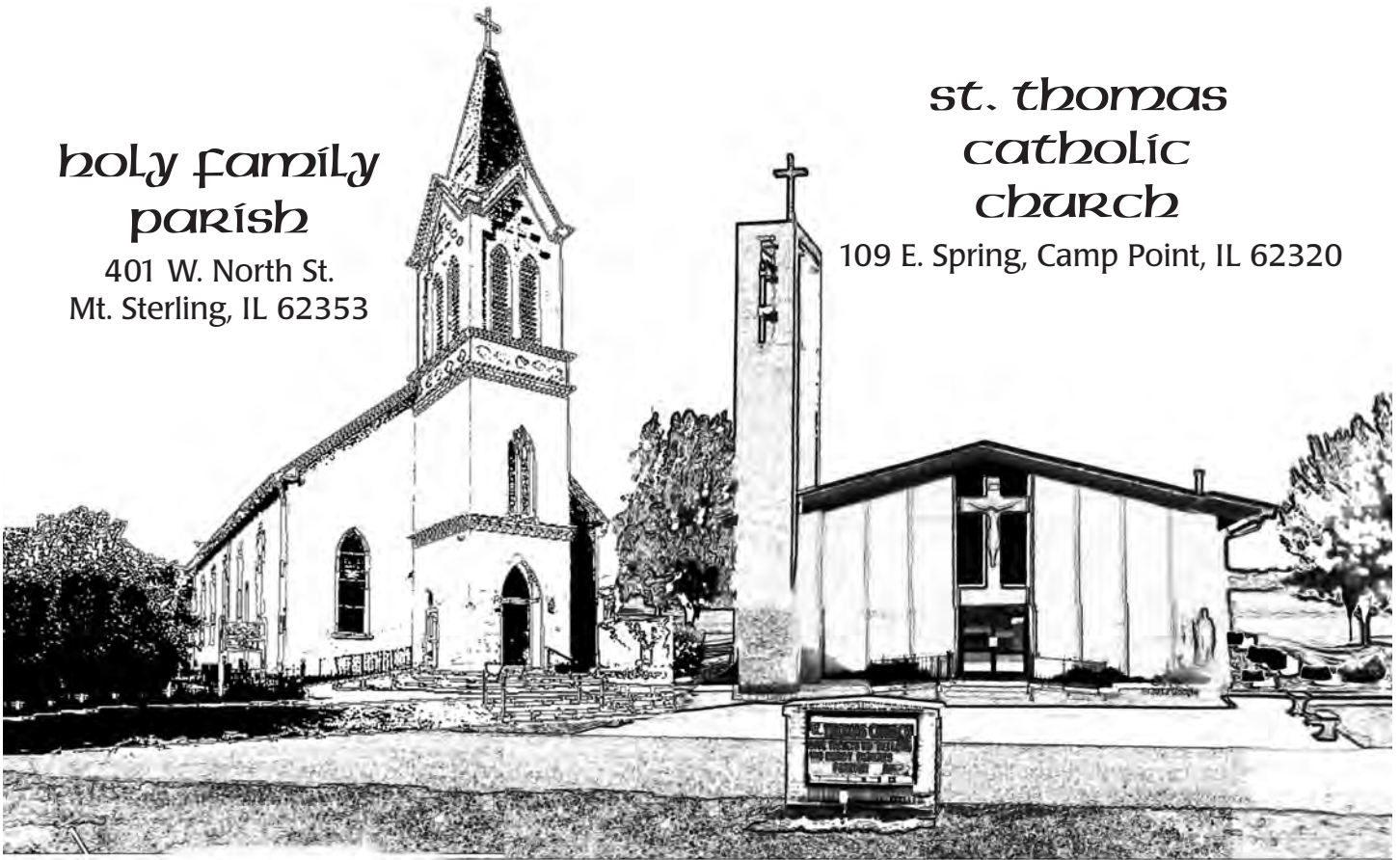


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**Mass Schedule**

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](http://www.stthomascp.org)

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 5/25-

7:00 a.m. Jason Volk (By Clark & Netty Wear) (HF)

8:30 a.m. Jim Stout (By Marilyn Stout & Michele VanSickle) (ST)

Tuesday, 5/26 -

7:00 a.m. Verna Veith (By Marilyn & Pat Veith) (HF)

Wednesday, 5/27 -

7:00 a.m. Dwight Armstrong (By Cathy Black) (HF)

Thursday, 5/28 -

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

5:30 p.m. Gay Gunn (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (ST)

Friday, 5/29 -

8:15 a.m. Warren & Marscine Bice (By Cathy Black) (HF)

Saturday, 5/30 -

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

5:30 p.m. Pat Volk (By Friends) (HF)

Sunday, 5/31 -

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

10:00 a.m. Janice Siebers (By Sheila Drueffel) (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 31 - 10:00 a.m.*

Sacristan: Dawn Peters  
Greeters: Tod Perry Family  
Lector: Laura Evans

Servers: Evan Hoeschler, Addiley Schmidt  
Gift Bearers: Brent & Sarah Kearby Family  
Eucharistic Minister: Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry  
Collection Counters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes  
Ushers: John Brady, Tod Perry

## ST. THOMAS

**Ice Cream Containers** - It's not too early! Start saving your gallon ice cream containers for St. Thomas. Bring them to the back of church or hall at any time now and we'll get them. We are already planning for our ice cream social in August. Summer is on its way!

## 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](mailto:a_ordner@hotmail.com).

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



## **Parish Farewell Gatherings**

Holy Family and St. Thomas will each have a farewell gathering for Fr. Aaron. Mark your calendars.

Holy Family's gathering will be on Sunday afternoon, June 7, in the School Cafeteria.

St. Thomas' gathering will be on Sunday, June 14, in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

More information to follow but again, please mark your calendars.

## **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.

## **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) or (217)-773-3233. Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 27.

## **Teaching & Staff Positions**

Due to growing enrollment, St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling, is looking for additional Elementary School Teachers and Support Staff. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at [akuhn@smseagle.org](mailto:akuhn@smseagle.org) or (217)-773-3233.

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary, fulfilling the Lord's promise to send an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, and to be with us always. The Solemnity draws to a close our Easter Season. On Monday, we return to Ordinary Time, entering in at the Eighth Week.

For the Sunday Liturgy, in the First Reading, the Holy Spirit fills the disciples, and they go out preaching in the many languages of the people in Jerusalem. In the Second Reading, St. Paul preaches that the faithful have different gifts but are united together with one Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and greets them with peace and the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit strengthens us to answer God's call. On this Solemnity of Pentecost, our readings reveal the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit drives out our fear, giving us courage to go out into the world. The Holy Spirit inspires us to make connections with others. He strengthens us to do the work God is calling us to do. May we open our hearts to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

-DAY OF PRAYER - Pope Benedict XVI asked that today, May 24, be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. This day was chosen as it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians (though omitted this year), venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

-MEMORIAL DAY - On Monday, May 25, the United States celebrates Memorial Day. While this is a secular celebration for our country, it is a significant celebration. On this day we recognize and pray especially for the men and women who served in our Armed Forces and were killed in that service.

I will be offering Mass at each parish on Memorial Day. Both Masses will be celebrated in the Church. I do encourage folks to visit the cemeteries on this day as well. Mass at Holy Family will be at 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas will be at 8:30 a.m.

-ANNIVERSARY - Tuesday, May 26 marks the Eighth Anniversary of my Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers. Many priests celebrate Ordination Anniversaries this month and next. Please continue to pray for all priests and for Vocations to the Priesthood.

-GRADUATION - Congratulations to all of our Graduates. Please keep them in your prayers. Last Wednesday, May 20 was St. Mary School's Eighth Grade Graduation. Those Graduates were: Leo Ingram, Marlee Kassing, Braxton McNeff, Will Metz, and Zayne Parsons.

-CCW MEETING - The next Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at St. Peter Parish in Quincy. Sign-up sheets and more information are in the back of each Church. Register by June 11.

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and dies, it remains just a  
grain of wheat, but if it dies,  
it produces much fruit.  
*John 12:24*

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