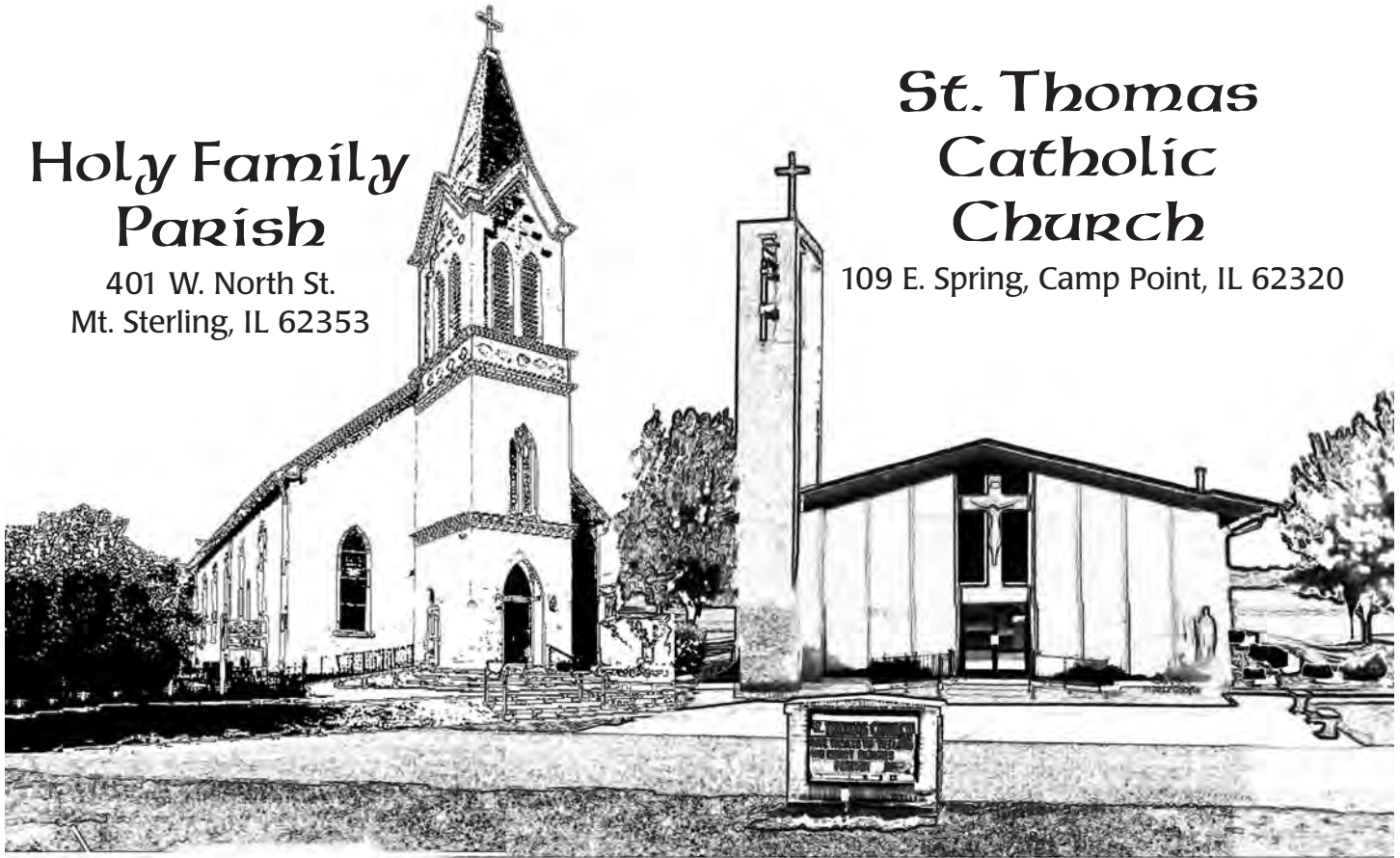


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. (Tues.-Thurs.)

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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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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 15 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 16 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

John Bullard
(By the Family)

Wednesday, November 17 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Norbert, Mary Jo, & Linda Busen
(By Tony Busen)

Thursday, November 18 – 7:00 a.m.

The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul,
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Jim & Norma Wort
(By the Children)

Friday, November 19 – 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Raymond & Margaret Ebbing
(By Mark & Penny Ebbing)

Saturday, November 20 – 5:30 p.m.

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, November 21 – 8:00 a.m.

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Nancy Wagner Shultz
(By Jeff Shultz)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Don Tooley
(By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 6-7, 2021

Holy Family: \$6,259.00
Sister Parish: \$25.00
School Support: \$767.00

All Saints Day: \$50.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

November 7, 2021

St. Thomas: \$1,449.00
All Saints Day: \$160.00
All Souls Day: \$75.00
Sister Parish: \$180.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Legion of Mary** meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. New members are welcome to attend.
- ❖ **Holy Family Bosco Kids** meets this Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 and RCIA meets on Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 in the school cafeteria. Please contact Ann O'Sullivan for more information or questions about either of these programs, osullivan2031@gmail.com or 217-257-2516.
- ❖ **Turkey Trot 5K Walk/Run** – Mark your calendars for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 25. See page 6 for further details.

Please contact Tammy at 217-773-2825 or 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 † Bryce Shank † Elaine Parkin & family † 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 † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore † Joe Ray

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas...Advent to Christmas Party
We are so excited! We are having a parish Christmas party! We are finally able to get together again as a parish family in celebration of the coming of Jesus.

DATE: Sunday, December 12, right after Sunday Mass.

We will have a delicious meal, entertainment, and some surprises for both the children and the adults.

We will share more details with you in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, check your calendars and plan on joining in the joy of Christmas!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 21, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Lector: David Leezer
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Gronewold
Ushers: Jerel Mock, Alex Mock

Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids will meet Wednesday night from 6:15-7:30 in the cafeteria and this is a Family Night. We will have regular classes and make Sacrifice Beads. What is that, you ask? Come and join us and find out!! All family members are welcome to join us.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time and as we draw near the end of the liturgical year, again we notice that the readings at Mass seem to focus on events that will occur at the end of time.

In our first reading today, written at the time of the Babylonian Exile, more than five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Daniel speaks of salvation and damnation. In a time of war and enslavement, Daniel's vision spoke of the ultimate triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness, a feat we know to be accomplished in and by Jesus Christ, both on earth and in heaven.

Similarly, Jesus in the Gospel of Mark today refers to the end of time when the Son of Man comes in the clouds with great power and glory. Of that day or hour, no one knows, Jesus says. However, with Jesus' image of the sprouting leaves on the fig tree, His very presence in the world was a powerful sign that the Day of the Lord is always at hand, summoning us to live in right relationship with God and each other.

Perhaps if we knew the day of our death or the moment of Christ's return, we might procrastinate and delay living the life of faith and throwing off the old ways of sin. Jesus has left us instead in a healthy state of suspense, where the anticipation of His return suggests that we should be living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy every day so that we might be found prepared upon His return.

Finally, the Letter to the Hebrews today captures these mysteries perfectly, reminding us how in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we see memorialized the one offering by which Christ has made perfect those who are being consecrated. And so, as we prepare to celebrate the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of a new one with the coming Advent Season, may we always remain mindful of what the Lord says near the end of today's Gospel: "Heaven and earth will pass away but the saving words of the Lord will endure forever."

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, November 15 - Optional memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. A member of the Order of Preachers (O.P.; Dominicans), St. Albert the Great was a master of philosophy, theology, and the natural sciences, and was a prolific writer. He was the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. He died in 1280 at Cologne and is the patron of scientists. St. Albert the Great, Pray for us!

- Tuesday, November 16 - Optional memorials of St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude, Virgin.

St. Margaret of Scotland was born in Hungary and was the wife of King Malcolm III of Scotland. She was the mother of eight children. She helped root out paganism, and her love for the poor became legendary. She died in 1093 and is the patroness of Scotland. St. Margaret of Scotland, Pray for us!

St. Gertrude, called "the Great" was born in Thuringia and was a mystic of the Benedictine Abbey of Helfta in Saxony. She wrote on the meaning of suffering, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Trinity, and God's love. Her most notable work is *The Herald of Divine Love*. St. Gertrude died on November 17, 1301. St. Gertrude, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, November 17 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious. St. Elizabeth was the wife of Louis IV of Thuringia and the mother of three. As a widow, she became a Third Order Franciscan, dedicated to the needs of the poor and the sick. She died in 1231 at the age of twenty-four and was canonized just four years after her death. She is the patroness of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for us!

- Thursday, November 18 - Optional memorials of The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, and, in the United States, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin.

Around the year 330, Constantine built a Basilica over the tomb of St. Peter. Reconstruction began in the Fourteenth Century and the present Basilica of St. Peter was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. The construction of St. Paul's Basilica was begun in the year 386 by Valentinian II, taking the place of a smaller church built by Constantine. Destroyed by fire in 1823,

the new Basilica was consecrated on December 10, 1854, by Pope Pius IX who joined in one solemn celebration the dedication of these two basilicas.

- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was from Grenoble, France and founded the first American House of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. She also opened the first American free school west of the Mississippi. She is known for her courage and her desire to serve Native Americans, especially the Potawatomi who called her "the woman who prays always." She died in 1852 at the age of eighty-three not so far from us...St. Charles, Missouri. The Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is located in St. Charles, Missouri. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Pray for us!

- THANK YOU - Many thanks to all who made the Holy Family Turkey Dinner last Sunday a great success and all who supported it in any way. It is so good to see so many parishioners come together and work to bring about such an event.

- BREAKERS - As I mentioned at the Masses last weekend at Holy Family, please do not shut off any breakers in the church at Holy Family. Except for planned work or an emergency, there is no need to turn the breakers off. Before shutting off any breakers, please check with me first or, if I am away, please check with Tammy. Also, if you did recently (in the last couple of weeks) shut off a whole panel of breakers, please simply let me know so that I am aware.

- CHRIST THE KING - Next Sunday, November 21, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, the final Sunday in this year's Liturgical Year. As I did last year, I will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Family until 7:30 p.m. I will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Thomas on Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. I will conclude both with Benediction. I would encourage

everyone to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- ANDREW DINNER - There is still time to make reservations for the Andrew Dinner on November 22 in Quincy. These dinners are for young men, high school age on up, who may be interested in the Priesthood or are considering a vocation to the Priesthood.

Dinner is with the Bishop and priests of the deanery and, of course, other young men in the Diocese. I continue to encourage all of you to consider a young man you know who may have a calling to the Priesthood and encourage him to attend. Or perhaps there is a young man himself reading this who may be feeling called to the Priesthood, or to at least learn more about it.

Please contact me as soon as possible so I can make reservations and arrangements. Certainly, the Lord continues to call men to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. I suspect there are men in our parishes whom the Lord is inviting to learn more about the Priesthood. Please open yourself up to how the Lord is calling you.

I also ask you to continue to join folks across the Diocese to pray one Hail Mary at 4:40 p.m. each day that our Diocese may have 40 seminarians.

- HOLY FAMILY RENOVATIONS - As I also mentioned at the Masses at Holy Family last weekend, we continue to progress with the Capital Campaign for the restoration of the church, and I hope to have some bids signed and work started sometime very soon. I do not know yet what work can be done during the winter months, but at least we can get on the calendar.

The exterior renovations are extensive and much needed. As I have mentioned before, this is a multi-faceted and complex project. I am hoping to put together the work that we will be contracting and the cost for the work sometime soon and get

that out to you. The total costs of these much-needed renovations are going to run higher than we originally anticipated. I thank you for your support of the capital campaign thus far and encourage you to consider how you might be able to continue supporting the financial part of the project. I will also be looking at other funding opportunities as well.

I mentioned at the Masses that I am anticipating some insurance money for these projects, but not a lot. Once we come to a settlement, I will let you know where we stand with projected costs and cash on hand for the projects. We should certainly be able to move forward with renovation to the roof and bell tower. I am hoping we can also proceed with the work on the guttering, the masonry and foundation, and painting. After these projects, there are a few smaller exterior projects, and then we can look at interior projects. We remain mindful of the need to make our church building one of noble beauty (both inside and out), and we remain mindful of our need to preserve our stained-glass windows, the tower bells themselves, the organ, and the HVAC system. Again, thank you for your continued support.

- NOVEMBER - A reminder that during the month of November especially, we remember and pray for the dead. Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

I would ask you to remember in a special way Fr. Charlie Nelson, a priest of our Diocese who died on Wednesday, October 27, and Anne Snider, the mother of Fr. Scott Snider, Pastor of St. Brigid in Liberty, St. Joseph in Quincy, and St. Edward in Mendon, who died on Thursday, November 4. 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.

- CROPS FOR KIDS - Just a reminder that you can still participate in the Crops

for Kids for St. Mary School. Thank you to all those who have already participated.

- FALL COLLECTION - The Holy Family Fall Collection is getting under way. If you have not yet been contacted, you should be soon. I would ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider their contribution to this collection which remains so very important to the parish, and I'd ask you to return your contributions as soon as you can.

- CROCHETING & KNITTING - A reminder that if you crochet or knit or do other kinds of handiwork, please let me know. I only want to meet with you initially to talk about the projects I'd like to see some of the ladies of the parishes do. I've only heard from a couple of you so far.

- RETURNING HOME - As I had in last week's bulletin, if you know of someone who is away from the Church and in particular our parish, I would like to send them a personal invitation to come back and join us, especially for our Christmas Liturgies. I'd ask you to consider giving me their name and mailing address (if you have it) and to let me know if I may use your name in the invitation that I send. I ask you to prayerfully consider this and look at it as an opportunity of great love to bring others back to the Church, not an opportunity to brow-beat or embarrass someone.

As a reminder, this is primarily for those who are away from the Church. If you know someone interested in joining the Church, wonderful, but that is more for RCIA. You are welcome to give me those names as well, but please make the distinction.

You can get me the information a number of ways...by e-mailing me, giving it to me (written out) at Mass, or by dropping it in the mail or by the office. I will keep these confidential, but I do ask that you include your name.

- THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES - I am planning to offer a Thanksgiving Day Mass at each parish, 7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas. As you make your plans for Thanksgiving Day, why not start the day off with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

- TURKEY TROT - The St. Mary School Turkey Trot (5K run/walk) is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Joel Oliver Memorial Pool in Mt. Sterling. Cost is \$25 per person or \$50 for immediate family. To register, call St. Mary School at 217-773-2825 or send payments to: Friends of St. Mary, 408 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353. In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the SMS gym.

- ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY - St. Thomas Men's and Women's group will be hosting a parish Christmas party for all parishioners on Sunday, December 12, in the Parish Hall. Please be on the lookout for more details.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021**

Is the End-Time Coming? The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the Kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end? None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures forever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

- What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- What mercy work will guide my 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.

**TURKEY TROT 5K WALK/RUN
MT. STERLING, IL**

Gather your friends and family and join us Thanksgiving morning for our local Turkey Trot 5K! Our non-competitive, non-timed event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 25, beginning at Joel Oliver Pool. The route will go north past Clark Park and then return. Event fee is \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 for immediate family. Start your Thanksgiving morning with some fresh air and exercise before that big meal. This is a fundraiser that benefits St. Mary School students and teachers. To register, contact St. Mary School office at 217-773-2825 or send payment to: Friends of St. Mary, 408 W. Washington, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353. All pre-registered participants will receive a donut and snack bag at the finish line.



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