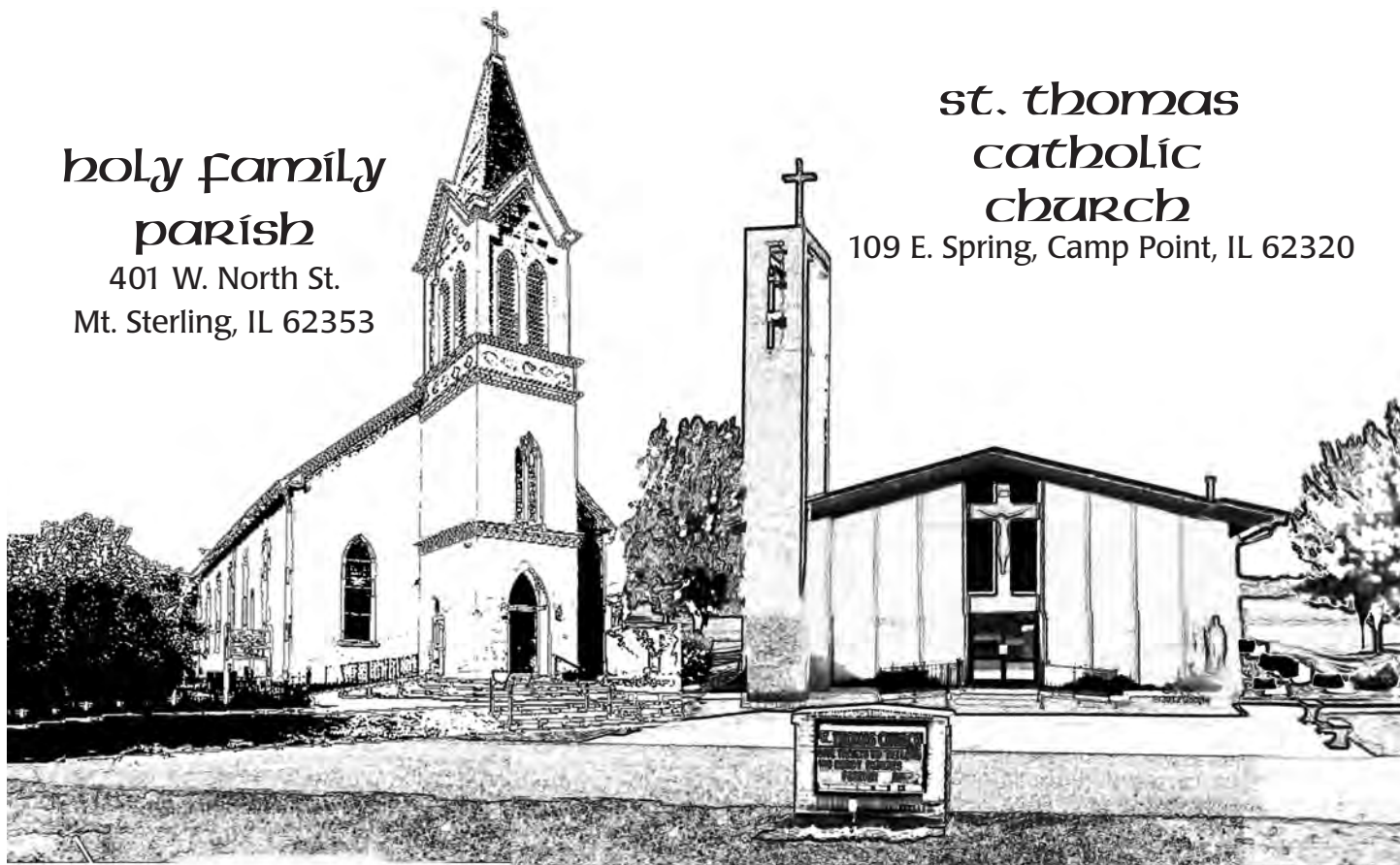


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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 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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 7/6-

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

Tuesday, 7/7 -

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Clark (By Mary Kassing) (HF)

Wednesday, 7/8 -

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

Thursday, 7/9 -

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

5:30 p.m. Matt & Esther Obert (By Butch & Dorothy Obert) (ST)

Friday, 7/10 -

8:15 a.m. Regina Ehrhardt (By Barb Lehne) (HF)

Saturday, 7/11 -

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

4:00 p.m. Jim Stout (By Marilyn Stout & Michele VanSickle) (ST)

5:30 p.m. Roberta Young (By Friends) (HF)

Sunday, 7/12 -

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

10:00 a.m. Jerry & Gay Gunn (By St. Thomas Men & Women's Society) (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 †
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 Misha Follis Allen † Leona Dunn † Brandan Volk †
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ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

July 12 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Denny & Nancy Campbell
Lector:	Denise Taylor

Servers:	Addalyn Llewelyn, Jordan Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Justin & Chelsea Reed Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Ushers:	Justin & Chase Reed

From the Pastor's Desk

Today the Church celebrates the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the First Reading, the prophet Zechariah tells of the king who will come riding on an ass to proclaim peace to the nations. In the epistle, we are told that the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the Father for revealing the hidden things to little ones. He invites those who labor to rest in Him.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in His Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all. Our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ. The God who defeated death, this mighty one whose dominion shall be from sea to sea, promises to carry our burdens with us, to never leave us alone in our struggles, to humble Himself to walk beside us in our smallness and our need. Indeed, our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

This is still Fr. Aaron writing this last bulletin piece. With the transition of me leaving, Fr. Obi coming in, and bulletin submission deadlines, I told Tammy I would do this one yet.

I am writing this on my last day here at the parishes, having just celebrated the 7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family. The Church was filled with so many of you for the final time I would be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the parishes as your Pastor. I was filled with great joy and emotion as I looked out and saw so many of you there. Thank you. And thank you all so much for everything. My time spent with you over the past six years has been remarkable, a great joy and blessing. Thank you for all you have done for me and for all your kind words, gestures, and gifts as I prepared to leave for my new assignment in Vandalia and Ramsey.

My e-mail address, Vandalia mailing address, and Vandalia rectory phone number were in last week's bulletin. I share it once again. Tammy in the office also knows how to reach me. The Vandalia Address is: Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Mother of Dolors Parish, 322 N 7th St., Vandalia, IL 62472-0377. The office/rectory phone is (618)-283-0214.

My Diocesan e-mail remains the same akuhn@dio.org. If you are ever in the area, please stop by to say hello.

-WELCOME – We welcome Fr. Vincent Obi as Pastor of Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes. You will get to know Fr. Obi and I will let him make his own introductions. We thank God for Fr. Obi's Priesthood. May God's blessings be upon him now and always.

-INDEPENDENCE DAY – This weekend our country celebrates Independence Day. The following prayer was composed by Baltimore Archbishop John Carroll in 1791 and is well worth reprinting here and using it in our own prayer.

"We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen."

-PRIESTLY CELIBACY – Priestly Celibacy is a great gift and the ancient practice of celibacy, when lived well, helps a priest exercise his spiritual fatherhood joyfully and fruitfully. There have been a number of good articles and books written recently on this subject including books from Cardinal Robert Sarah and Fr. Carter Griffin. Thank you for your continued prayers for me and all priests.

-"YOGA UNVEILED" – Sophia Institute Press has released a new book, "Yoga Unveiled" by Linda Carl. From the Publisher: "Millions of Christians practice yoga believing that it's harmless. We're just stretching and relaxing, right? But that might not be the whole story. For nearly 20 years, Linda Carl immersed herself in yoga culture. She became a certified instructor and passionate advocate for the exercise that she believed would bring peace and stress relief. Instead, she found herself descending into spiritual darkness. In "Yoga Unveiled," Linda shares a powerful testimony on the hidden spiritual dangers of yoga, and how Christ ultimately rescued her."

This is a brand new release from Sophia Institute Press and I have not had an opportunity to look at it; I've only received a bit of information on it. It does, however, seem like a good and necessary read. We must always be aware of and on guard against that which may seem harmless or is portrayed as harmless to our spiritual lives when in reality it works to destroy it.

-Fr. Aaron

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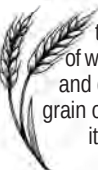
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and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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