start of PSR. Be on the lookout for more information on that. Thank you to all those who help with PSR. Once it begins, I will share more information on that as well.

- RCIA - Plans for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) are also being worked out. If you

or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Church and joining the Church, please let me or Ann O'Sullivan know.

- BCDC - Get ready! Plans for the Brown County Deer Classic are under way. Be on the lookout for more information

- BIRTHDAY - August 5 is Bishop Paprocki's birthday. Please keep him and all bishops in your prayers.

- DEATH ANNIVERSARIES - August 5 also marks the ten-year anniversary of my father. 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.

Friday, August 6 marks the death anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI in 1978.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 1, 2021**

**More Than Manna, More Than Bread and Fish.** During the Exodus, the Lord rained down bread (manna) each day to feed those in flight. Last Sunday, after being filled with bread and fish, the crowd pursued Jesus for more food. Rightly exasperated, Jesus patiently shifts the conversation from bread from heaven to true bread. He ends by saying: "I Am the bread of life." What looks like bread is more than bread. More than we can imagine!

- What do I believe Communion to be?
- Why do I believe this?
- Why do I come in procession each Sunday to eat this bread, this Communion, this Christ?

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