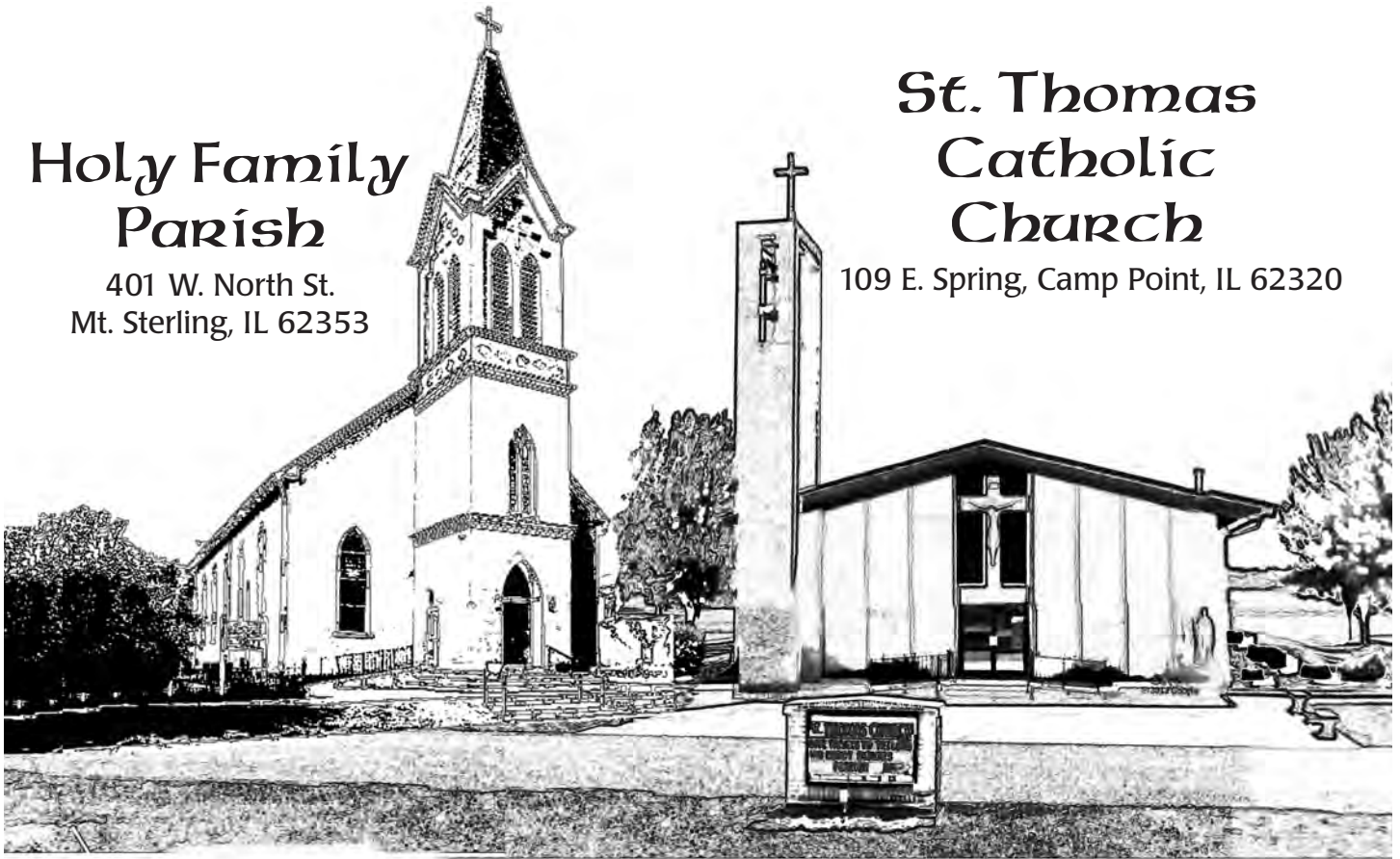


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 4 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 5 – 7:00 a.m.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

James G. & Norma J. Wort
(By their Children)

Wednesday, September 6 – 7:00 a.m.

Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

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

HOLY FAMILY – 6:30 p.m. - (Bosco Kids)

Thursday, September 7 – 7:00 a.m.

Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Donna Koch Meyer
(By Elaine Schrieber)

St. Thomas – 5:30 p.m.

Kathy Mowen

Friday, September 8 – 8:30 a.m.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Micah 5:1-41; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Etta Anderson
(By Friends)

Saturday, September 9 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Claver, Priest
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, September 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Aaron Koch
(By Albert & Noreen Taylor)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Becky Metzger
(By Pam Goudschall)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 26-27, 2023

Holy Family: \$2,780.00
School Support: \$95.00
Sister Parish: \$20.00
ACSA: \$10.00

Mission Appeal: \$545.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

August 27, 2023

St. Thomas: \$2,302.00
Mission Appeal: \$219.00

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.”
- ❖ **St. Mary School Hog Roast** will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the KC Hall.

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 † 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 † Carol Likes † Janice Hendricks † Kendall Atteberry † Mark Ebbing † Eleanor Logsdon † Lane Wiese † Carolyn DeWitt † Jim Duvendack † Leeann DeJaynes † Irene Norkus † Boone Holden † Sean Fink † Dan Ray † Elijah Craig † Joan Zurita † Kathy Cramblitt † Steve and Bonnie Sorrells † Katie Dunbar †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 10, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Brent Obert
Greeters: Jerry & Margie Herkert
Lector: Kim Gronewold
Gift Bearers: Tod Perry Family
Eucharistic Minister: Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers: Brent Obert, Tony Obert

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our readings today remind us that following the Lord means nothing less than the Cross, offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. This can be tough for anyone and some choose to turn away from God because of it. Indeed, following Christ will entail derision and scorn but the Lord is our help. Not only that, it is only in and through the Lord that we have fullness of life and the hope of Eternal Life with the Father in Heaven. May our cooperation with God's grace help us to persevere always in our life here on earth.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-Friday, September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we celebrate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God. What a beautiful celebration! This Feast coincides, of course, with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception that we celebrate every year on December 8. Saints Joachim and Anne, whose Memorial is celebrated on July 26, are the parents of Mary. We look to Mary as the perfect example for us of how to live a perfect Christian life, how to always say yes to God, and how to endure the sufferings of this life. Mary is not only a great example for us but also a powerful intercessor. Devotion to our Blessed Mother is so very powerful and I personally have a deep devotion to Mary. I would encourage you also to develop devotion to our Blessed Mother.

“The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the [Solemnity] of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in His creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail [trials, tribulations, hardships]. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large." (Franciscan Media)

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

-Saturday, September 9 - In the United States of America, Obligatory Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest. Peter Claver was a Catalonian Jesuit who served the Columbian Mission in Cartagena. He devoted himself to caring for African slaves, baptizing some 300,000 and calling himself "the slave of the slaves forever." He died on September 8, 1654.

"A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Fr. Claver's apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of

the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

The Holy Spirit's might and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. A decision to leave one's homeland never to return reveals a gigantic act of will difficult for us to imagine. Peter's determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected, and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic. When we measure our lives against such a man's, we become aware of our own barely used potential and of our need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus' Spirit." (Franciscan Media)

St. Peter Claver, Pray for Us!

-LABOR DAY - Monday, September 4 is Labor Day. There is no school on Monday and many folks enjoy a day off from work. This, of course, is not a Liturgical Celebration but we do recognize the great gift and value of work and workers throughout the world. May St. Joseph, patron of workers, guide and protect each and every person in the work they do and may we give praise and thanks to God for the work He has called us to and given to us.

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA - While not included in either the General Roman Calendar or in the liturgical calendar proper to the United States, in some places, September 5 is observed as the Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta. St. Teresa, known by many of us as Mother Teresa, is a contemporary saint whom

many of us remember well. We remain mindful of the work she did, the example she gave, and her witness to Christ. Mother Teresa, known and respected throughout the world, consistently and courageously demonstrated great humility while upholding the dignity and sanctity of all human life. The Religious Sisters of the Order that she founded (The Missionaries of Charity) continue in this work.

"Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call

within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Mother Teresa’s beatification, just over six years after her death, was part of an expedited process put into effect by Pope John Paul II. Like so many others around the world, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer, and for the poor a model for all to emulate.” (Franciscan Media)

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for us!

-BAPTISM – Last Sunday, August 27, I celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Raelynn Jade Heitholt at St. Thomas Raelynn is the daughter of Lance Heitholt and Brianna Smith. It is always a great joy to celebrate the Sacraments!

If you have a child who needs to be Baptized or are expecting a child, please contact the parish office so that we can get Baptism scheduled.

-BOSCO KIDS – Holy Family Bosco Kids will kick off the new year with Registration and Mass on Wednesday, September 6. Be on the lookout for more information. We’ll begin Mass around 6:30 p.m. but Bosco Kids families need to be there earlier for registration. Our Bosco kids and their families should plan to be at this and everyone is welcome to join us.

-PERMANENT DIACONATE – All men of the Diocese discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Corpus Christi Priory, 4867 LaVerna Road, Springfield IL; Friday, September 8, 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 10 at noon. During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals, and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the men, their wives, and the Norbertine Fathers, you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours and Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. To register for this event, go to <https://form.jotform.com/231135196152046>

-HOG ROAST – The annual St. Mary School Hog Roast is scheduled for next Sunday, September 10. Mark your calendars and plan to join us and be sure to get tickets for our great prize that we have each year!

-LOOKING AHEAD – The Diocesan Priest Convocation will be held Monday, September 18 through Thursday, September 21 in Collinsville. I will be away from the parishes those days. I will

let you know about Communion Services while I am away. As we prepare for and attend this year's Convocation, please keep the priests and Bishop Paprocki in your prayers.

-DCCW CONVENTION - Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Griffin High School's West Campus in Springfield. This year's theme is "Christ is Alive," Bishop Paprocki will be the main celebrant of the Mass at St. Agnes Church at 11:00 a.m. St. Agnes is next to the school campus. Registration is \$50, includes morning refreshments and lunch, and should be made by this Thursday, September 7. I have placed a few registration forms in the back of each church. If you need one and don't see them, let me know.

-“HOLIEST ADVENTURE” – Are you craving screenless quality time with your children? Join Catholics in our diocese for The Holiest Adventure - mother/daughter edition and father/son edition. These are two separate adventure days for moms & their daughters and dads & their sons. The days will be packed with fun activities, Mass, adoration, and delicious food. Both events are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The mother/daughter edition is Saturday, September 16 at the St. Francis Convent, 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002. It is for moms and their daughters in grades 4-9.

The father/son edition is Saturday, October 14, at The Villa Maria Catholic Life Center, 1903 E Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712. It is for dads and their sons in grades 4-9.

To register, go to dio.org/events. Cost is \$40.00 per mother/daughter or father/son pair. Each additional child is \$5.00. For questions, email Daniel Heffernan at dheffernan@dio.org.

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

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.

Safe Haven for the Unborn

You can help make Quincy a safe haven for the unborn. Because of the city's location on the Missouri border, Quincy is a prospective location for the abortion industry to establish a clinic or set up a mobile abortion van.

Go to Right to Life of Adams Count's website: <https://rtlac.org> click on: Learn about Quincy becoming a Safe Haven for the Unborn. There you will find links to Quincy City Representatives and Mayor, a link for online petition and links with additional background information. You DO NOT have to be a resident of Quincy to support a safe haven for unborn babies in Quincy. Please educate yourselves on this topic. Don't wait until the abortion clinic has been established and think to yourself "What could I have done to prevent this?"

Contact Claudia Coggeshall or Dorothy Obert for questions or information.

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