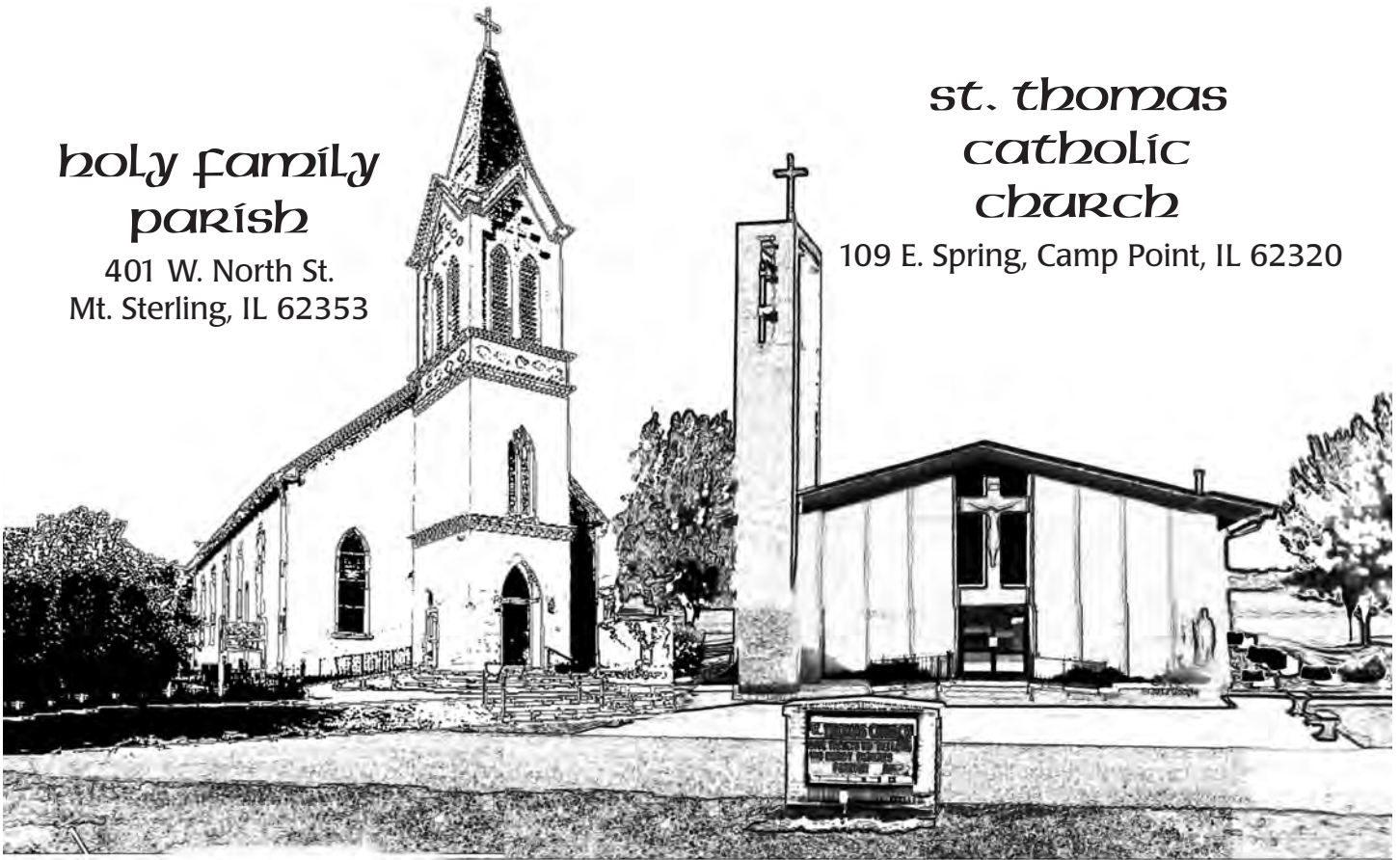


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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 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, 3/2-

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

Tuesday, 3/3 -

7:00 a.m. Charles & Ella Redmond Family (By Joan Zurita) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 3/4 -

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

5:30 p.m. Pam Dunbar (By Rosemary Holler) (HF)

Stations of the Cross following Mass (HF)

Thursday, 3/5 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Gay Gunn (By Brenda Ehrhardt) (ST)

Friday, 3/6 -

8:15 a.m. Amy Ormond Lucky (By John & Carol Ormond) (HF)

6:00 p.m. Judy Walton (By Pat Sharow) (ST)

Stations of the Cross following Mass (ST)

Saturday, 3/7 -

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

5:30 p.m. Thomas L. Tracy (By Mike & Gina Welbourne) (HF)

Sunday, 3/8 -

8:00 a.m. Norbert, Mary Jo & Linda Busen (By Tony Busen) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (ST)

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.

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 † Susan Ray †

Upcoming Area Events

-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.

-Sunday, March 22 - Lenten Day of Recollection; Springfield, IL; More information at <https://dio.org/event/lenten-day-of-recollection-hey-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

Deacon Dennis Holbrook once again will be coming to St. Thomas Parish Hall, Camp Point on Monday, March 9 @ 6:30 p.m. This time he will speak on "The Sign of the Cross". All are invited to attend.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

March 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Justin & Chelsea Reed Family
Lector:	Laura Evans
Servers:	Charles Evans, Jordan Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Darren & Amy Hildebrand
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
Collection Counters:	Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers:	Jerel & Morgan Mock

Holy Family Easter Choir Practice

Holy Family Choir will practice for Easter on Wednesdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on:

March 4,
March 11, and
March 18.

All are welcome!

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Lent. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, God calls Abram from his homeland and promises to make of him a great nation. The second reading from the Second Letter of Timothy explains that God calls us to holiness through the grace of Christ. In the Gospel from St. Matthew, Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured and speaking with Moses and Elijah. As they descended from the mountain, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone of the vision.

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power. The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which He calls us. Filled with His light and goodness, we will shine with His glory in this life and in the world to come.

Lent is a season for our own conversion and transformation. We don't "give things up" and enter into the spiritual disciplines of Lent (Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving) because we "have to" or to leave them aside once Lent is "finally over." These disciplines are to bear fruit in our own conversion and transformation that we might have an ever-deepening spiritual life and holiness of life. May our observance of the Lenten disciplines strengthen us in our on-going conversion and transformation.

-POPE'S INTENTION - For March: "For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

-CONTRIBUTIONS INSERT - The listing of Contributions should be included in this week's bulletin for the month of February. We switched to doing it this way a couple months ago. We will continue this for now.

-FIRST FRIDAY - Friday, March 6, Devotions at St. Thomas; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Noon - 5:45 p.m.; Benediction at 5:45; Mass following at 6:00pm; Confessions 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross for this week only will be after the 6:00 p.m. Mass...they are normally at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent at St. Thomas.

Please note that there will be no First Friday Devotions in April since the first Friday of April this year is Good Friday. There will, of

course, be Good Friday services (time will be announced later) but not the regular First Friday Devotions.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION - At Holy Family; beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, going through the night until 7:40 a.m.; Benediction at 7:40 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

-MASS FOR LIFE - Registration for the 2026 Diocesan Mass for Life on March 19 is now full. You can join a waitlist and see other information at <https://dio.org/prolife/mass/>. Additional information on the Illinois Pro-Life Rally and March can be found by visiting www.IllinoisProLifeMarch.com.

We continue to pray and offer sacrifice for the protection of and respect for all human life in all stages from conception through natural death.

-WEDNESDAY MASSES - Reminder, Mass is celebrated on Wednesday evenings during Lent at Holy Family at 5:30 p.m. There is 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.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays during Lent is also moved to afternoon/evening...4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

-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.**

I pray that you are having a most holy and blessed Lenten Season. You remain in my prayers each day. Thank you for your continued prayers as well.

-Fr. Aaron

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Amen, amen, I say
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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