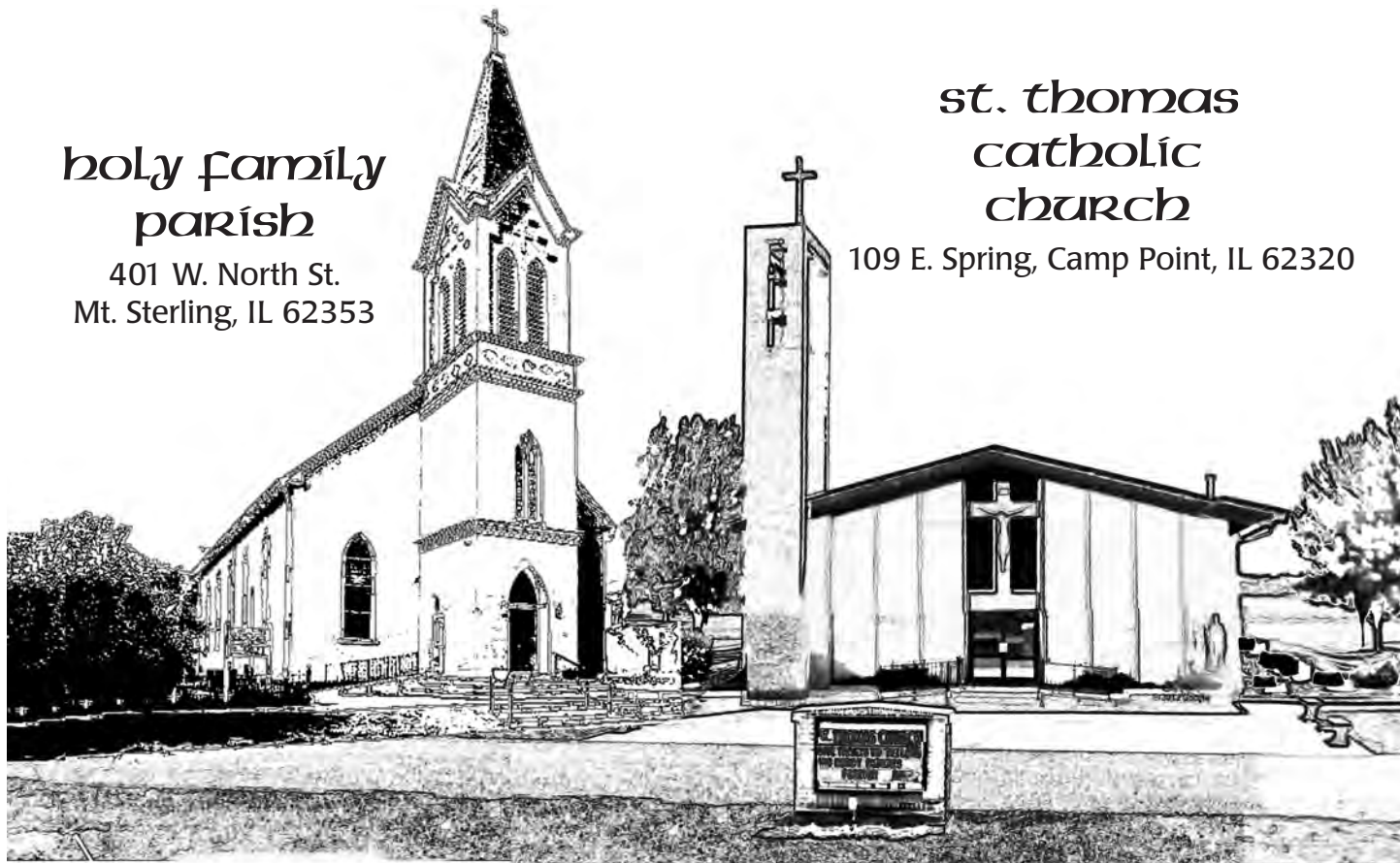


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Principal: Melissa Obert

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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 5/11-

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

Tuesday, 5/12 -

7:00 a.m. Bob & Lois Groesch (By Karl & Barb Groesch) (HF)

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

Wednesday, 5/13 -

7:00 a.m. Daniel Quinn (By Thomas R. Salrin) (HF)

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

Thursday, 5/14 -

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

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

5:30 p.m. Barb Kuhn (By Pat Sharow) (ST)

Friday, 5/15 -

8:15 a.m. Corrine Kassing (By Barb Lehne) (HF)

Saturday, 5/16 -

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

5:30 p.m. John & Mary Louise Moorman (By Tammy, Danny & Pat) (HF)

Sunday, 5/17 -

8:00 a.m. Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By Carl & Marcia Taylor) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (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 †
Charles "Bud" Bordenkircher † David Bordenkircher †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

May 17 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters
Greeters: Graduates
Lector: Graduates

Servers: Miles Kearby, Charlee Reed
Gift Bearers: Graduates
Eucharistic Minister: Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters: Robin Coggeshall
Ushers: John Brady, Tod Perry

ST. THOMAS

Women of Distinction nominations are due by Sunday, May 24.

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.

ST. THOMAS VBS

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. At Rainforest Falls, kids will discover that even in a wild and ever-changing world, they are never alone. As they explore the wonders of the rainforest, they'll learn that God is always with them—steady, loving, and faithful through every step. In a world full of ups and downs, we'll help kids build a strong foundation rooted in God's love and truth. Together, we'll point them to a forever friend they can trust—no matter where life takes them.

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas will be held the July 9-11. On July 9 and July 10, VBS will be from 5:30-7:30. We will serve the participants dinner at 5:30. On July 11, VBS will be from 9:00-4:00. Lunch and snacks will be provided. A mass will follow at 4 p.m. and all are welcome. Dinner and entertainment by the VBS participants will be immediately after mass in the hall.

Please direct questions/concerns or to volunteer to Alicia Schmidt, 217-257-3210 or a_ordner@hotmail.com.

Register with the QR code, find the link on Facebook, or contact Alicia.



St. Thomas VBS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST
Help us design our 2026 VBS Shirt

Things to know:

- Open to preschoolers to seniors in HS
- Design must include a drawing related to our theme of Rainforest - Exploring the Nature of God

- The following information must be included on the T-shirt:
 - St. Thomas
 - Rainforest - Exploring the Nature of God
 - 2026
 - Only use black ink or black marker on white 8.5" x 11" paper
 - Include your name and contact number on the BACK of the drawing
 - Art will be judged by St. Thomas parishioners
 - Due May 24 by 10 a.m. Mass to Alicia Schmidt
- Contact Alicia, 217-257-3210, with any questions

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the Readings for today, Philip proclaims the Good News of salvation to the Samaritans. As they hear and witness his words and actions, they accept the message with joy. Peter challenges the Christian community to be ready to explain their faith and to live blamelessly, even in the face of persecution. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages His disciples to remain faithful to His words and to keep His commandments, promising them another Advocate who would lead them to all Truth.

As Christians we are called to share the Good News. St. Peter challenges us to be ready to give an account of the hope that we have in Christ, but to do so with gentleness. As the old saying goes, we attract others more easily with honey than with vinegar. But it isn't always easy to evangelize, and we have no guarantee of how we will be received. We need God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate, to fulfill this task.

-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. Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 20. Please keep this Search in your prayers

-UPDATES - The Principal Search Committee for St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling includes representation from School Administration, Faculty, current Parents, and Community Members with backgrounds in education and administration. I recently extended invitations to individuals who were identified as prospective committee members. I am pleased to share that the Search Committee has been established. The following individuals have accepted the invitation to serve on the Search Committee with me: Mrs. Emily Ford, Mrs. Schuyler Isley, Mr. Merle Kenady, Mrs. Susan Lipcaman, Mrs. Amanda Llewellyn, Mrs. Becky Render, and Mrs. Susie Woodward. One additional individual may join the Committee. Mrs. Isley and Mrs. Woodward will serve as Co-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee is entrusted with helping identify and recommend the next Principal of St. Mary

School, someone who leads with faith, who knows and loves Catholic Education, and who will embrace our children, our families, and our community as their own. We are looking for a leader who will walk alongside our teachers, engage our parents as partners, and carry forward the Mission and Vision we have worked so hard to build together.

The committee will carefully review candidates based on the qualities and qualifications we need in our next Principal, conduct interviews, and present a recommendation for final discernment and appointment. We will be guided throughout this process by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the standards of our Faith.

The details of the opening for the Principal position are finished and have gone out through various avenues for advertising to candidates.

-MOTHER'S DAY - The secular world celebrates Mother's Day today. In the Church, we celebrate mothers every day as we should. In a very special way, we honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. I do wish to extend a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and to all ladies, some who may not have children of their own, who act as spiritual mothers to so many. Thank you for living out your gift of Motherhood. May we always have reverence for the gift of Motherhood.

-BABY BOTTLES - As we have done in the past, we will be distributing baby bottles after Masses this weekend for you to take and fill with contributions to a local pregnancy care center. These are to be returned on Father's Day in June.

-ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Most Ecclesiastical Provinces in the United States, including ours, have transferred this Solemnity from Thursday (forty days after Easter) to the following Sunday (the Seventh Sunday of Easter). Thus, next Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

-MAY ALTAR - Our May Altars in each of the Churches are beautiful and I encourage you, as we honor Mary in a very special way during the month of May, to have your own May Altar in your home in a prominent place.

-TEACHING POSITIONS - With growing enrollment at St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, we are also looking for additional Elementary School Teachers. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to me: akuhn@smseagle.org.

-FUNERAL LITURGY - On Tuesday, April 28, the Priests of The Deanery along with Funeral Directors in the Deanery met with Bishop Paprocki and other members of the Diocesan Offices to discuss Funeral Liturgies. These meetings are taking place throughout the Diocese in each Deanery. I will share more information in another bulletin but really, there are no "changes" but rather, us ensuring the Catholic Rite of Christian Burial is carried out as it should be. Many of the things that Bishop discussed are already happening in our two parishes. Again, more later.

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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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