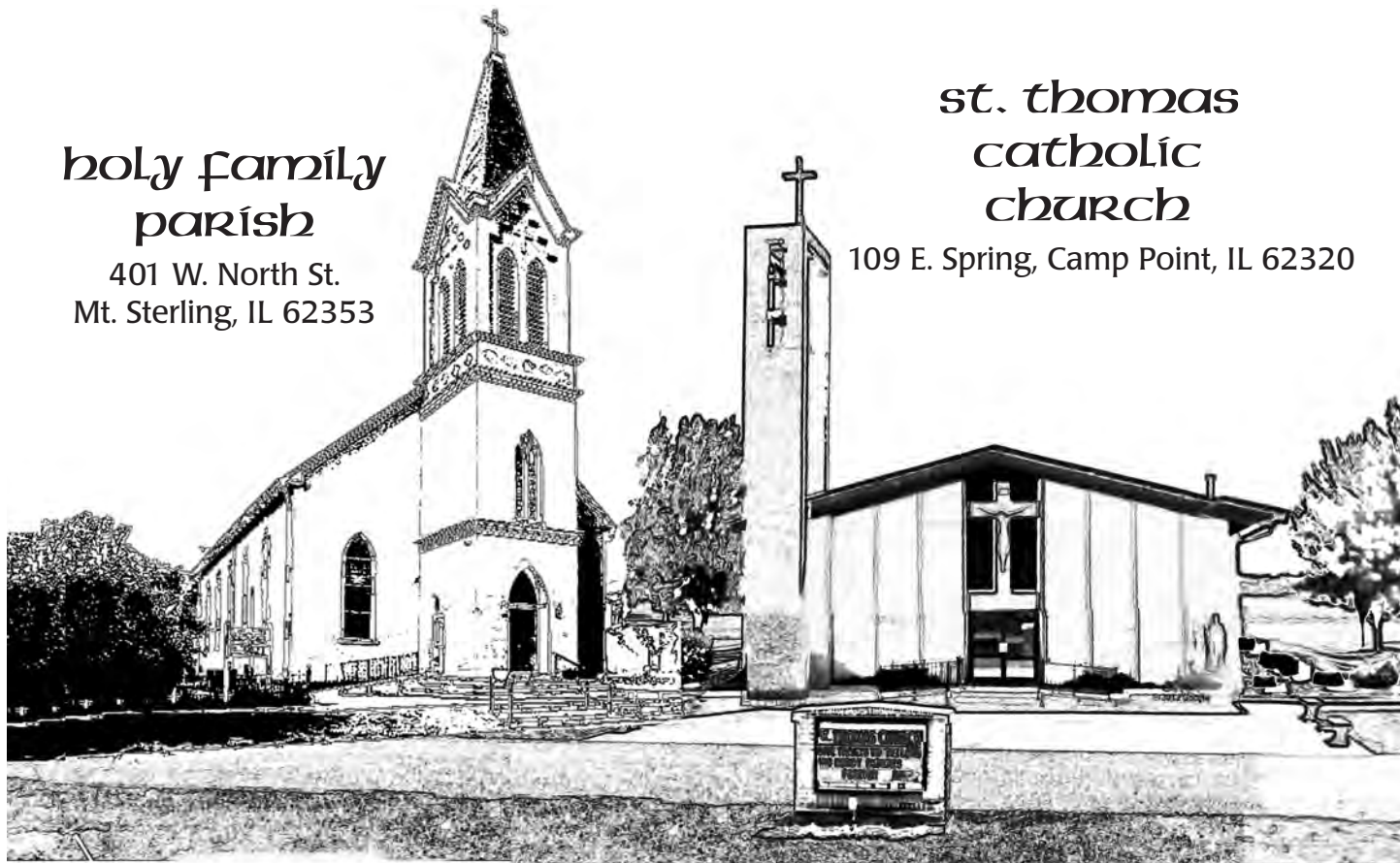


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Mass Schedule

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

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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

<https://stthomascp.formed.org>

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 3/30-

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

Tuesday, 3/31 -

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Wort (By Legion of Mary) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 4/1 -

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

5:30 p.m. Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family) (HF)
Stations of the Cross following Mass (HF)

Thursday, 4/2 -

5:15 p.m. Cory Wilkey (By McKenzie, Dessy & Reese Wilkey) (ST)

7:00 p.m. Luke Hedden (By Sean & Amanda Ketcham & Family) (HF)

Friday, 4/3 -

11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (HF)

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Services (ST)

5:30 p.m. Good Friday Services (HF)

Saturday, 4/4 -

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

8:00 p.m. Randy Rigg (By Kathy Rigg) (HF)

Sunday, 4/5 -

6:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Forsyth (By Donald & Wilma Schreake) (ST)

10:00 a.m. Robert (Bob) & Alice Druffel (By Family) (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 † Sheila Thompson †
Logan Wilson † Isabella Wilson † Calvin 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 †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

April 5 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters
Greeters: John & Janice Brady
Lector: Denise Taylor
Servers: Alex Mock, Charles Evans
Gift Bearers: Justin & Chelsea Reef Family
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
Collection Counters: Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers: John Brady, Denny Campbell

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and the start of Holy Week. I urge everyone to set aside whatever you can to enter into this holiest of weeks with great reverence.

Our opening Gospel reading at the blessing of the palms presents Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He is celebrated by crowds crying Hosanna. The reading from Isaiah portrays the suffering servant who trusts in God. St. Paul in the Second Reading in his letter to the Philippians quotes an early Christian hymn that speaks of Jesus emptying Himself and subsequently being greatly exalted. The Gospel from St. Matthew recounts the events of Christ's Passion.

Consider our King. Entering the world in poverty, Jesus made His triumphal entry riding a colt. Rather than worldly power, Jesus was armed with love. This extraordinary King calls for extraordinary

followers. Let us not be in step with this world, seeking glory and riches, honor and pats on the back, but rather, seek to follow Jesus, even to the cross, as we desire to join in His Resurrection.

-HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE - Please note some additions. There should be small cards available in the back of each Church as well with the schedule. I encourage everyone to participate during this most sacred time:

-Holy Family, Mt. Sterling:

-Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday) - Confessions Noon - 12:30 p.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

-Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. (see information below); Stations of the Cross - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions 11:30 a.m. - Noon; Services - 5:30 p.m.

-Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday) - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. (see information below); Confessions 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

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

-St. Thomas, Camp Point:

-Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday) - Confessions 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:15 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.

-Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) - Confessions 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Services - 3:00 p.m.

-Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday) - Confessions Noon - 12:30 p.m.

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

CHRISM MASS - The Diocesan Chrism Mass is Tuesday evening, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. At this Mass, the Church's Sacred Oils that will be used throughout the year and the Diocese are blessed by the Bishop. Additionally at this Mass, the priests renew their Ordination Promises (Prayer, Celibacy, Obedience).

-UNIVERSAL DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE - Good Friday (this year April 3) is a universal day of fast and abstinence.

-Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Good Friday.

-Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Good Friday. On this day 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.

-TO DISREGARD COMPLETELY THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IS SERIOUSLY (MORTALLY) SINFUL.

Be aware that the Paschal Fast is observed everywhere to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in His Resurrection. The observing of the Paschal Fast is required on Good Friday and, if possible, should be observed on Holy Saturday as well, until the Easter Vigil.

-DIVINE OFFICE - It is recommended that there be a communal celebration of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These are some of the prayers prayed by clergy and religious and some lay people every day.

At this recommendation, I will be leading/praying Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on both Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8:00 a.m. each morning in Holy Family Church. I will try to have handouts available for you to follow along and participate. I encourage you to join us.

-NEEDS OF HOLY WEEK - I have sign-up sheets in the back of each Church for the following. Please sign up:

-Carry up Sacred Oils just before Mass begins on Holy Thursday - need 3 people.

-Feet Washing at Mass on Holy Thursday - Need 12 men

-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday Night; 1-hour slots; at least 2 people or 2 couples needed for each hour.

-Servers for Holy Thursday (both parishes); Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Holy Family; Easter Vigil at Holy Family. Need 3 for each.

-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. We are planning to continue with our celebration of this important day. More details to follow.

-POPE'S INTENTION - for April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

-MAGNIFICAT - Beginning with the month of April, we will be making available copies of the Magnificat (regular and large print) and MagnifiKid. We are beginning with a very limited number of each but can look at the possibility of getting more. We will continue to offer Word Among Us as well. More information to follow.

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and dies, it remains just a
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it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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