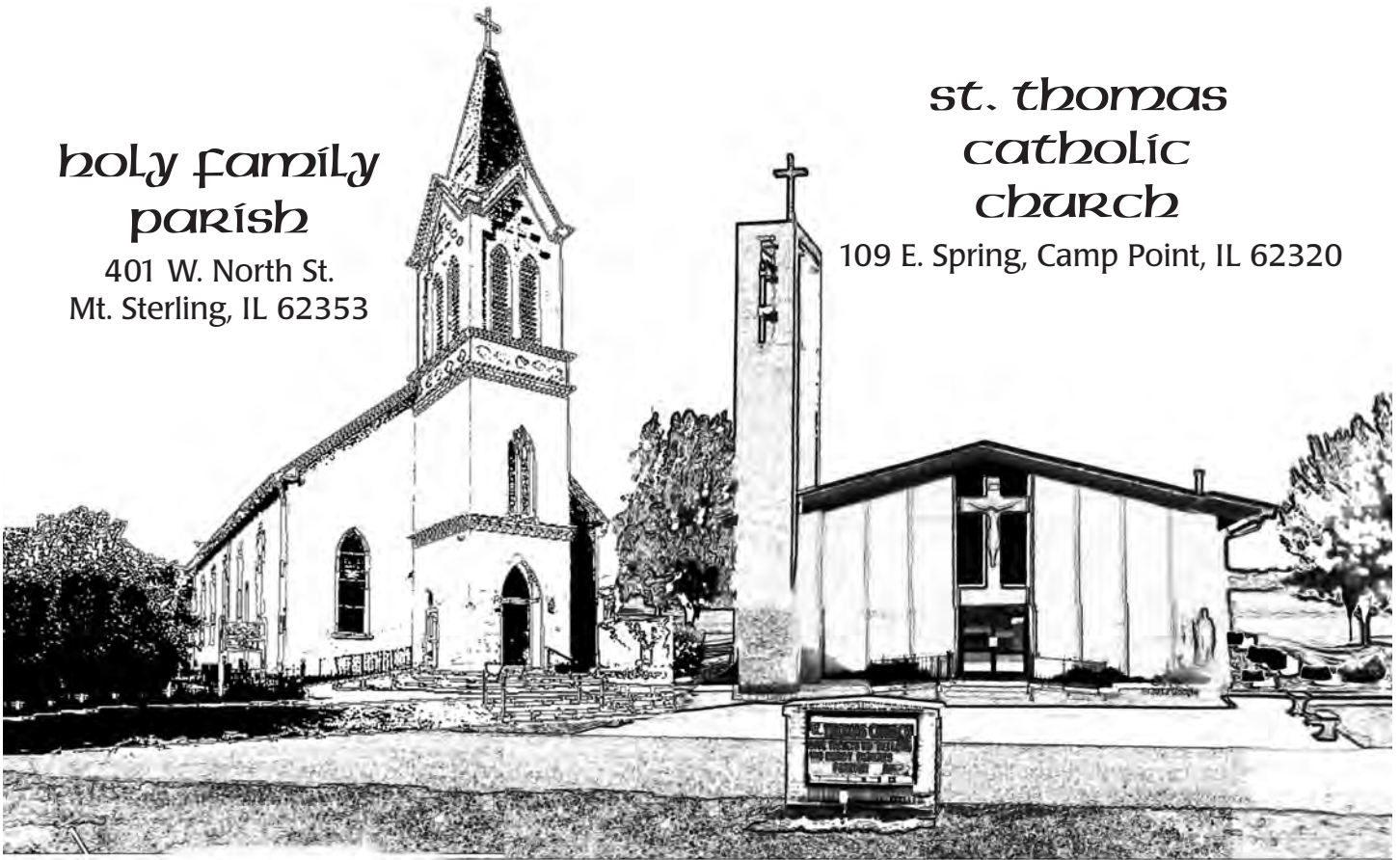


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Friday  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
Holy days: Will be Announced

Sacrament of Penance  
Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

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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, 5/4-

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

Tuesday, 5/5 -

7:00 a.m. Donna Stephenson (By Mary Kassing) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 5/6 -

7:00 a.m. Paul, Frances & Larry Schenk and Ruth James (By Bob & Judy Schenk & Family) (HF)

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

Thursday, 5/7 -

7:00 a.m. Albert & Anna Koch Family (By Joan Zurita) (HF)

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

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

Friday, 5/8 -

8:15 a.m. Maurice Ormond (By John & Carol Ormond) (HF)

Saturday, 5/9 -

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

5:30 p.m. Margie Dunn & Jennifer Volk (By Danielle, Meghan & Lauren & Families) (HF)

Sunday, 5/10 -

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

10:00 a.m. Esther Sherman & Alice Druffel (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 †

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

May 10 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Denise Taylor  
**Greeters:** Butch & Dorothy Obert  
**Lector:** Bobbi Mock  
**Servers:** Grace Mock, Alivia Schmidt  
**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Nora Clausius  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner  
**Collection Counters:** Jerel & Bobbi Mock  
**Ushers:** John Brady, Tod Perry

## ST. THOMAS

Nomination forms for Woman of Distinction for St. Thomas Parish for the SDCCW are in the back of church. When you are done filling out the form, place it in the box at the back of church. All the women of St. Thomas are eligible to submit a nomination.

St. Thomas Mother/Daughter Banquet is Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the board in back of church. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED.

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!!

## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Holy Family Church is once again participating in the Family Care & Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Boomerang program.

Bottles may be picked up after the masses, Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10, filled with checks, coins, or cash, and brought back to church at the masses on Father's Day weekend, June 20-21.

Alternatively, you can write a check to the Family Care & Pregnancy Center, place it in an envelope marked Baby Bottle Boomerang, and drop in the collection prior to Father's Day weekend.

For details on the program and on the Center, please see the flier on the bulletin board at the back of church.

Lives are changed by your donations in support of the services offered. Thank you!

## From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter! Yes, it is absolutely appropriate to wish each other a Happy Easter since we continue in the Easter Season. The Church sets up a prolonged celebration for us of this glorious Season...fifty days of glorious celebration. So, Happy Easter!

Today the Church celebrates the Fifth Sunday of Easter. In the first reading, the Twelve choose from among the community the first Deacons. In the Second Reading, Peter, in his Letter, reminds the earliest Christians that they are part of a spiritual house, built on Christ the great cornerstone, a royal priesthood and holy nation. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples by promising to return and take them to His Father's house.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

God has made us a chosen race and a royal priesthood. In Him we find our deepest identity. The second reading from the First Letter of Peter provides this beautiful and yet challenging description of who we are as Christians. We are, by virtue of baptism, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a people set apart to give praise to God. Taken together, these statements remind us what a grace and privilege it is to be chosen, but they also reassure us of how God sees us and how we ought to see ourselves and others. Everything we do must reflect this holy and royal status.

-NEW ASSIGNMENT - As you likely know, last weekend at all Masses I announced that I have received a new assignment from Bishop Paprocki effective July 1. I will, of course, remain at Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes as Pastor through June 30. Effective July 1, I am appointed Pastor of Mother of Dolours Parish in Vandalia, Illinois and St. Joseph Parish in Ramsey, Illinois. On that same day, Fr. Vincent Obi is appointed Pastor of Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes.

There is certainly a degree of sadness, even deep sadness, for me personally in leaving these two parishes that I love so deeply. Assignment changes are always difficult for those involved. I kindly ask you to pray for me and for Fr. Vincent. Pray also for each other, the parishioners of Mother of Dolours and St. Joseph Parishes, and all those affected by all of the new assignments throughout the Diocese that were announced last weekend. Be assured of my prayers for you as well.

-PRINCIPAL SEARCH - St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, a PreK-8 Catholic School, is seeking a Principal. For more detailed information including salary range, benefits, required qualifications, school information, and how to apply, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at [akuhn@smseagle.org](mailto:akuhn@smseagle.org). Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 20.

-TRANSITION & UPDATES - In last week's bulletin, I had written that Mrs. Melissa Obert, Principal of St. Mary School, had announced her decision to not return to St. Mary School next year. In that transition, I intended to appoint Mrs. Schuyler Isley, Director of Mission Advancement, to the temporary extended role of Director of Parish Business Operations and Transition. Since then, Mrs. Isley has prayerfully declined this extended role. She will remain as Director of Mission Advancement.

With that and with my own assignment change added to the Principal Search now underway, I will be reaching out to a few key folks who can help make Fr. Vincent's transition to Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes as easy and seamless as possible.

Concerning the Principal Search, as of this writing, the Search Committee is nearly finalized. I will be announcing who is serving on that Committee soon.

-ANNIVERSARY - Friday, May 8 marks the one-year Anniversary of the election of Pope Leo as Pope. Please continue to pray for him.

-CAPITAL SINS - As I mentioned in a previous bulletin, I want to share information from a small booklet on the Seven Capital Sins, originally published in 1959 by the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri and retypeset and republished in 2000 by TAN Books, and imprint of St. Benedict Press, LLC.

"True understanding of the nature and effects of the Capital Sins is the first step in combating them. Let us take up arms now and go to battle! We will be what we will to be!"

"Introduction - The Seven Capital Sins. There is a seven-headed monster that each one of us has to fight our whole life through. This monster is SELF-SEEKING or SELF-LOVE. Its seven heads are: Pride, Covetousness, Lust, Anger, Envy, Gluttony, and Sloth. Bishop Fulton Sheen calls them 'the seven pall-bearers of the soul' and gives them the following names: Self-love, inordinate love of money, illicit sex, hate, jealousy, over-indulgence and laziness. ('Peace of Soul,' p. 109)

As a result of Original Sin, each one of us has an inborn tendency to assert himself, to make himself the 'center' of things, to make his will prevail over that of others. Our great passion is for our highest good, but too often we do not comprehend what this good is, and we seek for it in a wrong way. We need to understand that our highest good is GOD. God has made Himself our last End and Reward. He has shown us the way to Himself through Christ, who called Himself "The Way."

This is just the very beginning of the small booklet. Hopefully I can share more with you in the weeks to come.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, one another, our Parishes and School and the Universal Church. You remain in my prayers each day and I pray that you have a blessed week.

-Fr. Aaron

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it produces much fruit.  
*John 12:24*

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