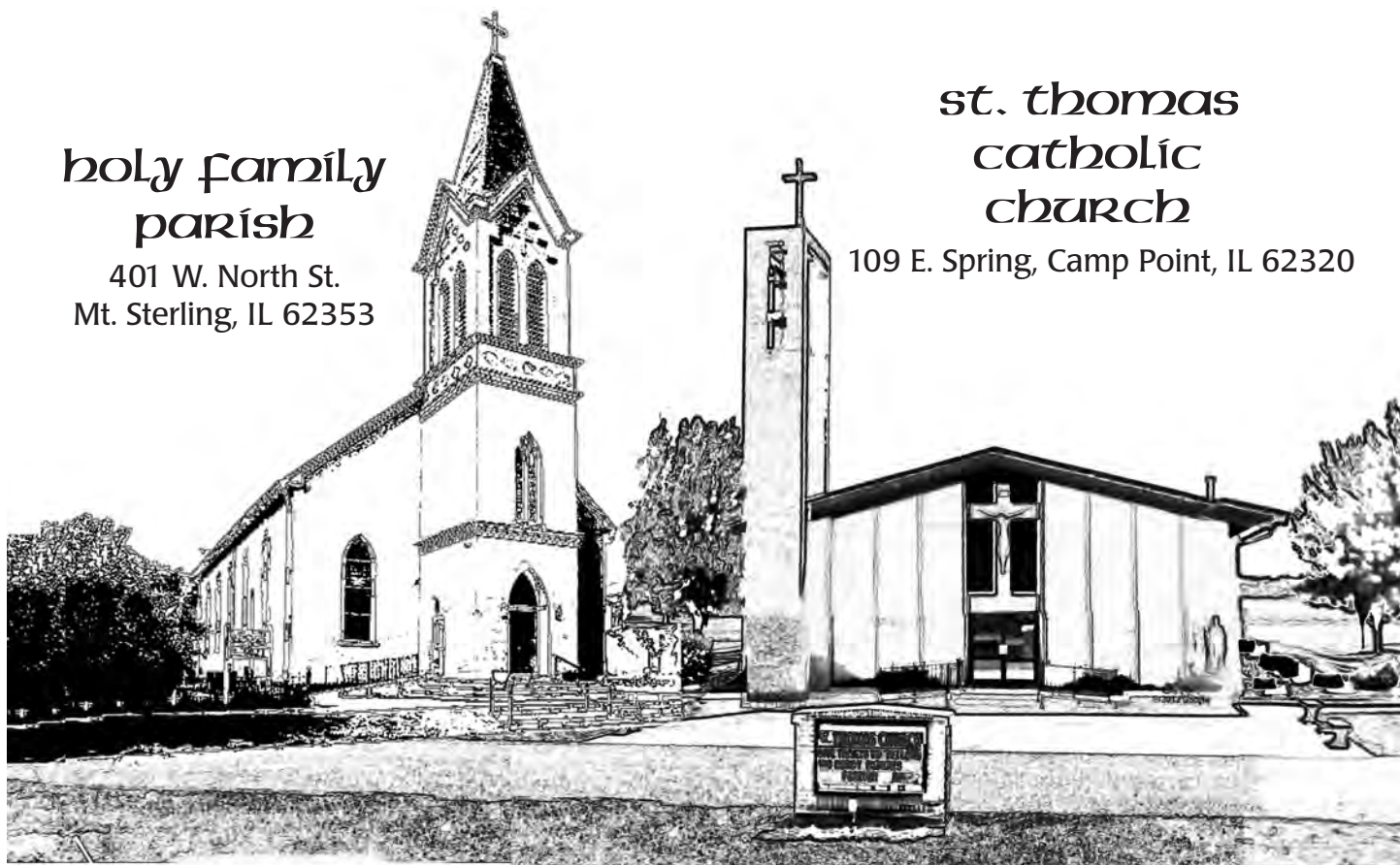


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Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

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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### **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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, 6/29-**

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

**Tuesday, 6/30 -**

**7:00 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By John & Carolyn Ormond) (HF)**

**Wednesday, 7/1 -**

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

**Thursday, 7/2 -**

**7:00 a.m. Robert Kemper (By Sandy Kemper) (HF)**

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

**Friday, 7/3 -**

**8:15 a.m. Floyd "Scotty" Blentlinger (By Carl & Marcia Taylor) (HF)**

**6:00 p.m. Joyce Dietrich (By Carlene Dietrich) (ST)**

**Saturday, 7/4 -**

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

**5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Family & St. Thomas (HF)**

**Sunday, 7/5 -**

**8:00 a.m. Norbert, Mary Jo & Linda Busen (By Tony Busen) (HF)**

**10:00 a.m. Curtis Boone (By the 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 † Brandon Volk † Sharon Wiese †  
Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne † Dyson Ham †  
Nancy Salrin † David Bordenkircher †

## ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

**July 5 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Dawn Peters  
**Greeters:** John & Janice Brady  
**Lector:** Tod Perry

**Servers:** Charlee Reed,  
Miles Kearby  
**Gift Bearers:** Gronewold Family  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Laura Evans,  
Clara Schmidt  
**Collection Counters:** Robin Coggeshall  
**Ushers:** Justin & Chase Reed

## ST. THOMAS

**Reminder** to please return the bottles and donations for the CARENET Pregnancy Service baby bottle program as soon as possible.

**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

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.



## 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.

## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Reminder that the bottles and donations for the Family Care & Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Boomerang program were due Sunday, June 21, but if forgotten, please return to the Church or to the Center directly as soon as possible. The Center's address is 213 W. Washington, Rushville, IL, 62681.

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

Today the Church celebrates the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading from the Second Book of Kings, Elisha is cared for by a woman of influence; Elisha promises that God will give her a son in return for her generosity. In the Second Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, we are reminded that we are buried through Baptism in Christ's death and that we shall also live with Him. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him.

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with Him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow Him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Again, in the first reading we hear about the woman from Shunem who served God by her hospitality to his servant, Elisha. She served Elisha because she knew he was a holy man of God. Jesus promises that whoever receives those He has sent receives not only Him, but His Heavenly Father as well. When we open our hearts to receive the Lord and His messengers, we receive the best reward: God's divine presence with us.

-FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, July 3; devotions at St. Thomas, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Noon-5:45 p.m.; Benediction 5:45 p.m.; Mass 6:00 p.m.; Confessions 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. I presume Fr. Obi will, at least initially, keep this same schedule.

-SOLEMNITY – Friday, July 3 is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. At St. Thomas in Camp Point, this celebration is elevated to a Solemnity.

-NOCTURNAL ADORATION – At Holy Family; Begins Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. and runs through the night until 7:40 a.m.; Benediction at 7:40 a.m. followed by the regularly schedule 8:00 a.m. Mass. Again, I presume Fr. Obi will, at least initially, keep this same schedule.

-BIRTHDAY – On Wednesday, July 1, I will celebrate my 48th birthday. I give praise and thanks to God for the gift of life and for all the gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon me in this life. I thank my parents, also, for the gift of life that they nurtured and the faith they so

devoutly shared with me and my siblings. Thank you for your continued prayers for me as well.

-POPE'S INTENTION – For July: "For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

-DONUTS – Next Sunday, July 5, is the First Sunday of the month. Donuts and coffee after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas in the parish hall.

-SACRAMENTS – I recently celebrated the following Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism at Holy Family on Saturday, June 20 for Henry Dean Reich, infant son of Sam and Chloe Reich.

Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at Holy Family on Sunday, June 21 for Sydnee Kayt Kassing.

-PRINCIPAL – I am happy to announce that we have a new Principal for St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling. Mrs. Christie Dickens has accepted the position and is excited to join and lead St. Mary School. She comes to us with extensive experience. I believe she will be a great fit and asset for St. Mary School. I am saddened that I will not be working with her, but I am happy to have her in place before I leave.

I want to wish Mrs. Melissa Obert, our current Principal, all the best and thank her for her tireless work at and for St. Mary School. She has been an exceptional Principal for us and great to work with.

-MY DEPARTURE – My last day at the parishes as I transition to my new assignment will be Tuesday, June 30. I will celebrate the 7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family and then prepare to head out for Vandalia. Though there is certainly sadness in leaving, I offer my sincerest thanks to all of you. My time here in Mt. Sterling and Camp Point has been great and it is difficult to leave. Thank you for your continued prayers and support and for all you have done for me. I will keep you in my prayers as well.

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May you have a most blessed week!

-Fr. Aaron

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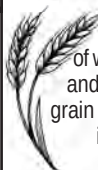
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**John 12:24**

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