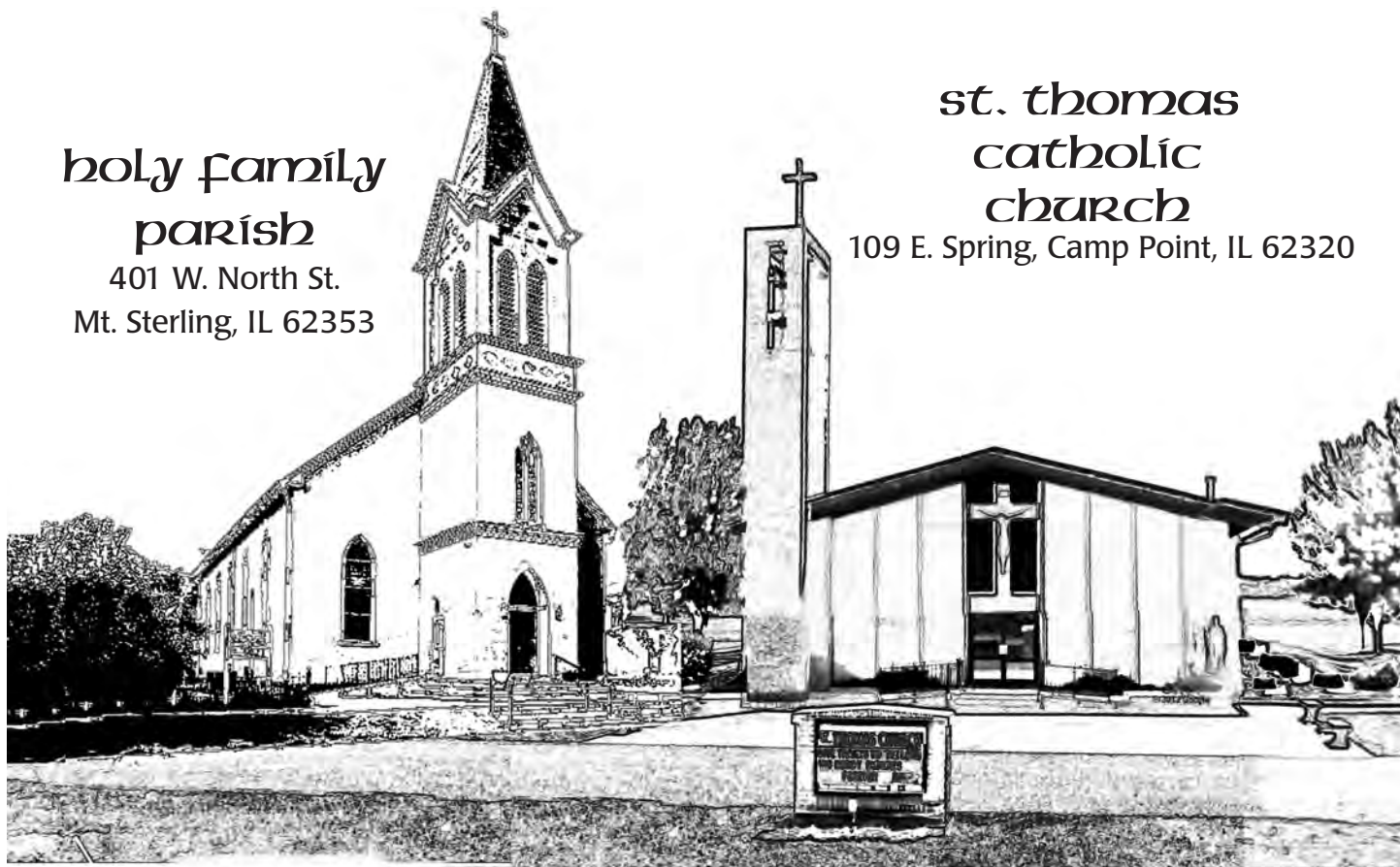


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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, 7/27-

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

Tuesday, 7/28 -

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

Wednesday, 7/29 -

7:00 a.m. Melvin & Eleanor McClelland & JoAnne McClelland Harris (By Linda Colgan) (HF)

Thursday, 7/30 -

7:00 a.m. Richard Bordenkircher (By Jim & Rosie Shank) (HF)

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

Friday, 7/31 -

8:15 a.m. Karla Ormond (By Richard & Diane Fagan) (HF)

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

Saturday, 8/1 -

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

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

Sunday, 8/2 -

8:00 a.m. Raymond Metzger (By Marilyn Boone) (HF)

10:00 a.m. Gay Gunn (By Greg & Elizabeth Likes) (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

August 2 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Darren & Amy Hildebrand
Lector:	Kim Gronewold
Servers:	Grace Mock, Tess Obert
Gift Bearers:	Denny & Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Minister:	Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters:	Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers:	Jerel & Alex Mock

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Altar and Rosary Society Meeting Sunday, July 26, 5:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for Fr. Obi's Instillation Mass 5:30 at Holy Family Friday, July 31.

Dinner afterwards at the K of C hall. Sign-up will give us an estimate # of how many to prepare for.

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 K of C Hall. All are welcome to attend. **Please note the change in date from July 25.**

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is 17th Sunday, the readings focus on the infinite value of God's kingdom. They urge us to choose wisdom and to give up lesser things to gain this ultimate reward.

• **Reading 1 (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12):** God asks King Solomon what he wants. Solomon does not ask for riches or long life. Instead, he asks for a **discerning heart** (wisdom) to know right from wrong. God is pleased and grants it.

• **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 119):**

This psalm praises God's laws. It reminds us that God's truth is more valuable than gold.

• **Reading 2 (Romans 8:28-30):** St. Paul explains that God works for the good of those who love Him. God knows and calls those who follow His plan.

• **Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52):** Jesus tells **parables** (simple stories that teach a lesson). A man finds a hidden treasure in a field. He sells all he owns to buy that field. Another man finds a perfect **pearl**. He sells everything to buy it. These stories show that the Kingdom of God is the most precious thing in the world.

These stories challenge us to make God our first priority. Letting go of selfish habits can feel hard. However, when we truly understand how great God is, we gladly give up lesser things to have His peace in our hearts.

Could you tell me what **distractions** or **worries** take up most of your time today? This can help us find ways to focus on your own "hidden treasures" and spiritual growth.

This Friday, July 31, marks a significant day as we witness the installation of Father Obi. The event falls on the memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. The Bishop requests all the members of the parish councils and the parish staff to be present. We invite you to join us for Bishop's Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family, which will be followed by a reception at K of C Hall.

The Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus is on Wednesday, July 29. Pope Francis established this joint

obligatory memorial in 2021 to honor the three siblings from Bethany, highlighting their evangelical witness, close friendship with Jesus, and the hospitality they offered Him during His earthly ministry.

The siblings personify the three theological virtues:

- **Martha:** Represents faith. She is a model of Christian hospitality and service, most notably her confession of Jesus as the Messiah in the Gospel of John.
- **Mary:** Represents love (charity). Known for sitting at the feet of Jesus, she chose the "better part" of contemplative listening and devotion.
- **Lazarus:** Represents hope. Through his resurrection, he manifests the Christian expectation of new life and the resurrection of the dead.

On July 31, the day of installation of Fr. Obi, we commemorate the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the renowned founder of the Society of Jesus and author of the Spiritual Exercises. His life's journey, transformed by a battle injury, led him to become a mystic and a pivotal figure in the Catholic Counter-Reformation. May his prayers guide us as we journey together towards God.

I'm truly thankful for the love and care you've all shown me as I begin this new journey. Your kindness has been a beacon of hope, guiding me through the ups and downs of this transition, and I'm especially grateful for your presence in my life during this difficult time of saying goodbye to my second mom.

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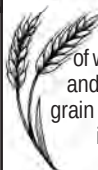
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of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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