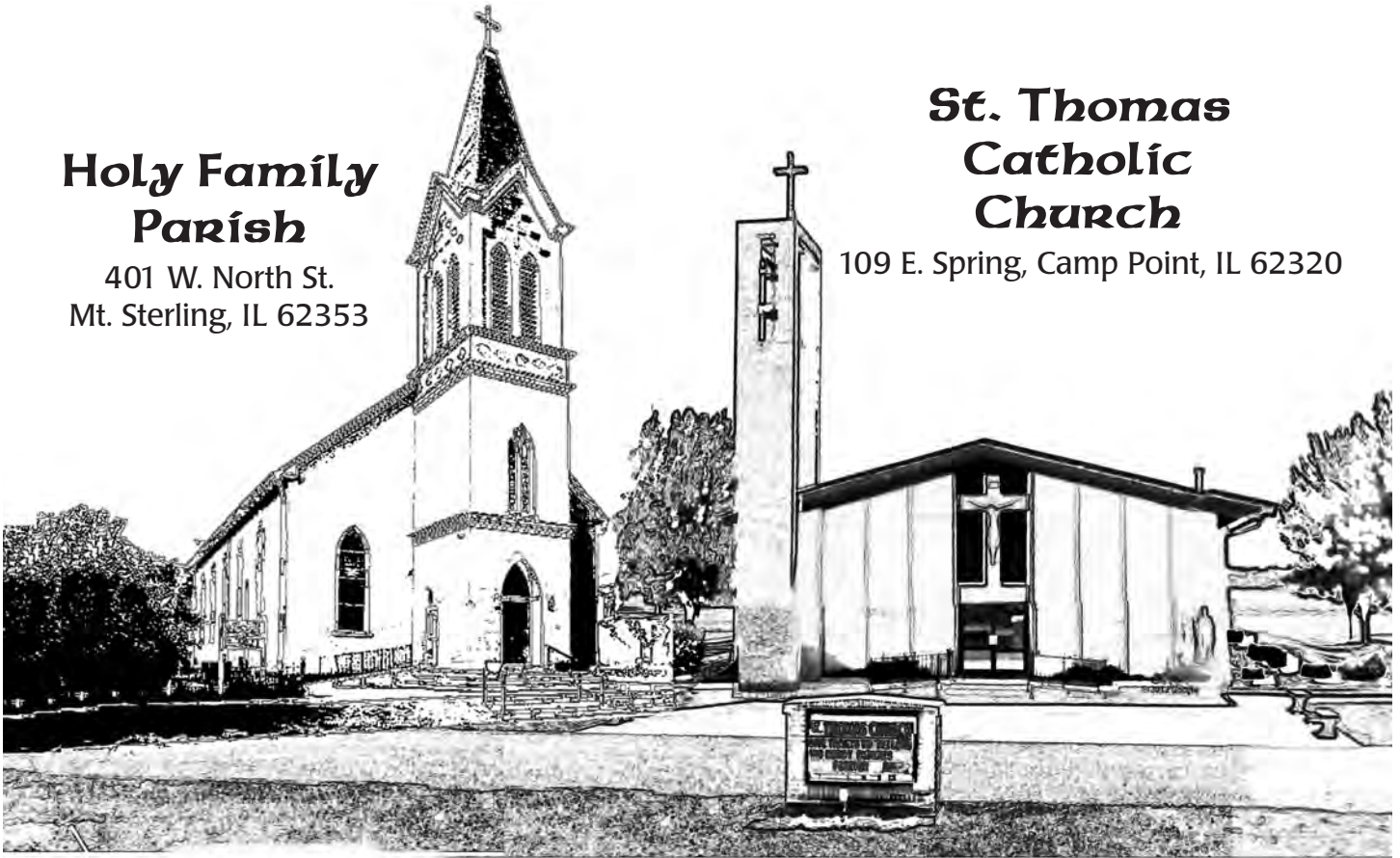


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Principal: Melissa Obert

### 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](http://www.stthomascp.org)  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 10/13-

7:00 a.m. Communion Service (HF)

Tuesday, 10/14 -

7:00 a.m. Joe Ray (By Martha Fluckey) (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

Wednesday, 10/15 -

7:00 a.m. Ed Veith (By the Family) (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

Thursday, 10/16 -

7:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)

8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)

5:30 p.m. Earl & Marian Schmidt (By Maurice & Clara Schmidt) (ST)

Friday, 10/17-

8:15 a.m. Dwight & Helen Armstrong (By Cathy Black) (HF)

Saturday, 10/18 -

8:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)

5:30 p.m. Raymond, Mable & John Salrin (By Nancy Salrin) (HF)

Sunday, 10/19 -

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

10:00 a.m. Henry P. Ehrhardt & Malinda Wiseman (By Sheila Druffel) (ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 4-5, 2025

Holy Family: \$4,522.70  
School Support: \$932.00  
Sister Parish: \$20.00  
Cemetery: \$125.00  
ACSA/Tithe: \$50.00  
Debt Reduction: \$150.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 5, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,527.00  
Parish Improvement: \$580.00

St. Thomas weekly budgeted amount: \$2,635

Please contact Tammy at (217) 773-2825 or [tmckeown@smseagle.org](mailto: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.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jeff Kozak † Jim Duvendack † Marilyn Clark †  
Sheila Thompson † Logan Wilson † Isabella Wilson †  
Kalvin Schenk † Dylan Hendricks † Mary Gregory †  
Misha Follis Allen † Leona Dunn † Brandan Volk †  
Tricia Grenier † Mike Babb † Karl Groesch † Rachel  
Saxer † Dyson Ham † Greg Jones † Eileen King †  
Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †  
Bob Kassing † Becky Pool †

## ST. THOMAS

**Save the Date** - On Wednesday, October 15 at 6:45 p.m. St Thomas PSR will be hosting a Living Rosary offering prayers for the Sanctity of Life. We will come together to form a Rosary and each person (if they wish) will lead the prayer for that part of the rosary. Prayer guides will be available. Please plan to join us for a powerful evening of prayer.

**St. Thomas is once again participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach BOX OF JOY Program.** The boxes and the information that go with it can be picked up in St. Thomas Hall from now until October 21. The boxes must **ABSOLUTELY** be returned by October 29. St. Thomas PSR students will have picked theirs up Oct. 8 at PSR class. Contact Claudia Coggeshall 217-653-6716 or [rccogg@adams.net](mailto:rccogg@adams.net) for more information.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 19 - 10:00 a.m.

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Jonah Coggeshall
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Janice Brady
<b>Lector:</b>	Bobbi Mock
<b>Servers:</b>	Charles Evans, Charlie Reed
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jacob & Maurice Schmidt

## HOLY FAMILY TURKEY DINNER

Holy Family Turkey Dinner drive through will be on November 2 at the K of C Hall. Meals are \$12. Turkey donations (\$35) can be dropped off in the box as you come into church. Letters containing workers' list and raffle tickets have been handed out or mailed. Extra raffle tickets will be available on the table in the back of church.



Knights of Columbus Council 1281, Mt. Sterling, will again accept donations to purchase NEW Coats for children in our area who are in need.

K of C Members will collect donations after masses on October 11 & 12. Questions: Contact Joe Sullivan 217-242-9862.

**ANNUAL WREATH FUNDRAISER**

Cass Schuyler Area Hospice Volunteers are doing our annual wreath and Angel Ornament fundraiser. There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board in back of HF Church. Money is to be turned in with the orders (other arrangements can be made). The wreaths will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Please call Karla Ormond at 217-257-3835 or Karen Yingling at 812-459-2022 by October 24.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading from the Second Book of Kings, Naaman cleanses himself in the Jordan, declaring the God of Israel as the only God. In the second reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, St. Paul urges perseverance for Christ in the face of persecution. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus heals ten lepers. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to the Lord. His faith has saved him.

Today's readings feature those in extremely difficult circumstances finding hope and new life in their faith. Naaman is cleansed, Paul hopes in God in the face of trial, and desperate lepers are completely healed. In each of these examples, we see the transformative power of faith and the abundant power and grace of God. Indeed, the Lord has revealed His saving power to all the nations. Let us remain steadfast in faith and thankful for the Lord's blessings and may the Lord increase and sustain us in faith so as to be strong witnesses of His love and mercy to the world.

**-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

- Tuesday, October 14 - Optional memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr.
- Wednesday, October 15 - Obligatory Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church.
- Thursday, October 16 - Optional memorials of St. Hedwig, Religious and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin.
- Friday - Obligatory Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr.
- Saturday, October 18 - Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist.

-RELIC OF ST. CHARBEL - First Class Relic of St. Charbel will be available for public veneration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield next Sunday, October 19 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. I presume public veneration will go until the evening Mass at the Cathedral but if you are planning to go, you may want to call the Cathedral and check.

Visitors will also have the chance to venerate additional First Class relics of other holy men and women, including Blessed Anna Marie Taigi, the blood of St. Padre Pio, Father Peter Rookey's Cross with a piece of the True Cross, St. André Bessette, the three Fatima children, and St. Carlo Acutis.

This unique opportunity invites the faithful to bring their intentions, their burdens, and their hopes, and to draw near to a powerful intercessor. Many who have sought St. Charbel's prayers have experienced healing, peace, and even the miraculous.

More information at:

<https://dio.org/catholic-times/st-charbels-first-class-relic-and-relics-of-other-saints-coming-to-vandalia-springfield/>

-OCTOBER - A reminder that the Month of October is designated as Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. In a very special way we pray for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages from conception through natural death.

I also encourage you to commit to praying the Holy Rosary each day with your family...not just in October but every day.

-LIVING ROSARY - At St. Thomas this Wednesday, October 15, 6:45 p.m. I encourage you to be there.

-NOVEMBER - During the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer II). More information to come on that.

In the meantime, at both parishes we will be praying the Prayers for the Dead after each Mass on Saturday evening, November 1 and Sunday morning, November 2. I invite you to bring a photo of deceased family members and loved ones that will be displayed near the Sanctuary for these prayers. I ask that you place a note on the back of each photo with your name and the name of the deceased person(s). Please have these photos to the Church no later than Sunday, October 26. You can put the photos in the back of each Church and I will take care of them. At St. Thomas, you can take your photo(s) back after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. At Holy Family, I'd ask everyone to not take the photos back until after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

I will also plan to have a book at each parish where you may place the names of deceased family members and loved ones.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as you remain in my prayers each day.

-Fr. Aaron

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