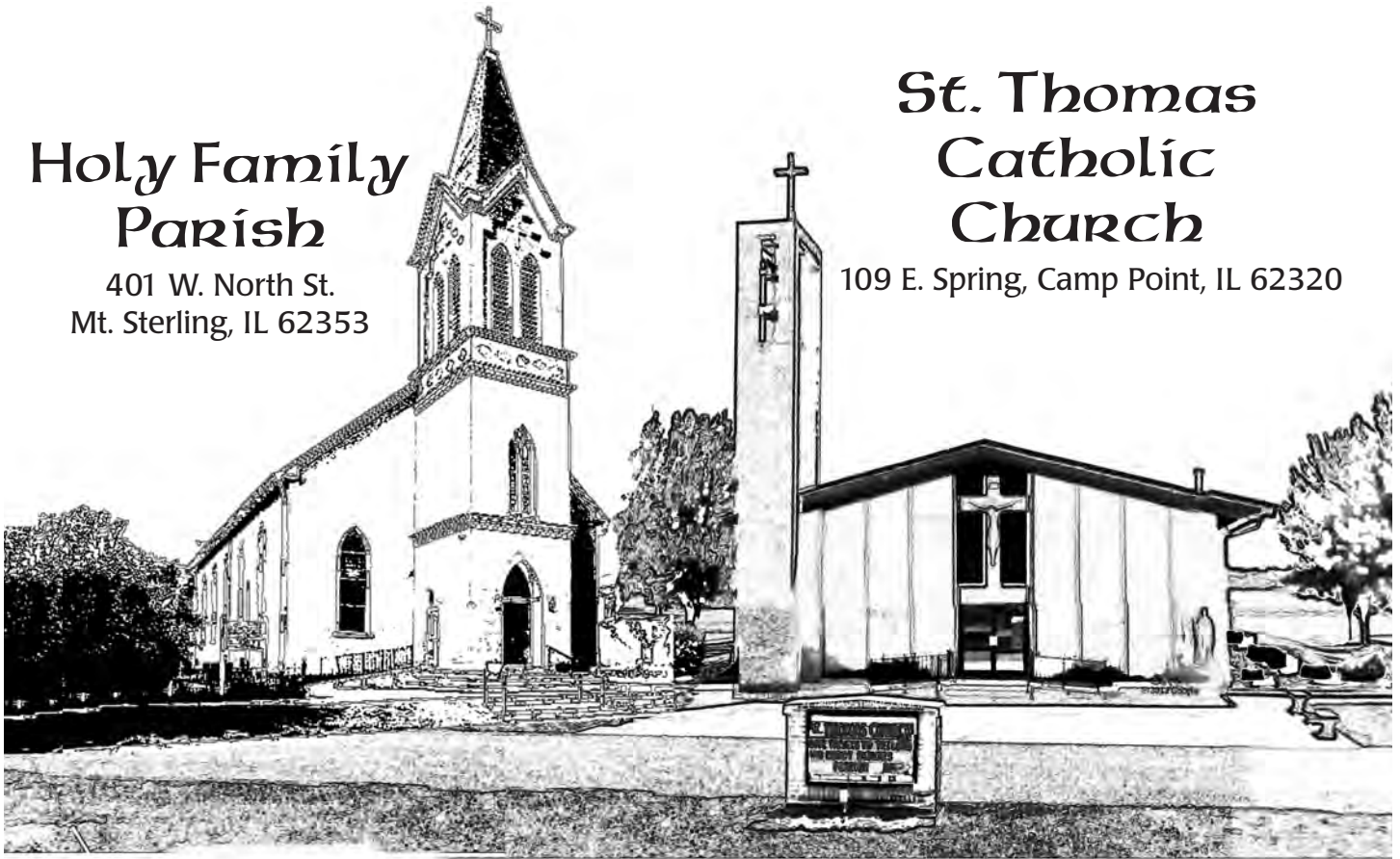


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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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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 7 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 8– 7:00 a.m.

St. Dominic, Priest
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Marjorie Salrin
(By Jim & Marilyn Wort)

Wednesday, August 9 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;
Matthew 15:21-28

Jack Logsdon
(By The Family)

Thursday, August 10 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Lucille Wagner
(By Richard Ryan)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Jim Stout
(By Herb & Joyce Dietrich)

Friday, August 11 – 8:30 a.m.

St. Clare, Virgin
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28

Mary Margaret Bullard
(By the Family)

Saturday, August 12 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, August 13 – 8:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

David Wear
(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Martha Koettters
(By Dan & Nancy Genenbacher)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 29-30, 2023

Holy Family: \$4,791.25
School Support: \$290.00
Sister Parish: \$65.00
Cemetery: \$5.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

July 30, 2023

St. Thomas: \$1,790.00

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.

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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 †
 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 † Susie Parker Campbell †
 Debra Parker Baker † Jeanette Shields †
 Connie Johnson † Tom Langan † Oakley Ham †
 Rick Flatt † Elizabeth "Libby" Tichy † Jeff Kozak †
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 Kendall Atteberry † Mark Ebbing †
 Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt †
 Jim Duvendack † Leann DeJaynes † Irene Norkus †
 Boone Holden † Sean Fink † Dan Ray †
 Elijah Craig † Joan Zurita † Kathy Cramblitt †
 Steve and Bonnie Sorrells † Katie Dunbar †

goods for the bake sale. We will also sell chances for a beautiful handmade quilt and a \$200 dining package. The picnic will be August 11-13

We will need volunteers to sell chances, work at the bake sale and to help with the kid's games.

This event and "trivia" in November are the largest source of income to help our clients with their crisis pregnancy.

Contact Butch & Dorothy with questions. 217-257-6825.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 13, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Maurice & Clara Schmidt
Lector:	Bobbi Mock
Gift Bearers:	Brent & Jenni Obert Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans
Collection Counters:	Jerel Mock Family
Ushers:	Justin Obert, Mark Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This Feast (always) falls on August 6. When that is a Sunday, it takes precedence over the Sunday of Ordinary Time as it does this year.

"All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36)." This year we hear Matthew's account. "With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Paul Mueller who passed away on July 28, 2023. May God keep you in His care! 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.

ST. THOMAS

Gallon Ice Cream Containers Needed - Please save any gallon ice cream containers that you have. We need them for our ice cream social on August 20. If you can donate them, please bring them to the back of church (cloak room) or to the parish hall. We appreciate your help. Thank you!

Birthright will again have a booth at the KC BBQ picnic in Quincy. All the churches in the area will be invited to bring homemade baked

of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly, Jesus warned them that His glory and His suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A Feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the Feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp." (from Franciscan Media)

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Monday, August 7 - Optional memorials of St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs and St. Cajetan, Priest.

Sixtus II and four deacons (Januarius, Vincent, Magnus, and Stephen) were arrested on August 6, 258 while celebrating the Holy Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus. By order of Valerian, they were decapitated that same day. St. Sixtus II is named in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Pray I). Saints Pope Sixtus II and Companions, Pray for us!

Cajetan was from Venice and co-founded, with Gian Pietro Carafa (later Pope Paul IV) the Theatines in 1524, today known as the Congregation of Clerks Regular (C.R.J.). Cajetan was devoted to reform, prayer, and ministry, especially to the poor and the sick. St. Cajetan, Pray for us!

-Tuesday, August 8 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest. Dominic de Guzman was born in Caleruega, Spain. He founded the Order of Preachers (O.P.) commonly known as the Dominicans, today numbering about six-thousand five hundred Religious. The order of Preachers was founded as an elective, fraternal form of community life devoted to contemplation, study, and preaching. Dominic (and his order) sought to bring Albigensians back into the Church through preaching and evangelical poverty. Dominic died on August 6, 1221, and was canonized in 1234. St. Dominic, Pray for us!

-Wednesday, August 9 - Optional memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) in 1891 to Jewish parents. She studied Philosophy under Husserl. Inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she was baptized on January 1, 1922. She taught in various schools for ten years until she was forced to resign because of anti-Semitic legislation. In 1933 she entered the Discalced Carmelite Convent in Cologne where she received the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. At the end of 1939 she moved to the convent in Echt, Holland on account of the Nazi persecution of the Jews but in 1942, during the German occupation of Holland, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and killed on August 9 at the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. She was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Pray for us!

-Thursday, August 10 – Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. St. Lawrence is said to have cared for the temporal welfare of the Roman Church. He was martyred in 258, four days after four other deacons and Pope Sixtus II were killed. It is said that he was burned alive on a gridiron. After Saints Peter and Paul, St. Lawrence is venerated as patron of Rome. He is mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). St. Lawrence, Pray for us!

-Friday, August 11 – Obligatory Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin. St. Clare of Assisi was a disciple of St. Francis and founded the Poor Clares. She was known to have lived an austere life, rich in the practice of charity and loving care. She died in 1253. St. Clare, Pray for us!

-Saturday, August 12 – Optional Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious. St. Jane Frances de Chantel was a wife and mother of six children, two of whom died at birth. As a widow, with St. Francis de Sales, her Spiritual Director, she founded the order Visitation Nuns and established some eighty-five monasteries before her death on December 13, 1641. St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Pray for us!

-REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the repose of the souls of Butch Roberts, husband of Sheila Roberts, who died on July 22 and Paul Mueller who died on July 28 and whose Funeral Mass was at Holy Family on August 2. We pray also for the families of Butch and Paul in their time of sorrow.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-BIRTHRIGHT & K OF C BBQ – The Quincy Council Knights of Columbus Barbeque is Friday through Sunday, August 11 – 13. Once again this year, Birthright of Quincy will be doing their “Bake for Birthright” and raffle (quilt and dining out package) fundraiser.

St. Thomas is asked to provide baked goods for the bake sale on Saturday, August 12. More information is posted in the back of St. Thomas. As in the past, I believe some folks will also be selling chances after Mass at St. Thomas for the quilt and dining out raffle. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy Obert.

-FOOD PANTRY – Holy Family is collecting items for the food pantry once again over the next several weeks. This week was canned vegetables. Next week we will be collecting condiments. If you’d like to contribute, please bring the items to Holy Family Church and place them in the totes that will be out. Thank you for your support.

-SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, August 15. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that the faithful are obliged (required) to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass either on that day or at a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity the evening before. This is a significant celebration in the Church, a reminder that celebrations raised to a Solemnity are the highest celebrations.

On Monday, August 14, the Vigil Masses will be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family.

On Tuesday, August 15, Masses at Holy Family will be at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 7:00 p.m.

-SANCTUARY CITY – A couple of weeks ago, I included in the bulletin some information regarding the efforts to make Quincy a Sanctuary City for the unborn. There will be another meeting to give some additional updates. It is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Quincy, upper level of the main club house. They would like to prepare for the number of people who may come and are asking that you let Susan Asher (asherte@yahoo.com) know by Monday, August 14.

The initiative of Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Ordinance is a new grassroots effort in an attempt to end abortion, at least on a local level. A federal law, the Comstock Act, prohibits the mailing and the receiving of abortion-inducing drugs and abortion paraphernalia. Local city council passage of an ordinance would ensure enforcement of the Comstock Act. Quincy is in the beginning stages of attempting to have an ordinance passed to enforce the Comstock Act and make Quincy a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

For more information on this initiative go to <https://sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.org/>. You can also contact Claudia Coggeshall for additional information.

Although this is an initiative in Quincy at present, it is important for all of us as we continue to work to protect the unborn. When Quincy is successful this idea can spread to other towns in our county.

-PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AND PRIESTS - A reminder to continue to pray for good and holy vocations...to the Priesthood, Diaconate, & Religious Life, Married Life, and Single Life. Keep in prayer also those who are in formation or preparing for married life. Keep in mind also that our Diocese continues to Pray one Hail Mary each day at 4:40 offered for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. Good and holy vocations are not only good for our own holiness but necessary.

I want to thank you but also ask for your prayers for me and for all priests. Priests have long been (always been, really) under attack from the devil and remain so up to the present day. Make no doubt about that. Without priests, there can be no celebration of the Sacraments...no Holy Eucharist, no Sacramental Forgiveness of sins. It is no wonder the devil attacks priests so fiercely. Please offer a prayer each day for the holiness and perseverance of all priests.

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL - St. Thomas' Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 20, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

-MISSION APPEAL - Our Annual Missionary Appeal will take place the weekend of August 19 and 20. We will be hosting Fr. Bibin Parekunnel with the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.

Fr. Bibin Parekunnel is a La Salette priest from India. He has been a priest for seven years, worked as a vocation promoter of La Salette province, and a retreat preacher in India. After completing his higher studies in Canon Law, he continues his evangelization mission. Fr. Bibin is very much interested in spreading the joy of the Gospel and reinstalling spirituality in the minds of people, especially those who do yet fully know Christ, the real Master of Love.

-EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. Tickets are still available for both parishes as the deadline has been extended until September. If you have not already done so, let me know if you think you may go.

You can refer to the Diocesan website and the Catholic Times for more information. Please note that there will be no Saturday evening Vigil Mass at Holy Family on that day. No Vigil Masses are allowed that day at parishes in the Diocese. Also, no funerals or weddings are allowed that day.

-SPIRITUAL READING EXCERPTS" - From "Humility of Heart" by Fr. Cajetan da Bergamo: "Although we feel the humiliation keenly when we are insulted, persecuted, or calumniated, this does not mean that we cannot suffer such trials with sentiments of true humility, subjecting nature to reason and faith, and sacrificing the resentment of our self-love to the love of God. We are not made of stone, so that we need be insensible or senseless in order to be humble. Of some martyrs we read that they writhed under their torments; of others, that they more or

less rejoiced in them, according to the greater or lesser degree of unction they received from the Holy Ghost; and all were rewarded by the crown of glory, as it is not the pain or the feeling that makes the martyr, but the supernatural motive of virtue. In the same way some humble persons feel pleasure in being humiliated, and some feel sadness, especially when weighted down with calumny; and yet they all belong to the sphere of the humble, because it is not the humiliation nor the suffering alone which makes the soul humble, but the interior act by which this same humiliation is accepted and received through motives of Christian humility, and especially of a desire to resemble Jesus Christ, who though entitled to all the honors the world could offer Him, bore humiliation and scorn for the glory of His eternal Father.”

-FROM THE SAINTS: St. Alphonsus Liguori: "To put into practice the teachings of our holy faith, it is not enough to convince ourselves that they are true; we must love them. Love united to faith makes us practice our religion."

-TEACHING THE FAITH - I recently ran across something I've previously shared but it is always a good reminder for all of us.

Fr. John Titus wrote, in part, the following: "As a priest, I always find one of the most powerful parts of the Order of Baptism of Children is the blessing over parents reminding them that they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. In that, we also pray that they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child."

'Teaching' of the faith "will have minimal impact unless our young people see it lived in their own homes and in the lives of the people they love the most. As Roy Lanham, director of Campus Ministry for our diocese, likes to say, 'This is not a question of an either/or but a very Catholic both/and.' Children "learn" what they are taught (at school) when they experience it being modeled for them at home."

Parents, as you seek to carry out the great task you have, I share one final remark from Fr. Titus: "As the late Fr. Don Meehling used to say, 'Our children should never remember a time when they didn't come to Mass.'" That is so very powerful for all of us.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Be assured of my prayers each day for you. 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for our back to school Mass on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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