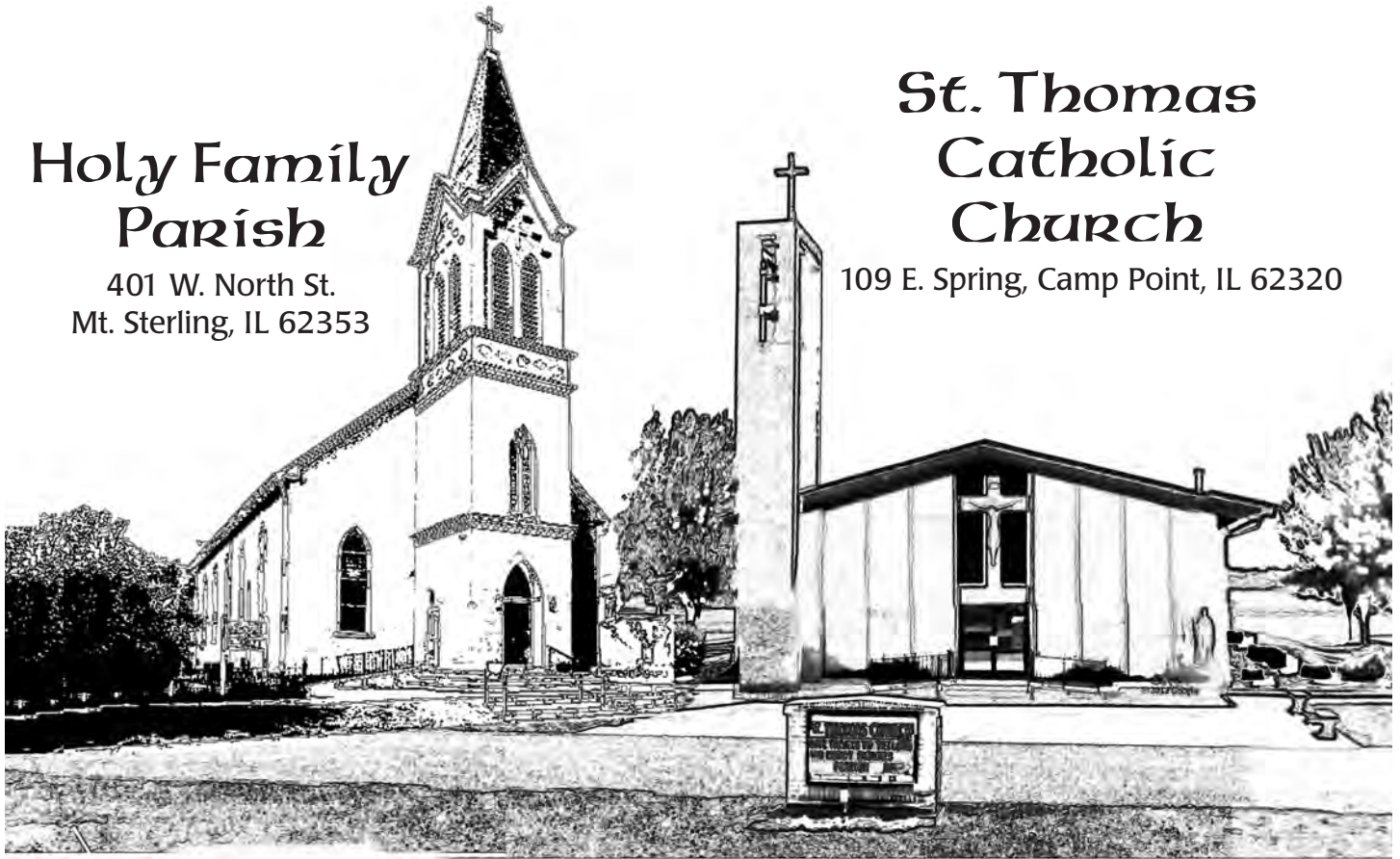


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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

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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.

Website: www.stthomascp.org

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 21 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Pius X, Pope
Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 22 – 7:00 a.m.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

John Moorman
(By Tammy)

Wednesday, August 23 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Dave Downey

Thursday, August 24 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

A Special Intention

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Butch Roberts
(By St. Thomas Men & Women's Society)

Friday, August 25 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40

Amy Ormond Lucky
(By Martha Fluckey)

Saturday, August 26 – 5:30 p.m.

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Michael Volk
(By Renee Volk & Family)

Sunday, August 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

Marilyn Clark
(By Ray and Mary Gregory)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 12-13, 2023

Holy Family: \$3,490.00
School Support: \$330.00
Sister Parish: \$267.00
Assumption: \$40.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 13, 2023

St. Thomas: \$3,257.00
Assumption: \$50.00
Candle money: \$19.00

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."
- ❖ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia is ongoing and must be met every day. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the **Legion Hall** on **Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.
- ❖ 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 †
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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 † Marilyn Wort † Carolyn Kassing †
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Elaine Parkin & family † Sheila Roberts †
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Dan Ray † Elijah Craig † Joan Zurita †
Kathy Cramblitt † Steve and Bonnie Sorrells †
Katie Dunbar †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 27, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Jonah Coggeshall
Greeters: Pat Sharow
Lector: Denise Taylor
Gift Bearers: Justin & Emily
Obert Family
Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt
Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall
Ushers: Justin Obert, Mark Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that all people are invited to worship the Lord and to know His ways. God's gifts and His call are to Jew and Gentile alike. In the Gospel, the universality of God's call is exemplified when Jesus grants the request of the Canannite woman.

Again, all folks are invited to worship the Lord and know His ways. Some choose not to accept this invitation. God, of course, never forces Himself onto anyone. However, it is only in knowing and following God's ways and our worship of Him, and Him alone, that we can come to have fullness of life here on earth and Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. All-too-often we can fall away from knowing and following God's ways, or we can become selective on what we decide to follow. One can also fall into worshipping something other than God (material goods, work, power, pleasure, hobbies, etc.). When this happens, we can oftentimes easily make excuses for that as well, seemingly good excuses. But the Lord always challenges those excuses... sometimes that is enough to bring us back to the Lord more fully. Sometimes our reaction to the Lord's challenge is an even greater self-centeredness.

Today, let us ask ourselves if we fully accept the Lord's invitation to worship Him and to know and follow His ways and then pray that we might have the grace to do just that more fully and completely each and every day.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 21 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope. Pope Pius X undertook Liturgical and Canonical reforms. He condemned Modernism and wished "to renew all things in Christ." He died on August 20, 1914 and is the patron of sick pilgrims.

"The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts

was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. “This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” He died a few weeks after the war began and was canonized in 1954.

His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus. In contrast, we often feel embarrassed by our backgrounds. Shame makes us prefer to remain aloof from people whom we perceive as superior. If we are in a superior position, on the other hand, we often ignore simpler people. Yet we, too, have to help “restore all things in Christ,” especially the wounded people of God.” (Franciscan Media)

Pope St. Pius X, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 22 - Obligatory Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Memorial, prescribed in 1954 by Pope Pius XII for May 31 is now fittingly celebrated on the Octave Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his 1954 encyclical “To the Queen of Heaven,” Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus’ redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our King till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, August 23 - Optional memorial of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. St. Rose of Lima was born Isabel de Oliva and was a Peruvian mystic.

Because of her beauty, she was nicknamed “Rosa.” She was a Third Order Dominican, living a life of penance and solitude while caring for the homeless, elderly, and sick. She died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one. St. Rose is the patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru. She is also the patroness of florists and gardeners.

“The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification.

She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should

also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.

It is easy to dismiss excessive penances of the saints as the expression of a certain culture or temperament. But a woman wearing a crown of thorns may at least prod our consciences. We enjoy (perhaps) the most comfort-oriented life in human history. We (often) eat too much, drink too much, use a million gadgets, fill our eyes and ears with everything imaginable. Commerce thrives on creating useless needs on which to spend our money. It seems that when we have become most like slaves, there is the greatest talk of “freedom.” Are we willing to discipline ourselves in such an atmosphere?”
(Franciscan Media)

St. Rose of Lima, Pray for us!

-Thursday, August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Bartholomew is likely a surname in the Synoptic Gospels meaning “the son of Tolmai.” In John’s Gospel, he is known as Nathaniel. He is closely associated with Philip and is said to have preached the Gospel in India and in Armenia. According to tradition he was martyred by being flayed alive in the First Century. St. Bartholomew, Pray for us!

-Friday, August 25 – Optional memorials of St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz. St. Louis IX of France was a model ruler and father of eleven. He was a Third Order Franciscan who cared especially for lepers. He built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the Crown of Thorns. While on his second crusade, he died of the plague near Tunis in 1270. He is the patron of masons and sculptors.

“At his coronation as king of France, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God’s anointed, as the father of his people and feudal lord of the King of Peace. Other kings had done the same, of course. Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.

Louis “took the cross” for a Crusade when he was 30. (He) deserves credit for extending justice in civil administration. His regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reform laws. He replaced trial by battle with

a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick, and like his patron Saint Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—by the force of his personality and holiness. For many years the nation was at peace.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion.

Disturbed by new Muslim advances, Louis led another crusade to North Africa in 1270. Within a month of their landing at Carthage, the army camp was decimated by disease. Louis himself died there at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later.

Louis was strong-willed, strong-minded. His word was trusted utterly, and his courage in action was remarkable. What is most remarkable was his sense of respect for anyone with whom he dealt, especially the “humble folk of the Lord.” To care for his people he built cathedrals, churches, libraries, hospitals, and orphanages. He dealt with princes honestly and equitably. He hoped to be treated the same way by the King of Kings, to whom he gave his life, his family, and his country.” (Franciscan Media)

St. Louis, Pray for us!

Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon and in 1617 founded the Clerics Regular of Religious Schools in 1617 which today numbers almost fourteen hundred Religious. Dedicated to helping poor children, he faced many trials and calumnies for his work including the temporary suppression of his institute. He died in 1648 and is patron of all Christian schools dedicated to assisting the poor.

“From Aragon where he was born in 1556, to Rome where he died 92 years later, fortune alternately smiled and frowned on the work of Joseph Calasanz. A priest with university training in canon law and theology, respected for his wisdom and administrative expertise, he put aside his career because he was deeply

concerned with the need for education of poor children.

When he was unable to get other institutes to undertake this apostolate at Rome, Joseph and several companions personally provided a free school for deprived children. So overwhelming was the response that there was a constant need for larger facilities to house their effort. Soon, Pope Clement VIII gave support to the school, and this aid continued under Pope Paul V. Other schools were opened; other men were attracted to the work, and in 1621 the community—for so the teachers lived—was recognized as a religious community, the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools—Piarists or Scolopi. Not long after, Joseph was appointed superior for life.

A combination of various prejudices and political ambition and maneuvering caused the institute much turmoil. Some did not favor educating the poor, for education would leave the poor dissatisfied with their lowly tasks for society! Others were shocked that some of the Piarists were sent for instruction to Galileo—a friend of Joseph—as superior, thus dividing the members into opposite camps. Repeatedly investigated by papal commissions, Joseph was demoted; when the struggle within the institute persisted, the Piarists were suppressed. Only after Joseph's death were they formally recognized as a religious community.

No one knew better than Joseph the need for the work he was doing; no one knew better than he how baseless were the charges brought against him. Yet if he were to work within the Church, he realized that he must submit to its authority, that he must accept a setback if he was unable to convince authorized investigators. While the prejudice, the scheming and the ignorance of men often keep the truth from emerging for a long period of time, Joseph was convinced, even under suppression, that his institute would again be recognized and authorized. With this trust he joined exceptional patience and a genuine spirit of forgiveness.” (Franciscan Media)

St. Joseph Calasanz, Pray for us!

-MISSION APPEAL - Our Annual Missionary Appeal is this weekend, August 19 and 20. We are happy to be hosting Fr. Bibin Parekunnel with the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Envelopes for an offering will be available at

each church and in the pews if you'd like to make a contribution. Thank you for your continued support of the Mission Appeal.

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Don't forget to join us for the St. Thomas Ice Cream Social, This Sunday, August 20 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

-NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER - I recently ordered a bulk subscription of the National Catholic Register, a solidly Catholic newspaper and a division of EWTN. National Catholic Register also has a website, www.ncregister.com. The newspaper is published 26 times per year, every other week. I will have them in the back of each church when new editions arrive.

I have ordered a small number initially. However, I can increase the number of copies at any time. So, if you are interested in having a copy and what we currently have is regularly gone, let me know and I will be happy to add on to the order. I don't want to have excessive copies left each time, but I also want to make sure everyone who would like one gets one.

One other note, please be aware that this is the National Catholic Register. There is also a news outlet called National Catholic Reporter. The two news outlets are different and are not associated with one another.

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

-Fr. Aaron

2023-2024 Youth Group Kick Off

Holy Family Catholic Church- 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We will be starting with a kick off Mass on Sunday, August 20 followed by message and snacks.

This is for anyone going into 7th grade through 12th grade.

HOLY FAMILY BOSCO KIDS AND RCIA

Bosco Kids (the Holy Family Parish School of Religion {PSR}) will start classes on Wednesday night September 6 at 6:15 -7:30 with Mass and registration. Classes are held every Wednesday night in the old convent grades K-6. If you have

not already done so, please let me know if your children are coming to class this year. Just a reminder that 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 3rd grade students receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

RCIA classes are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic religion and/or coming into the Catholic Church. Please let me or Father Aaron know if you are interested in attending these classes or have any questions about the Catholic Faith.

(Ann O'Sullivan --aosullivan2031@gmail.com or 217-257-2516)

Blessings to you all this week.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Ohio & Spring Street Camp Point, IL

Quincy Deanery CCW Summer Gathering

Please find the flyer and signup sheet in your church lobby for the Quincy Deanery CCW summer gathering - **Wednesday, August 30 at Holy Family Catholic Church.** We encourage all women to join us as we further the work of Christ on earth. We learn, pray, gather new info and ideas to take to our parishes and families, and have fun making new connections in the faith. Grab a friend and come - all ages welcome! This is Holy Family's first hosting and we want to have a great turnout for their efforts. The signup sheet is to give us an idea for food amounts, but if you find you can come at the last minute, please do so - we look forward to having you with us! This is the month of the Immaculate Heart and we have some great ideas to pass along for family spirituality and for kids! We will also have information on the upcoming Convention in Springfield. Our Lady is the Spiritual Director of this group and she always leads us in what she wants accomplished at each of our gatherings. We hope you will come and answer her calling! Please call 217-285-5483 with any questions you might have.

-Angela Lipcamon-Pres. of Quincy DCCW.

POT OF GOLD

August Pot of Gold winners are:

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- \$100.00 - Vada Yingling
- \$50.00 - Sarah Henry
- \$50.00 - Norma Lane
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August 20, 2023

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