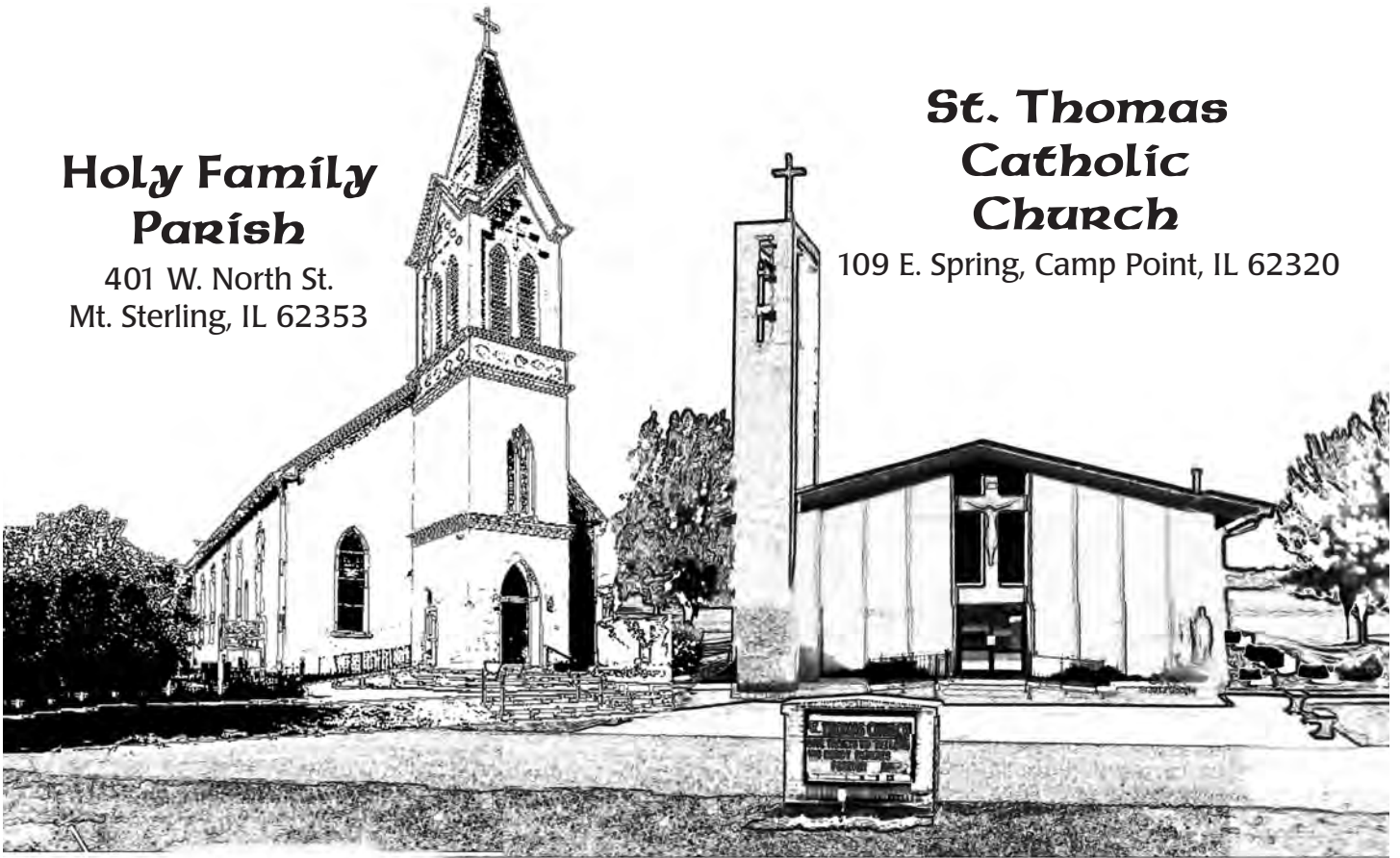


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### Mass Schedule

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, 10/20-**

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

**Tuesday, 10/21-**

7:00 a.m. Donna Stephenson (By Linda Colgan) (HF)

8:15 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**

**Wednesday, 10/22-**

7:00 a.m. Mike Bullard (By Jim & Rosanne Ray) (HF)

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

**Thursday, 10/23-**

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

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

5:30 p.m. **NO ADORATION OR MASS (ST)**

**Friday, 10/24-**

8:15 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**

**Saturday, 10/25-**

8:00 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**

5:30 p.m. Bob & Sylva Dixon and Julie Link  
(By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)

**Sunday, 10/26-**

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

10:00 a.m. Janice Siebers (By Sheila Druffel)  
(ST)

### HOLY FAMILY TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 11-12, 2025

Holy Family: \$6,854.00  
School Support: \$465.00  
Sister Parish: \$243.00  
Cemetery: \$20.00  
ACSA/Tithe: \$200.00  
Debt Reduction: \$100.00  
Mission Hope: \$25.00

Holy Family weekly budgeted amount: \$6,500

### ST. THOMAS TITHE TO THE LORD:

October 12, 2025

St. Thomas: \$2,566.00  
Parish Improvement: \$5.00  
Candles: \$23.00

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 †

## 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 Mt. Sterling Legion Hall on **Wednesday, October 22, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Call 1-800 Red Cross or 217-257-3117 for appointments.

## ST. THOMAS

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 October 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 26 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Denny & Nancy Campbell
Lector:	Tod Perry
Servers:	Grace Mock, Addiley Schmidt
Gift Bearers:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans, Jim Clausius, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers:	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.

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Today the Church celebrates the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In our readings for today, we are reminded that through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's Will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the Scriptures we read and by the Traditions we have received.

-LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THSI WEEK:

-Monday, October 20 - In the USA, optional memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest.

-Wednesday, October 22 - Optional memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope.

-Thursday, October 23 - Optional memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest.

-Friday, October 24 - Optional memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop.

-FOOD DRIVE - Marilyn Veith is heading up the food drive at Holy Family again this year. If you'd like to donate food items, there is tub inside the doors of the church that you can place your items. We will be collecting items through November 1.

-CHRISTMAS CARDS - There are now some beautiful, solidly Catholic Christmas cards in the back of each Church if you'd like to use them. There are envelopes by the cards marked "Christmas Cards" that you can use to make a contribution for them if you are able. You can drop the envelope in the regular collection basket.

-LETTER FROM BISHOP - I received a nice letter from Bishop Paprocki last week thanking the parishes for the hospitality shown to him and Fr. Vahling when Bishop was here for his Pastoral Visit a few weeks ago. He noted many of the good things he observed and heard while he was here. It was good having Bishop Paprocki here and as I mentioned at each of the Masses that he celebrated, I am grateful for his faithful leadership. Please continue to keep Bishop Paprocki and all Bishops in your prayers.

-SACRISTANS - If you are interested in being a Sacristan at St. Thomas, please let me know...we could use a few more folks. Sacristans set-up for Mass including the Sacred Vessels and lighting of the candles and then clean the Sacred Vessels after Mass.

-NOVEMBER - As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, 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).

Both parishes 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.

-DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT - Holy Family Parish/St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling is seeking a Director of Mission Advancement and Development. This position will champion the growth and sustainability of the Parish and School. Core responsibilities will include Fundraising & Development; Marketing & Communication; Donor Relations & Stewardship; Business Management & Strategic Growth; Parish & Community Relations. Preference is given to practicing Roman Catholics. Position will report to the Pastor and Principal. Salary aligned with experience. Compensation, including benefits, will be discussed with candidates invited to a first interview. Send letter of interest, resume, references, and salary requirements to: Fr. Aaron Kuhn, PO Box 252, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 by October 27, 2025.

-TURKEY DINNER - As noted elsewhere in the bulletin, the Holy Family Turkey Dinner is coming up on Sunday, November 2. This is always a large event that many in the area look forward to each year. Letters went out to parishioners about the drawings and contributions.

As with most everything else, we have seen a significant increase in costs this year for the Turkey Dinner. Thank you to those who have already made contributions toward the Turkey Dinner. If you have not yet done so and are able to, I kindly ask you to consider a contribution to cover the costs of the Turkey Dinner. If you have already made a contribution and are able to make an additional contribution, that is also welcome. Contributions can be placed in the box in the back of Holy Family Church.

-ALL SAINTS DAY - Saturday, November 1. The obligation to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this day is lifted this year since it falls on a Saturday. There are no Vigil Masses for this Solemnity this year. Masses on Saturday evening will be Masses of Anticipation for the Commemoration of All Souls. Sunday, November 2 will be celebrated as All Souls Day. Saturday evening and Sunday Masses fulfill the Sunday Obligation this year for that weekend.

I still encourage you to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Family as usual on Saturday mornings.

-Fr. Aaron

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