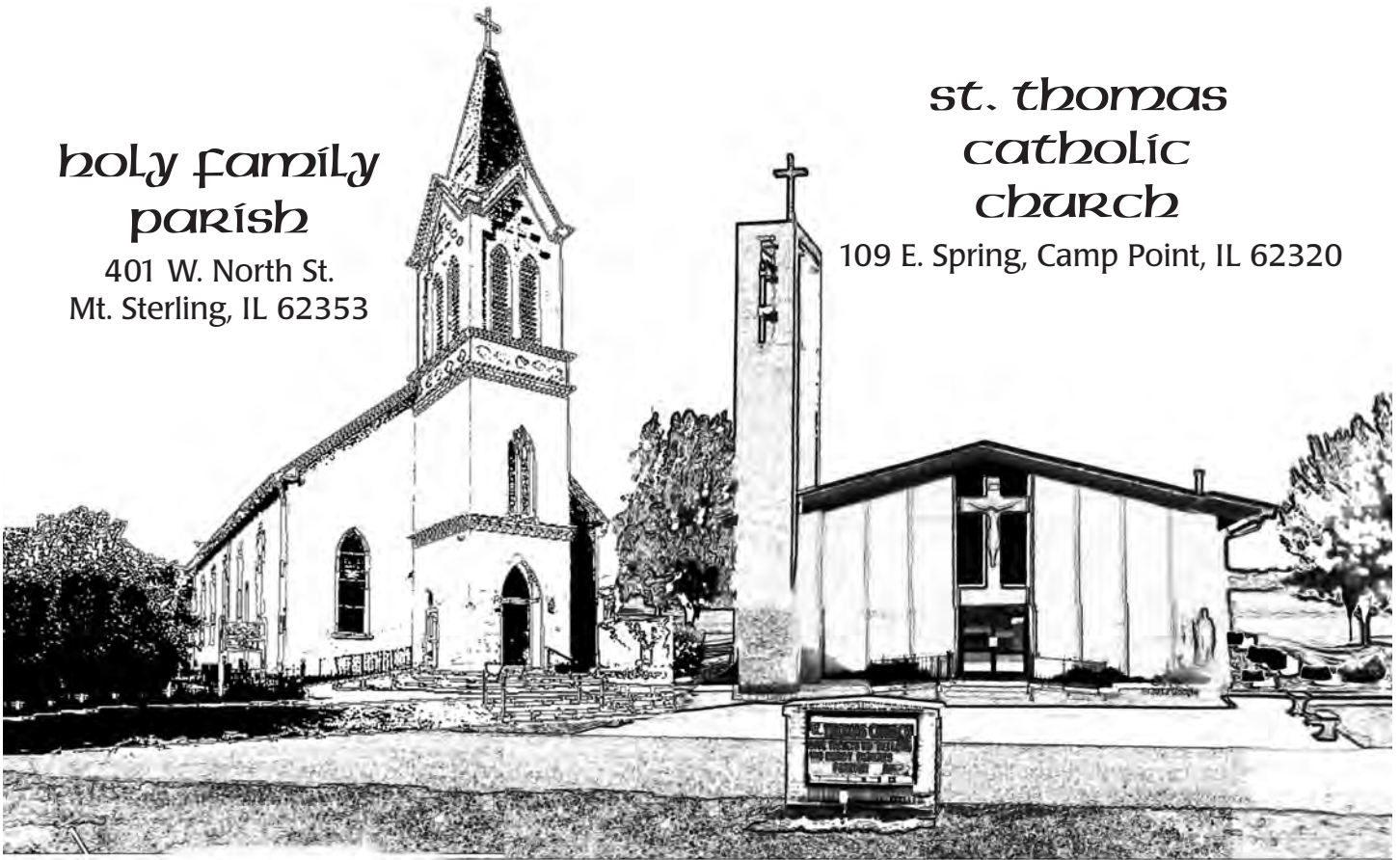


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Mass Schedule

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, 3/9-

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

Tuesday, 3/10 -

7:00 a.m. Richard Bordenkircher (By Joan Zurita) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 3/11 -

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, 3/10 -

7:00 a.m. Tyler Clark (By Legion of Mary) (HF)

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

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

Friday, 3/11 -

8:15 a.m. Karla Ormond (By Carol Blentlinger) (HF)

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

Saturday, 3/12 -

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

5:30 p.m. Roberta Young (By Her Friends) (HF)

Sunday, 3/13 -

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

10:00 a.m. Jon & Ann Faubel (By Ray & Teresa Bockhold) (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 †
Edna Ford †

Upcoming Area Events

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

-Friday, March 13 - Fish Fry; St. Alexius Parish, Beardstown; 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Drive thru only at 5th and Lafayette Streets.

-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

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 15 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	PSR Students
Lector:	PSR Students
Servers:	PSR Students
Gift Bearers:	PSR Students
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Jerel & Morgan Mock

Holy Family Easter Choir Practice

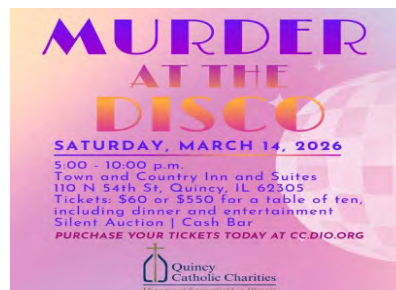
Holy Family Choir will practice for Easter on Wednesdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on:

March 11,

March 18, and

March 25.

All are welcome!



Our very own **Chad Yingling, Elizabeth Ormond, Tyler Koch, and Jessica Bowen** from Mt. Sterling will be starring in the "Murder at the Disco" (a

fundraiser for Quincy Catholic Charities). Purchase your tickets at cc.dio.org.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Lent. The First Reading from the Book of Exodus recounts how the Israelites, in their thirst, grumbled against Moses and God provided water from the rock. In the second reading, St. Paul writes to the Romans that they have been justified by faith and that hope does not disappoint. In the Gospel from St. John, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and invites her to receive living water.

God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious. Likewise, Jesus satisfies our thirst for Eternal Life. Through His Spirit, His grace has been poured out into our hearts.

We are invited to bring our thirst to God. In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again.

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

-SCHOLARSHIP - The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) is awarding four \$2,000 scholarships to graduating female seniors from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois who exemplify the SDCCW mission and are a practicing Catholic. The money awarded may be used toward a vocational school or college degree. The mission of the SDCCW is to support and empower Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service.

Applications must be received by April 15. Mail all three of the following items:

1. SDCCW scholarship application information: Include your full name, address, phone number, email address, home parish (name and city), high school (name and city), and the higher education institution you plan to attend.
2. Typed essay (maximum two pages). The essay must be signed by you and address these questions: A) How you have demonstrated leadership, faith, and service during your high

school years to your family, parish, school, and/or community. B) How do you plan to continue living out these values in the future? Your pastor must also sign the essay to attest to your eligibility for the SDCCW Scholarship.

3. Letter of recommendation: A letter from an adult who is familiar with how you have demonstrated leadership, faith, and service to your family, parish, school, and/or community.

Send application materials to: Rita Devore, 1006 Shenandoah Ave., Effingham, IL 62401. For questions, Email: r_devore01@hotmail.com or Phone: (217) 821-7517.

-FOOD DRIVE – Reminder about the food drive at Holy Family through Lent. There is a tub in the vestibule of the Church to place your items. Thank you for your consideration for this and to those who have already contributed. Any questions, contact Marilyn Veith.

-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 – 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.

I pray that this Lenten Season is a holy and blessed one for you. Thank you for your continued prayers. You remain in my prayers each day.

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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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