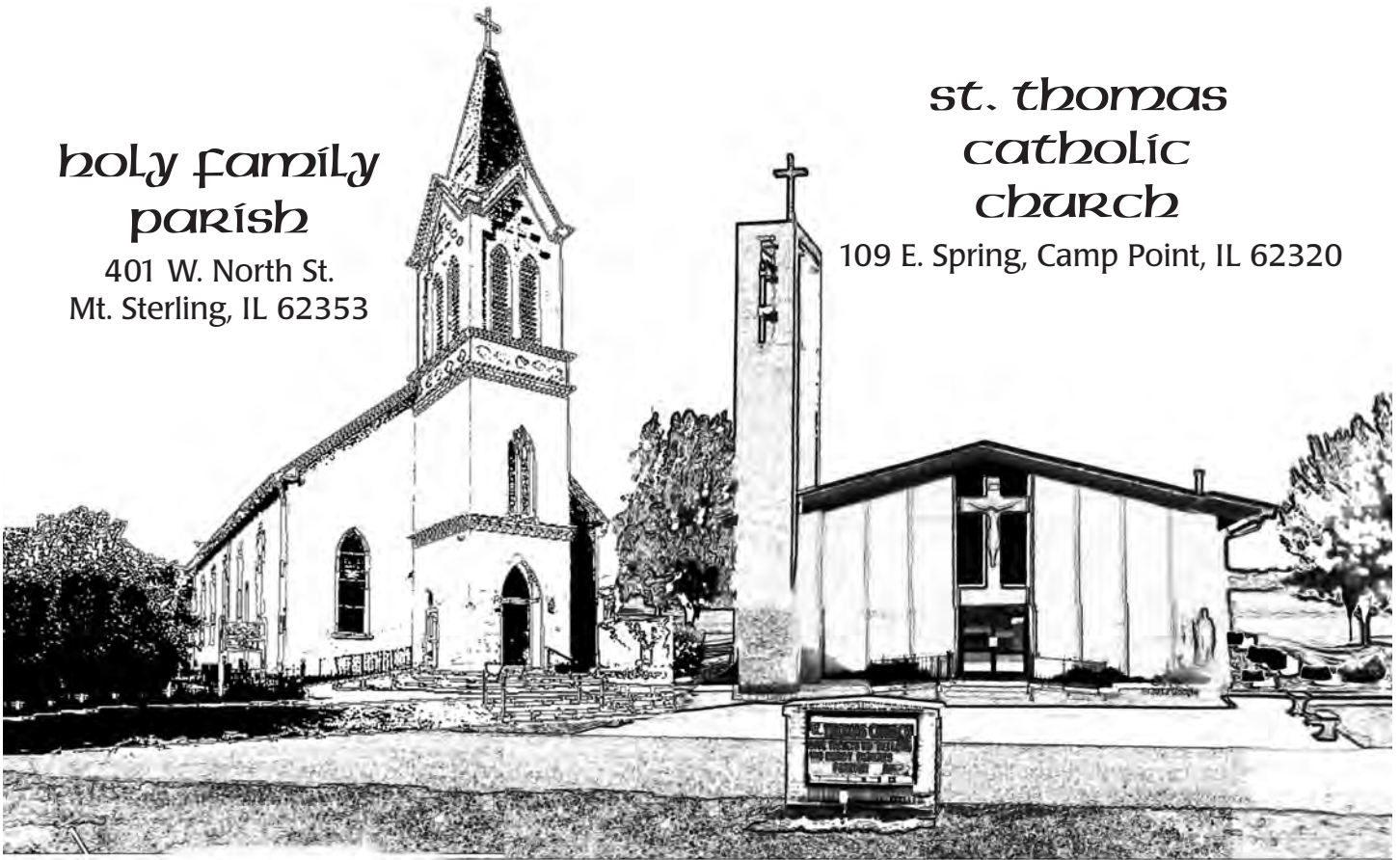


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday

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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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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Monday, 4/13-**
7:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)
- Tuesday, 4/14 -**
7:00 a.m. A Special Intention (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Wednesday, 4/15 -**
7:00 a.m. Pat Volk (By Kathy Rigg) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Thursday, 4/16 -**
7:00 a.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
5:30 p.m. Earl & Marian Schmidt (By Maurice & Clara Schmidt) (ST)
- Friday, 4/17 -**
8:15 a.m. Tom Kuhn (HF)
- Saturday, 4/18 -**
8:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)
5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)
- Sunday, 4/19 -**
8:00 a.m. All Priests of the Diocese (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)
10:00 a.m. Robert Druffel & Lawrence Shaffer (By the 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 † Dyson Ham † Nancy Salrin

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

April 19 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Jim & Nora Clausius
Lector:	Teresa Bockhold
Servers:	Jordan Kearby, Myles Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Maurice & Clara Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
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ST. THOMAS

We will celebrate our parishioners who are graduating (8th grade, high school or college) at Mass SUNDAY-May 17th at 10:00am

If this is you, please reach out to Laura Evans either on Facebook or email (levans@adams.net) or call/text 217-316-1734 so we can include you in the bulletin! Also, if you would like to be a reader during mass or a gift bearer, please let her know as well! All graduates will serve as greeters so our parish family can congratulate you!!

Please keep in your prayers our 2nd graders who will be making their First Reconciliation on April 15th, Brylee Evans and Chase Reed.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter which is also the Octave Day of Easter and also Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Book of Acts of the Apostles describes the communal life of the first believers. In his Letter, Peter praises God for the gift of new life through Christ's resurrection and commends his fellow believers for recognizing its value. Following His death and resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples in a locked room and commissions them to go forth in His name. Thomas is absent for this appearance and does not believe until Jesus appears again and urges Him to touch Him and believe.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. As we continue to celebrate and give thanks for the Resurrection, we acknowledge that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and his steadfast mercy.

-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - "In a series of revelations to St. Faustina in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.'

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina - nor is it altogether a new feast.

The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day."

-Graces - Concerning the extraordinary graces: "In her Diary, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He

told her to communicate it to the whole world:

'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.'

In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy.' 'Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.' 'The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.'

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy.

The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts. In addition, our Lord says through St. Faustina that we are to perform acts of mercy: 'Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy.'

'The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.' The worthy reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday is sufficient to obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Jesus. A plenary indulgence, obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions, also is available."

You remain in my prayers each day. Please pray for me. May you have a most blessed week!

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Amen, amen, I say
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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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