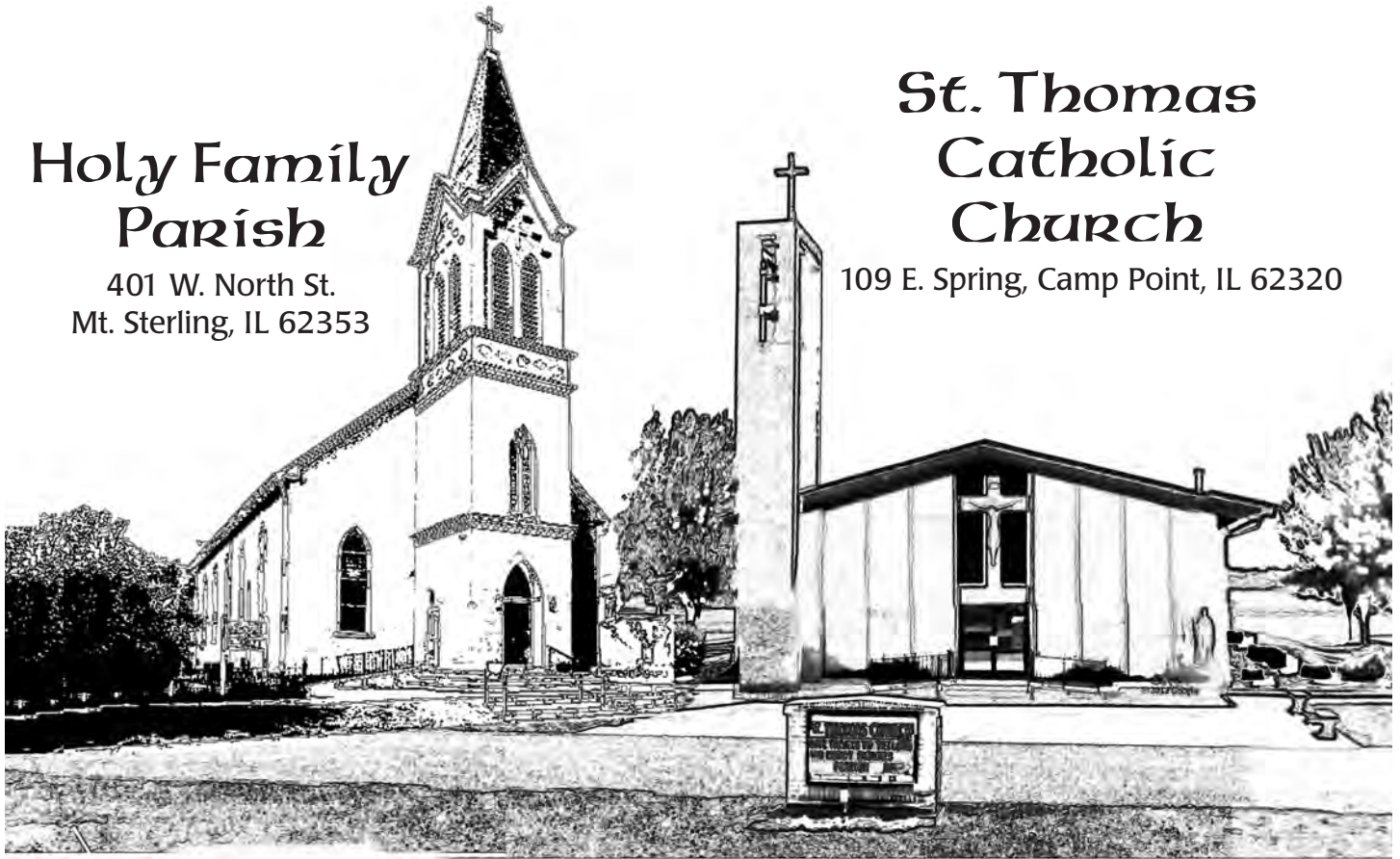


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: Will be Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

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First weekend of month

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Holy Day: Will be Announced

First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass 6:00 p.m. with

Reconciliation prior 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m.

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<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 30 – 8:00 a.m.

AT HOLY FAMILY

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Eugene Zackey
(By Legion of Mary)

Monday, May 30 – 9:30 a.m.

AT ST. THOMAS

Jerry Gunn
(By the Gunn Family)

Tuesday, May 31 – 7:00 a.m.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56

Josephine Burkey
(By Legion of Mary)

Wednesday, June 1 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Justin, Martyr
Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Kim Koch
(By Joan Zurita)

Thursday, June 2 – 7:00 a.m.

Acts of the Apostles 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

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

Friday, June 3 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Floyd “Scotty” Blentlinger
(By Norma Hufnagel)

FIRST FRIDAY – ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Barb Perry
(By Tod & Rachel Perry)

Saturday, June 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Larry Moorman
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Sunday, June 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Romans 8:8-17

Bill O’Sullivan
(By Ann O’Sullivan)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 21-22, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,801.50

Sister Parish: \$25.00

School Support: \$70.00

Catholic Communications: \$40.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$475.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 22, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,006.35

Sister Parish: \$25.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$370.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$2,635

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Legion of Mary** meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. New members are welcome to attend.
- ❖ **Nocturnal Adoration:** Saturday, June 4, beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on June 5 at 7:45 a.m.

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 † Margo Pool
 † Gary Shields † Carroll Hedden † Abby
 Schuhardt † Jack Cannon † Betty (Koch)
 Atteberry † Jim Steinkamp † Heather Poppy
 † Stanley Harms † Pat Boylen † Sheila
 Thompson † J. J. Gronewold † John Norkus
 † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing
 † Cal Noelke † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce
 Shank † Elaine Parkin and family † Mary
 Klingele Ahmed † Sheila Roberts
 † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey
 † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie
 Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan
 Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori
 Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Denver
 Reische † Louise Hendricks † Penny Ebbing
 † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker
 Baker † Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson
 † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Norma
 Hufnagel † Cameron Francis † Norma
 Herbster † Fritzi Harper † Steve Bunch
 † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth “Libby” Tichy

ST. THOMAS

Ladies Prayer Group – St. Thomas welcomes all ladies to join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall. Our plans are for a time of prayer for whatever intentions you wish to pray for. We will also have discussions on various topics of interest. We are informal but sincere. Please join us.

PSR Catechist Needed! – Do you have a desire to help our children grow in their faith? Would you love to help them prepare for their Sacraments? If so, we need you in 3rd grade! After many, many years of dedication, Katie Foote has decided it is time to step away and let someone new in. If you are interested, please contact Laura Evans to discuss!

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 5, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Lector:	David Leezer
Gift Bearers:	J. Brady Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Justin Obert, Andrew Llewellyn

From the Pastor's Desk

In most Dioceses in the United States the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord today. The transfer of the celebration of the Ascension to Sunday occurred a number of years ago. Our celebration today and our readings for the day remind us that Jesus has prepared the way for us and sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord comes between two other significant moments in the life the Church. A few weeks ago, we celebrated the greatest day on the liturgical calendar, the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter). Next week we will celebrate another important event for the Church, the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).

With the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostles may be less afraid than they were when Jesus came to them on that first Easter, but “losing” Him today for a second time could not have been easy.

In the first reading for today, the Apostles are left staring up at heaven. In the Gospel, we hear that they leave rejoicing, filled with great joy. So we might ask ourselves, which is it? Are they bewildered or joy-filled?

Actually, they are both. The Apostles have journeyed with Jesus for three years. They have witnessed the miracles and the parables. They have also witnessed the resentments and the ridicule. They have just witnessed His torturous death and His glorious Resurrection. We might say that it has been a rollercoaster ride of giant proportions.

Such is the life of discipleship we live even today as we gather to celebrate the moment between Easter and Pentecost. We are a people living in a kingdom established here on earth, but not yet part of its fullness found in the next life. It is an in-between moment, so to speak, for the Church and in our own lives. How we choose to face such moments tells us how resilient our faith is or whether there is work to be done to strengthen our reliance on Jesus and on His promises.

It is always going to be easier to have faith when things are going well. It is in those in-between moments that we learn a great deal, especially about ourselves. It is okay to stop and stare at what is unclear or confusing so long as we find joy in the journey, as the disciples in both readings eventually do.

It is here we discover the need to go deeper in our trust in Jesus' promise not to ever leave us orphaned. It is in these in-between moments we also realize we are never alone in facing any challenge that is before us. Even though Jesus' human form ascended into heaven, He is here present in Word and Sacrament. This is a powerful reality that, for many at times, can seem difficult to accept, believe, or acknowledge. Some even become complacent with this reality, and it seems to have little effect in their lives. The Holy

Spirit, too, dwells within and among us. Another powerful reality sometimes forgotten, ignored, or not taken seriously.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, may we, by God's grace, have all that St. Paul prayed for: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give us a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe."

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday, May 31 - Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Feast commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in unusual circumstances, Elizabeth in her old age after suffering from infertility, and Mary by the Holy Spirit. At their meeting, John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, and she blessed Mary and the Christ Child. Mary, in turn, responds with the famous *Magnificat*, praising the Lord. Mary, our Mother, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, June 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr. St. Justin was a layman and apologist of the early Church. He gives one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass. Martyred in 165 under Marcus Aurelius, he is the patron of philosophers and apologists. St. Justin, Pray for us!

- Thursday, June 2 - Optional memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs. Marcellinus, a presbyter, and Peter, an exorcist, were beheaded around the year 303 under Diocletian. Both are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Pray for us!

- Friday, June 3 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs. Charles Lwanga and twenty-one Ugandan companions were martyred between November 15, 1885, and January 27, 1887. Charles is the patron saint of African Catholic Youth Action. St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Pray for us!

As you can see, we celebrate a number of martyrs this week. Some of these are from the very early Church and others much more recent. The Saints are always great examples to us and the Martyrs especially, dying for their professed and unwavering belief in Jesus Christ. It is a reminder to us that we too face that very real possibility when we remain unwavering in the Truth of Jesus Christ. But we have those who have gone before us to help us and guide us and, of course, the Holy Spirit to help us persevere. May we always have the strength to witness to the Truth even in the face of persecution and martyrdom.

- MEMORIAL DAY - On Monday, May 30, the United States celebrates Memorial Day. While this is a secular celebration for our country, it is a significant celebration. On this day we recognize and pray especially for the men and women who served in our Armed Forces and were killed in that service.

I will be offering Mass at each parish on Memorial Day. Both Masses will be celebrated in the church. I do encourage folks to visit the cemeteries this day as well. Mass at Holy Family will be at 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 9:30 a.m.

- DEATH ANNIVERSARY - June 3 marks the Death Anniversary of Pope St. John XXIII in 1963. John XXIII was canonized more recently (2014) along with John Paul II. The memorial of John XXIII is celebrated on October 11. Pope St. John XXIII, Pray for us!

- K OF C Meeting - As of my writing this and as far as I am aware, the monthly meeting of the Mt. Sterling Knights of

Columbus Council will be on Tuesday, June 7, at Noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. I encourage all members to attend if you are able.

- FIRST FRIDAY - Friday, June 3, is First Friday and so we will be having our First Friday Devotions at St. Thomas. Exposition will be at Noon with Adoration until 5:45 p.m. Benediction will be at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. As always, I encourage folks to spend some time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. What a great opportunity that, sadly, many folks pass up.

- NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday, June 4, is First Saturday and thus we will be having Nocturnal Adoration at Holy Family. It begins at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night and runs overnight. Benediction is at 7:45 a.m. followed by our regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

I invite you to seriously consider becoming a Nocturnal Adorer. For more information, talk to one of the Adorers at Holy Family or contact me.

- POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's intention for June is for families. We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

- SACRED HEART OF JESUS - June is the month of the Sacred Heart. This year the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on Friday, June 24. I hope to share more with you about the Sacred Heart in the month of June. Additionally, like the May Altar, I am hoping to have a Sacred Heart Altar in each church for the month of June. I want to encourage you to learn more about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to foster devotion to the Sacred Heart.

- THE WORD AMONG US - Copies of the June *The Word Among Us* are in the back of each church. If you'd like a copy to use as part of your daily prayer and

reflection, please take a copy. If you know of someone who would like a copy, feel free to get one for them as well.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Alicia Schmidt is spearheading Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas this year. She is excited to be taking this on. Be on the look-out for more information and please be open to helping when Alicia asks. I know many have already agreed to help so thank you for that.

- RETREAT - I will be on retreat the week of June 5. The retreat begins Sunday evening and runs through Friday. I will return either Friday evening that week or Saturday morning. Deacon Mike is planning to offer Communion Services each day that week while I am on retreat. Many of the priests of the Diocese will gather for this retreat near St. Louis. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

- RESTORATION - I wanted to give you an update on the restoration work at Holy Family. As you all know and can see, the need for the exterior restoration of the church building at Holy Family is great. I am happy to let you know that after working through a lot of details with the contractor including the proposal itself, insurance, and bonding, we received permission from the Bishop to accept the proposal for restoration. I accepted and signed the proposal on May 18. I do not know yet when the work will begin but I, like you, am looking very forward to it.

I will be providing more detailed information of the work itself so that you are aware of what will be happening. I am also hoping to host a supper some evening to give more details, answer questions, and "kick-off" the work. The following is a summary of the work:

We will be using Renaissance Historic Exteriors for five exterior restoration projects. Renaissance has offices in both St. Louis, MO and Belvidere, IL and specialize in the restoration of historic

buildings. They have completed major work on historic churches and have done work in our own Diocese. Additionally, Renaissance carries the appropriate insurance coverage required by the Diocese to complete this work.

The insurance coverage has been reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Insurance Office. A Performance and Payment Bond is also included in the proposal. This Bond was reviewed and approved by the Diocese. Additionally, the proposals have been reviewed by our Diocesan Director of Properties who has worked with Renaissance with questions concerning the proposal and updating proposal language.

The five restoration projects encompassing the work from Renaissance are as follows (some pieces were contingent on the acceptance and completion of another section of work):

- Slate Roofing and Copper Flashings Restoration
- Guttering (Reuse Existing Gutter Hangers and Custom Guttering)
- Steeple Roofing and New Cross
- Custom Metal Work at Three Shelf Ledges around the Steeple
- Masonry Repointing Restoration and Painting

This is a major project. Upon completion, the church itself will be a more solid and lasting structure once again and will exhibit an exterior beauty for the parish and the community that I don't think any of us can even imagine right now. Once these projects are complete, we will be looking at other projects as well including the interior of the church.

The total proposal cost for the entire project and the Performance and Payment Bond is \$1,028,139. It is recommended that we have an additional \$102,000 as a contingency for unforeseen circumstances

giving us a total cash need of about \$1,130,000 for the project.

Believe me, I know this is a lot of money. Designated funds raised thus far plus insurance payments received and insurance payments expected is about \$540,000. We will continue the Capital Campaign even as the project gets under way. We also have undesignated operating funds that we could use, if needed, but ultimately I would like to have this paid for through the raising of funds designated for this project. Please be assured that I have spent many hours looking over all of this to move forward with the project while making sure the parish, including the school, is not imperiled by it. I continue to look for additional sources of funding as well.

We need everyone's support. Please continue to pray for this project and its capital needs. I cannot express how important this is. Additionally, I know many of you have already contributed funds to the project. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give in support of the restoration.

This is exciting. I hope you are sharing in the excitement. As we continue on, I look forward to sharing more with you.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Seventh Sunday of Easter Time
May 29, 2022**

Being One. Jesus prays at the Last Supper that both His present and all future disciples be one in perfect unity. This unity is a Kingdom of Heaven goal. Even in our somewhat discordant world, praying and working for unity is our fervent task.

- How will I be one with my family?
- How will I be one with my friends?
- How can I be united with all those who believe in God - and even with those who do not believe?

Graduates

Congratulations to our Holy Family graduates:

Nicole Decker
Grace Groesch
Will Groesch
Tory Hodge
Karsyn Moorman
Peyton Wegs
Logan Wilson
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