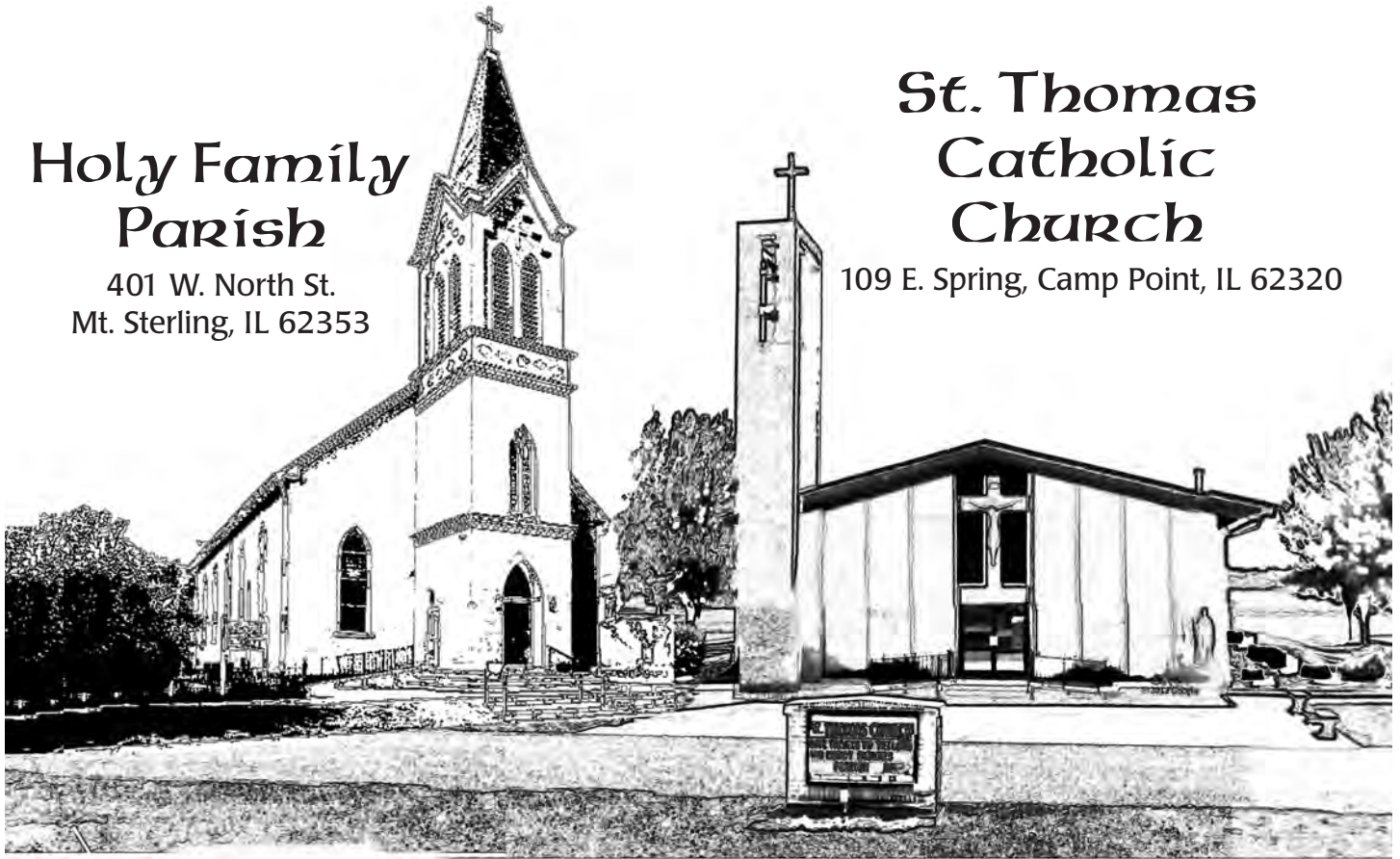


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Mass Schedule

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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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

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 29 – 7:00 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; John 19:25-34

Eugene Zackey
(By Scott & Celeste Gillette)

ST. THOMAS – 8:30 a.m.

Henry & Rita Bockhold
(By Ray & Teresa Bockhold)

Tuesday, May 30 – 7:00 a.m.

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Cindy Harper Coats
(By Lyndall & Peggy Pyle)

Wednesday, May 31 – 7:00 a.m.

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

Karen Holtschlag
(By Raymond Metzger)

Thursday, June 1 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Justin, Martyr
Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52

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

ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

Barb Kuhn
(By Barb Steinkamp)

Friday, June 2 – 8:30 a.m.

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26

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

FIRST FRIDAY - ST. THOMAS – 6:00 p.m.

Martha Koettters
(By Pat Sharow)

Saturday, June 3 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

Jim McKeown
(By Tammy)

Sunday, June 4 – 8:00 a.m.

The Most Holy Trinity
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
John 3:16-18

Joe Ray
(By K of C Council #1281)

ST. THOMAS – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Thomas and
Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 20-21, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,478.00

School Support: \$75.00

Sister Parish: \$60.00

Catholic Communication: \$160.00

Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00

Cemetery Support: \$175.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$60.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

May 21, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,300.00

Parish Improvement: \$25.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$10.00

Communications Media: \$110.00

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 - Friday - 8:00 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 & Marie Hendren † Jolene Lawson †
Sharon Johnson † Gavin McDaniel † Boyd Tenhouse †
Janice Leverton † Margo Pool † Gary Shields †
Abby Schuhardt † Jim Steinkamp † Heather Poppy †
Stanley Harms † Sheila Thompson † J. J. Gronewold †
John Norkus † Jim Wort † Marilyn Wort †
Carolyn Kassing † Kimberly McKinny † Bryce Shank †
Elaine Parkin & family † Sheila Roberts †
Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf †
Christine Colgan Moore † Maddy Perry † Dwayne Koch †
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Jeanette Shields † Connie Johnson † Tom Langan †
Oakley Ham † Rick Flatt † Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy †
Jeff Kozak † Carol Likes † Janice Hendricks †
Kendall Atteberry † Mark Ebbing † Eleanor Logsdon †
Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt † Jim Duvendack †
Leeann DeJaynes † Megan Miller † Irene Norkus †
Boone Holden † Sean Fink †

ST. THOMAS

Seven Sister's Apostolate meditation - "The priest continues (Christ's) work of redemption on earth". St. John Vianney (1786-1859)

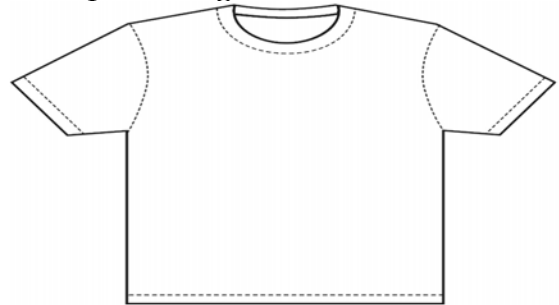
The Renewal of Consecration for St. Thomas/Holy Family Seven Sister's Apostolate will be Friday June 16, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The program is versatile because you are committed to one particular day of the week but not to a particular hour or even a particular chapel or church.

You can do your hour at St. Thomas or Holy Family or whatever church or chapel you happened to be near on your committed day.

Contact Claudia Coggeshall if you have questions or are interested in praying for our parish priest. www.sevensistersapostolate.org.

St. Thomas VBS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST Help us design our 2023 VBS Shirt



Things to know:

- Open for preschoolers to seniors in HS
- Design must include a drawing related to our theme of STELLAR and "2023," "St. Thomas," and "Shine Jesus' Light"
- Only use black ink or black marker on white 8.5" x 11" paper
- Include your name and contact number on the BACK of the drawing
- Art will be judged by St. Thomas parishioners
- Due May 28 to Alicia Schmidt
- Contact Alicia, 217-257-3210, with any questions

Scout Troop 42's Picnic in the Park - Sunday, June 4 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bailey Park, Camp Point, IL

Menu: Pork chops & Hot dogs, baked beans, apple sauce, chips, assorted desserts, lemonade, tea, or water

Carry outs available

Free will donation, all proceeds to fund Troop 42 of Golden, IL

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 4, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Jim Clausius
Greeters:	Jerry & Margie Herkert
Lector:	Karen Janssen
Gift Bearers:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow
Collection Counters:	Dale & Cindy DeRousse
Ushers:	Elijah Perry, Tod Perry

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, fifty days after having celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost celebrates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary, fulfilling the Lord's promise to send an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, and to be with us always. The Solemnity draws to a close our Easter Season. On Monday, we return to Ordinary Time, entering in at the Eighth Week.

As we celebrate this great Solemnity of Pentecost, may our hearts be ever more open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit and may we seek to perfect the virtues through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit first given to us in Baptism and sealed in Confirmation.

And now just a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, May 29 - Obligatory Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. On February 11, 2018, The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a Decree implementing Pope Francis' decision that the Memorial of the "Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and observed on the Monday following Pentecost, taking precedence over conflicting obligatory Memorials. "The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on His nature, cannot ignore the figure of the woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church." Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, 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!

-Thursday, 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!

-Friday, 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!

-Saturday, 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!

-MEMORIAL DAY -On Monday, May 29, 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 (as noted above, I will be celebrating the Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church). 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 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 8:30 a.m.

-FIRST FRIDAY - Friday, June 2 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.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - Saturday, June 3 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 Mary Koch, current President of the Holy Family Nocturnal Adoration Society.

-POPE'S INTENTION - The Holy Father's intention for June is for the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

-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 16. I am planning to celebrate Mass for this Solemnity at both parishes that day, 8:30 a.m. at Holy Family and 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. 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 again this year. 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 new 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.

-CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - On Saturday, June 3, the children from both parishes who just finished Third Grade will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, administered by Bishop Paprocki at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This is a joy-filled occasion.

We will celebrate this in our parishes that same weekend (next weekend), at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Family and at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Thomas. Those being Confirmed will be at those Masses in their respective parish in their First Communion attire. They will be seated in the front of the Church with their families. After Mass, I will invest each of them with the Brown Scapular and then we will have a reception with light

refreshments afterwards...in the school cafeteria at Holy Family and in the parish Hall at St. Thomas. Please plan to join us.

Please also keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as well as their parents (the first and primary teachers of the faith) and their sponsors who take on an important role and responsibility in the faith formation of these young people.

-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Alicia Schmidt is spearheading Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas again this year. It will be July 6-8. Some information has already gone out. Mark your calendars and be on the look-out for additional information. Thank you to all who help with this!

-RETREAT - I will be on retreat the week of June 5. Deacon Mike and Deacon Paul are planning to offer Communion Services each day that week while I am on retreat.

-LIQUIDS IN CHURCH - I recognize that occasionally someone may need to have a small bottle of water with them for various reasons, perhaps even in Church. Recently, however, I saw someone with a coffee cup in Church and not only with the cup but drinking from it (it was a commercial paper cup so yes, I know it was a coffee cup). This is not appropriate in any situation that I can think of. Perhaps the cup had water in it, I do not know, but if water is necessary, it should only be brought into the Church in a small clear bottle and used discreetly if needed. No other drinks or liquid should be brought in to be consumed whether during or outside of Mass. If you have visitors joining you for Mass, I ask you to make sure they are aware as well.

-SOME CHANGES - Sunday, June 11 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). I am looking to this weekend to begin offering the Precious Blood. The Precious Blood will ONLY be offered when a Deacon is present and only at the Sunday (and Saturday Vigil) Masses for now. With this, I will be the only one distributing the Body of Christ, standing at the center and distributing to both lines. The Deacon(s) will be distributing the Precious Blood. When two Deacons are present, no Extraordinary Minister will be needed. When only one Deacon is present, then we will continue to need only one Extraordinary Minister for the distribution of the Precious Blood. Priests and Deacons are the Ordinary Ministers for the Distribution of Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers are mandated by the Bishop and are used in cases of extraordinary

necessity (thus the proper name for such lay individuals, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion). I will generally be the one distributing Holy Communion in the choir lofts as well. The Precious Blood WILL NOT BE taken to the choir lofts.

It is important to remind everyone once again that when we receive a tiny fragment of a Consecrated Host OR a tiny drop of the Precious Blood, we receive the fullness of Jesus Christ; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Receiving only one does not make us receive less and receiving both does not mean we are receiving more. Nor do the graces received increase with an increased singular "amount" of the Holy Eucharist. We must continue to understand this otherwise we cannot understand what we are receiving in the Holy Eucharist at all.

It is also important to remember that both the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood MUST be received in a state of grace (no mortal/serious sin) otherwise we risk the serious sin of sacrilege. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, which should be celebrated regularly (even if we are not in a state of mortal sin), brings about forgiveness of sins and opens us and prepares us to receive the graces of the other Sacraments.

The Body of Christ and the Precious Blood both MUST also be treated with and received with the greatest reverence. Though it once was, it is no longer bread and wine...it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ and remains the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ through whom we have salvation, and only through Him do we have salvation. How dare we approach the Blessed Sacrament with any irreverence or any claim of entitlement to it.

Reverence in receiving Holy Communion (under either Species, Body and/or Blood) involves first making sure we are in a state of grace to receive the Holy Eucharist and if not, seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation first. Then, reverence involves the minimum one hour fast before receiving Holy Communion; not chewing on gum or other things during Mass or when receiving the Holy Eucharist (sadly, this has become more and more of a problem and I simply do not understand it...this is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ Himself, not a symbol of it! I cannot emphasize that enough!); not consuming liquids except for water, if needed, at least an hour before; preparing ourselves for the reception of the Holy Eucharist through prayer (before Mass

and before receiving) and "participation" in the Holy Sacrifice itself; coming forward in the Communion line in silence and great reverence; offering a sign of reverence as you approach the Blessed Sacrament (again, both Species) which is usually a slight bow of the head; responding "Amen" to "the Body of Christ" and "the Blood of Christ"; properly receiving the Host either reverently on the hand or on the tongue; and then returning to the pew for silent prayer, especially prayer of gratitude. A sign of reverence (again, a slight bow of the head) should be made when passing by the Holy Eucharist even if you are not receiving it, for example, if you do not receive the Precious Blood, when you pass by it, you should bow slightly.

Reverence for the Blessed Sacrament in general involves genuflecting toward the Tabernacle when we enter and leave the Church and when the Blessed Sacrament is present there (if we are able to, bowing if we are not); sacred silence in the Church; reverent behavior in the church (not running, keen awareness of being in the Sanctuary if necessary).

-One other change I am looking to make is to begin offering Mass ad orientem. This involves the celebrant facing the same direction of the people during the Holy Sacrifice. I wrote about this some time ago. This change will not be immediate but I am hoping to begin "introducing" it sometime this summer. Given the space constraints here this week, I will say more about this in future bulletins.

-VIRTUE AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -
In last week's bulletin, I started a series of articles written by a priest for Catholic Answers concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they relate to the Virtues. Again, I found them to be excellent articles and fairly easy to read and understand. This week I had hoped to include the article "What is the Fear of the Lord." However, there were a number of other things that we needed to get into the bulletin and so I do not have room for the article. I will either have this as a separate insert or I will try to include it next week.

As you remain in my prayers each day, I thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

*CONGRATULATIONS
ST. MARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023*



Ann Schenk, Livie Henrick, Hollie Luthy, Zoe Niewohner
Genni Akins, Alex Behymer, Jackson McNeff, MacKenzie Kassing, Matthew Boylen

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