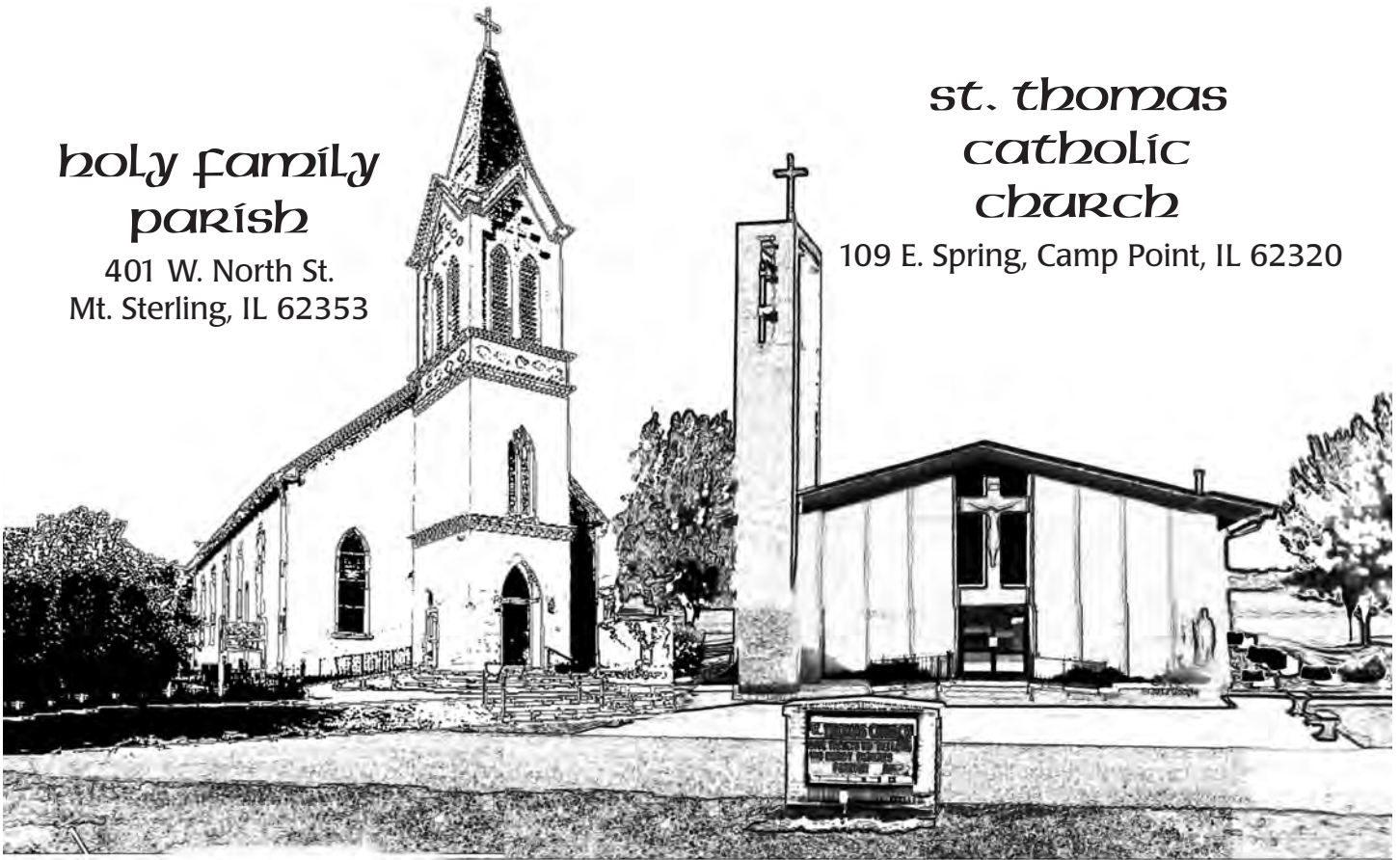


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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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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.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 2/23-

7:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

Tuesday, 2/24 -

7:00 a.m. Robert Kemper (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 2/25 -

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

5:30 p.m. Thomas J. Schneider (By Legion of Mary) (HF)

Thursday, 2/26 -

7:00 a.m. Charles Koch (By Rosemary Howell & Family) (HF)

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

5:30 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)

Friday, 2/27 -

8:15 a.m. Mark Ebbing (By Penny Ebbing & Family) (HF)

Saturday, 2/28 -

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

5:30 p.m. John Colgan (By Linda Colgan) (HF)

Sunday, 3/1 -

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

10:00 a.m. Esther Sherman & Curtis Boone (By the Family) (ST)

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 †  
Greg Jones † Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne †  
Linda Lehne † LeeAnn DeJaynes †  
Georgia Champagne † Abram Kelle † Pauline Seals †  
Lloyd White † Betty Parker †

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

**March 1 - 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Denise Taylor
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mark & Amanda Obert Family
<b>Lector:</b>	Teresa Bockhold
<b>Servers:</b>	Tess Obert, Myles Kearby
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Jim & Nora Clausius
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jerel & Morgan Mock

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Mt. Sterling **Legion Hall** on **Wednesday, February 25, 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.

## Upcoming Area Events

-Tuesday - Wednesday, February 24-25 - SDCCW Lenten Retreat; Springfield, IL; More information at <https://dio.org/event/springfield-diocesan-council-of-catholic-women-lenten-retreat/>.

-Saturday, February 28 - Trivia Night; St. Brigid, Liberty; Meal at 4:00 p.m., Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.; More information, contact Jeanne (217)-653-3962.

-Saturday, March 7 - Quincy Holy Family Fest, EQUIP 2026; more information at <https://www.quincyholyfamilyfest.com/>.

-Monday, March 9 - Deacon Dennis Holbrook speaking on "The Sign of the Cross;" St. Thomas Parish Hall, Camp Point; 6:30 p.m.

-Thursday, March 19 - 2026 Diocesan Mass for Life; 10:00 a.m.; Nelson Center Ice Rink, Springfield, IL; more information and registration at <https://dio.org/prolife/mass/>.

-Sunday, March 22 - Lenten Day of Recollection; Springfield, IL; More information at <https://dio.org/event/lenten-day-of-recollection-he-loved-them-to-the-end-preparing-for-holy-week-and-easter/>.

-Wednesday, March 25 - Quincy Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting; St. Thomas, Camp Point.

## ST. THOMAS

Stations of the Cross Fridays 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas during Lent. Let Robin or Claudia know if you would be interested in leading a Friday Stations of the Cross.

Sign-up 40 Days for Life Prayer Calendar in back of St. Thomas Church to end abortion. Starts Ash Wednesday February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29. Please consider it as a Lenten practice you can participate in this year.

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

Today the Church celebrates the First Sunday of Lent. In today's first reading from Genesis, God creates man and places him in a garden. Adam and Eve disobey God by eating from the tree of knowledge. In the second reading, St. Paul compares the disobedience of Adam to Jesus' obedience, transgression to gift. The Gospel recounts Jesus' time in the desert, where He is tempted by the devil.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's Son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's Will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what true sonship requires.

#### **-LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

1. **ABSTINENCE** - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
2. **FAST** - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. **TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IS SERIOUSLY (MORTALLY) SINFUL.**

**-WEDNESDAY MASSES** - As we've done in the past, Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evenings during Lent at Holy Family at 5:30 p.m. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during Lent. The School Mass will remain at 8:15 a.m.

Normally the Stations of the Cross are prayed after the Wednesday evening Masses during Lent at Holy Family.

Wednesday morning Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the

afternoon/evening during Lent...4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. I am happy to hear confessions during that time as well. If I am praying before the Blessed Sacrament, simply come and ask me to celebrate the Sacrament with you.

**-LENT** - The annual observance of Lent is the special Season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the Season of Lent disposes the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The faithful, listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their Baptismal Promises.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and runs until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday (this year April 2). Lenten weekdays are not commemorated on Solemnities and Feasts (such as the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25). Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week (This year beginning on March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord), however, take precedence over all Solemnities and Feasts. All memorials of saints occurring during Lent are observed as optional and thus may be omitted or observed as commemorations.

During Lent, the Altar (and Sanctuary) should not be decorated with flowers and musical instruments are to be played only to give necessary support to the singing. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) and on Solemnities and Feasts, musical instruments may be played and the Altar decorated with flowers.

During Lent, I will mostly be using Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation I or II. We will also be reciting (or possibly chanting) the Mass parts. The Gloria is absent for almost all Liturgies during Lent.

**-FOOD DRIVE** - At Holy Family, Mt. Sterling through Lent. A tub is in the vestibule for items

**-MONDAYS & SATURDAYS** - For the time being until further notice, there will be no Mass or Communion Service on Mondays or Saturday mornings.

I pray that you will have a holy Lenten Season and encourage you to seriously enter into this penitential season and engage in those marks of Lent of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Aaron

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to you, unless a grain  
of wheat falls to the ground  
and dies, it remains just a  
grain of wheat, but if it dies,  
it produces much fruit.  
*John 12:24*

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