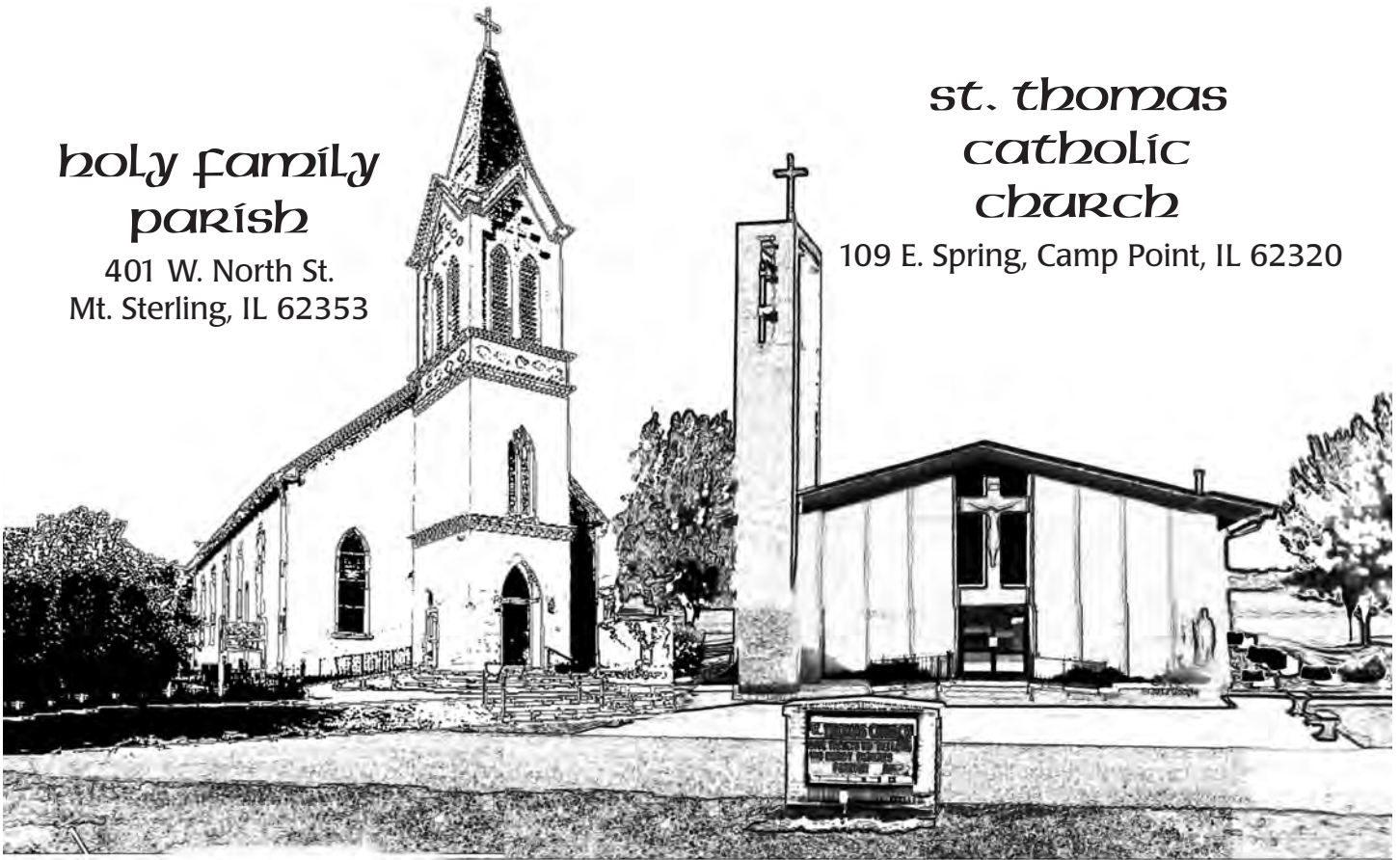


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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration
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, 5/18-**
7:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)
- Tuesday, 5/19 -**
7:00 a.m. Tom Leezer (By Patty Koch) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Wednesday, 5/20 -**
7:00 a.m. Marilyn Wort (By Martha Fluckey) (HF)
8:15 a.m. School Mass (HF)
- Thursday, 5/21 -**
7:00 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Larry Volk) (HF)
5:30 p.m. Fr. Aaron's Intentions (ST)
- Friday, 5/22 -**
8:15 a.m. Janet Howard Gillette (By the Blentlinger & Mitchell Families) (HF)
- Saturday, 5/23 -**
8:00 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)
5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)
- Sunday, 5/24 -**
8:00 a.m. Luke Hedden (By Sean & Amanda Ketcham & Family) (HF)
10:00 a.m. Norman Boone (By Nancy Boone) (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 24 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Denise Taylor
Greeters: Mark & Amanda Obert Family

Lector: Teresa Bockhold
Servers: Jordan Kearby, Sydney Kearby
Gift Bearers: Darren & Amy Hildebrand
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters: Dale & Sindy DeRousse
Ushers: John Brady, Tod Perry

ST. THOMAS

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

CARENET Pregnancy Services of Quincy are once again holding their annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Pick up a bottle in the back of the church, fill it with your loose change and bring it back Sunday June 21, Father's Day.

Congratulations to our graduates from St. Thomas! Sydney Kearby: Is moving on from 8th grade and headed to Southeastern High School. Ellie Foote: Graduating from Central High School. She will be attending the University of Missouri with a major in Health Sciences. She plans to go to a Physician's Assistant program afterwards. Morgan Mock: Graduating from Central High School. She will be attending Culver-Stockton College as a Speech and Theatre Education major. Carlie Goehl: Graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville Summa Cum Laude. She has earned her bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy. She is now attending East Tennessee State University where she will work on earning her doctorate degree in occupational therapy.

Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they move on to these next stages in their lives!

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 24th by 10 AM Mass to Alicia Schmidt
- Contact Alicia, 217-257-3210, with any questions

Holy Family Turkey Dinner

Our annual turkey dinner is a beloved tradition. Regretfully, I am no longer able to continue organizing the event and am prayerfully seeking a new team to step in and carry this special tradition forward. To make this transition easier, a detailed binder with notes and a tub of supplies will be provided. I am willing to walk through the process, answer any questions and provide support. If interested, please contact Lora Decker at 217-440-6696.

FAREWELL GATHERING

Fr. Aaron Kuhn is being moved from this area to a new Priestly Assignment. To show appreciation for Fr. Aaron's quiet and dedicated service to this area, his family will host a party on Wednesday, June 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Quincy Notre Dame Cafeteria. Meal and world-famous soft-serve ice cream served. RSVP greatly appreciated but not required. RSVP by call or text to (217)-242-5217 or (217)-740-7326. Everyone is welcome and the party starts when you get there!

Please note that St. Thomas and Holy Family Parishes are planning their own farewell gatherings for Fr. Aaron as well. This party at QND is in addition to the parish gatherings and is being hosted by Fr. Aaron's family.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today, in most Provinces of the United States, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord. Many of us will recall “Ascension Thursday” when we celebrated the Solemnity on a Thursday each year. Many Provinces in the United States have transferred this Solemnity to the following Sunday (the Seventh Sunday of Easter). The Provinces that have not transferred this Solemnity are the Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes Jesus' activities and instruction during the forty days after His Resurrection, followed by His Ascension into Heaven. In his Letter to the Ephesians from the Second Reading, St. Paul prays that their hearts may be enlightened and that God may give them a Spirit of wisdom. In the Gospel from St. Matthew, the disciples go to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them and Jesus tells them: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.

We were not present two thousand years ago, yet we are called to give witness to Christ's life...His suffering, death, resurrection and Ascension into Heaven which is called the Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is the very way we should live our lives, and it is what we celebrate and enter into at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When one makes themselves absent from the Mass, he or she makes themselves absent from the Life of Christ. Let us reflect the mission given to us to give witness to Christ's Life through our words and actions today and every day. Let our speech and deeds be marked by love, mercy, truth, and compassion. May we be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to serve with great joy and continual praise of the Lord.

-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 27. The deadline for submission has been extended due to an error in the publication of this announcement in other area bulletins. Please keep this Search in your prayers.

-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.

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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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