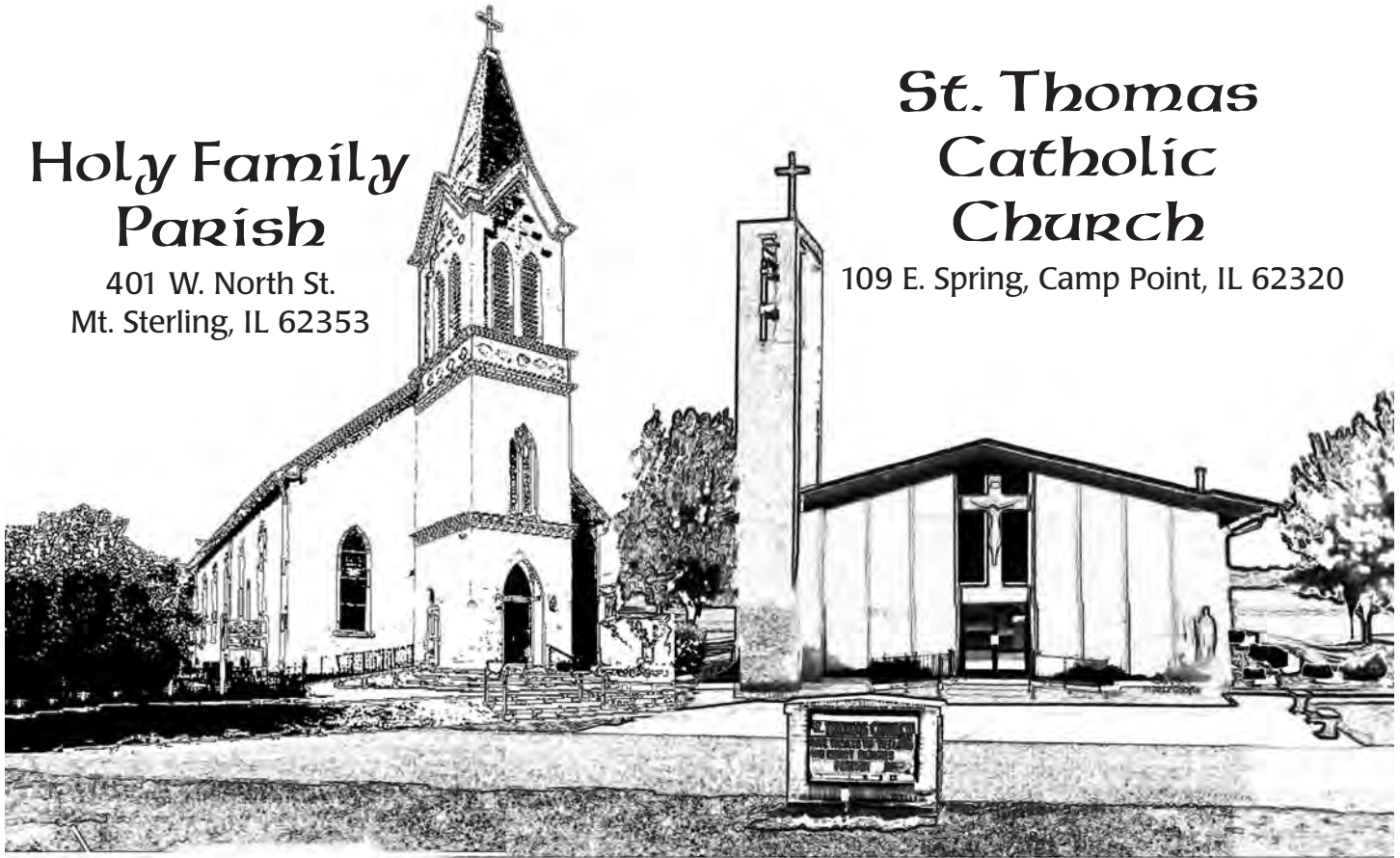


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Mass Schedule

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.

Website: www.stthomascp.org

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 24 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 25 – 7:00 a.m.

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Marjorie Salrin

(By Mary Kassing & Monica Bailey)

Wednesday, January 26 – 7:00 a.m.

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:1-20

Jim McKeown

(By Tammy)

Thursday, January 27 – 7:00 a.m.

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

Raymond & Margaret Ebbing

(By Mark & Penny Ebbing)

Friday, January 28 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
2 Samuel 11:1-41, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

Judy Meats

(By Glenda Becker & Theresa
Becker-Moore)

Saturday, January 29 – 5:30 p.m.

2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

JoAnn Wietholder

(By Beth Boylen)

Sunday, January 30 – 8:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30

Parishioners of St. Thomas and
Holy Family

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Jerry Gunn

(By the Gunn Family)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 15-16, 2022

Holy Family: \$4,815.50

Sister Parish: \$145.00

School Support: \$620.00

Christmas: \$30.00

New Year's: \$60.00

Catholic Times: \$225.00

First Offering: \$45.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 16, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,113.00

Catholic Times: \$90.00

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 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.

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 and Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson † Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse † Donna Reische † Janice Leverton † Jack and Margo 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 † 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 † Sheila Roberts † Kelsie Broom † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore † Randy McAvoy † Maddy Perry † Greg Flynn † Joe Ray † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Denver Reische

ST. THOMAS

Pastoral Council Meeting January 13, 2022. Janice Brady, Brent Obert, Claudia Coggeshall, Fr. Aaron.

Pastoral Council - Update given on Quincy Deanery of Catholic Women Conference held at St. Francis December 10. Seminarian Prayer cards and how best to use them.

Preparations for Stations of the Cross for Lent. Votive candle instructions.

DRE - Altar training coming. Parish-wide Study coming for Lent. Information to follow.

St. Thomas was contacted by St. Brigid's DRE of possibility of combining Totus Tuus with them for this summer. We are looking for a new director for Vacation Bible School.

Men's and Women's - Fish Fry March 11. Set up for visitations in the Hall discussed.

Buildings and Grounds - Garbage disposal installed.

Next meeting February 10, 2022.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

January 30, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters
Lector: David Leezer
Gift Bearers: D. Kirland Family
Eucharistic Minister: Brad Genebacher
Ushers: Denny Campbell, John Brady

Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

Bosco Kids will meet from 6:15-7:30 on 1/26/22 in the school cafeteria. This is Family Night, so we invite all of the families to come and join us and see what your kids are learning.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that we are one body, one spirit in Christ.

We, as the Body of Christ, celebrate our faith just as millions of people before us have done for more than two thousand years. We hear our salvation story proclaimed to us in the Scriptures and we celebrate the Eucharist. We remember that the body of Christ includes all of those who came before us and all those across the world right now who profess the same creed. It will continue to include all who are baptized into the faith and who strive to follow the commandment of the Lord to love one another.

St. Paul in the Second Reading for today tells us that in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. One faith, one baptism, one body. But infinite individuality, with unique gifts, charisms, and missions all for the sake of the body, all with a purpose designed and graced by God, all with honor and dignity for the sake of the Gospel.

All of this is possible because of God's laws and promises, the law as a means of signifying that God is for us. God will work for us, He will fight for us, He will take care of us, and we will delight in His laws if we will only trust in Him. And God promises that adhering to the laws will bring full, lasting, and eternal joy.

This is what the community of Nehemiah heard and understood when Ezra read to them, as told in the First Reading for today. The people wept first with lament at their failures and then with joy in their understanding of God's love for them and His promises of redemption.

And in our Gospel we see that promise fulfilled, as the scene echoes that of Nehemiah. Jesus reads to the community from the scrolls of Scripture... "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Then He finishes with these words, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the God to whom we belong. This is the Christ who fulfills the law of love and embodies the promise of eternal life.

As others before us had their purpose - Ezra and Nehemiah to lead others out of exile, Paul to evangelize the Gospel, and Luke to make record of Jesus' ministry - so too each and every one of us have our own specific, unique contribution to make to the Body of Christ. All while mindful that, as St. Paul says, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

We are one body, one spirit in Christ. May the grace of God, especially the grace of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that we celebrate, strengthen each one of us, and the entire body as a whole, for the good of the world and the glory of God.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, January 24 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Francis de Sales was Bishop of Geneva. He sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings. One of his most well-known works is *Introduction to the Devout Life*. St. Francis de Sales is the co-founder (along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal) of the Visitation Order. Francis de Sales died in 1622 and is patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf. St. Francis de Sales, Pray for us!

On a personal note, St. Francis de Sales is a saint that I more recently came to learn more about. A close friend of mine sort of introduced him more fully to me. His writings are excellent, and I have found learning more about him and reading some of his writings to be very beneficial spiritually.

- Tuesday, January 25 - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. This celebration of St. Paul's conversion is a significant celebration in the Church, elevated to a Feast. We remain mindful of St. Paul's conversion as we reflect on our own conversion and pray for the conversion of others. St. Paul's conversion is a humbling example of God's power in the life of every person. St. Paul, Pray for us, for our conversion, and the conversion of the world!

- Wednesday, January 26 - Obligatory Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops. Timothy was from Lystra in Asia Minor and Titus was of Greek origin. They were companions of St. Paul and overseers of the churches in Ephesus and Crete. The two died in the first century. Saints Timothy and Titus, Pray for us!

- Thursday, January 27 - Optional memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin. Angela Merici was orphaned at the age of ten. She is

the foundress of the Ursulins, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls. Angela Merici sought to re-evangelize families through the education of future wives and mothers. She died in 1540. St. Angela Merici, Pray for us!

- Friday, January 28 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican and is known as the "Angelic Doctor." He is known for his writings, especially the *Summa Theologia*. He also wrote *Adoro te devote, O salutaris, Tantum ergo*, and *Pange lingua*. Aquinas' writings are a valuable contribution to the faith and are widely studied and used. He died in 1274 and is the patron of Catholic schools, colleges, and universities, philosophers, theologians, and booksellers. St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us!

- SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - In his moto proprio of September 30, 2019, Aperiit illis, Pope Francis has declared that "The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God...A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break bread in the community of believers."

- MOSTACCIOLI DINNER - As we kick off Catholic Schools Weeks, the St. Mary School Mostaccioli dinner returns. Don't miss out on a great meal, Saturday, January 29, in the school cafeteria following the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Be sure and plan to join us!

Catholic Schools week runs from January 30 - February 5 this year. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 48th anniversary year, Catholic Schools Week has traditionally been held the last week in January. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies, and other activities

for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate.

We are so very fortunate to have St. Mary School, and even more fortunate for the great support of the school. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education, and especially St. Mary School.

- SOME SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - The following are some spiritual reflections from St. Francis de Sales whose Memorial is celebrated on Monday (January 25):

Be at Peace - Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

- Confidence in God - It is good to mistrust ourselves, but how would that advantage us were we not to throw all our confidence on God and to wait on His mercy? If you feel no such confidence, cease not on that account from making these acts and from saying to Our Lord: "Yet, O Lord, though I have no feeling of confidence in You, nevertheless, I know that You are my God, that I am all Yours, and that I have no hope but in Your goodness, so I abandon myself entirely into Your Hands." It is always in our power to make these acts; although we have difficulty in performing them, still there is no impossibility. Thus, we testify faithfulness to Our Lord.

- Your Cross - The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms, and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He

has blessed it with His Holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022**

Believing the Word of God. We are the Body of Christ (Corinthians) assembling as the graced community of believers (Nehemiah) each week to give thanks and praise, to share in Communion, and then sent to serve. We are part of the great Communion of Saints to whom is handed down the living Word of God - both the Scriptures and the Tradition as well as the very person of Christ who is the spoken Word of God (Luke). During the first Mass in a brand-new church building, the bishop shows the Lectionary to the assembly and says:

“May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.”

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The Word of God is central to faith.

- How will I set aside a few minutes each day to read/reread Scripture? What is a good time?
- How will I look for the unfolding mystery of Christ in little and big ways today?
- How will I be “good news” this week by what I say and do?

MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery will be closing their books for 2021 shortly. If you wish to make a contribution, please drop in the collection or mail to: Mt. Sterling Catholic Cemetery, P.O. Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

TAX REPORTING

If any parishioner would like to receive a statement of contributions for calendar year 2020, please contact the School Office at 217-773-2825 (for Holy Family) and 217-593-6685 (for St. Thomas). **A contribution statement will not be provided unless a request is received.** As always, we suggest you refer to your own personal contribution records if at all possible.

ST. MARY SCHOOL RAGS & BAGS SALE

St. Mary School is having their annual dish cloths and garbage bags sale. A box of 100 garbage bags (30-gallon size) is \$22. Rags are 6 for \$12. If interested, please contact any SMS school student, or call the School Office at 773-2825.

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