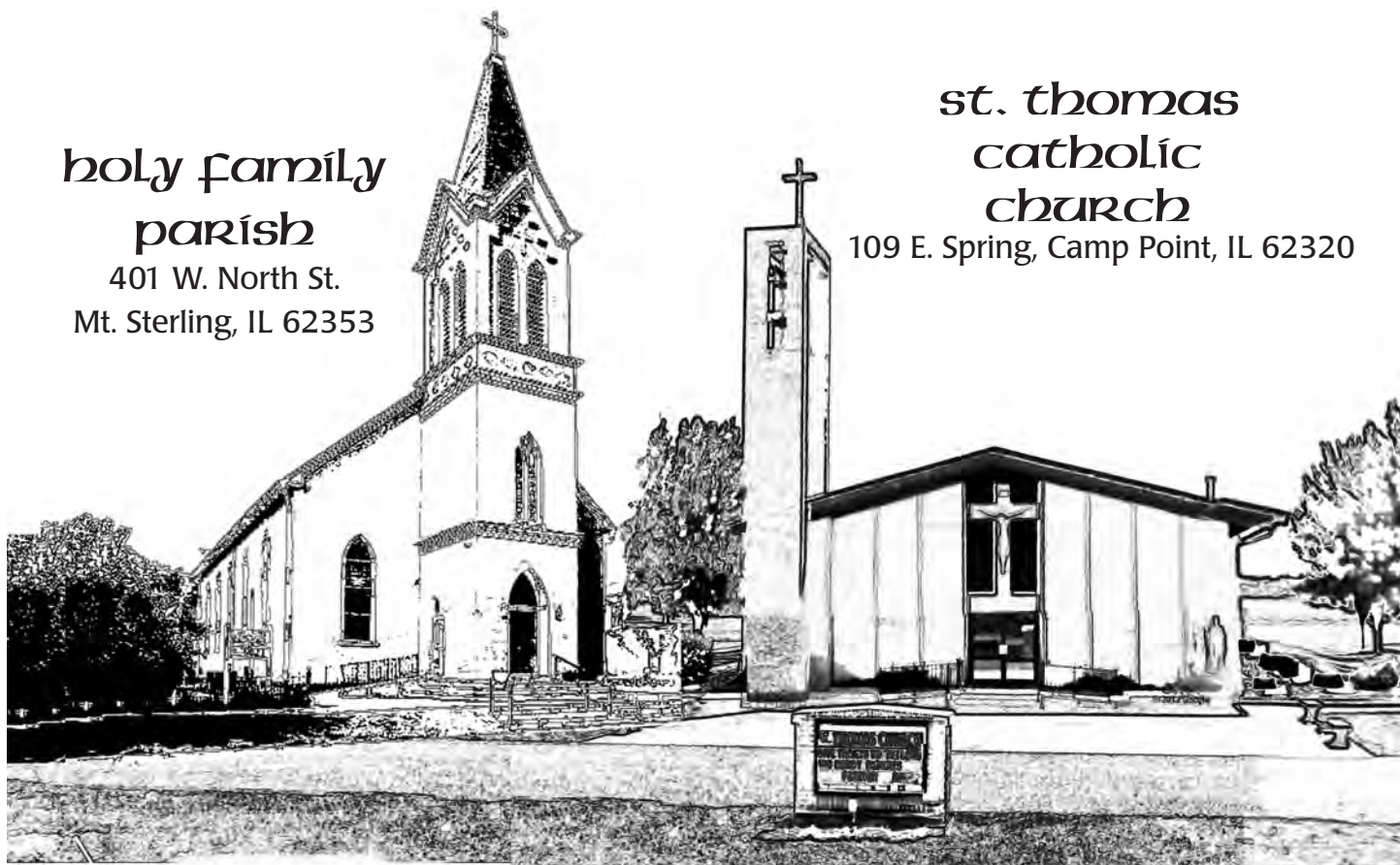


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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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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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 7/13-

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

Tuesday, 7/14 -

7:00 a.m. Margie & Doug Dunn (By Doug & Dawn Dunn) (HF)

Wednesday, 7/15 -

7:00 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Larry Volk & Family) (HF)

Thursday, 7/16 -

7:00 a.m. Mary Beth Obert (By Alan & Rhonda Koch) (HF)

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

Friday, 7/17 -

8:15 a.m. Marjorie Salrin (By Holy Family Women's Guild) (HF)

Saturday, 7/18 -

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

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

Sunday, 7/19 -

8:00 a.m. Bob & Silva Dixon (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Lawrence Shaffer, Russel Sherman, & Henry Ehrhardt (By the Family) (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 †
David Bordenkircher † Sandra Kemper

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Bruce Schrieber who passed away on June 22, 2026. May God keep you in His care! Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 19 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Jim & Nora Clausius
Lector:	Teresa Bockhold
Servers:	Charles Evans, Evan Hoeschler
Gift Bearers:	Jacob & Alicia Schmidt Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
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Ushers:	Justin & Chase Reed

ST. THOMAS

There will be a St. Thomas Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Inauguration of the Pastoral Council members will be Sunday, July 19.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Holy Family Pastoral Council meeting Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary School cafeteria. Members will receive an email invitation to the meeting.

Inauguration of the Pastoral Council members will be Saturday, July 18 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Installation of Father Obi

The installation of Father Obi will take place at the 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family on July 25, 2026. Reception to follow in the St. Mary School cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) The readings focus on the power of God's Word and the response of the human heart. Through agricultural metaphors and reflections on grace, the

scriptures encourage believers to cultivate receptive, fertile soil so that faith can take root and yield abundant spiritual fruit.

- **The First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11):** The prophet compares God's Word to rain and snow that water the earth, bringing life and ensuring the seed yields a harvest. It guarantees that God's Word will always accomplish its divine purpose.
- **The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 65):** A prayer of thanksgiving emphasizing how God's providence and "watercourses" soften the earth, preparing it to produce bountiful flocks and overflowing harvests.
- **The Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23):** St. Paul reflects on the present sufferings of the world, reminding the faithful that they pale in comparison to the future glory that will be revealed to God's children.
- **The Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23):** Jesus shares the Parable of the Sower. He explains that the seed is the Word of God, and the different types of soil—path, rocky ground, thorns, and rich soil—represent the varying states of the human heart and its receptivity to the Gospel message

Reflection; Cultivating the Soil

The familiar parable of the sower reminds us that the success of the harvest depends significantly on the condition of our "heart's soil". Jesus notes that distractions, trials, and lack of deep roots can hinder faith from growing. This Sunday calls us to actively clear away the "thorns" of worldly anxieties and deepen our roots, allowing God's grace to work within us and produce a profound spiritual harvest.

As we begin this new era in our parish life, I want to thank God for bringing us together as one family, united in His love and mercy.

We're also grateful to Fr. Aaron Kuhn for his tireless efforts and commitment to

our parishes. He's been an exceptional leader, and we're indebted to him. We pray that God will continue to bless his ministry as he takes on new challenges.

I'd like to thank you all for the warm welcome I received last Sunday. It was truly heartwarming, and I'm excited to be a part of these communities. Together, we can achieve great things and grow in our spiritual journey.

Let's focus on the three Ts: Time, Talent, and Treasure. How can we use these gifts to serve God and our communities? I encourage each of you to reflect on this and find ways to contribute.

A big thank you to all our parishioners who have already given their Time, Talent, and Treasure to serve as members of the Pastoral council.

I invite everyone to join us in this effort and work together to build a brighter future for our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Catholic Church teaches that all baptized individuals—the laity—share in the mission of Christ and have the right and duty to participate in the liturgy. Grounded in the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, the Church emphasizes **"full, conscious, and active participation"** rather than passive observation.

A pastoral council meeting acts as a vital collaborative think tank where the clergy and lay faithful discern God's will and plan strategic goals for their community. It ensures the parish effectively serves its members' spiritual, educational, and outreach needs.

Through collaborative effort, let's harness the power of our parish councils to foster growth, unity, and a brighter future for our communities.

-Fr. Obi

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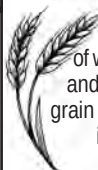
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and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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