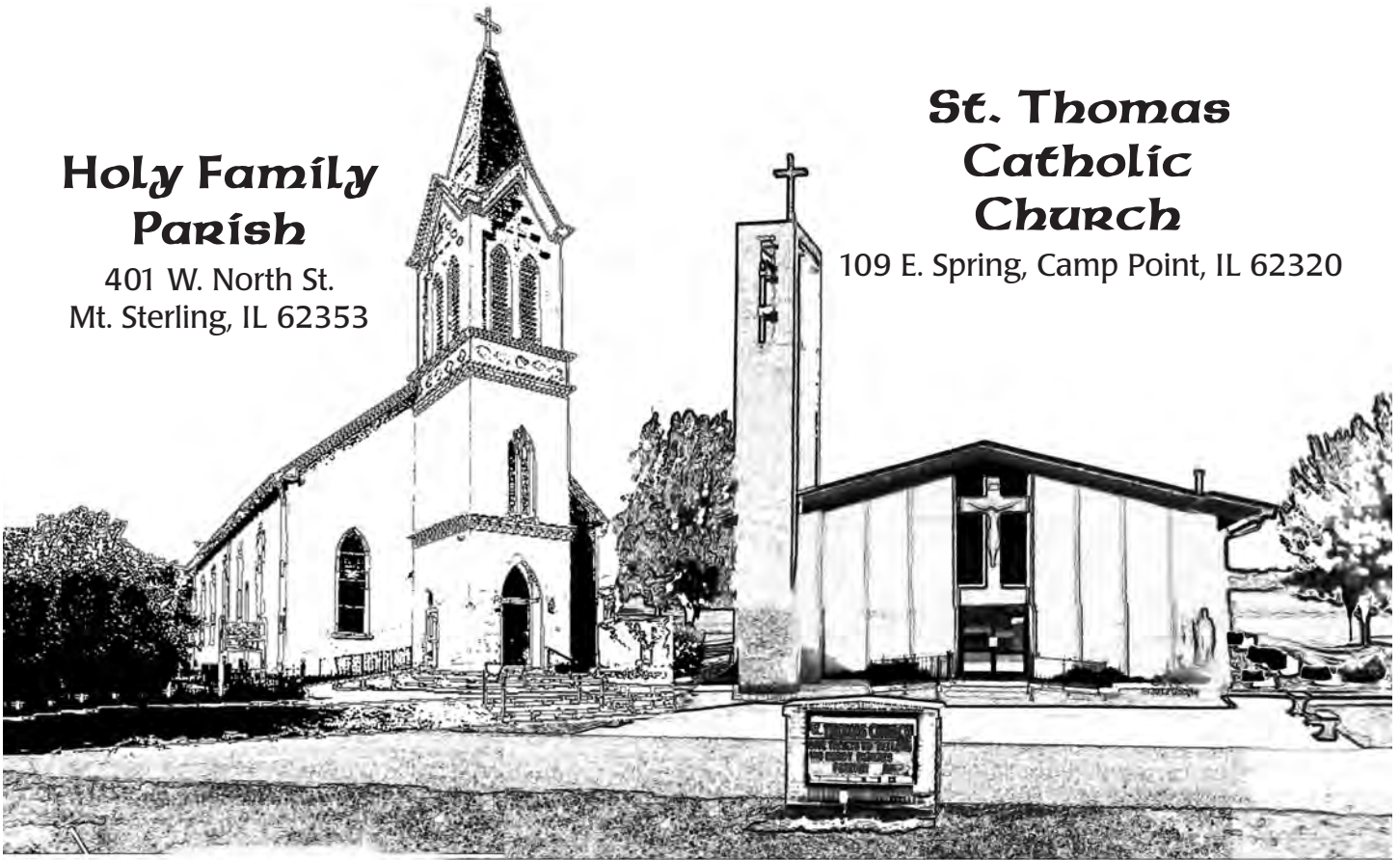


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Principal: Melissa Obert

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, January 13 – 7:00 a.m.

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 14 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

James J. Wort

(By Tom & Nancy Schneider)

Wednesday, January 15 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and
Ruth James

(By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family)

Thursday, January 16 – 7:00 a.m.

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

Father Aaron's Intentions

AT ST. THOMAS – 5:30 p.m.

Ron & Judy Bull

(By Jenni Obert)

Friday, January 17 – 8:30 a.m.

(School Mass)

St. Anthony, Abbot
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

Jason Volk

(By Bob & Patty Kunkel)

Saturday, January 18 – 8:00 a.m.

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

Father Aaron's Intentions

Holy Family – 5:30 p.m.

Parishioners of Holy Family
and St. Thomas

Sunday, January 19 – 8:00 a.m.

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Janet Mitchell

(By Carl & Nancy Mitchell)

St. Thomas – 10:00 a.m.

Jack Gronewold

(By Kim & Jim Gronewold)

HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 24-25, 2024

Holy Family: \$395.00

Christmas: \$5,108.00

School Support: \$3,260.00

Sister Parish: \$50.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$840.00

Immaculate Conception: \$20.00

December 24-25, 2024

Holy Family: \$2,612.00

Christmas: \$775.00

School Support: \$75.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00

Debt Reduction: \$100.00

New Year's: \$25.00

First Offering: \$15.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$245.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

December 24-25, 2024

Christmas: \$1,492.00

Immaculate Conception: \$91.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$260.00

Retired Religious: \$20.00

Vestments: \$300.00

December 30, 2024

St. Thomas: \$2,065.00

Catholic Children's Home: \$55.00

January 1, 2025

Solemnity of Mary: \$422.00

Candles: \$32.25

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:

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark †
Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson †
Isabella Wilson † Calvin Schenk †
Dylan Hendricks † Mary Gregory †
Ezra Keokham † Greg Jones †
Misha Follis Allen † Susan Kenady †
Leona Dunn † Georgia Metz † Dyson Ham †
Caden Callihan †

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of Ray Gregory who passed away on December 24, 2024, Thomas J. Schneider who passed away on January 1, 2025, and Fritz Harper who passed away on January 5, 2025. May God keep you in His care! 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This Feast brings to an end the Season of Christmas. Ordinary Time [begins] the day after this Feast [and goes] to the Tuesday before Lent [and then resumes after the Easter Season is complete on Pentecost, this year being June 9].

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the [Jordan] River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them

to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the 'substance of our flesh and was recognized 'outwardly like unto ourselves,' He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world.'

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the 'Beloved Son' of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. -Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas." (Catholicculture.org)

And finally, concerning this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, St. Gregory of Nazianzus wrote: "Today, let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this Feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the Great Light, bathed in the glory of Him who is the Light of Heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling Light of the Trinity, as now you have received - though not in its fullness - a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the One God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever."

As we move out of the Christmas Season and into Ordinary Time, I pray that you may always reflect on the goodness of God in your life and how the Lord is calling you to the fullness of Life. May your day today and every day be holy.

I do hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and pray for a Blessed New Year for each of you. Thank you once again for all of the Christmas greetings, kind words, cards, and gifts. Your love and kindness is held deeply in my heart.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me, one another, our parishes and school, and the Universal Church. Please continue to pray for all those who are sick or suffering in any way and those away from the Church. Pray too for good and holy Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Permanent Diaconate, and Sacramental Marriage and for those who are in Formation for these vocations. Be assured of my continued daily prayers for each one of you. May you have a most blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

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