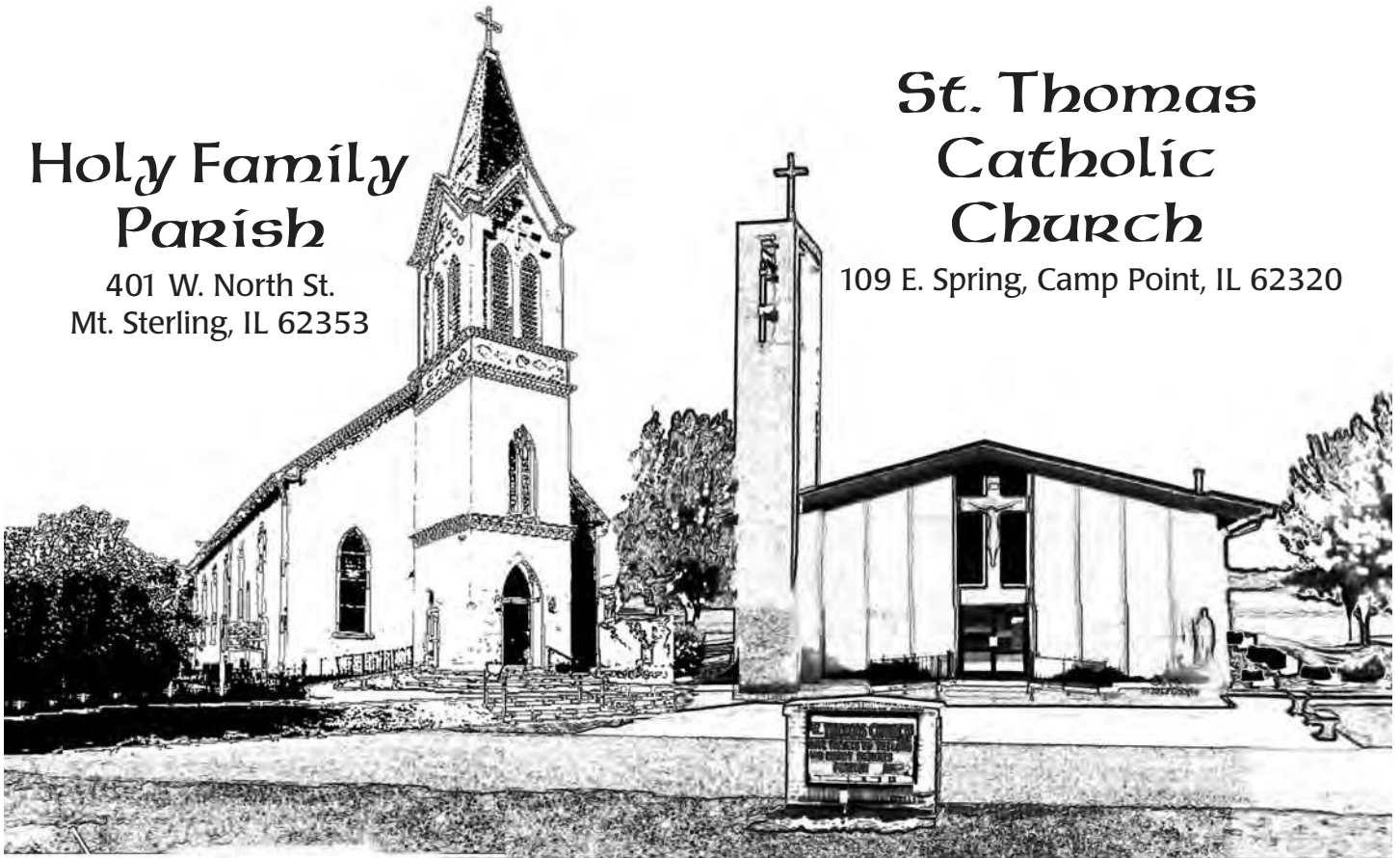


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Mass Schedule

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

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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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, July 18 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 19 – 7:00 a.m.

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

Jennifer Volk
(By Dawn Dunn)

Wednesday, July 20 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

The John Rolf Family &
The Frank Veith Family
(By Marilyn Veith)

Thursday, July 21 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

Josephine Burkey
(By Mary Kassing)

Friday, July 22 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary Magdalene
Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Mike Metzger
(By Lora Decker & Family)

Saturday, July 23 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Bridget, Religious
Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

In Gratitude for Glen & Amy Koch's 40th
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, July 24 – 8:00 a.m.

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

A Special Intention & Thanksgiving

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 9-10, 2022

Holy Family: \$4,396.50
School Support: \$556.00
Sister Parish: \$293.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 10, 2022

St. Thomas: \$2,483.00
Parish Improvement: \$60.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Legion of Mary** meets each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the convent. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us and learn more about the Legion. "With Mary's help we guide, console and enlighten others."

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 † 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

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 † MacKenzie Wilmoth † Kay Downey
 † Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie
 Rolf † Nancy Salrin † Christine Colgan
 Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch † Lori
 Bradshaw † Dennis Houston † Susie Parker
 Campbell † Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette
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 † Oakley Ham † Cameron Francis † Norma
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 † Mark Carlock † Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes
 † Rob Dresden † Jennie Neisen

ST. THOMAS

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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.

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Direct any questions or concerns to Alicia Schmidt, 217-257-3210, or a_ordner@hotmail.com.



ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 24, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

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| Lector: | Laura Evans |
| Gift Bearers: | J. Herkert Family |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Kim Gronewold |
| Ushers: | Jacob Schmidt, Maurice Schmidt |

From the Pastor's Desk

As the Church celebrates the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded to both seek to recognize God in our presence and to make time to be in the presence of God.

In the first reading today from Genesis, God comes to Abraham in human form, as three travelers. Sensing he is in the presence of God, Abraham greets his three guests in the singular as “Sir,” or Lord, and shows them hospitality. God has revealed Himself as a Trinity of persons to Abraham. Abraham is informed that he and Sarah will receive an answer to their fervent prayer, that is, to become parents. We come to learn, though, not in this particular reading today, that Sarah is beyond child-bearing years and has never had a child, but Abraham trusts in the Lord and his faith is rewarded.

Hospitality also plays a part in the Gospel today from Luke but perhaps in a different way than we’ve always considered it. Jesus stops at a village a short distance from Jerusalem. He is visiting the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.

Martha and Mary have different ideas about how Jesus should be welcomed into their home.

For Martha, Jesus is an important guest, and she feels it is necessary to lay out a feast. Mary perhaps seems more aware that Jesus will not be with them much longer, and therefore she does not want to leave His feet for even a moment. Martha thinks Mary should be serving the guest, not “wasting time” at His feet, and she expresses that sentiment to Jesus.

Jesus responds to Martha saying: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

This is an important and challenging lesson for Martha and for all of us. We can become so busy, so distracted and overwhelmed with the affairs of daily life, that we sometimes find it hard to make time to be in the presence of God or to find any peace when we do so. We begin to make excuses and find ourselves anxious and worried about many things. We forget that there is need of only one thing.

Making time to go to Mass, to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, to pray at home, or a host of other opportunities to know and respond to the presence of God requires but two things: sacrificing the time and sacrificing whatever else we could be doing. I suppose that it requires only one thing, sacrifice, something many of us are very reluctant to undertake. Sacrifice involves handing over ourselves and that is very difficult for many of us.

All too often, the Gospel passage for today is used to over-emphasize hospitality as a solution or an end-all to all things. Don't get me wrong, hospitality is important when properly understood and carried out. Hospitality should be a very part of our lives but only when it truly seeks to know and honor the very presence of God. Hospitality alone cannot do that though; we also need to have prayer, formation, and service. One is not more important than another but together

seek to draw us and others more fully into the Mystery of Christ's saving Paschal Mystery.

As we look to the examples of sacrifice found in today's readings and as we recall the greatest Sacrifice of all, Jesus Himself, may our prayer and our labor and that which we sacrifice each and every day be done for the Glory of God and for the good of others. What we do and what we sacrifice can never “top” the generosity of God.

And now just a few notes:

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, July 18 - In the United States of America, Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest. Born in 1550, Camillus was a soldier addicted to gambling. His conversion led him to found a Society in 1582, the Camillians, today numbering some eleven hundred Religious. The Society has established hospitals and has cared for the sick with affection and diligence. St. Camillus died in 1614 in Rome and is patron of nurses, the sick, and hospitals. St. Camillus de Lellis, Pray for us!

- Wednesday, July 20 - Optional Memorial of St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr. Early accounts report that St. Apollinaris was ordained bishop by St. Peter himself. Known for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith and finally martyred in the first century. St. Apollinaris, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 21 - Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church. St. Lawrence, a Capuchin, was known to be a forceful preacher and extensive writer. He died in 1619. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pray for us!

- Thursday, July 22 - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. St. Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus and present at His Crucifixion. In the Gospel from St. Mark, she is the first to witness to the Risen Lord. St. Mary Magdalene died in the first century and is the patroness of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). St. Mary Magdalene, Pray for us!

- Saturday, July 23 - Optional Memorial of St. Bridget, Religious (not to be confused with St. Brigid). St. Bridget was born in Sweden, the mother of eight, and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines). She died in 1373 in Rome. Along with St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Bridget was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II in 1999. St. Bridget, Pray for us!

- FLOWERS - Bobbi Mock, who is currently taking care of heading up the flowers and decorating at St. Thomas Church, asked me about our parish gardeners providing flowers for the church. I think it's an excellent opportunity. So, if you are interested, please get in touch with Bobbi (or me). What does it involve? Simply sharing some fresh cut flowers from your flower garden for the church. Again, get in contact with Bobbi for more details.

I also spoke with Martha Fluckey about doing this same thing at Holy Family and she has agreed to coordinate it for Holy Family. So, please reach out to Martha if you might be able to do this for Holy Family.

- SCHOOL REGISTRATION - It may be hard to believe but it is time to register for school. St. Mary School registration is Tuesday, July 19. Please see the piece elsewhere in the bulletin for more information or give the school a call with any questions.

- RESTORATION - Just a reminder, as of my writing this, Renaissance is hoping to begin putting up the scaffolding for the exterior restoration work at Holy Family the week of July 18. A few things were to be delivered on Friday, July 15. 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.

- CANDLES - Just a reminder about the 7-day devotional candles at Holy Family. These candles are designed to be burned ONLY in appropriate glass containers. It is unsafe to burn them outside of such a container. There are some devotional candles that are designed in such a way that they do

not need to be in another container. The ones we use at Holy Family are not.

Please do not light devotional candles outside of the glass containers. I am working to bring in an additional stand or to increase the number of glass containers on our current stand. Until I am able to do that, please do not burn the devotional candles outside of the glass containers. And, so that as many folks as possible can light a candle for their intentions, please, for the time being, light one candle for your intentions and let that one burn out before lighting another. Thank you for your understanding.

- FROM THE SAINTS - Following are some small pieces from some of the saints or reflections on some of the saints for your own reflection and spiritual growth.

- From *Cultivating Virtue: Self-Mastery with the Saints*: "St. Bridget once received and bore patiently a succession of trials from various persons. One of them made an insulting remark to her; another praised her in her presence, but complained of her in her absence; another calumniated her; another spoke ill of a servant of God, in her presence, to her great displeasure; one did her a grievous wrong, and she blessed her; one caused her a loss, and she prayed for her; and a seventh gave her false information of the death of her son, which she received with tranquility and resignation. After all this, St. Agnes the Martyr appeared to her, bringing in her hand a most beautiful crown adorned with seven precious stones, telling her that they had been placed there by these seven persons. Then she put it upon her head and disappeared. How could so much have been gained by any other exercise? The Blessed Angela di Foligno, when asked how she was able to receive and endure sufferings with so much cheerfulness, replied: 'Believe me, the grandeur and value of sufferings are not known to us. For, if we knew the worth of our trials, they would become for us objects of plunder, and we should go about trying to snatch from one another opportunities to suffer.'"

- From St. Josemaria Escriva: "Christian optimism is not a sugary optimism, nor is it a mere human confidence that everything will turn out all right. It is an optimism that sinks its roots into an awareness of our freedom, and the sure knowledge of the power of grace. It is an optimism that leads us to make demands on ourselves, to struggle to respond at every moment to God's call."

- From St. John Vianney: "What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist? It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to his Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, he will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, he will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, he will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, he will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of his sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of his love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?"

- From St. Louis De Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*: "If we do not die to ourselves, and if our holiest devotions do not incline us to this necessary and useful death, we shall bring forth no fruit worth anything, and our devotions will become useless. All our good works will be stained by self-love and our own will...We must choose therefore, among all the devotions to the Blessed Virgin, the one which draws us most toward this death to ourselves, inasmuch as it will be the best and the most sanctifying. For we must not think that all that shines is gold, that all that tastes sweet is honey, or that all that is easy to do and is done by the greatest number is the most sanctifying."



As I have closed each of my bulletin columns in the past, I do so once again: thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you each day. May you have a most blessed week.

- Fr. Aaron

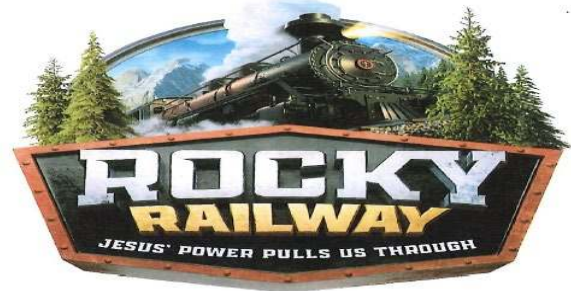
**Bulletin Short for
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2022**

About Worry and Anxiety. Jesus is invited to a home. Martha bustles about. Mary sits and listens. We do not know what Lazarus does.

- What worries me, makes me anxious?
- How does this rate in the scheme of Kingdom of God values?
- If I sit and listen to Jesus, what is He telling me?

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July 25, 26, 27, 2022

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July 25-26 6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 27 6:00-8:30 p.m.

(No meal will be served)

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