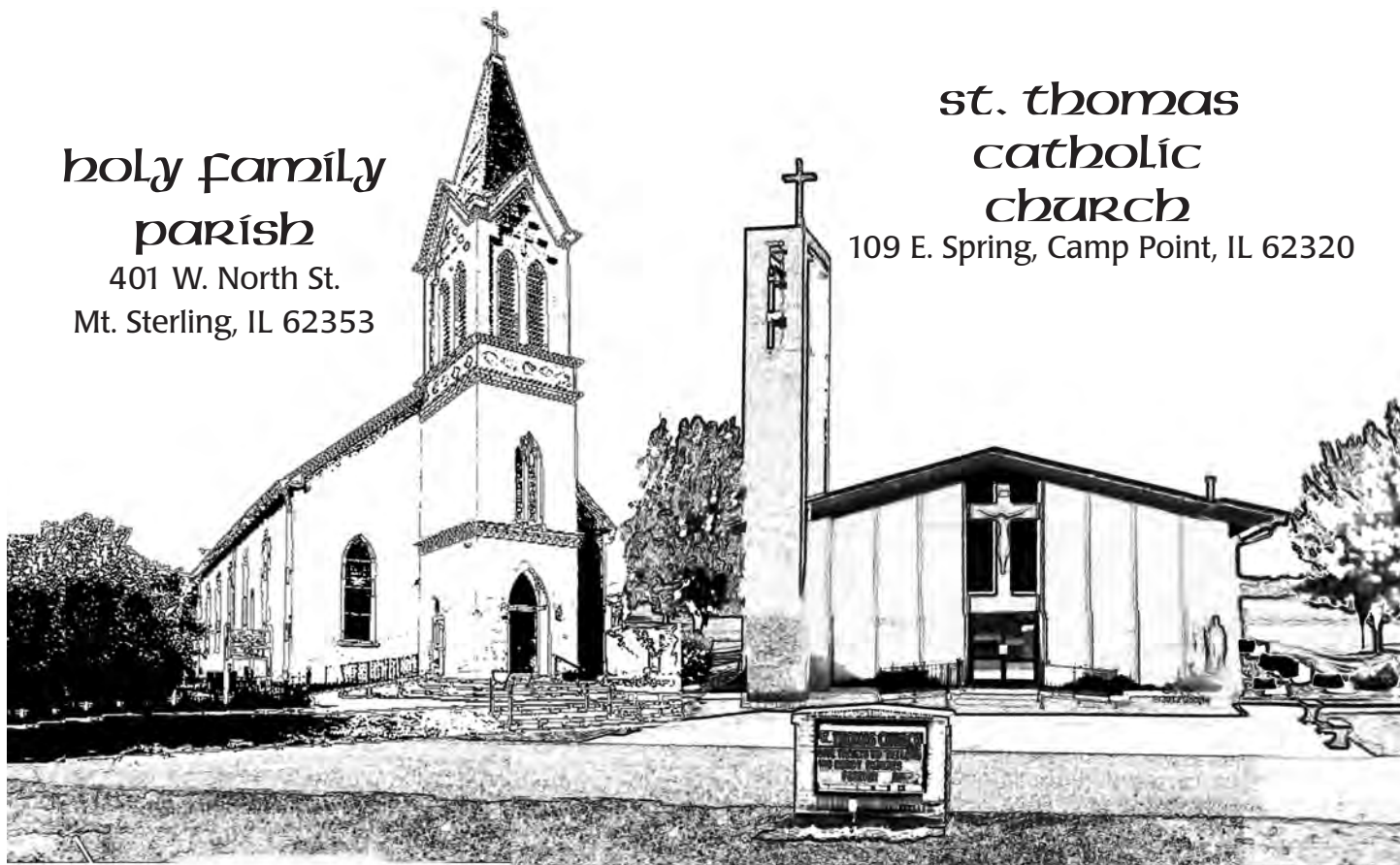


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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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.

Website: www.stthomascp.org

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 8/24–

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

Tuesday, 8/25 –

7:00 a.m. Thomas L. Tracy (By Michael & Jacklyn Brennan) (HF)

Wednesday, 8/26 –

7:00 a.m. Daniel B. Quinn (By Mary Eloise Meyer) (HF)

Thursday, 8/27 –

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

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

Friday, 8/28 –

8:15 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Larry Volk) (HF)

Saturday, 8/29 –

8:15 a.m. NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

5:30 p.m. Gay Gunn (By Tom & Nancy Schneider) (HF)

Sunday, 8/30 –

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

10:00 a.m. Carol Likes (By John & Judy Summers) (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 † Brandon Volk †
 Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †
 Dyson Ham † Nancy Salrin †
 David Bordenkircher † Sandra Kemper †
 Stanley Obert † Dona Hedden

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

August 30 – 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Dawn Peters
Greeters: Justin & Emily Obert Family
Lector: Tod Perry

Servers: Evan Hoeschler, Alivia Schmidt
Gift Bearers: Darren & Amy Hildebrand
Eucharistic Minister: Laura Evans, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters: Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers: Jerel & Alex Mock

ST. THOMAS

Ice Cream Social -- Thank You! Many thanks! We had a wonderful turnout for our Ice Cream Social. Thank you to all of you for all of your hard work and time. Thanks to all who helped with the planning and preparation, making ice cream, making desserts, and working the day of the social. Thanks for all of your donations too. It was a wonderful day that brought us all together on behalf of our St. Thomas parish family. God bless you all.

Meet the PSR Catechists will take place on Sunday, August 30 after Mass in the hall.

PSR classes will start Sunday September 13 and will be from 8:30-9:45. Registration forms are in the back of Church and also emailed out. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Evans 217-316-1734 or levans@adams.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located at the Mt. Sterling **Legion Hall** on **Wednesday, August 26, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Appointments are recommended but walk ins are welcome. Call 1-800 Red Cross or 217-257-3117 for appointments.

Introducing the Sister Sara Koch Scholarship

Sister M. Sara Koch, O.P., a 1959 graduate of St. Mary School, went on to spend nearly six decades as a Dominican Sister — teaching, leading, and encouraging countless families in their faith. Her journey began right here in Mt. Sterling, formed by the same Catholic education our students receive today.

In her honor, Jim and Rosalie Shank and other family members have established the Sister Sara Koch Scholarship Fund. This fall, the first awards will go to St. Mary students, helping ensure Catholic education continues to shape young hearts for generations to come.

Consider joining this legacy of grace with a gift today at

www.smseagle.org/donate/scholarship.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL
MISSION APPEAL
August 29-30, 2026

The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 300 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, and Southern Sudan. They have over 140 seminarians in Nigeria.

Their missions in rural parts of Africa provide food and support for children. They run elementary schools to cater for the educational needs of children from poor families and assist young people with vocational training. They need funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and health care in rural communities; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your prayers and financial support will be a great encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul. May God bless you!

Find out more about them on
www.mspfathers.org.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A). The reading centers on the vital question of identity and faith: "Who do you say that I am?" When Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, he receives the keys to the kingdom. This passage challenges us to move beyond cultural assumptions and make a personal, life-shaping profession of faith in Jesus.

Mass Readings Overview

- **First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23):** God removes the unfaithful master of the palace, Shebna, and installs Eliakim, placing the "keys of the House of David" on his shoulder as a symbol of stable authority.
- **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8):** A song of thanksgiving proclaiming that "the Lord's steadfast love endures forever" and that He cares for the lowly.
- **Second Reading (Romans 11:33-36):** St. Paul marvels at the profound, unsearchable wisdom, depth, and knowledge of God.
- **Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20):** Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter confesses, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God," leading Jesus to name Peter the rock and give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

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- **The Identity of Jesus:** Moving past popular speculation (John the Baptist, Elijah, or a prophet), disciples are challenged to make a personal commitment and clear profession of faith in Jesus as Lord.
- **Divine Authority and Stewardship:** The transfer of the keys from Isaiah echoes in Jesus' commission to Peter, establishing a permanent, divinely guided office of leadership in the Church that outlasts human weakness.
- **Grace-Revealed Faith:** Peter's profound insight did not come from human intuition ("flesh and blood") but was a direct revelation from the Heavenly Father.

On Monday, August 17, we gathered at the cemetery with the Salrin family to pray for Bonnie Jean Salrin's eternal rest. We offer our deepest condolences to her loved ones, especially Rosemarie. May Jean rest in peace. Amen.

A big thank you to our parishioners who joined us for the Holy Mass celebrating the Assumption and Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 and 22. We were thrilled to see such a large crowd on both Saturdays.

A huge thank you to the St. Thomas community for coming out in full force to the Ice Cream Social. We're also grateful for the presence of our friends from Quincy Parishes.

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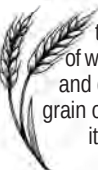
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of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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