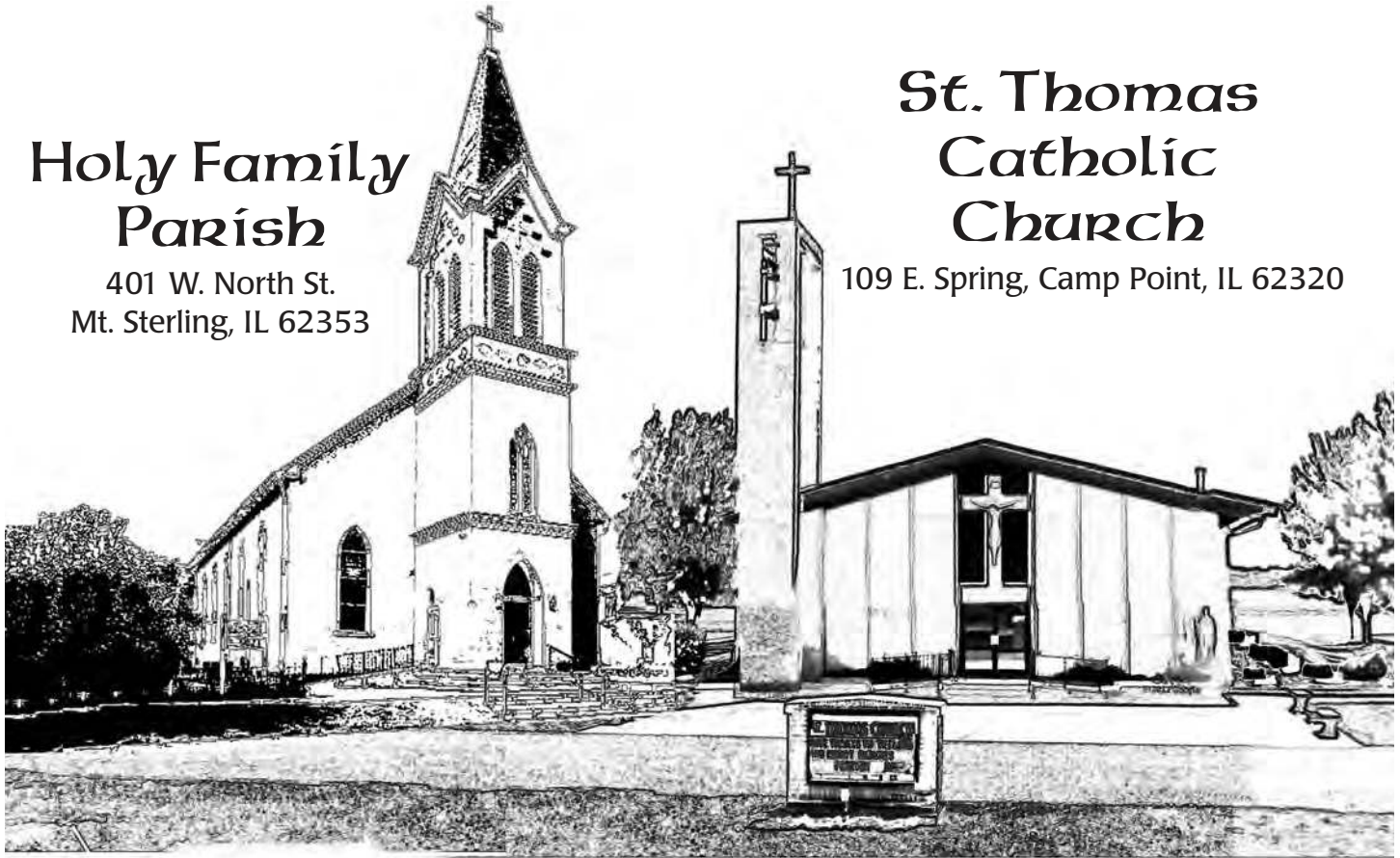


# Holy Family Parish

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# St. Thomas Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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

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CHWC Director: Karen Janssen – (217) 242-5283

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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](http://www.stthomascp.org)

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, January 31 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John Bosco, Priest  
2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Communion Service

### Tuesday, February 1 – 7:00 a.m.

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43

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

### Wednesday, February 2 – 7:00 a.m.

The Presentation of the Lord  
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

James G. & Norma Wort  
(By the Children)

### Thursday, February 3 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr  
Romans 5:1-5; Mark 16:15-20

Roberta Young  
(By Barb Lehne, Cheryl Dillard,  
and Lana Nuessen)

### Friday, February 4 – 8:30 a.m.

#### (School Mass)

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Howard Buckley  
(By Mike Bullard)

### Saturday, February 5 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Marguerite Schneider  
(By Dana & Christi Buss & Family)

### Sunday, February 6 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 6:1-21, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Bob & Betty Koch  
(By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane and Families)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas and  
Holy Family

#### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 22-23, 2022

Holy Family: \$5,229.00

Sister Parish: \$27.00

School Support: \$50.00

Christmas: \$50.00

Catholic Times: \$105.00

First Offering: \$15.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$50.00

Church in Latin America: \$445.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

#### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

January 23, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,957.19

Catholic Times: \$30.00

Church in Latin America: \$245.00

Candles: \$8.00

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](mailto:osullivan2031@gmail.com) or 217-257-2516.
- ❖ **Nocturnal Adoration:** The annual Nocturnal Adoration Society breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the K of C Hall. Reservations can be made by calling Jim Henrick at 217-617-3956.

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 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 and 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 † Amy Ormond Lucky

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

February 6, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Denise Taylor

**Lector:** Jenni Obert

**Gift Bearers:** M. Likes Family

**Eucharistic**

**Minister:** Clarice Schmidt

**Ushers:** Butch Likes, Mike Likes

## Holy Family Bosco Kids and RCIA Updates

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time tells of Jesus coming to His hometown of Nazareth and going to teach in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Before beginning His teaching, Jesus reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah, which told of the Messiah and Savior God promised to bring healing, restoration, and salvation to the people of Israel.

After reading the passage, Jesus proclaims that this passage was fulfilled in their hearing. In other words, He was announcing Himself as the long-promised Messiah. How sad it was that the majority of the people gathered there that day were unable to see that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. It seems they were blinded by their experience of Jesus growing up humbly among them as the son of a carpenter. The Messiah was supposed to be someone like the great King David who threw off the oppressors and restored the nation of Israel. Jesus certainly didn't fit the bill. And so they rejected Jesus and His message of salvation.

Now we shouldn't be too hasty in judging the people in Nazareth because they had certain expectations and they

weren't being met in the manner they expected. How often do we think things should unfold and happen in our lives in a certain time and fashion because we have prayed for them? And then when they do not, we feel discouraged and frustrated and turn away from God.

For example, this can happen when we place the pursuit of money or material things before God, thinking they can bring us happiness or peace. But ultimately, the only things that will bring us true happiness, peace, and joy are loving Jesus and trying to walk in His way of love.

So, let's try to keep our minds and hearts open to the Lord's love and to the many and varied ways that He wants to work in our lives. Let us press upon our hearts the importance of remembering that God hears and answers all our prayers, but He answers them in His time and in the way that is best for us. If we bear these things in mind, it will help us to keep our eyes firmly fixed upon Jesus and make slow and steady progress in growing in faith and holiness of life. This will enable us to become more patient, gentle, kind, compassionate, and forgiving toward others. Our goal is Eternal Life, living in such a way that we give glory to God and invite others to know the joy we have found in Jesus.

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2022**

**Believing God Who Protects.** Proclaiming God's Word can be costly. For the grueling work of prophet Jeremiah, God declares he will not be alone. In proclaiming Good News in His hometown, Jesus is faced with reproach and the threat of being thrown over the cliff. Proclaiming Good News is the task of each of us because of Baptism into Christ. So, how do we do it? As faithful, hopeful, loving Christians.

- What words of faith will I share with others this week?
- What is part of the great hope I have in believing in Christ?
- Because God keeps me safe in a protecting embrace, how can I love? Whom will I love - even those who are not "one of us"?

**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: 217-773-2825 (for Holy Family) 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.

**HOLY FAMILY FALL COLLECTION**

The Holy Family Fall Collection will be wrapping up shortly. If you have contributed, Thank You Very Much! If you have not contributed and still wish to, please either drop your contribution in the collection offering or mail it to: P.O. Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

# LAUREN SCHARMER

Lauren is a former Youth Minister, now Social Worker from St. Louis, MO. Her life has been transformed by the power of community of saints! She is so excited to share about the life of Chiara Corbella Petrillo- a wife, mother, friend and example of heroic sacrifice and love. She is a true witness of holiness for our time!



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St. Mary School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS35/.

## REPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel - even if it is in the past - individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at: 1-800-25-ABUSE."

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

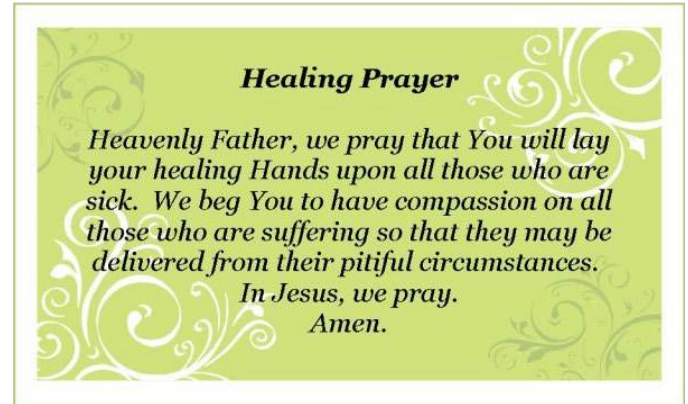
**Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** - Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child?

Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. Go to [dio.org/schools/eas](http://dio.org/schools/eas).

### UPLIFTING THINGS TO DO TODAY

- \* Smile at a stranger
- \* Drop a coin where a child can find it
- \* Learn something new and teach it to someone
- \* Tell someone you love them
- \* Hug someone
- \* Forgive someone who has wronged you
- \* Try saying "I'm sorry" when you ought to
- \* Tell a child how great they are
- \* Sing a song about Jesus to yourself
- \* Keep a promise
- \* Call someone just to say hello
- \* Try listening more than talking
- \* Stand up for what you believe in
- \* Thank God for His beautiful Creation
- \* Encourage someone who is feeling down
- \* Cherish today as if it were your last one
- \* Tell someone about Jesus

- Author Unknown



### Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

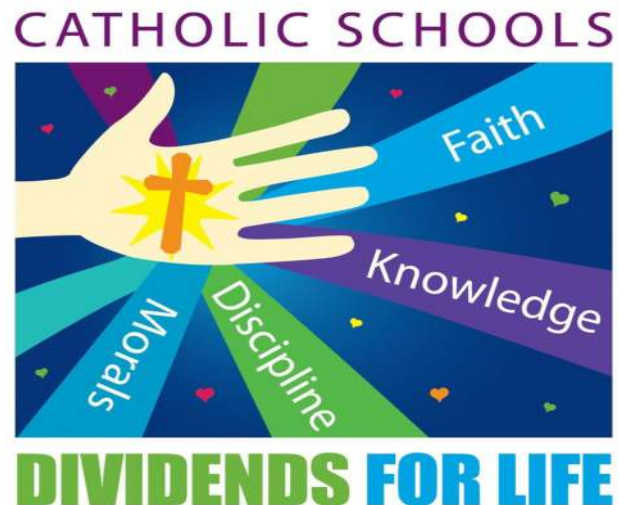
In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.

### Faith

Our schools are grounded with the teachings and principles of the Catholic faith. Students learn and receive sacraments, attend weekly Mass, begin each day in prayer, discuss faith questions with teachers and clergy, pray for their fellow students, and think every day about how they can help others. It's this emphasis on faith that helps our students to think and live selflessly, put on the face of Christ to those in need, and be a role model to others.

### Knowledge

Our students learn in a close-knit classroom experience. Our professional teachers and staff have shown a unique ability to connect with students due to the lower student to teacher ratio and an environment that is always grounded in faith.



**DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE**

**Celebrating  
Catholic  
Schools Week  
in true  
Olympic  
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**Daily Activities  
Theme dress days  
Food Drive  
Olympic activities**

**We will celebrate  
our students,  
families, faculty,  
staff and  
volunteers  
throughout the  
week!**



# **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**JANUARY 29-  
FEBRUARY 4**

## **BOOKFAIR**

**Jan 29 6:30 - 8  
Feb 1st & Feb 3rd  
12:30- 5:30**

## **MASS**

**January 29, 5:30 pm Mass will be  
dedicated to our Parish and  
Catholic Schools Week.  
Mostaccioli Dinner to follow Mass.**

**Friday: Dress up,  
Mass, and all-  
school Bingo!**

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