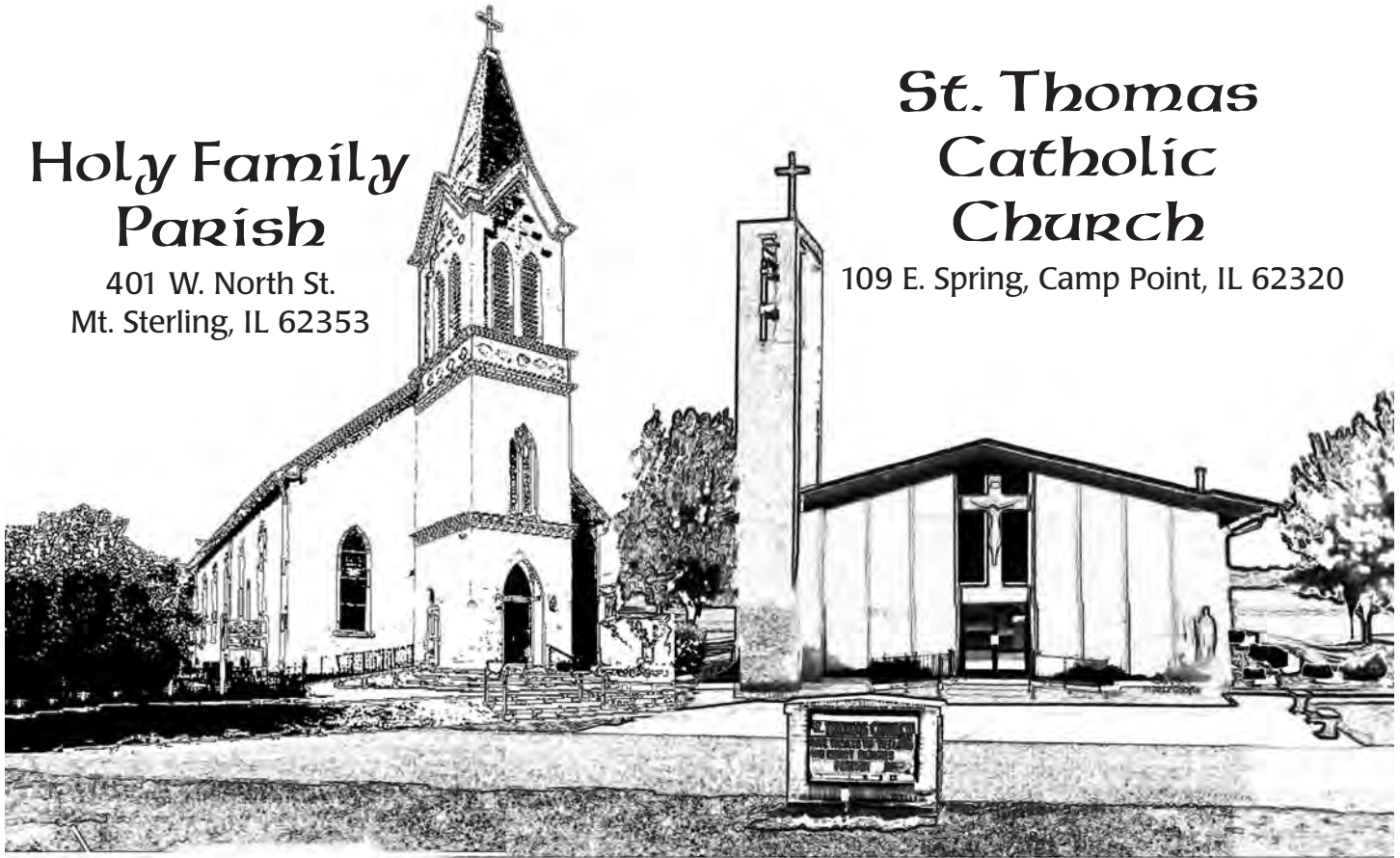


# Holy Family Parish

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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

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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, October 11 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John XXIII, Pope  
Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 12 – 7:00 a.m.

Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Lucille Wagner  
(By John & Linda Colgan)

### Wednesday, October 13 – 7:00 a.m.

Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

Sister Loyola Miller  
(By Ken & Mary Koch)

### Thursday, October 14 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Callistus, I, Pope & Martyr  
Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Kathleen Salrin Root  
(By Rosemary Howell)

### Friday, October 15 – 8:30 a.m.

#### (School Mass)

St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Patricia Parker  
(By Barb Lehne)

### Saturday, October 16 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin  
Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Parishioners of Holy Family  
and St. Thomas

### Sunday, October 17 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Fr. Thomas Henseler  
(By K of C Council #1281)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Patricia Woodworth  
(By Gary & Gail Mast)

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 2-3, 2021

**Holy Family: \$4,414.00**

**Sister Parish: \$3.00**

**School Support: \$1512.00**

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

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 3, 2021

**St. Thomas: \$2,700.00**

**Parish Improvements: \$330.00**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Turkey Talk** – Save the date for Sunday, November 7 for the Holy Family Turkey Dinner. Drive thru and delivery will be available.

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 - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 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 & 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 † Betty (Koch) Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Jenny Fox † Carrie Haskins † Heather Poppy † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Michelle Baucom-Keller † Myles Keller † Maisy Keller

† Kimberly Kestner & Baby † Sheila  
 Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † Jack Johnson  
 † John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort  
 † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke † Maryann  
 Yeakel † Kimberly McKinny † Marilyn Kerr  
 † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin & family  
 † Dawn Stoecker † Barb Kuhn † Derry  
 Schnelle † Mary Klingele Ahmed  
 † Becky Hill † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom  
 † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Karen Saxer † Kay  
 Downey † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera  
 Marie Rolf † Josh Meservey † Maddux  
 Sweeting † Nancy Salrin † Larry Moorman

## ST. THOMAS

**Pro Life Information:** There will be a calendar at the back of St. Thomas Church once again for families and individuals to sign up for days to pray to end abortion during October Pro Life month. The USCCB this year, as part of the Year of St. Joseph, is highlighting St. Joseph as a defender of life. There will be prayer cards illustrating scenes from the life of St. Joseph. Please considering spending some of your time praying to change our nations laws and attitudes regarding the taking of unborn life.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 17, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Jim Clausius  
**Lector:** Sheila Roberts  
**Gift Bearers:** John Brady Family  
**Ushers:** Andrew Llewelyn, Justin Obert

## Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids meets this Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 in the school cafeteria. All are welcome. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan for more information or questions about either of these programs, [aosullivan2031@gmail.com](mailto:aosullivan2031@gmail.com) or 217-257-2516.

## From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings remind us that God allows us to choose - day by day - the path that we will follow.

Today's readings present us with examples of people making choices. Solomon, in the first reading, clearly chooses God's gifts of prudence and wisdom over other gifts that might be tempting to others: power, riches, and even health and beauty. Guided by the spirit of wisdom, he sees beyond the desirability of the things of this life to perceive the beauty of God's wisdom - a beauty that might be hidden to others.

The rich young man in the Gospel, responding to the draw of Jesus, seeks to go beyond the basics of his faith that he practiced from his youth to follow Jesus, but the price is too high for him. He is not yet ready to give up his wealth and prestige.

It is so easy to get caught in the same trap as the rich young man. After all, what he had - wealth, possessions, power, and prestige - are held up and respected in many cultures of our world. Solomon's values, and those of Christians, on the other hand are much less visible and obvious.

Many would label the rich young man as foolish to give up all the advantages he had always enjoyed to follow a preacher. In contrast, the Apostles, who admittedly had less to give up than the rich young man, were more easily willing to give up all they had to follow Jesus. Yet, they also

took a risk, giving up their trades and a way of life that they knew and that had become comfortable for them in order to follow Jesus. Like the rich young man, they were drawn to Jesus, but unlike him, they were able to give up the familiar to follow Jesus.

Jesus continues to call the people of our world to follow Him, to take on His values and those of the Gospel, to prefer God to riches and pleasure. The key is to listen prayerfully for Jesus' call in life and to follow Him in that call. He could be calling today's young men to priesthood, or young men and women to religious life, or to the vocation of marriage. Jesus might offer others the path of a difficult life as a physician, requiring a great deal of personal sacrifice for the healing of others, or the path of an educator who dedicates his or her life to teaching and guiding students. These are but a couple examples.

God aligns each call with the interests, personalities, and gifts of the recipient and with the needs of the world. But God does not offer us these choices only once in a lifetime. Each day is filled with countless choices, from how we respond to a particular situation to the books we read, the attitudes we take on each day, or the ways we spend our waking hours. Those who present themselves to fully and authentically participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass make a wondrous choice: to allow God to transform them in Word and Sacrament. So as we listen carefully in prayer and allow the Spirit and God's wisdom to guide us, and as we partake of the Holy Eucharist, let us commit to making choices that reflect only the values of the Gospel, the values of God's law.

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, October 11 - Optional memorial of Pope St. John XXIII. Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881 in northern Italy to a farming family,

John XXIII was ordained a priest in 1904. After serving in WWI as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He became a papal diplomat and with the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, he helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during WWII. He was named a Cardinal in 1953 and elected pope in 1958 at the age of seventy-eight. He took the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's Cathedral, St. John Lateran. John XXIII died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963. His feast day, October 11, recalls the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council in 1962. He was declared Blessed in 2000 and was canonized along with Pope John Paul II on April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis. St. Pope John XXIII, Pray for us!

- Thursday, October 14 - Optional memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr. Callistus died a martyr in the year 222. He is known to have organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome. He also instituted what was known as Ember Day fasts. St. Callistus, Pray for us!

- Friday, October 15 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Theresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. St. Theresa of Avila was a Spanish mystic who, along with St. John of the Cross, founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars and nuns for which she had to endure great trials. She authored *Way of Perfection*, *Interior Castle*, and an autobiography. She is the first woman declared Doctor of the Church, done so in 1970. She died in 1582 and is the patroness of Spain. St. Theresa of Avila, Pray for us!

- Saturday, October 16 - Optional memorials of St. Hedwig, Religious and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.

- St. Hedwig was the duchess of Silesia and mother of seven children. She is noted as a peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners. As a widow, she retired to a Cistercian convent. She died in 1243. St. Hedwig, Pray for us!

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French Visitandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a feast that helped free the Church from the spirit of Jansenism. She also promoted First Friday devotion. She died on October 17, 1690, at the age of forty-three. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Pray for us!

- ITEMS IN CHURCH - Please do not post anything in the churches or leave out for distribution without checking with me FIRST.

Similarly, I kindly ask you to not leave food and clothing items in the back of the churches. While it is a good and wonderful thing to assist those in need with food and clothing (indeed, it is a work of mercy), neither of our parishes have a distribution system for these items. If you have food or clothing items or perhaps other items that folks may be able to use, I would suggest checking with Two Rivers in Mt. Sterling, the Community for Christ Assistance Center in Camp Point, or Ladies of Charity in Quincy, and dropping your items off there since these each have an established distribution system to help those in need with these items. If it is specifically baby items, you might also check with a local pregnancy center. Perhaps in the future we can look at having some designated weekends for such collections, but at the present time please take food and clothing items directly to those places that have the distribution already in place.

- RESPECT LIFE MONTH - A reminder that October is designated Respect Life Month. I urge you to engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a very particular way this month for the protection, dignity, and sanctity of all human life in all stages. I encourage you to not do this just individually but as a family and even with others when possible. And though October is designated Respect Life Month, our prayer for the protection, dignity, and sanctity of life should always be ongoing. Life is the greatest and most fundamental gift that God has bestowed on every

person. May it always be respected and protected, and may we do all that we can to bring that about.

Concerning respect for life and the tragedy of abortion, a parishioner recently reminded me of a piece in one of my bulletin columns back in February about Spiritual Adoption and suggested that I might re-print it for October Respect Life month. And so, here it is:

- Spiritual Adoption - Since the legalization of abortion in the United States, sadly there have been more than 61 million babies murdered in the U.S. through abortion. The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged the Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child to help bring an end to this tragedy. I'd like to encourage this as well. A Spiritual Adoption is done by praying the following prayer daily for a period of nine months so that one particular, but unknown, child's life be spared abortion and allowed to live:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Archbishop Sheen suggested choosing a name for the baby you are "adopting" and inserting the name into the prayer. While this child will remain unknown to you, God knows who the child is, and your prayers will make a difference for the baby and for both of the parents. At the end of the nine months, you might consider making a donation to a local pregnancy center to celebrate God's gift of life and the birth of the child.

This may seem so simple and so insignificant but it's a very serious matter. And the smallest of actions are often times the greatest expressions of love. As we work each day to uphold the dignity and sanctity of all human life in all stages and work to protect that life, consider engaging in this Spiritual Adoption of an unborn child in danger of abortion.

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- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY - October is designated the month of the Holy Rosary. Again, I encourage this devotion for everyone. Consider praying the Rosary every day, with your family if possible. Our prayer life is always possible if we make it a priority. What a great way to also pray for the respect and protection of all human life in all stages.

- TURKEY DINNER - The Holy Family Turkey Dinner will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for November 7, the first Sunday in November. Also, to the Holy Family Parishioners, letters for the Turkey Dinner have gone out by U.S. Mail. If you have not received a letter, please let me know. I encourage you to help support the Turkey Dinner as you have done so graciously in the past. I thought last year's Turkey Dinner was such an enjoyable day. I'm going to make the challenge once again this year that we meet or exceed the raffle proceeds of the SMS Hog Roast. We have our work cut out for us since the Hog Roast raffle was very successful.

- DEER CLASSIC - The Brown County Deer Classic Committee has been hard at work. This year's Deer Classic is set for Saturday, November 14. More information to come. Thank you for your support of the BCDC. As a side note, as has been done in the past, the Vigil Mass that evening will be at 4:00 p.m.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Living for Eternal Life.** Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to "inherit eternal life." All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going - impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face forever.

- What gets in my way of gaining eternal life - things, attitudes, behaviors?
- What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need?
- How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

**CFCAC Requests Donations of Deer Meat**

With deer season upon us, Community for Christ Assistance Center (CFCAC) is in need of donated deer and funds to process these deer. Deer meat is a great benefit to the Food Pantry by providing clients with nutritious meat and stretching Food Pantry funds. If you are a deer hunter, please consider donating a harvested deer. CFCAC will pay for the processing at the Golden Locker. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of processing, that would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who help in any way to help CFCAC serve the needs of our community.



## Meet St. Mary School Elementary School Teachers



Mrs. Weronko

Mrs. Luthy

Mrs. Mary Weronko teaches kindergarten at SMS. She currently has fifteen kindergarten students. She teaches reading foundational skills, writing, math, and religion. During the morning, the students have stations for their Daily 5 in reading. The students can Read to Self, Read with a Friend, Listen to Reading, Word Work, and Meet with the Teacher. The students love it! Mrs. Weronko is also in charge of the Lit Wits Book Club for students in 5th-8th grade. She has been fundamental in securing many Fine Arts grants for St. Mary School. She is married to Glenn Weronko, and she completed her 22nd year at SMS this past spring. Thank you Mrs. Weronko for your continued dedication to St. Mary School!!

Mrs. Sara Luthy is the reading interventionist at SMS. She works with PreK-8th grade students. She works with a variety of curricula to ensure the students are moving forward in their reading journeys. Mrs. Luthy is also in charge of the library and spends time each week with all the students during library time. She is married to Tom Luthy and has 2 daughters who attend St. Mary School. This is Mrs. Luthy's third year at SMS. Thank you Mrs. Luthy for always loving our students!!

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