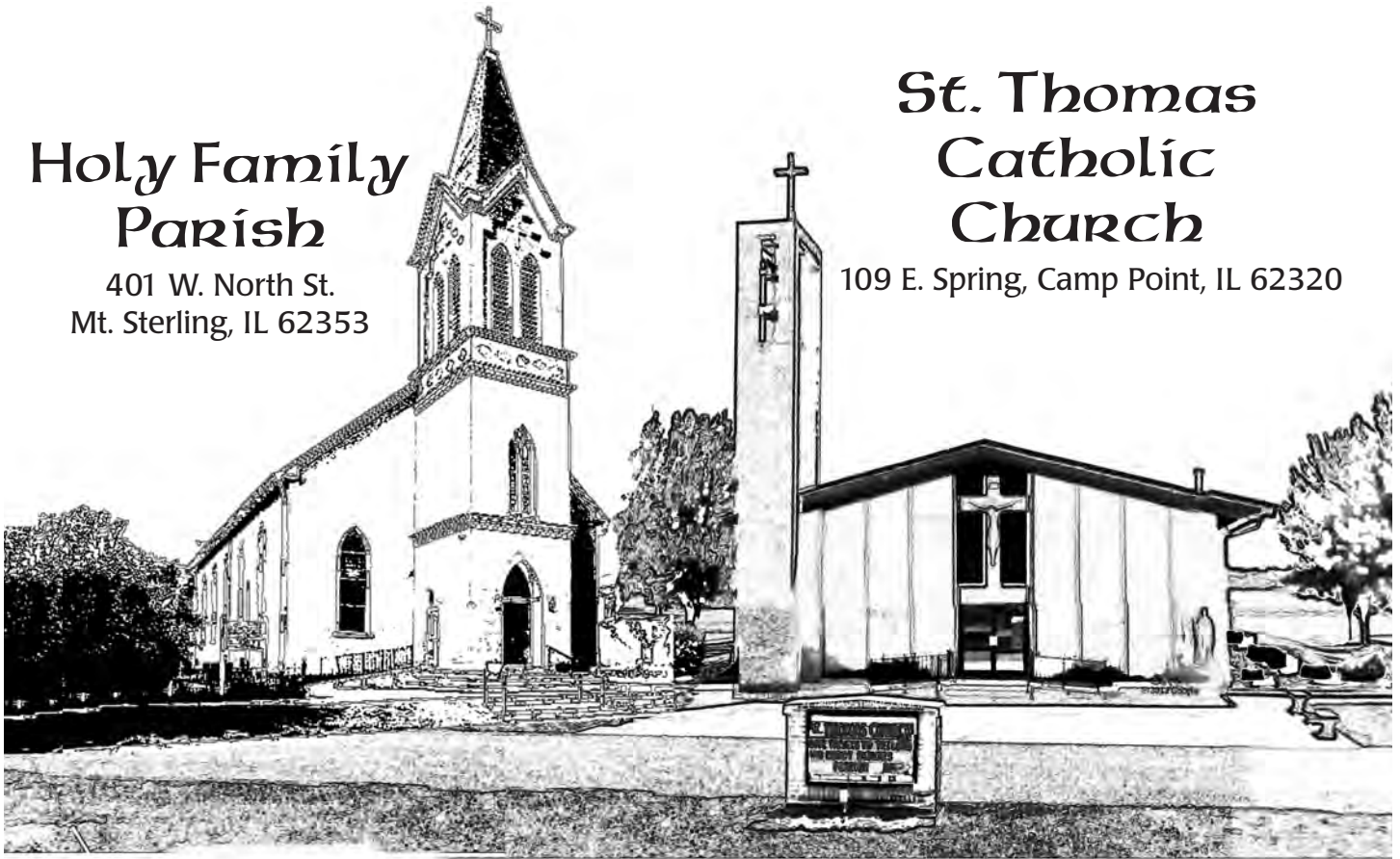


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy days: Will be Announced

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Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

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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, June 12 – 7:00 a.m.

2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 13 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

John Stanko
(By John & Eileen King)

Wednesday, June 14 – 7:00 a.m.

2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19

Robert & Betty Koch
(By Mike, Alan, Glen, Diane & Families)

Thursday, June 15 – 7:00 a.m.

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26

Beth Clark
(By the Robert Koch Family)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Evelyn Tooley
(By Don Tooley)

Friday, June 16 – 8:30 a.m.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-11; Matthew 11:25-30

Lance Corp. Erik R. Heldt
(By Matt Heldt)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

John Herkert
(By Jerry & Marge Herkert)

Saturday, June 17 – 5:30 p.m.

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51

Terry Dillard
(By Cheryl Dillard)

Sunday, June 18 – 8:00 a.m.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Michael Volk
(By Renee Volk & Family)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

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and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 3-4, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,684.70

School Support: \$882.00

Sister Parish: \$105.00

ACSA: \$35.00

Catholic Communication: \$20.00

Good Friday: \$10.00

Peter's Pence: \$15.00

Cemetery Support: \$120.00

Retired Diocesan Priests: \$30.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

June 4, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,913.00

Sister Parish: \$310.00

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, June 13 at noon. A light meal will be provided.

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 †
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Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing †
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Elaine Parkin & family † Sheila Roberts †
Marilyn Clark † Jim Heaton † Vera Marie Rolf †
Christine Colgan Moore † Maddy Perry †
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Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields †
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Rick Flatt † Elizabeth “Libby” Tichy †
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Leeann DeJaynes † Megan Miller †
Irene Norkus † Boone Holden † Sean Fink †
Dave Wear † Dan Ray †

ST. THOMAS

Seven Sister’s Apostolate meditation – St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, a Spanish Bishop called the “Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle” challenged the faithful to realize how much Christ is left alone in the tabernacle of hearts and lives.

He tirelessly encouraged Eucharistic visits. He is patron of Eucharistic revival and loved his priesthood.

“If I should be born a thousand times, a thousand times I would be a priest”. (+1940).

St. Thomas/Holy Family SevenSisters Apostolate is needing women of the parishes to commit one Holy Hour per week solely for the intentions of our pastor at St. Thomas church or Holy Family church

Visit sevensistersapostolate.org and pamphlets will be at the back of church for more information. Call or email Claudia Coggeshall for more information, rccogg@adams.net or 217-653-6716.

There will be Recommitment Ceremony June 16, Feast of the Sacred Heart, after the 5:30 mass that night at St. Thomas. Anyone who is interested in praying for our priest, wants more information or is just curious please come to Recommitment Ceremony after mass that evening.

I scream for ice cream—you scream for ice cream—we all scream for ice cream

Ice cream for the 4th of July.

We have again been invited to have our ice cream and pie stand at the July 4th celebration. We will be freezing the ice cream on July 1.

Lots of help will be needed that day and also on the 4th. Please be generous with your time.



Stellar VBS will launch kids on a cosmic quest as they have a blast learning how to shine Jesus’ light everywhere! It will be an out-of-this-world adventure filled with light years of faith-building fun. We’ll help

Jesus' light shine in and through the heart of every child at Stellar VBS! Register TODAY!

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be held the July 6-8. On July 6 and July 7, VBS will be from 5:30-7:30. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30. On July 8, VBS will be from 9:00-4:00. Lunch and snacks will be provided. A mass will follow at 4 p.m. for all families of VBS and the parish. After mass, we will have a cookout, and the VBS kids will sing some of the songs they learned.

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.

A \$10 donation for each child to cover some of the cost of VBS is suggested. It is only a suggestion and not required.

Please consider serving in one of the many volunteer roles. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Alicia Schmidt at 217-257-3210.

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

Register at:
<https://forms.gle/yY4yzOa591Uxovdv9>.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

June 18, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn Family
Lector:	Tod Perry
Gift Bearers:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Minister:	Tod Perry
Collection Counters:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Elijah Perry, Tod Perry

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This is a

significant celebration in the Church and is elevated to a Solemnity.

With a real lack of understanding and even belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, I encourage each of us to re-dedicate ourselves to the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives.

If we really take the time in prayer to think about the great gift of the Holy Eucharist and what it is...the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ made present to us in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that the Lord has given us...then each of us would surely approach the Liturgy, the Sanctuary, and the Blessed Sacrament in a renewed and profound reverence and unworthiness. All too often the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is taken to mean very little to those who take part in It. How very sad that is!

Let me make very clear once again what the Holy Eucharist is and which every single person should know. The Holy Eucharist is the fullness of Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. After the consecration of the bread and wine, we no longer have bread and wine but rather the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ Himself. This reality remains in the Blessed Sacrament. In receiving even the tiniest morsel of the Body of Christ OR the smallest drop of the Precious Blood, we receive the fullness of Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is made possible by the Lord only through the Sacred Priesthood and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by the Priest.

It is such a beautiful gift that the Lord gives to us...we take gifts that He has given to us (simple gifts of bread and wine) and we offer them to Him. Through the Priest and His Sacred Priesthood, those gifts we offer are returned to us as gift again except now the fullness of Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. And though the appearance of bread and wine remain, it is no more...NO! Rather, it is

truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ and remains that. It is the Real Presence.

And why keep repeating it?...for the very reason I stated above. So many do not know or do not understand or do not believe, and certainly do not show reverence for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. When we take part in receiving Holy Communion, we are not eating bread and drinking wine. No! We are eating the flesh of Jesus Christ Himself and drinking His Blood. We are taking into ourselves the fullness of Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What, I ask, could be a better gift than that?!

And now a few notes:

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Tuesday, June 13 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua. "The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death.

On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946." He is the patron of lost items, the poor, and of travelers. St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

-Friday, June 16 - Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost. This Solemnity is a great reminder of the love of God for each of us. John's Gospel reminds us that "God so loved us that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him

might not perish but might have eternal life.” Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

I will be celebrating Mass at both parishes for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 8:30 a.m. at Holy Family and 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. Immediately following the 5:30 Mass at St. Thomas, the recommitment ceremony for the Seven Sisters Apostolate will take place in the church. Any questions on that please contact Claudia Coggeshall.

This day is also designated the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. I ask you to keep all priests in your prayers and to pray especially for their holiness.

-Saturday, June 17 - Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Memorial occurs on the Saturday following the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and commemorates the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind.

-BABY BOTTLES - Next weekend is Father’s Day Weekend, the weekend to return the baby bottles for the Pregnancy Centers. Please bring your baby bottles and contributions next week.

-FATHER’S DAY - Again, next Sunday, June 18 is Father’s Day. I will have a special blessing at each of the Masses for all fathers. We remain mindful of the important role that father’s play in families, in society, and in the Church...not just an important role but a necessary role. Please join me in praying for all fathers and that they will joyfully and faithfully take on the role of fatherhood as God has intended.

-VIRTUE AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - I recently started a series of articles in the bulletin written by a priest for Catholic Answers concerning the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they relate to the Virtues...excellent articles and fairly

easy to read and understand. This week we continue the series with the article title “What is the Gift of Piety?” Again, I’ve taken the entirety of the article and present it here as it was originally written.

“In the last issue, Straight Answers reflected on the gift of the Holy Spirit identified as fear of the Lord. Recall that fear of the Lord is a profound reverence for Almighty God, which motivates us to avoid sin and attachment to all created things. Here a person realizes his “creatureliness” and dependency upon God has a true “poverty of spirit,” and never would want to be separated from God, who is love. As such, this gift arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

Now we address the gift of piety. Remember Pope St. Gregory taught, “Through fear of the Lord, we rise to piety.” The basic definition is “to give filial worship to God precisely as our Father and to relate with all people as children of the same Father.” Here a person shows reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God precisely because that is what we all are.

We must not forget that through baptism, we have been reborn as a child of God. St. Paul taught, “All who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which we cry out, ‘Abba!’ (that is, ‘Father’). The Spirit himself gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so as to be glorified with Him,” (Rom 8:14-17). To appreciate this teaching, remember that “abba” is the diminutive, familiar word of the more formal father; a better translation might be “daddy.” The same holds for the “Our Father,” whereby Jesus Himself taught us to pray, addressing His Father as “Abba.”

Another point is that when St. Paul refers to us as “sons,” he is not being discriminatory. Rather, he is emphasizing that each baptized person enters into a graced relationship with God, like the relationship between the Father and the Son.

The gift of piety fosters the following spiritual dispositions: first, filial respect for God as a loving Father; second, a generous and childlike love, so that a person wants to please God, even if it means making sacrifices; and third, a loving obedience toward the teachings and commandments, respecting them as expressions of God’s love for us. As such, a person approaches prayer or worship at Mass not as a task or burden but as an act of joyful love; a person adheres to the commandments and teachings of the Church — as difficult as it may be at the time, given “popular” opinion — because he knows they express God’s truth and therefore show the way to eternal life. Immediately, we can see why fear of the Lord and piety are so closely linked.

Piety also makes us love and have affection for “God’s friends” — the Blessed Mother Mary, the saints and the angels; or “God’s representatives” who exercise His authority — the Holy Father, the bishop, or parents; or “God’s treasures” — the Bible, the church, or blessed religious objects. Concerning piety toward God’s treasures, as a child, I was taught to kiss the Bible and the crucifix, to bow my head at the name of Jesus, to be quiet and respectful in God’s house, and to avoid walking on blessed graves — all acts of piety.

As such, the gift of piety perfects the virtue of justice, enabling the individual to fulfill his obligations to God and neighbor, and to do so willingly and joyfully. With piety, the person is not only motivated by the requirements of strict justice but also by the loving relationship he shares with his neighbor. Simply, a person wants to do what is right in the eyes of God. A person thereby should have a respectful

obedience to lawful superiors, as well as a humble respect for peers and subordinates. For example, Saint Teresa of Kolkata always taught her sisters to treat those they cared for as though they were caring for Jesus Himself, and to do so with a joyful heart and with a smile.

The best way to cultivate the gift of piety is to pray the Our Father with reverence and devotion, taking time to meditate on the different petitions. A worthwhile endeavor is to read Catechism of the Catholic Church’s explication on the Our Father, (CCC, Nos. 2759- 2865). As the catechism notes, in this prayer one finds “the summary of the whole Gospel.”

A second way is to sanctify our work, meaning to be mindful that whatever we do can be made into an offering to the Lord, whether out of pure devotion, or for the poor souls in purgatory, or the reparation for our own sins. Again, as a child, I remember the sisters at St. Bernadette School saying, “Offer it up,” when we kids would complain about the heat or something else. Now as an adult, when I empty the dishwasher — which I detest — I always say to myself, “Lord, this is for the poor souls.” Piety truly can help us endure the most distasteful of tasks. Where there is love, there is no labor.

In summary, Pope Francis taught, “Piety, therefore, is synonymous of authentic religious spirit, filial confidence in God, of the capacity to pray to Him with love and simplicity which is proper of persons who are humble of heart. The gift of piety makes us grow in our relation and communion with God and leads us to live as His children; at the same time it helps us to pour this love also on others and to recognize them as brothers.”

May you have a most blessed week.
Let us keep one another in prayer.

-Fr. Aaron

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