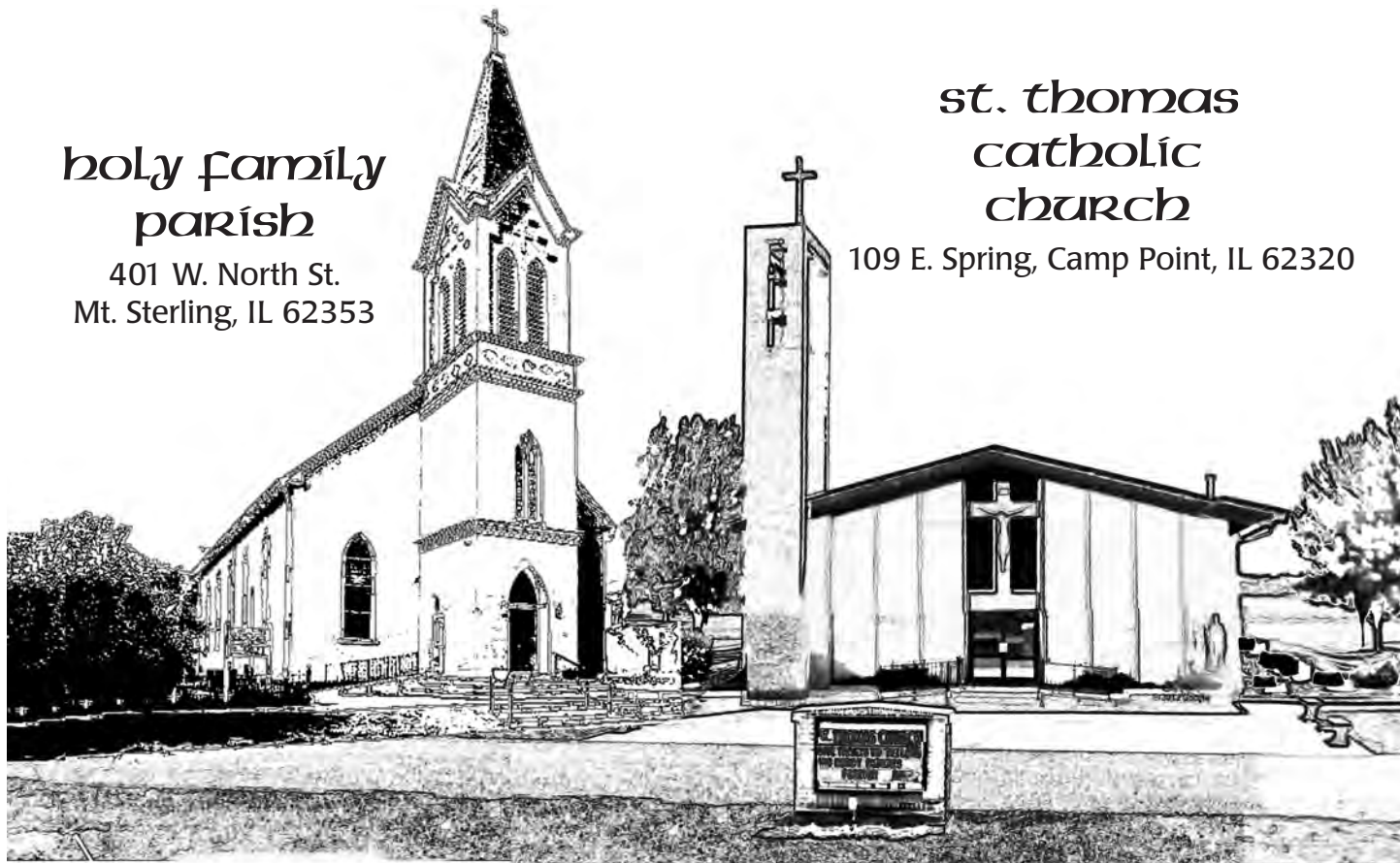


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Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

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, 3/16-**

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

**Tuesday, 3/17 -**

**7:00 a.m. Maurice Ormond (By Randy & Gayle Frakes) (HF)**

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

**Wednesday, 3/18 -**

**8:15 a.m. NO SCHOOL MASS (HF)**

**5:30 p.m. Fritzi Harper (By Mary Kassing) (HF)**

Stations of the Cross following Mass (HF)

**Thursday, 3/19 -**

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

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

**5:30 p.m. Bob & Jane Langan (By Jim & Kim Gronewold) (ST)**

**Friday, 3/20 -**

**8:15 a.m. Mark Ebbing (By Larry & Flo Wort) (HF)**

**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (ST)**

**Saturday, 3/21 -**

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

**5:30 p.m. The Kuhn Family (By Friends) (HF)**

**Sunday, 3/22 -**

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

**10:00 a.m. Orville & Mary Ann Gronewold (By Jim & Kim Gronewold) (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 †  
Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †  
LeeAnn DeJaynes † Georgia Champagne †  
Abram Kelle † Pauline Seals † Lloyd White †  
Betty Parker † Susan Ray † Edna Ford †

## Upcoming Area Events

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

**March 22 - 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Dawn Peters
<b>Greeters:</b>	Maurice & Clara Schmidt
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Janssen
<b>Servers:</b>	Addiley Schmidt, Addalyn Llewelyn
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Mark & Amanda Obert Family
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Dale & Cindy DeRousse
<b>Ushers:</b>	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 18, and March 25.

All are welcome!

## Attention All Women of the Parish

You are invited to The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Spring Gathering on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at St. Thomas Parish in Camp Point IL. Theme: "Building Catholic Culture". Featured speaker Father Scott Snider; Tri-Parishes Pastor. 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.: Registration; Cost \$10. 8:15 a.m.: Mass followed by Adoration and the rosary. 10:00 a.m.: Light Breakfast, program and speaker, lunch and FUN. Ends approximately 2:30 p.m. Please register so we know how many for lunch. You can register by using the sign-up sheet at church. Questions, contact Susan Asher QDCCW, President 217-653-5074.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL CLEAN UP OF MT. STERLING CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The annual spring clean-up schedule for the above cemetery will begin on April 1, 2026. The cemetery will be cleaned and prepared for the mowing season. Please remove flowers or decorations you wish to keep by April 1, and they can be replaced after May 1, 2026. Please do not use any glass containers on graves. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit (Entrance Antiphon). Laetare, meaning Rejoice, is taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11 and sets the tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter Mystery, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments. Likewise, instruments may be played at Mass, and the Sanctuary may be decorated with flowers.

I pray your Lenten Season is a holy one. In the First Reading for today from the First Book of Samuel, at the Lord's command, Samuel travels to Bethlehem where he anoints David, son of Jesse, as God's chosen king. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as children of light and to reject the works of darkness. In the Gospel from St. John, Jesus heals a man born blind. After the man is questioned by the Pharisees and eventually thrown out of their presence, Jesus finds him and invites him to believe in Him, revealing Himself to be the Son of Man.

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of Baptism.

The lengthy exchange in today's Gospel between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees serves as a reminder that we are all born blind and are given our sight at Baptism, when we are first able to see through the eyes of faith. As our Lenten journey continues, let us pray that God will continue to open our eyes to His Truth.

**-ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE** - Following is the anticipated schedule for Holy Week for both parishes:

### **-Holy Family, Mt. Sterling:**

-Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord) - Regular Mass Schedule, Saturday evening Vigil Mass, March 28 - 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 29 - 8:00 a.m.

-Tuesday, March 31 - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield - Time to be announced.

-Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday) - No morning Masses; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

-Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) - Stations of the Cross - 11:00 a.m.; Services - 5:30 p.m. (No Masses on Good Friday anywhere in the world).

-Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday) - 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil. No daytime Masses.

-Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday) - Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

### **-St. Thomas, Camp Point:**

-Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord) - Regular Mass Schedule, 10:00 a.m.

-Tuesday, March 31 - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield - Time to be announced.

-Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday) - No morning Masses; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:15 p.m.

-Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) - Services - 3:00 p.m. (No Masses on Good Friday anywhere in the world).

-Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday) - No Easter Vigil at St. Thomas. No daytime Masses.

-Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday) - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**-SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** - It was with great joy that I celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion) with Charles Albert Hendricks on Tuesday, March 3. Charles is Janice's husband and their daughter, Kathy, is Charles' Godparent and Sponsor.

**-PRIEST MEETING** - The priests of the Diocese will be gathering for their annual Spring meeting this week, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 & 18 in Springfield. There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 18 at Holy Family. All other regularly scheduled Masses should remain unaffected. Please keep Bishop Paprocki and the priests in your prayers.

**-SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH** - Thursday, March 19; one of only two Solemnities celebrated during Lent. Masses will follow the usual Thursday schedule - 7:00 a.m. & 8:15 a.m. at Holy Family and 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas.

### **-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.**

Thank you for your continued prayers. Be assured of my prayers each day for you.

Father Aaron

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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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