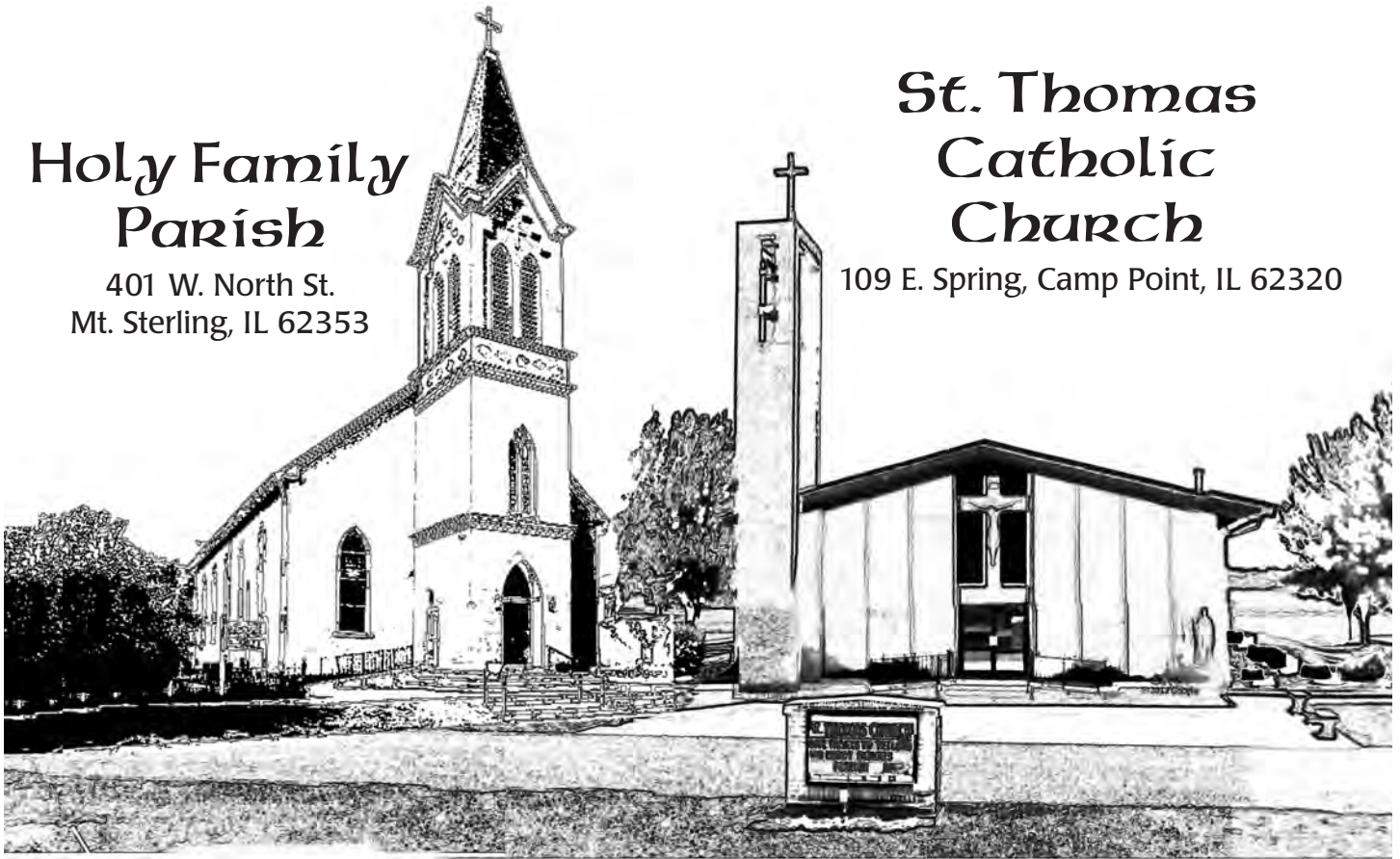


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Mass Schedule

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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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

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 11 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Benedict, Abbott
Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 12 – 7:00 a.m.

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Marjorie Salrin

(By Emily & Charles Morris & Family)

Wednesday, July 13 – 7:00 a.m.

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Mary Ann Yeakel

(By Holy Family Women's Guild)

Thursday, July 14 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Margie Dunn

(By Doug & Dawn Dunn)

Friday, July 15 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

Roberta Young

(By Marie Smith)

Saturday, July 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Bob & Sylva Dixon and Julie Link

(By Cheryl Dillard)

Sunday, July 17 – 8:00 a.m.

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

Marjorie Salrin

(By Norma Hufnagel)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 2-3, 2022

Holy Family: \$7,868.20

School Support: \$772.00

Peter's Pence: \$150.00

ACSA: \$30.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 3, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,887.00

Sister Parish: \$20.00

Peter's Pence: \$25.00

Parish Improvement: \$585.00

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.

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 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

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 † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf † Nancy
 Salrin † Christine Colgan Moore † Maddy
 Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori Bradshaw
 † Dennis Houston † Louise Hendricks
 † Susie Parker Campbell † Debra Parker
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 † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham † Cameron
 Francis † Norma Herbster † Fritzi Harper
 † Steve Bunch † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth
 “Libby” Tichy † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak
 † Carol Likes † Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen

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

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.



ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 17, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Lector:	B. Mock
Gift Bearers:	D. Wagner Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Maurice Schmidt
Ushers:	Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt

From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that we owe God our full-hearted “yes,” we owe God our complete selves.

Today's Scriptures present us with a challenge; that is, to live out our Christian lives wholeheartedly, to love God with everything that is in us, and to put aside our own comfort and ease in the service of our neighbor, especially at the moment we see our neighbor in need. It's true, we all know this is so much easier said than done

at times. And at times, what God calls us to doesn't fit into the sentimentality of the "faith" we have created for ourselves.

In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses presents us with this deep challenge as he tells his fellow Israelites to return to God with all your heart and all your soul, listening to God and obeying God's commands. In the Gospel, the scholar seems to understand this demand when he tells Jesus that the way to eternal life is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

This is a tall order, and it calls on us to examine our conscience. It asks us to think about all that we do each day and ask ourselves whether or not we are indeed loving God and neighbor absolutely and completely. We might consider how we give this love in the midst of our busy lives, when we have children to take care of, jobs that call on much of our attention each day, and responsibilities to our friends and our community.

One way to do this is through love and service to our neighbor, especially at difficult and inconvenient times. That was certainly the case in Jesus' parable in the Gospel. The Samaritan probably had his own plans for the day as he walked along the road. Yet the moment he saw the robbers' victim lying on the road, severely injured, he dropped his plans and responded. He showed incredible care for this stranger, his neighbor, even changing his plans to return the next day to ensure that this neighbor was looked after.

This great love for God and neighbor is a "simple" command that we all know can at times be difficult to follow. Moses reminds us that God's law is written within our hearts. All we need is to listen to God as He speaks within our hearts and respond fully to what we are told to do at each individual moment. This could mean

praise and adoration of God – or responding to the immediate situation...calling a friend whose mother or father died, listening to a child's tale of woe, or helping the stranger at our door.

As we approach the Altar each time to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, made truly present to us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let us pray for open, loving hearts and minds, ready to respond immediately out of total love for God to whatever is demanded of us at each moment.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, July 11 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot. Benedict wrote the famous Monastic Rule noted for its wisdom and moderation and need for obedience. He founded twelve monasteries and is considered the Patriarch of Western Monasticism. Benedictines today number about seven thousand five hundred Religious. St. Benedict died in 547 and is a patron of Europe. St. Benedict, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, July 13 - Optional memorial of St. Henry. Henry II, along with his wife, St. Cunegunda, is known for assisting the poor. As emperor, he respected the Church's freedom, fostering ecclesiastical and monastic reform. He founded the See of Bamberg as a center for missions to the Slavs. He died in 1024 and is patron of the Benedictine oblates. St. Henry, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 14 - In the United States of America, Obligatory Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin. Kateri Tekakwitha led a life of great austerity and love in spite of ridicule and abuse. Called the Lily of the Mohawks, she was the first Native American to be declared Blessed (in 1980). She died in 1680 at the age of twenty-four and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for us!

As a side note, in the United States of America, the optional memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis, priest, is perpetually transferred from this day to July 18.

- Friday, July 15 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Bonaventure was Minister general of the Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M.) for seventeen years. He was also Cardinal Bishop of Albano. He is known to have authored Biblical Commentaries and many spiritual and ascetical treatises. Bonaventure is known as the "Seraphic Doctor." He died in 1274. St. Bonaventure, Pray for us!

- Saturday, July 16 - Optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel in Galilee where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of Israel in the Living God. It is on Mount Carmel at the beginning of the Thirteenth Century, under the title of St. Mary of Mount Carmel, that the Order of Carmelites (O. Carm.) had its formal beginning. Today, the Carmelites number about one thousand nine hundred Religious. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us!

- 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 contribution for the Pregnancy Centers, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your contributions.

- ST. THOMAS ICE CREAM - Thank you to all who helped with the ice cream and pie in the park for Independence Day.

- St. Thomas is now planning the parish ice cream social for Sunday, August 21. Be sure to sign up to help. If you or someone you know would like to place an advance order for ice cream, call the Parish Office!

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - St. Thomas will be hosting Vacation Bible School August 1-5. If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

- RESTORATION - Renaissance is hoping to begin putting up the scaffolding for the exterior restoration work at Holy Family the week of July 18. As I have more updates, I will let you know. Please continue to keep this project in your prayers and thank you for your continued support of this much needed restoration of the church building.

- THANK YOU - I wish to express my thanks to my family for the birthday celebration they hosted for me and for all who came to join in the celebration. It was a most enjoyable celebration. Thank you also for the cards, greetings, and kind words as I celebrated my birthday.

- ATTACKS AGAINST TRUTH - Mainstream media continues to promote a culture of death, immorality, and hatred and violence toward Christians, and especially Catholics. Sadly, some "professed" Catholics have fallen into all of this as well. Some argue "how dare you say that" yet the evidence is so clear and no longer even subtle in many cases.

Make no doubt about it, the devil is real, prowling the world seeking the ruin of souls, relying on his minions to help carry out that destruction. And as people turn to God more and more, the devil's attacks become even more severe. It is not a cause for fear, but it is something we must remain mindful of, and we cannot fall into complacency. We must also be mindful of the "wolves in sheep's clothing" that surround us. They work to snatch us from the flock of Truth, seeking the destruction of our Eternal Salvation. They are clever and cunning but always speak against the Truth.

For some, there seems to be no concern for the salvation of souls...their own or anyone else's. This is a sad state of affairs. Our primary focus as we live out our Christian life is the salvation of souls. We know of God's love and mercy, but we can never presume our own or another's salvation. Presumption is problematic in not only its sinfulness but in the other things it often leads one to, such as complacency or mediocrity or expectation.

Our Christian lives are not about sentimentality. We are called to live in the joy and peace of Christ that only He can give, and our lives are filled with goodness to help us grow in holiness. Still, Christianity and our concern about salvation isn't about feelings or making us feel good. It is, rather, very serious, and I urge everyone to recognize the seriousness of it and to live lives in accordance with the Gospel Truth. What the world tries to put forth as truth or invent as truth is not such. There is often times an attempt to pass it off as something good, framed in a misunderstanding (at best) or a deliberate twisting of "equality" or "freedom" or "love." But Truth is found only in Christ, who is the fullness of Truth.

Attacks on the Catholic Church continue because the Catholic Church has and proclaims the fullness of Truth and many folks do not want to hear the Truth, much less live the Truth. As these attacks against Truth continue, I urge you to pray and offer sacrifice for the Church, for Her members, for Her clergy, for all people, and for the salvation of the world. The Lord promises us that the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against the Church. This is a powerful reminder for us. Though the Lord says nothing about being easy or free from trial, we know that the Church and the Truth will prevail.

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
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10, 2022**

About Doing Likewise. Question 1: What must I do to inherit eternal life? Question 2: What is written in the law? Answer 1: Love God, love neighbor, love self. Question 3: Who is my neighbor, then? Answer 2: The one who shows mercy. (In this story, it is not the one who needs mercy - though likely a neighbor, too.) Point: Go and do the same!

- Who is a "neighbor" beyond my acquaintances, my tribe?
- What mercy work do I see being done?
- What will I likewise go and do?

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