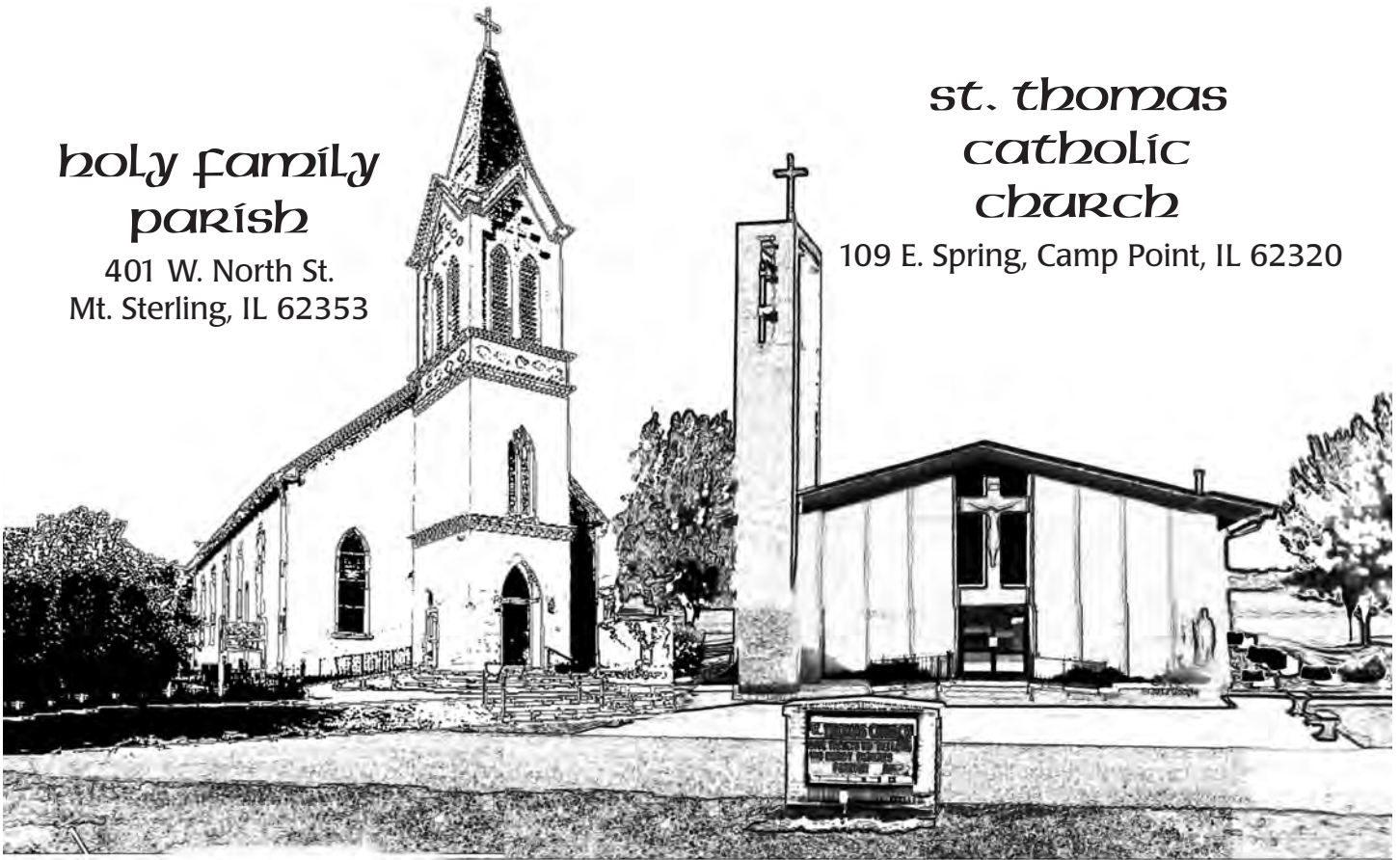


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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, 3/23-

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

Tuesday, 3/24 -

7:00 a.m. Donna Stephenson (By Raymond Metzger) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 3/25 -

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

5:30 p.m. Aaron Koch (By Paul & Charlotte Koch) (HF)

Stations of the Cross following Mass (HF)

Thursday, 3/26 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Paul & Martha Koettters (By Maurice & Clara Schmidt) (ST)

Friday, 3/27 -

7:00 a.m. Daniel Quinn (By Nancy Schneider & Family) (HF)

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

Saturday, 3/28 -

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

5:30 p.m. Jennifer Volk (By Larry Volk & Family) (HF)

Sunday, 3/29 -

8:00 a.m. Mary Louise Moorman (By Tammy, Danny & Pat) (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 †
Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †
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-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 LITURGICAL ROLES

March 29 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Lector:	David Leezer
Servers:	Evan Hoeschler
Gift Bearers:	Tod Perry Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
Collection Counters:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Jerel & Morgan Mock

Holy Family Easter Choir Practice

Holy Family Choir will practice for Easter on Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on: March 25. All are welcome!

EASTER FLOWERS

Holy Family Women's Guild is accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Donations may be placed in the collection (checks should be made payable to Holy Family Women's Guild). Please include a note with the name of your loved ones.

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent. In the First Reading, we hear that the Lord will open the graves and breathe His Spirit in them. In the Second Reading, St. Paul teaches that we belong to Christ in that we share His Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus discovers that His friend, Lazarus, has died. Although he had been dead for four days, Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead. Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because He has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to Him and will share His resurrection. Today's Gospel is not just about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is also about our own resurrection. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share Christ's Resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

It seems almost hard to believe that we are now beginning the fifth week of Lent and next Sunday we will enter into Holy Week. I pray your Lenten Season has been holy and that the Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving have been bearing good fruit. If you feel any doubt about your Lenten observances, then take the time this very moment to renew them in yourself. The Lenten season is part of the transformation the Lord desires for us. It is not just a time to get through all the "regulations" so that we can "party on" until next year. So again, take this moment right now to recommit yourself.

-SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Wednesday, March 25; one of only two Solemnities celebrated during Lent. Masses will be at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family

-MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE - Mass on Friday morning, March 27, will be at 7:00 a.m. The teachers and I will be going to Springfield that day for retreat. In order to arrive on time, I need to celebrate Mass earlier that day.

-DEACON MIKE ELLERMAN - Deacon Mike celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday, March 17. As noted on the insert in last week's bulletin, Deacon Mike's family is hosting an open house to celebrate this on Saturday afternoon, March 28, in the St. Mary School cafeteria in Mt. Sterling, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. You can stop by anytime.

-HOLY WEEK - Begins next Sunday. I ask and encourage you to clear whatever you can to indeed keep this the holiest of weeks and to make every effort to participate in the Sacred Triduum celebrations.

-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; 6:30 p.m.

-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. & 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; 6:30 p.m.

-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.

-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.

-MOWING - If you are interested with helping with mowing at St. Thomas, please contact Maurice Schmidt at 217-257-0668.

If you are interested in helping with mowing at Holy Family, please contact Tammy at 217-773-2825 or tmckeown@smseagle.org.

-REMINDERS - No First Friday Devotions in April at St. Thomas; Nocturnal Adoration for April at Holy Family is moved to April 11; Food Drive at Holy Family continues through Holy Thursday.

-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday, April 12. I am hopeful we can continue with our celebration of this important day. More details to follow.

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grain of wheat, but if it dies,
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John 12:24

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