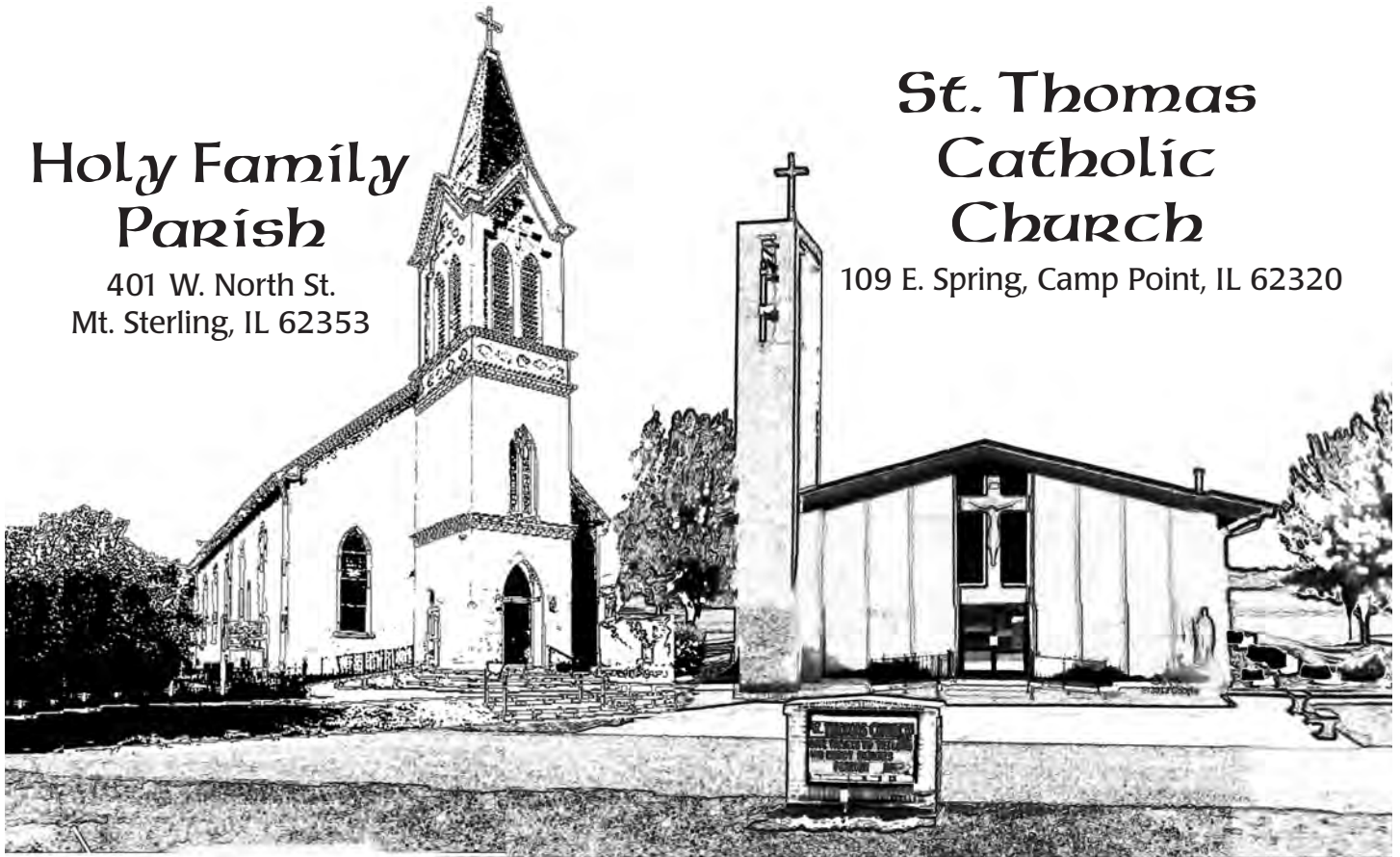


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Principal: Melissa Obert

## Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

First weekend of month

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Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

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.

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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 4 – 7:00 a.m.

Hosea 2:16, 71c-18, 21-11; Matthew 9:18-26

Eugene Zackey  
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

### ST. THOMAS – 8:30 a.m.

Special Intention and Thanksgiving

### Tuesday, July 5 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest  
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

Tom & Barb Kuhn  
(By John & Linda Colgan)

### Wednesday, July 6 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr  
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk  
and Ruth James  
(By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

### Thursday, July 7 – 7:00 a.m.

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15

James G. & Norma M. Wort  
(By the Children)

### Friday, July 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

Deceased Members of the Joseph &  
Elizabeth Geisler Family  
(By the Geisler Family)

### Saturday, July 9 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

Mary Kleinlein  
(By Holy Family Choir & Musicians)

### Sunday, July 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20;  
Luke 10:25-37

Bob Volk  
(By Brandon Volk)

### St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

## HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 25-26, 2022

Holy Family: \$3,817.00  
Sister Parish: \$25.00  
School Support: \$205.00  
Peter's Pence: \$285.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

## ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 26, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,329.00  
Sister Parish: \$20.00  
Peter's Pence: \$145.00  
Candles: \$13.00

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.
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus meeting** will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday, July 5, at Noon. A light meal will be provided.

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 to Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 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 † 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 † 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 † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Rob Dresden

## ST. THOMAS

**If you haven't returned your baby bottle, money in it or empty, you can still do so. We will get them back to CareNet.**

**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 as decided it is time to step away and let someone new in. If you are interested, please contact Laura Evans to discuss!

**7 Sisters Apostolate is a ministry that serves priests and bishops through prayer and fasting.** It involves the commitment of 7 women, one per day to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, one hour per week on a designated day and time she determines. It can be done in any church or chapel where the Blessed Sacrament resides. It is now in all 50 states, 6 continents, and 25 countries. This ministry began at St. Thomas/Holy Family last year. We have a total of 10 women, 3 who are substitutes, who have been praying for Fr. Kuhn. We would like to get enough to start an apostolate for Bishop Paprocki. We will be renewing our apostolate Friday, June 24, the Solemnity for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, after the 5:30 Mass at St. Thomas. If you are interested in being an auxiliary member to add to our group, or to be a substitute if needed, please contact Claudia Coggeshall at 217-593-7285. We would love to have someone from Holy Family join our apostolate. More information can be found at [www.sevensistersapostolate.org](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org).

**Give kids a Grand-New Perspective at VBS this year!** By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. Register your kids TODAY!

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be held the week of August 1-5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30. Children entering preschool to 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th to 12th grade are welcome as Crew Leaders. Please register both campers and crew leaders.

<https://forms.gle/KwxjTLHVBmu2vTJR7>

Direct any questions or concerns to Alicia Schmidt, 217-257-3210, or [a\\_ordner@hotmail.com](mailto:a_ordner@hotmail.com).



## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 10, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Brent Obert
<b>Lector:</b>	Denise Taylor
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	C. Simmons Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Jim Clausius
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt

## From the Pastor's Desk

As the Church celebrates the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings remind us that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and that requires something of everyone; that is, repentance and faith.

Jesus is God. He can do all things. Does He need the help of the seventy-two that He sends out two by two in today's Gospel? No, and yes. No, because He saves the world all by Himself. Yes, however,

because He wants humanity to assist Him in building the Kingdom and bringing salvation to all mankind.

Jesus is setting in motion the building up of the Church that will take up the reins of leadership after He has ascended into Heaven. He sends these men out to heal the sick, forgive sins, cast out demons and announce the Kingdom of God. The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few.

By chapter ten of the Gospel from Luke, which we hear from today, Jesus has already begun His final journey to Jerusalem and to Calvary. He knows His days are numbered, but the whole world must be touched by His message.

The chosen ones are told to travel lightly. All they can carry with them besides the clothing on their back is total trust in the providence of God to meet their needs. Hospitality would be the measure by which they would gauge the success or failure of their mission. Where God's word was welcomed, people would also welcome those who preached it. Likewise, where the Gospel was rejected, these disciples would shake the dust from their feet and move on to other towns.

History shows acceptance and rejection from Jewish and Gentile communities alike. The underlying truth of these instructions, it seems, is this: Whether people want to listen or not, regardless of whether they come to believe it or not, the Kingdom of God is, in fact, at hand. And this fact requires something of everyone; that is, repentance and faith.

Jesus has given the disciples power over serpents and scorpions...they have nothing to fear if they trust in the Lord. The same is true for all who believe.

Remember that Jesus said that the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. The laborers are you and me. They are not some "other people." So let's start the work of the Kingdom today by traveling lightly, shedding the excess baggage of sin

and worry, and depending on God to complete the great work that He has begun in us.

Isaiah said the Lord's power shall be known to His servants. This explains the unparalleled success of the early Church's first missionary excursion. From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, all will experience the comfort and love of a merciful God thanks to the preaching of a chosen few.

And now just a few notes:

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday, July 5 - Optional memorial of St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest and, in the United States of America, St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

Anthony Zaccaria lived in the sixteenth century and was a doctor turned priest. He was a popular preacher who, in 1530 in Milan, founded the Clerics Regular of St. Paul for the reform of society which today numbers about 375 members. He was known to seek collaboration between the clergy and the laity and to promote frequent Communion. He died in 1539 at Cremona at the age of thirty-six. St. Anthony Zaccaria, Pray for us!

Elizabeth of Portugal was named after her great aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was a queen and mother, lover of the poor, and peacemaker in the royal family. She died in 1336 and is the patroness of Catholic charities. The optional memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal is perpetually transferred from July 4 to July 5 in the United States of America. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, July 6 - Optional memorial of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr. Born near Ancona, Maria Goretti was stabbed to death, preferring to die than to be raped. She died in 1902 at the age of twelve. Canonized in 1950, her mother was present for her canonization. It was the largest crowd ever assembled in Rome for a canonization. St. Maria Goretti is the

patroness of teenage girls. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

- Saturday, July 9 - Optional memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs. The 120 martyrs honored today died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (eighty-seven) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers ranging from nine years of age to seventy-two. This group included four Chinese priests. The thirty-three foreign-born martyrs were mostly Priests or women Religious. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Defresse to the martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the Bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a Diocesan Priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized on October 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Pray for us!

- ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - As I noted in the bulletin last week, in most places July 3 is celebrated as the Obligatory Memorial of St. Thomas the Apostle. When July 3 falls on a Sunday as it does this year, again, in most places, the Sunday celebration takes precedence. However, in the churches that take the name of a particular Saint, these days are celebrated as Solemnities in that particular parish church, even on Sundays of Ordinary Time.

This year, as July 3 falls on a Sunday, at Holy Family the Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time will be celebrated. However, at St. Thomas the Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle will be celebrated.

This is a significant Liturgical celebration for St. Thomas Parish, and I encourage the St. Thomas parishioners to celebrate accordingly.

- FRIDAY MASSES - Just a reminder that Friday Masses at Holy Family will

continue to be at 8:30 a.m. even when school is not in session.

- BABY BOTTLES - If you have not yet returned your baby bottle and/or contribution for the Pregnancy Centers, please do so as soon as possible. You can bring them to church, and we will take care of it from there. Thank you for your support of this important work.

- 125TH ANNIVERSARY - On July 9, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the death of the Venerable Servant of God Augustus Tolton, Bishop Paprocki will lead a procession from St. Peter's Church in Quincy to Fr. Tolton's grave in St. Peter Cemetery, where he will offer the Holy Mass. The procession will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Those unable to take part in the roughly mile-long procession route may park near the cemetery (but not in the cemetery, due to lack of space) for the Mass. Chairs and bottled water will be available, but it may be good to bring your own. Everyone is welcome to join the procession and/or the Mass.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Don't forget, Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be in the evenings from August 1-5. If you haven't already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact Alicia Schmidt. Alicia is heading this up for us this year.

- ICE CREAM - Just a reminder, St. Thomas is serving ice cream and pie/brownies in the park in Camp Point on Independence Day. Don't forget to bring your pie and brownies to the Parish Hall on Sunday, July 3, and to help out as you can.

They are also continuing the planning for the Ice Cream Social in August. If you have not already done so, please sign up to help.

- ANNIVERSARY - July 1 of each year marks assignment changes and anniversaries for many priests in our Diocese. Sometimes

it is hard for me to believe that I have now been in the parishes two full years. July 1 marked the start of my third year as Pastor. What a great blessing for me, and I continue to give praise and thanks to God for the blessings in my life and for each of you. I look forward to continue Pastoring the parishes and school.

- INDEPENDENCE DAY - Monday, July 4, marks Independence Day for our country. While this is a secular celebration and not a Liturgical Celebration, we recognize the importance of our independence as a country. We recognize the freedoms that we are afforded, hopefully with a correct understanding of freedom. We recognize too those who have worked to protect that independence. Above all, we give praise and thanks to God, the Creator of all that is good!

I will be celebrating Mass at both parishes on Monday, July 4...7:00 a.m. at Holy Family and 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas. As you celebrate Independence Day, I encourage you to start the day by joining us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I cannot think of a better way to begin the day.

- SUPREME COURT DECISION - A lot has happened since I wrote my last bulletin column. One of those is the handing down of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade which had legalized the murder of millions of children. The overturning of Roe v. Wade is significant, and we give praise and thanks to God for that decision. Still, there is much work to be done, especially in our own state of Illinois, in order to protect all human life in all stages.

There is much to be said concerning the sanctity of life. Let me just say this for now...Human life begins at the moment of conception and all human life must be protected. We must continue to work for and pray for the respect for and dignity of all human life in all stages. We must

continue to promote, recognize, and witness to the sanctity of all human life in all stages. All human life must be legally protected. Again, the overturning of Roe v. Wade is a step in the right direction as we continue our work and prayer for life.

It is sad that violence has erupted in some parts of the country over this. That violence really stems not from the decision of the Supreme Court but from the lack of dignity for human life, a self-centered approach to living, a dismissal of our call to live a chaste and holy life, an incorrect understanding of freedom, and the fear of having to face the reality of these things.

Again, there is much to be said. I ask you to seriously enter into prayer and sacrifice more fully and deliberately in regards to life and to continue the work to protect all human life in all stages. That work remains. May our Blessed Mother and all the Saints help us to persevere in protecting the dignity of all human life in all stages.

- CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Last Saturday, June 25, Bishop Paprocki celebrated Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our kids from St. Thomas and Holy Family at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. It was a most beautiful celebration! Someone from the parishes remarked that they didn't know exactly how to describe it, but that it was almost like being in Heaven. That is a most beautiful way to describe the Sacred Liturgy as it is a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Upon returning to the parishes, I vested the kids with the Brown Scapular and we celebrated with a reception at both parishes (Saturday evening at Holy Family and Sunday morning at St. Thomas).

Those receiving the Sacraments (along with their Confirmation Name in parentheses) were:

From St. Thomas: Breckyn Barry (St. Josephine Bakita); Makaylin Evans (St. Catherine of Siena); Elliott Likes (St. Paul); and Aubrey Viehmeyer (St. Gianna Beretta Molla)

From Holy Family: Madison Ebbing (St. Elizabeth); Olivia Ebbing (St. Mary); Francine Garrett (St. Mary Margaret Alacoque); Clara Howard (St. Therese of Lisieux); Benjamin Ketcham (St. Michael); Jacob Koch (St. Jacob); and Carson Sides (St. Hubert).

Congratulations to all of these young people. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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

- Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 3, 2022**

**About Being Disciples.** Jesus tells the chosen 72 where to go (ahead of Him), what not to take (extra baggage), and how to behave (stay and accompany). Saint Paul carries this forward by stressing what is important for those who follow Jesus (boasting in the Cross of Christ).

- What does Jesus empower me to do and say today?
- How will I embrace the Cross of Christ this week?
- How will this discipleship enrich the Kingdom of God?

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