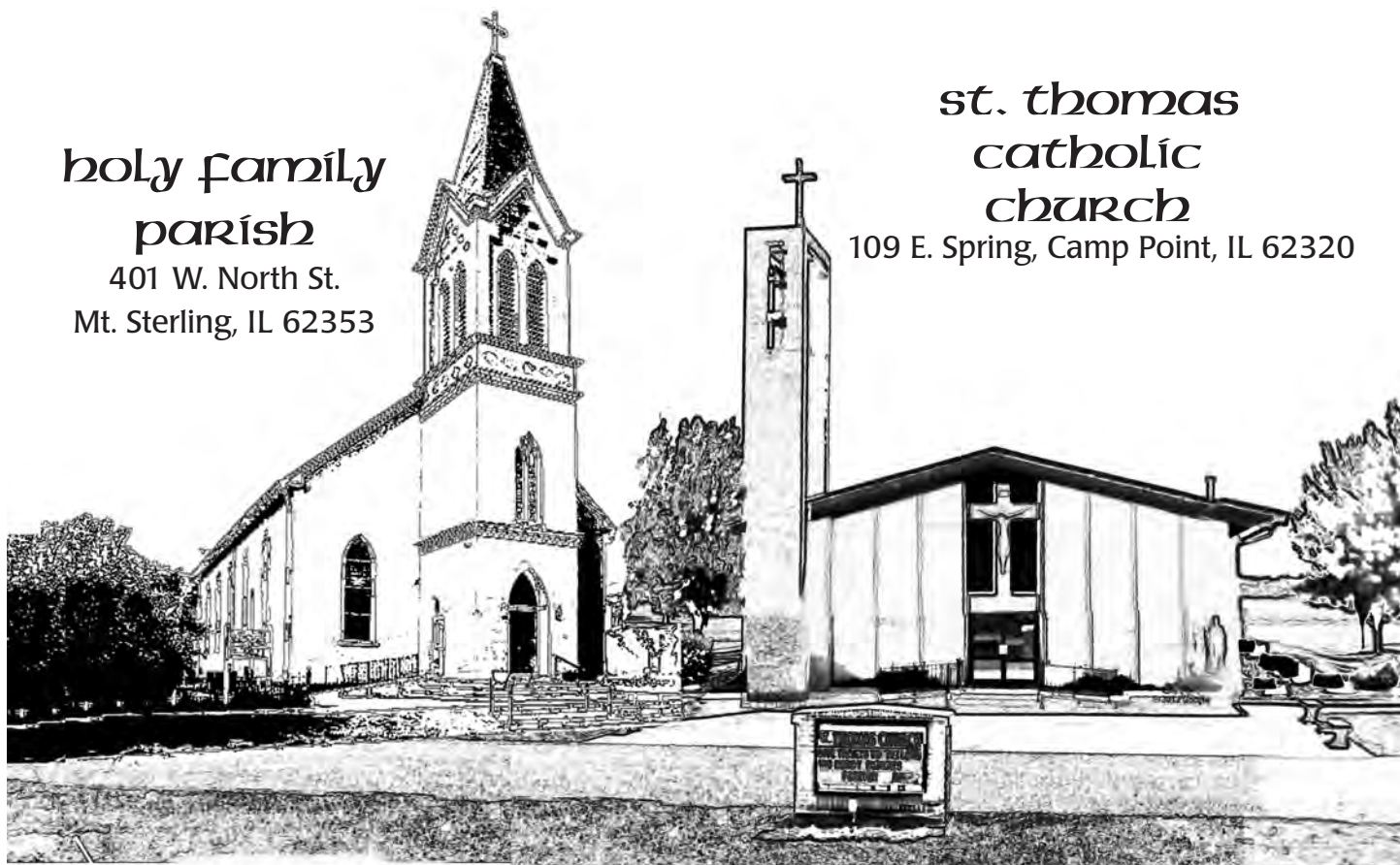


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Mass Schedule

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

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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, 8/31-

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

Tuesday, 9/1 -

7:00 a.m. William Rang (By Teresa Busen) (HF)

Wednesday, 9/2 -

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

Thursday, 9/3 -

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

5:30 p.m. David Clausius (By Jim & Nora Clausius) (ST)

Friday, 9/4 -

8:15 a.m. Helen Armstrong (By Cathy Black) (HF)

6:00 p.m. Edwin & Vivian Schulte (By Robin & Claudia Coggeshall) (ST)

Saturday, 9/5 -

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

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

Sunday, 9/6 -

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

10:00 a.m. John & Anne Norkus (By Pat Sharrow) (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:

Jim Duvendack † Sheila Thompson †
Logan Wilson † Isabella Wilson †
Kalvin 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 † Dona Hedden †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 6 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Mark & Amanda Obert Family
Lector:	Denise Taylor
Servers:	Sydney Kearby, Myles Kearby
Gift Bearers:	Brent & Sarah Kearby Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Curtis Cramsey, Andrew Llewellyn

ST. THOMAS

Thank you from Birthright - Birthright of Quincy would like to give a special thank you to St. Thomas for all of the baked goods that were donated to their bake sale at the K of C Barbeque. They were so impressed that our parish made so much! With this as their main fundraiser, it means a lot to their financial support. Thank you not only for these donations, but especially for supporting Birthright and their caring mission.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER IN QUINCY

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans throughout the U.S. will gather at memorial sites dedicated in honor of aborted babies and at their gravesites, for the 14th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Together, during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.

Solemn vigils will be held in over 160 locations to commemorate the more than 66 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

PLEASE join us for Quincy's third annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children memorial service.

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 12, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors near the entrance to the main building, 700 S. 36th Street, Quincy

Sponsored by: Right to Life of Adams County

Please bring a lawn chair

More Info: Jean Cook, 217-430-6967 or Jane Haas, 217-257-0533

From the Pastor's Desk

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) falls on August 30, 2026. The scriptural readings center on the theme of authentic discipleship, self-surrender, and the cost of following God's will even when it involves suffering or carrying a cross.

Mass Readings

- **First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9):** Jeremiah laments how hard it is to speak God's word, comparing it to a "burning fire shut up in my bones" that he cannot contain, despite facing mockery and derision.
- **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9):** "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."
- **Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2):** Paul urges believers not to conform to this world, but to offer their bodies as a "living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God".
- **Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27):** Jesus predicts his suffering and death. When Peter objects, Jesus rebukes him ("Get behind me, Satan!") for thinking as humans do rather than as God does, and tells the crowd that followers must deny themselves, take up their cross, and lose their life to find it.

TAKE TO HEART

- **The Cost of Discipleship:** Following Jesus is countercultural. Just as Peter wanted a triumphant Messiah without a cross, humans naturally seek comfort, luxury, and self-preservation. Jesus reframes this: true life comes through self-surrender.
- **The Fire of the Word:** Jeremiah's experience models a true prophet's life. God's call can feel

overwhelming or burdensome ("you have overpowered me"), yet the inner drive to love and serve God remains an unquenchable fire.

- **A Living Sacrifice:** Paul defines worship not just as ritual, but as the total daily offering of one's everyday life and choices transformed by a renewed mind.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR
REVEREND FATHER RAMESH MATTA

It is with spiritual anticipation and pastoral duty that the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, formally announce a significant pastoral appointment within our Diocese.

Effective September 1, 2026, Reverend Father Ramesh Matta will assume the critical role of Pastor for both Holy Family Parish in Mount Sterling, Illinois, and Saint Thomas Parish in Camp Point, Illinois. In addition to these parish responsibilities, Father Matta will also serve as Chaplain to the Western Illinois Correctional Center, located in Mount Sterling, Illinois. Father Matta, who currently serves within the Diocese from Jerseyville, Illinois, brings valuable experience and dedication to these new assignments.

In this capacity, Father Matta will be fully entrusted with the pastoral care of the faithful in Holy Family Parish and Saint Thomas Parish. This appointment confers upon him all the canonical jurisdiction, obligations, and inherent rights attached to the office of pastor, as defined by the universal law of the Church and the particular legislation of our Diocese.

This transition follows the devoted service of our beloved Father Obi, who will be concluding his tenure at the end of August due to ongoing health challenges. Father Obi plans to return to Belleville, and we extend our profound gratitude for his dedicated ministry among us and offer our earnest prayers for his health and well-being in the future.

We invite all parishioners to welcome Father Matta with open hearts and prayerful support as he begins his ministry in these communities. Let us also continue to hold Father Obi in our prayers during his time of transition.

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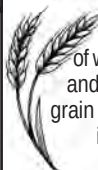
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and dies, it remains just a
grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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