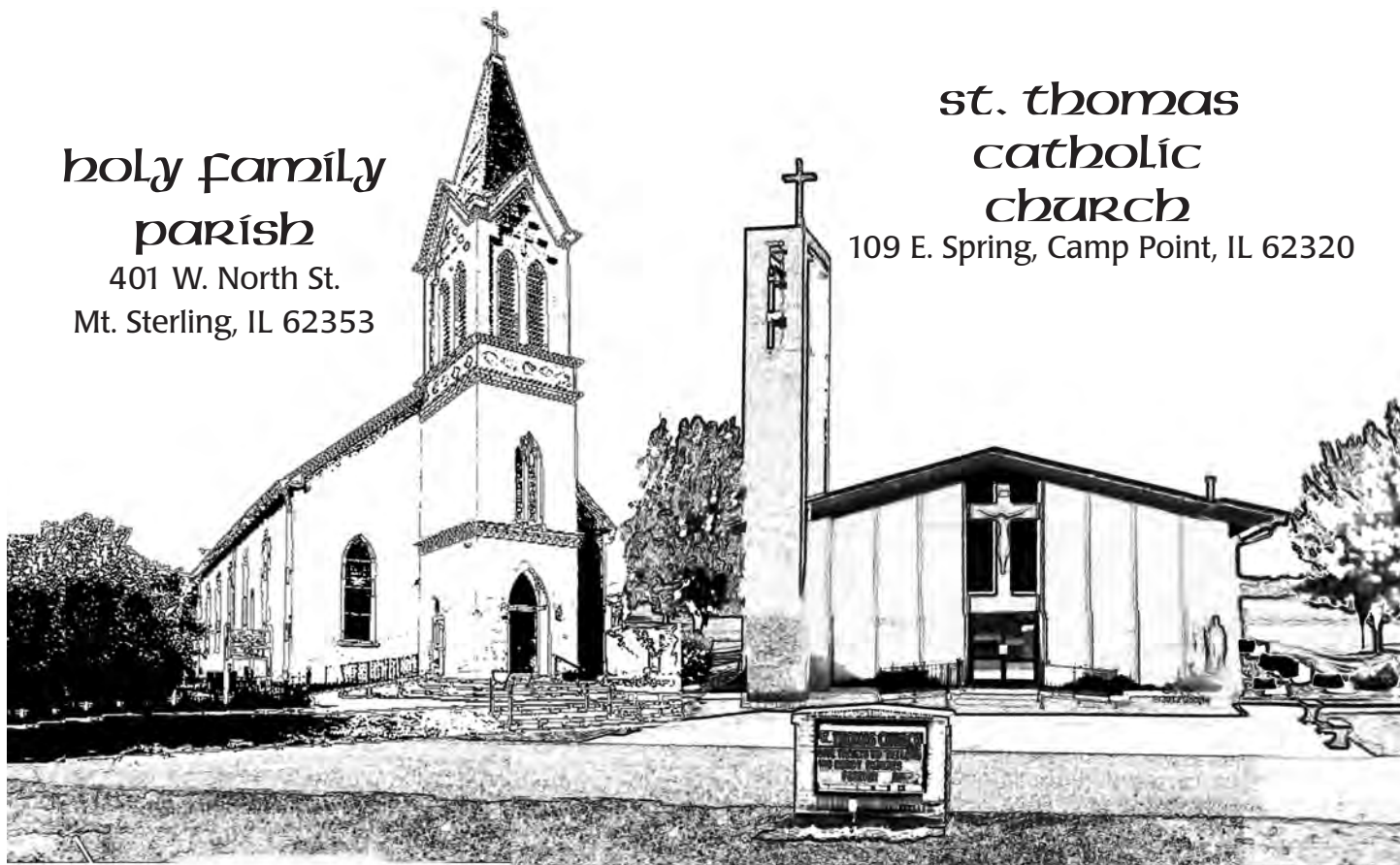


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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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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, 7/20-

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

Tuesday, 7/21 -

7:00 a.m. Logan F. Mayfield (By Glen & Amy Koch) (HF)

Wednesday, 7/22 -

7:00 a.m. Charles, Maxine, Raymond & David Colgan (By Linda Colgan) (HF)

Thursday, 7/23 -

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

5:30 p.m. Vivian Schulte (By Judy Holmes) (ST)

Friday, 7/24 -

8:15 a.m. Mary Margaret Bordenkircher (By Tom & Nancy Schneider) (HF)

Saturday, 7/25 -

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

5:30 p.m. Greg Flynn (By Mary Kassing) (HF)

Sunday, 7/26 -

8:00 a.m. Aaron Koch (By Paul & Charlotte Koch) (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 †
David Bordenkircher † Sandra Kemper †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 26 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Matt & Laura Evans Family
Lector:	Laura Evans
Servers:	Alivia Schmidt, Addiley Schmidt
Gift Bearers:	Maurice & Clara Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister:	Elizabeth Likes, Kim Gronewold, Cathy Wagner
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Justin & Chase Reed

ST. THOMAS

Ice Cream Containers - Please continue saving your gallon ice cream containers for St. Thomas' ice cream social. Bring them to the back of church or hall at any time now and we'll get them.

ST. MARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Mary School registration will take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 from 10:00 - 1:00 and 4:00 - 7:00. Registration packets have been emailed to parents.

Installation of Father Obi

The installation of Father Obi will take place at a Mass on **Friday, July 31 at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family**. Reception to follow in the St. Mary School cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. **Please note the change in date from July 25.**

From the Pastor's Desk

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time occurs on July 19, 2026. The day's readings focus on God's patience, mercy, and the growth of His kingdom.

- **The Gospel** (Matthew 13:24-43): Jesus shares parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. He uses the stories of

the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast to teach a lesson. God is patient. He allows good and bad to exist together until the final judgment so that no good is lost. God's kingdom also starts very small but grows large and transforms the world.

- **The First Reading** (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19): This reading praises God's supreme power. It shows that God rules with kindness and leniency. God gives His people hope by offering repentance for their sins.
- **The Second Reading** (Romans 8:26-27): St. Paul explains that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and guides our prayers when we do not know how to pray.

THE 3 Ts: TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE To Be a Christian Steward

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

We recently gathered to honor Bruce E. Schrieber at his Funeral Mass on Saturday, July 11, 2026. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time, praying they find comfort and strength. Thank you to everyone who attended; your presence offered immense support and exemplified our community's spirit. We commend Bruce's soul to God's eternal peace. Amen.

I am writing to share the somber news of Virginia Obi's peaceful passing on July 3, at the age of 93. My cherished second mother, Virginia, profoundly influenced my life, especially guiding my spiritual path and vocation to the priesthood. Her funeral is scheduled for September, with details to follow. Your prayers for Virginia and my family during this difficult period are deeply valued.

You're warmly invited to the inaugural Masses for our new Parish Councils, marking the official blessing and welcoming of these dedicated members. Your presence and prayers will offer vital support as they embark on their service.

Please join us for these significant events:

Holy Family Parish Council
(Mt. Sterling): Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Parish Council
(Camp Point): Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to celebrating these joyous beginnings with you.

Fr. Obi

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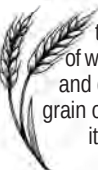
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of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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