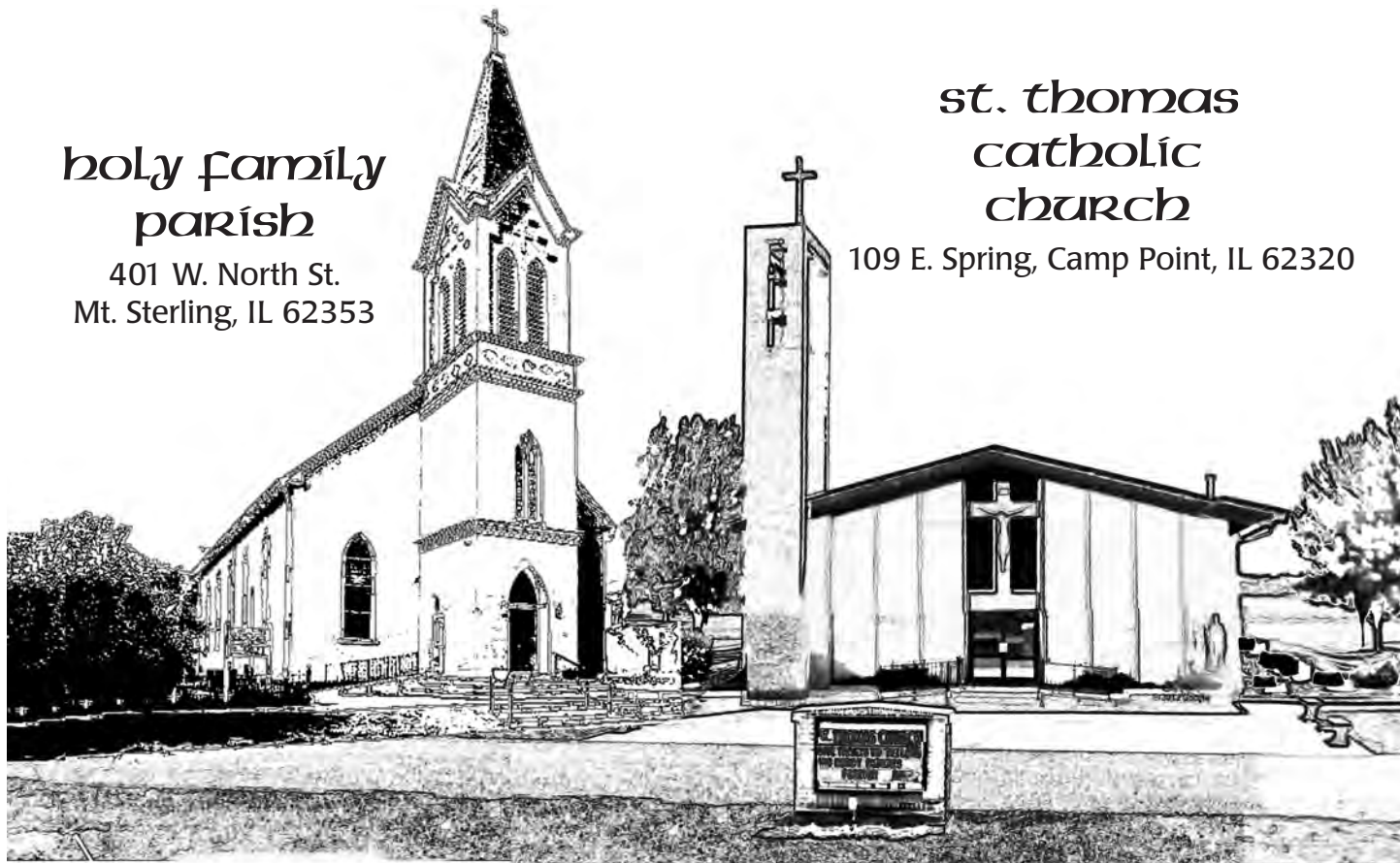


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Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

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 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, 4/27-**

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

**Tuesday, 4/28 -**

**7:00 a.m. James A. Volk (By Kathy Rigg) (HF)**

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

**Wednesday, 4/29 -**

**7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)**

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

**Thursday, 4/30 -**

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

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

**5:30 p.m. Marlene Luitjohan (By Pat Sharow) (ST)**

**Friday, 5/1 -**

**8:30 a.m. Mark Ebbing (By Penny & Family) (HF)**

**6:00 p.m. Barb Kuhn (By Maurice & Clara Schmidt) (ST)**

**Saturday, 5/2 -**

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

**5:30 p.m. Julie Link (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)**

**Sunday, 5/3 -**

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

**10:00 a.m. Grace Schaffer & Olivia Ehrhardt (By Family) (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 † 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 † Charles "Bud" Bordenkircher †  
David Bordenkircher †

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Mt. Sterling **Legion Hall** on **Wednesday, April 29, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Call 1-800 Red Cross or 217-257-3117 for appointments.

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

**May 3 - 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Sacristan:</b>	Dawn Peters
<b>Greeters:</b>	Darren & Amy Hildebrand
<b>Lector:</b>	Kim Gronewold
<b>Servers:</b>	Charlee Reed, Charles Evans
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	John & Janice Brady
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
<b>Collection Counters:</b>	Greg & Elizabeth
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Brady, Tod Perry

## ST. THOMAS

May 3 will be the PSR students last mass of the year and we'll be doing the May Crowning. If you were down to be a greeter, lector, or gift bearer, you will not need to do that.

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

If this is you, please reach out to Laura Evans either on Facebook or email ([levans@adams.net](mailto: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!!

## From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen, Alleluia! Today the Church celebrates the Forth Sunday of Easter, sometimes referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday as we hear the Gospel of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

In the first reading, Peter encourages the crowd to save their souls through repentance, Baptism, and reception of the Holy Spirit. In his Letter in the Second Reading, Peter points to Jesus' patience in suffering as an example for us. In the Gospel, Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd who cares for His sheep, and that He has come so we might have life more abundantly.

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through His wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our Shepherd. Let us listen for His voice and follow Him.

-WORLD DAY OF PRAY – As I noted in last week’s bulletin, today has been designated as “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” We pray in a special way today for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life and I urge you to make this part of your prayers each day.

-FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, May 1 is First Friday. We will have First Friday devotions at St. Thomas. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at Noon and goes until 5:45 p.m. Benediction is at 5:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. Confessions are from 5:00 p.m. until 5:40 p.m.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – At Holy Family beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night, May 2, and going through the night until 7:40 a.m. Benediction at 7:40 a.m. followed by the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-FIRST RECONCILIATION – Several Second Graders from our parishes have recently made their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers, especially that they will always remain close to the Sacrament.

-MASS TIME CHANGE – On Friday, May 1, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:15 a.m. This is for that Friday only.

-GRANDPARENTS’ DAY – Friday, May 1, is Grandparents’ Day/Special Friend Day at St. Mary School. It is always a great day. Please be aware that there will be a lot of people and traffic at the parish and school that day.

-MAY CROWNING – We will once again be having our May Crowning at both parishes this year...at Holy Family, we will have our May Crowning on Friday, May 1 just before we begin the morning Mass. At St. Thomas, we will have our May Crowning on Sunday, May 3 just before the start of the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

-DONUT SUNDAY – Next Sunday, May 3, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the Parish Hall.

-POPE’S INTENTION – For May – “That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.”

-PRINCIPAL SEARCH - Mrs. Melissa Obert announced last week her decision to step away from her role as Principal of St. Mary School. I know it has been felt deeply – as it should be. Mrs. Obert has been a faithful and devoted servant of our School and this community. She has been and remains a steady presence for our faculty, a tireless advocate for our students, and

someone whose love for St. Mary School runs deep. The mark she has left on St. Mary School and on the children and families she has served is lasting. We are grateful for her beyond measure.

St. Mary School is not standing still. Our strategic plan is actively underway. Our teachers are exceptional, and enrollment is growing. Our parents and parish community are actively working together with hope and energy. A new principal search is being organized. I am forming two committees initially which I’ve already begun to do. One will be an Executive Transition Committee and the other will be a Principal Search Committee. There will be some overlapping of these committees as we work together.

During this transition, I am appointing our Director of Mission Advancement, Mrs. Schuyler Isley, to serve in an expanded role as Director of Business Operations and Transition. Schuyler holds an MBA and brings more than 25 years of experience in marketing, communications, and organizational leadership to this responsibility. Her business acumen, combined with her deep familiarity with St. Mary’s mission, people, and strategic vision, makes her uniquely prepared to lead with both competence and care.

Mrs. Isley has walked alongside us as a St. Mary School parent since 2022 and became a member of the school’s administrative team in 2025. She will lead the Transition and Search Committees, provide continuity for the school’s day-to-day life and advancement work, and ensure a smooth welcome for our new Principal. I have full confidence in her and in the committees being formed.

As we go forward, please pray for Mrs. Obert as she steps into her next chapter. Pray for our faculty, staff, and students. Pray for our Transition and Search Committees and the new leaders God is sending to this community. And pray for St. Mary School and Holy Family Parish which is, I am convinced, exactly where God wants it to be. Just as St. Paul’s letter to the Romans reminds us, “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)

That journey toward God’s purpose for each of you is to grow in faith, accept suffering, and to always seek Christ. And it is one of the greatest gifts of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ that I share in to walk this journey with you. Please know I will be praying for you, and I ask you to pray for me as well.

-CAPITAL SINS – As I mentioned in last week’s bulletin, I do intend to write more about the seven Capital or deadly sins. I do not have room here to include anything this week, but I do plan to continue with this.

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*John 12:24*

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