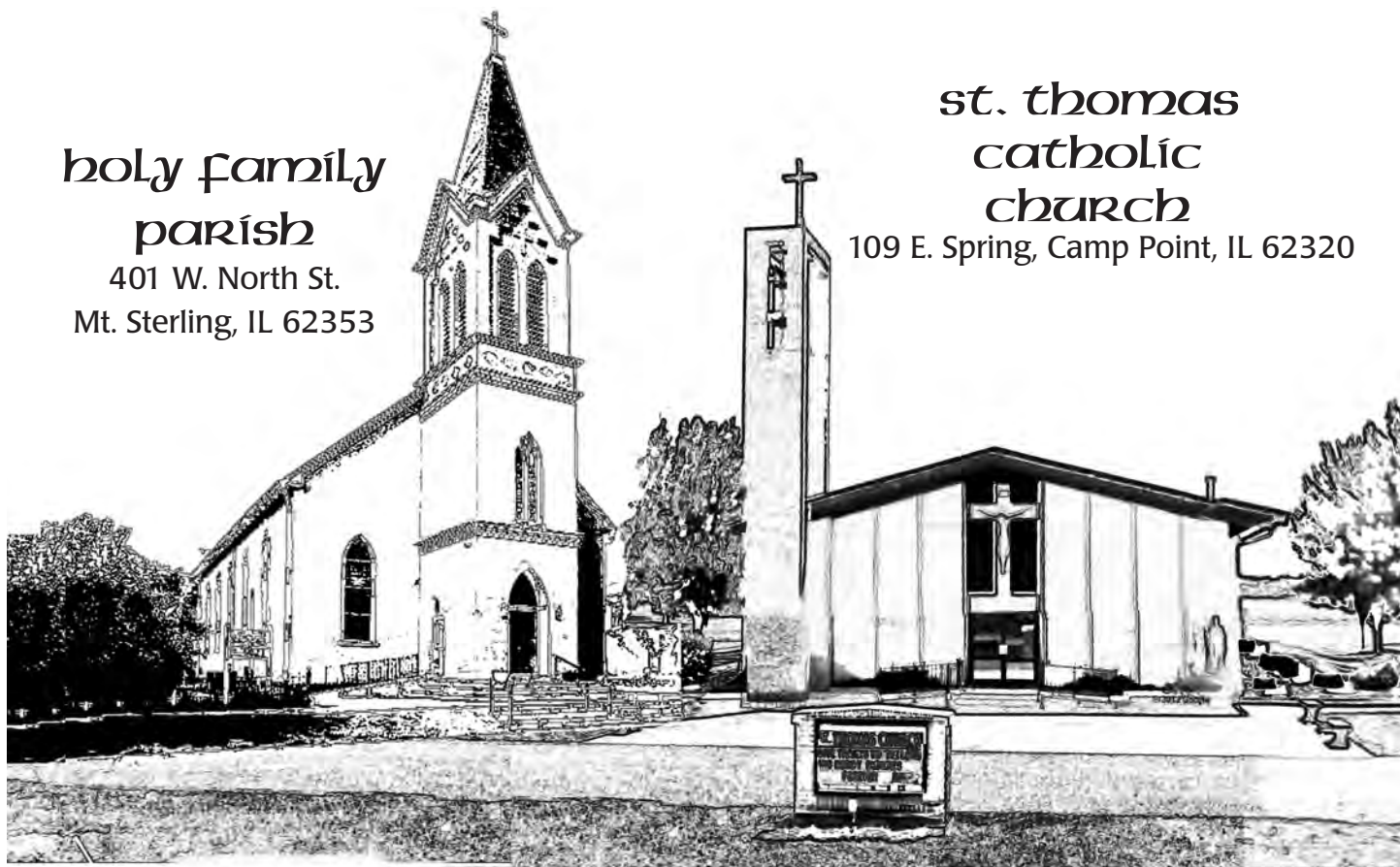


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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 weekend of month

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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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 8/3-

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

Tuesday, 8/4 -

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Wort (By Norma Hugnagel) (HF)

Wednesday, 8/5 -

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

Thursday, 8/6 -

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

5:30 p.m. Denny Mowen (ST)

Friday, 8/7 -

8:15 a.m. Marjorie Salrin (By Barb Lehne) (HF)

6:00 p.m. Don & Anna Mae Obert (By Butch & Dorothy Obert) (ST)

Saturday, 8/8 -

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

5:30 p.m. Corrine Kassing (By Tammy) (HF)

Sunday, 8/9 -

8:00 a.m. Terry Dillard (By Cheryl Dillard) (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 †
 Stanley Obert †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 9 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Lector:	Karen Janssen
Servers:	Sydney Kearby, Grace Mock
Gift Bearers:	John & Janice Brady
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Jerel & Alex Mock

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Ice Cream Social - August 16, Sunday

Basket Raffle: Anyone who would like to donate a "basket" for the basket raffle, please contact Pat (217-740-2140). You choose your items or theme and it doesn't have to be in a real basket.

Containers: Thanks for those already given. And keep them coming!

Work schedules: Please pick up your work schedule. It will save us postage.

Birthright will be at the K of C BBQ again this year. It will be August 14, 15, and 16. We will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt and a large dining out package. We are requested to make items for the bake sale. Use your favorite recipe. It is amazing how many bake sale items are sold. We also profit from the kids' games. The KC has been very good to Birthright.

Catholic Heart Work Camp

There will be a Catholic Heart Work Camp informational meeting Sunday, August 9, at 3:00 at St. Joseph church. Anyone who is interested in attending a 2027 summer camp or just wants more information is welcome to attend. Camp is open to those going into 8th grade in the 2027-2028 school year or older. Adults interested in going to camp are also invited to attend! If you are unable to attend but are still interested, you may contact Jeanne Cramsey at 217-653-3962 or Sarah Kearby at 217-653-2269.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97th Convention

Attention All Women of the Parish - Save the Date - The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 97th Convention is **Thursday, September 3**. Morning Rosary and Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy, IL, followed by the Convention at The Ambiance in Quincy, IL. We are excited to announce that our Guest speaker is nationally known Teresa Tomeo. Vendors and Silent Auction items will be available as well as, a hot LUNCH. Registration forms are on the bulletin boards at Holy Family and St. Thomas. Any questions, email Susan Asher asherte@yahoo.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) falls on August 2, 2026, featuring scripture readings centered on God's free spiritual nourishment, boundless love, and the feeding of the five thousand.

- First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3): An urgent invitation from the prophet to come to the Lord's waters and eat without cost or price.
- Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18): A declaration that the Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.
- Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39): St. Paul's reassurance that absolutely nothing can separate believers from the love of Christ.
- Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21): The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish.

Reflection

- Grief and Compassion: Jesus withdraws to a deserted place to mourn and pray after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, yet he immediately sets aside his grief upon seeing the persistent crowd out of deep compassion.
- Prefiguring the Eucharist: The actions of Jesus—taking the loaves, blessing them, breaking them, and giving them—directly mirror the actions performed at the Last Supper and point forward to the Eucharistic meal.
- Abundant Generosity: The meager offering of five loaves and two fish becomes more than enough through Christ's blessing,

leaving twelve baskets of leftovers to show that God's grace surpasses human need.

- True hunger: The prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:1-3) asks why we spend our energy on things that do not truly feed our souls. God offers spiritual food and water freely, without cost.
- Human doubt: In the Gospel, the disciples look at the massive hungry crowd and see only scarcity—just five loaves and two fish. They want to send the people away.
- Divine abundance: Jesus tells them, "There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat yourselves". Jesus takes the small offering, blesses it, breaks it, and feeds everyone until they are full, with food left over.

Living the Gospel Today

- Bring your little: Jesus does not ask us to fix the world's hunger on our own strength; he asks us to hand over whatever small gifts, time, or love we possess.
- Trust the multiplication: When we share generously, God takes our humble efforts and turns them into an abundant feast for others.

Warmest congratulations to Dallas Phelps and Alana Boylen on their wedding day, July 25, 2026! May their union be blessed with love, laughter, and adventure. Thank you to all who joined in the celebration. Wishing the happy couple a lifetime of happiness and togetherness.

Last Sunday, Fr. Obi and two legionaries visited the Mt. Sterling Nursing Home, where they spent time with our parishioners and Catholic residents. The visit brought immense joy and warmth to the facility, with the residents expressing their heartfelt gratitude. They eagerly look forward to their next gathering, hoping to have Holy Mass celebrated at their facility. Fr. Obi promised to celebrate Holy Mass with and for them in the future.

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, August 6. This significant feast day recalls the extraordinary event on Mount Tabor, where Jesus, in the presence of Peter, James, and John, underwent a breathtaking transformation, manifesting His divine splendor and further solidifying the faith of His disciples.

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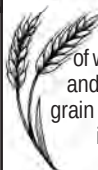
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of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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