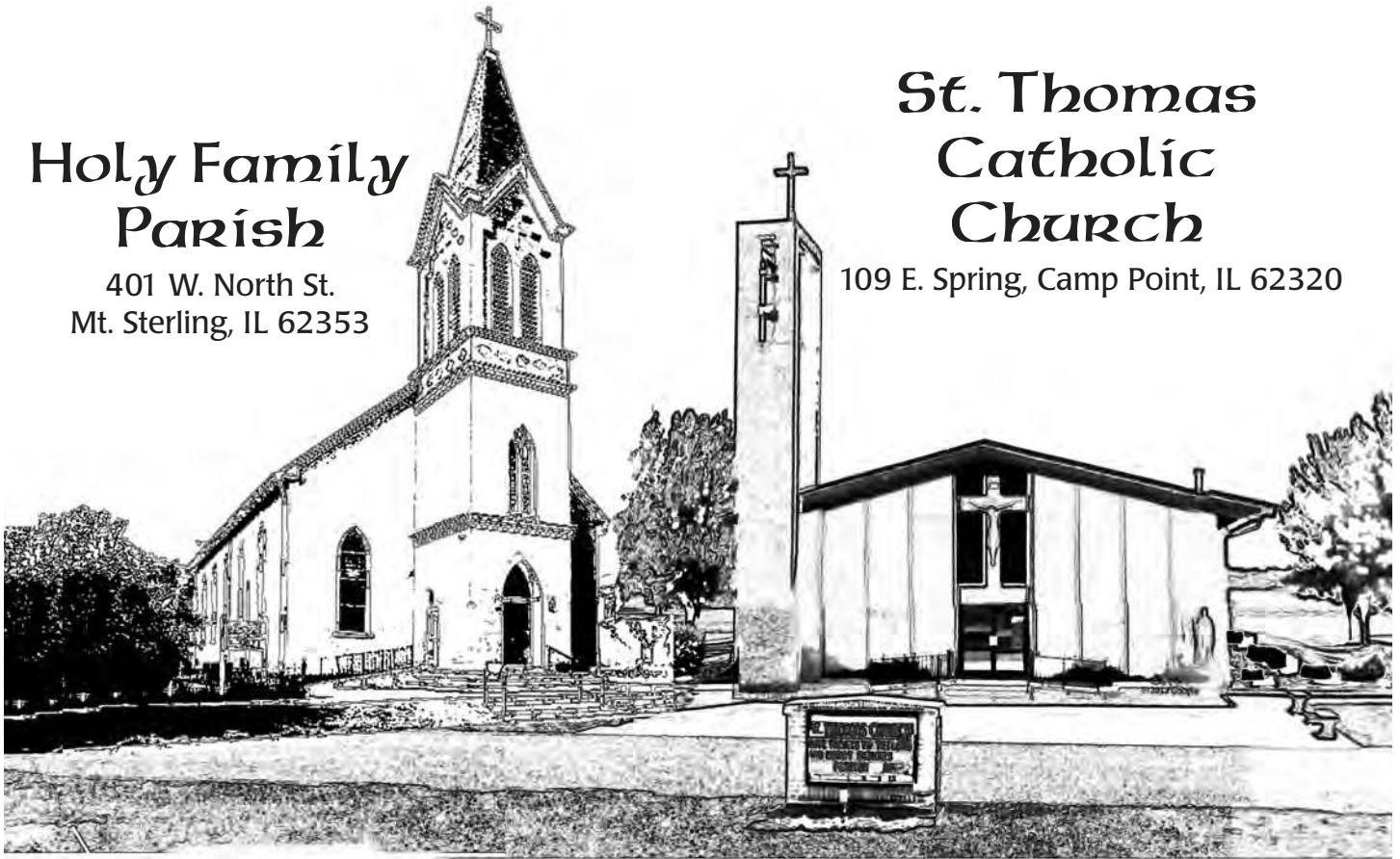


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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

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, August 1 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 2 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36

James G. & Norma Wort
(By the Children)

Wednesday, August 3 – 7:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

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

Thursday, August 4 – 7:00 a.m.

St. John Vianney, Priest
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

Becky Hill
(By John & Linda Colgan)

Friday, August 5 – 8:30 a.m.

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

Tom & Barb Kuhn
(By Nocturnal Adoration Society)

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Ron & Judy Bull
(By Brent & Jenni Obert)

Saturday, August 6 – 5:30 p.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-29; Luke 9:28b-36

Terry Dillard
(By Cheryl Dillard)

Sunday, August 7 – 8:00 a.m.

Wisdom 18:6-9; Matthew 24:42a, 44; Luke 12-32-48

Marjorie Salrin
(By Martha Fluckey)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas & Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 23-24, 2022

Holy Family: \$4,102.50
School Support: \$75.00
Sister Parish: \$65.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 24, 2022

St. Thomas: \$1,898.00

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.”
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus meeting** will be held at the KC Hall on Tuesday August 2nd at noon. A light meal will be provided.
- ❖ **Nocturnal Adoration:** Saturday, August 6th beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding on August 7th 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 - Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. - 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 & 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 †
Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing † Cal Noelke
† Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank †
Elaine Parkin & family † 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 † Susie Parker Campbell †
Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields †
Connie Johnson † 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 † Roger Busen

ST. THOMAS

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 August 1-5 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 p.m. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30 p.m.. Children entering preschool - 5th grade are welcome to attend VBS. Children entering 6th - 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 Cursillo News: Gary and Gail Mast are the Area Representatives for St. Thomas Church. We will be having our first informal Ultrea for the St. Thomas community Tuesday July 26 at 7 p.m. in the hall. If you have already made a Cursillo you are invited to attend.

We also are updating our email list, if you have attended a Cursillo and are not currently receiving emails from us, please email gailandgary92@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and your original Cursillo #.

ST. THOMAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL - NEW DATE!



Join us on SUNDAY, August 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social! Please notice that it will be on a Sunday this year. The menu included homemade ice cream (!), maid rites, hot dogs, chips and drinks, FREE WILL OFFERING. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and baskets raffles.

We need your help. We'd like everyone to be involved, one way or another, either helping or donating. Assignment sheets were made up. Look for yours at the back of church. Thanks for your dedication to St. Thomas!

Quincy K of C BBQ will be Friday - Sunday on August 12-14. Birthright will again be having a large bake sale. Our Church will be asked to donate baked items. Delivery will be Saturday and Sunday and Obert's will deliver to Quincy. Birthright will also be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt and a dinner out prize with gift certificate to restaurants.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help run the games and sell baked goods. Contact Dorothy Obert with questions.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 7, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jonah Coggeshall
Lector:	David Leezer
Gift Bearers:	J. Brady Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	John Brady, Darren Hildebrand

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the readings today remind us that following Christian virtues leads us and others to the Kingdom.

There is a simple, good, and holy custom that exists among some and I'm sure most of us are familiar with. Whenever a funeral procession passes by, one pauses and prays for the person who has died and for the family grieving their loss.

Whether or not we have participated in that custom, it is doubtful any of us has ever witnessed a U-Haul following the hearse to the cemetery. Why? Because of the old adage, "you can't take it with you."

Fool is not a word we are accustomed to hearing Jesus use. Jesus' use of the word in today's parable is done so to drive home a very important reality. If, instead of following after the Lord, we are going to spend our lives chasing after things that in the end will not follow us in that U-Haul to the cemetery, we may very well not like where we end up.

Jesus does not condemn the rich or call folks to live in material poverty. What He is emphasizing is our priorities and what we make the center of our lives. The center needs to be God but so often it is something else.

St. Paul in the Second Reading puts it this way: "Put to death . . . immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and greed that is idolatry." Another way to approach this would be to ask ourselves about our most fundamental and underlying motives for our decisions, behaviors and actions. Is it to serve others or simply to get ahead in life? Be both careful and honest with how you answer that question.

If we approach whatever we do with the attitude of service to others, we will be rich beyond our imagination. That is often times difficult for folks to "believe", much less,

live out. If we approach our actions only with the attitude of, “bigger is better, status is important, success at the expense of others is part of the cost of doing business,” then we are headed toward spiritual poverty, which can produce catastrophic consequences. Sadly, some folks fail to see this or to believe it.

We are all called to contribute to the Kingdom of God, each according to his or her ability. But God does not show favorites. Our material possessions and the things we turn into idols do not make us more holy, do not show us as more favored. Christ is within each of us, guiding us and inviting us on the path to Christ. May we always spend our time growing rich in the things of God and not of this world. And may we be reminded of these three paths to holiness which really need to be the very fabric of our Christian lives: God must be at the center of everything in my life; I know I am a sinner in need of God’s Mercy; My life is not about me. If we can live every moment in this way, we will grow in the holiness that God calls us to.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 1 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Alphonsus was a lawyer who came to found the Redemptorists (C.S.S.R.), today numbering about five thousand four hundred members. He was known for opposing the Jansenism heresy (which, in short, denied the role of free will in the acceptance and use of grace. Alphonsus also stressed Christ’s love and Mary’s help and was a master of moral theology. He died in 1787 and is patron of confessors and moral theologians. St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 2 - Optional memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest. St. Eusebius is known for uniting the clerical and monastic life. He died in 371. St. Peter Julian Eymard founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (S.S.S.), today

numbering some 875 members and in 1858 founded the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a contemplative women’s community. He died on August 1, 1868. St. Eusebius and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Pray for us!

-Thursday, August 4 - Obligatory Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest - Universally known as the “Curé of Ars,” he was known to be a compassionate counselor who spent usually no less than eleven hours every day in the confessional in the winter and sixteen in the summer. St. John Vianney is especially significant to me and to parish priests as he is the patron of priests and the parish clergy. St. John Vianney, Pray for us!

-Friday, August 5 - Optional memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Following the declaration of Mary as “God-bearer” by the Council of Ephesus in 431, Pope Sixtus III erected in Rome this oldest Basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

-Saturday, August 6 - The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is on this day that we celebrate the Lord being Transfigured in glory. The Transfiguration is one of the Luminous Mysteries we reflect on in praying the Holy Rosary. The Apostles Peter, James, and John were witnesses to the Transfiguration of the Lord, where the glory of the Lord’s Divinity was revealed and which we hope to share in.

-WEEKDAY MASSES - As work begins on Holy Family Church, weekday Masses at Holy Family are now in the school cafeteria. We will remain there until the start of school and then relocate again. The Saturday evening Vigil and Sunday morning Masses will be in the church as usual. For the weekday Masses, enter through the cafeteria doors on the south side of the school. I will try to have those doors unlocked about a half hour before we begin. You may park in the parking lot and walk down to the doors or along the street on the east and walk up the sidewalk between the rectory garage and the school gym.

The church will remain open for personal prayer as usual. However, only the main center doors and the west door with the ramp will be accessible. Please use caution when entering or leaving the church.

-POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's prayer intention for August is for small businesses. We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Tuesday, August 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mt. Sterling. Meeting begins at Noon.

-FIRST FRIDAY - First Friday Devotion at St. Thomas on Friday, August 5. Adoration from Noon until 5:45 p.m. followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6:00 p.m.. Confessions will be heard from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - At Holy Family beginning at 10:00pm on Saturday, August 6 with Adoration until 7:45 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by Benediction and the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Begins this week at St. Thomas. Contact Alicia Schmidt for more details.

-DONUT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, August 7 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the parish Hall. Plan to join us!

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Mark your calendar for St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 21 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Advance orders for gallons of homemade ice cream to take home can be placed by calling the parish office number, (217)-593-6685, or Pat (217)-740-2140.

-BIRTHDAY - August 5 is Bishop Paprocki's birthday. Please keep him and all bishops in your prayers.

-DEATH ANNIVERSARIES - August 5 marks the death anniversary of my father. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mom and dad were the model for my upbringing in the faith, living out God's

vocation, and trust in the Lord, as they nurtured the Priesthood of Jesus Christ that I share in. For those of you who have lost a parent and especially both parents, you recognize what that loss is and yet we find peace as we keep Christ at the center of our life and hope in His promise of Eternal Life. Our loved ones are great gifts from God.

-Friday, August 6 marks the death anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI in 1978. St. Paul VI, Pray for us!

-FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - The financial reports for the year ended June 30, 2022 and the budget for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) are complete for both parishes. I will be preparing copies of these reports and making them available in the next week or two. Thank you for your continued support of the parishes and school. I will include a letter with the reports with a bit more information.

-RESTORATION - As you can see, the exterior restoration work on Holy Family Church is under way. I hope you are as excited as I am to see the work begin. Please see the note above concerning weekday Masses.

This restoration work will include a number of things including new slate roof, new guttering, masonry work, painting, and steeple work. I will get some more details out to you on each piece of work and I am still hoping to put together an evening to celebrate the start of this work and to give more details on the work and answer questions.

There will certainly be some inconveniences that each of us will encounter during this work but I suspect that in the end, you will agree that it was well worth it. Thank you for your patience in all of this and your flexibility.

As I have said many times before, this is a major undertaking and one that comes with significant cost. Thank you for the generosity toward this project that you have already shown. As we continue to proceed, I must also ask for your continued generosity to support the costs of this project. As you pray for this restoration as a whole, please also prayerfully consider financial contributions that you can make toward this project. I will get the financial need out to you very soon along with the additional details of the project.

-FROM THE SAINTS - St. Alphonsus Liguori: "Let us thank God for having called us to His holy faith. It is a great gift, and the number of those who thank God for it is small."

-St. John of the Cross: "Some beginners, too, make light of their faults, and at other times indulge in immoderate grief when they commit them. They thought themselves already saints, and so they become angry and impatient with themselves, which is another great imperfection. They also importune God to deliver them from their faults and imperfections, but it is only for the comfort of living in peace, unmolested by them, and not for God; they do not consider that, were He to deliver them, they would become, perhaps, prouder than ever."

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

-Fr. Aaron

**Bulletin Short for
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 31 July 2022**

About Greed. Family quarrels, regrettably, are often about inheritance, about possessions. That should be mine, we may say. I do not have enough, we may say. Jesus tells a story about how we are stewards only, and not owners of what we use; about how possessions can possess.

- How much is enough?
- What do I have that I can give away?
- With mercy works in mind, what will I do?

Knights of Columbus Bar-B-Q

August 12,13,14. Food, refreshments, entertainment, games, and carnival rides all three days. Large 50/50 Raffle on Saturday. Tickets will be sold on Sat. only, from 6:00 to 8:45. Drawing at nine. Baby contest on Sun. at 1:00. Monies raised help support charities in our area.

Quincy Deanery Meeting

"The Eucharist is the Highway to Heaven"
- Blessed Carlo Acutis

**Please come join
the Ladies of the Deanery**

for the Summer Meeting of the
Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women!

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022

St. Peter Catholic Church,
2600 Maine Street, Quincy

- Hosted by the Ladies of St. Peter and St. Anthony Churches -

8:00 AM
Registration
Narthex (Church Lobby)
Registration & Luncheon \$6

8:30 AM
Mass & Rosary
Celebrant - Fr. Zach Samples
Concelebrant- Fr. Aaron Kuhn,
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