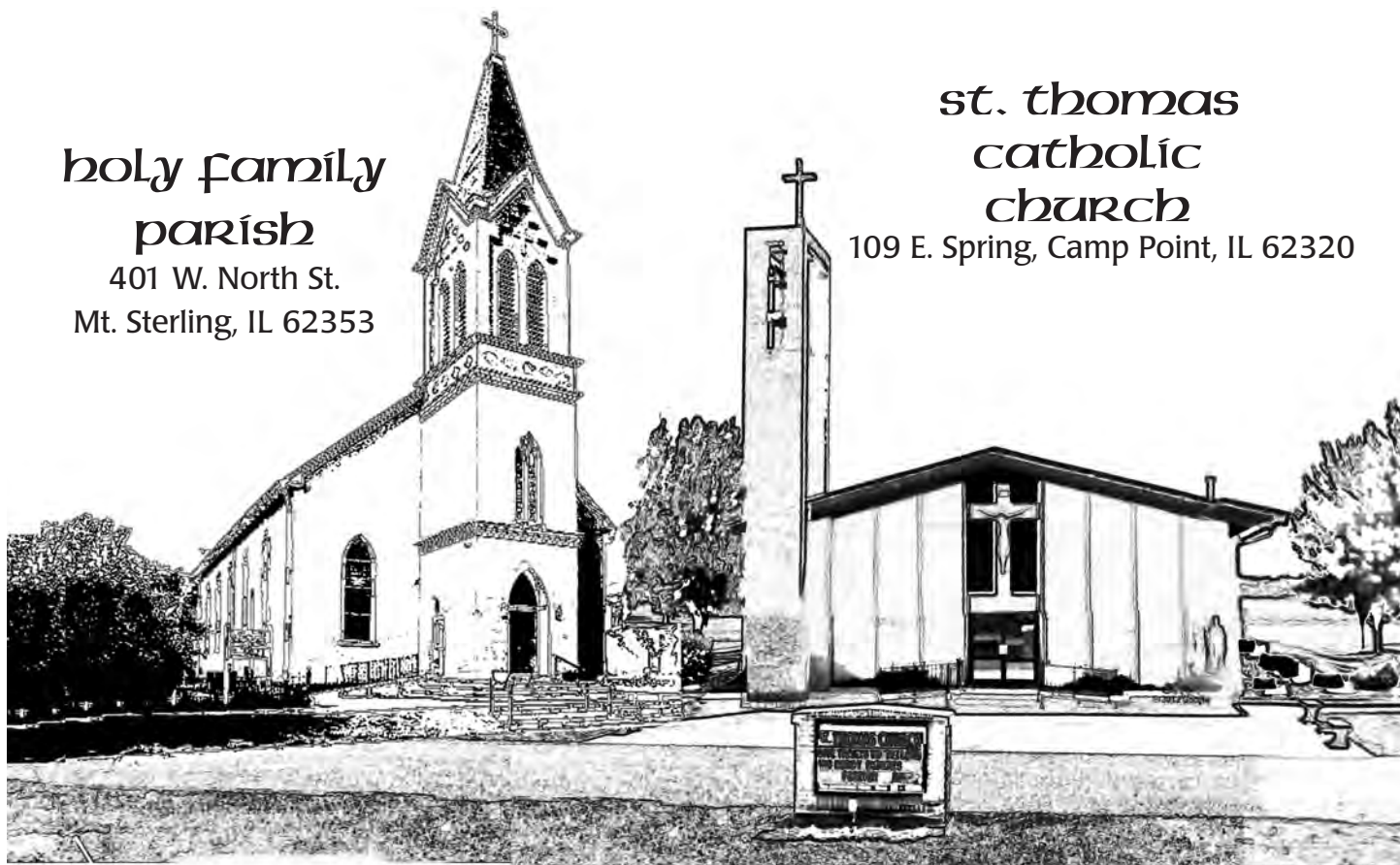


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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday

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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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 8:30 a.m.

PSR classes Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Men & Women's Society Meeting 1st Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 9/28-

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

Tuesday, 9/29 -

7:00 a.m. Jean Salrin (By Legion of Mary) (HF)

Wednesday, 9/30 -

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Clark (By Norma Hufnagel) (HF)

Thursday, 10/1 -

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

5:30 p.m. Richard & Delores Obert (By Butch & Dorothy Obert) (ST)

Friday, 10/2 -

8:15 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)

6:00 p.m. Beulah Peters (By Donald & Wilma Schrecke) (ST)

Saturday, 10/3 -

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

5:30 p.m. Pat Volk (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)

Sunday, 10/4 -

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

10:00 a.m. Verna Taylor (By McKenzi Wilkey & Family) (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 † Calvin Schenk †
 Dylan Hendricks † Mary Gregory †
 Misha Follis Allen † Leona Dunn † Brandon Volk †
 Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne † Linda Lehne †
 Dyson Ham † David Bordenkircher †
 Stanley Obert † Dona Hedden †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

October 4 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Dawn Peters
Greeters:	Maurice & Clara Schmidt
Lector:	Karen Janssen
Servers:	Charles Evans, Tess Obert

Gift Bearers:	Mark & Amanda Obert Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
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ST. THOMAS

SAVE THE DATE - Deacon Dennis Holbrook will be coming to St. Thomas Church Hall on Monday evening October 26 at 6:00 p.m. He will be speaking on "The Gift of Divine Mercy." Everyone is invited.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

The blessing of animals is a traditional Catholic ceremony held on or near the October 4 Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and creation. Father Ramesh will honor this tradition by blessing our pets on **Friday, October 2**. Parents, grandparents or an adult may bring the family pet to St. Mary's parking lot at 2:15 on this day. **(Dogs should be on a leash.)** Students and parishioners may mingle briefly with their pet then Father will offer a pet blessing and sprinkle them with Holy Water. Students may depart with their parents, grandparents, adults and pets following the blessing.

October 2 -9:30 City Wide Mass at Quincy Notre Dame High School for **Grades 2nd-8th**.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

If you are currently in 7th Grade or older, we invite you to join us on an epic adventure next summer! We will be attending a Catholic Heart Workcamp in Waterloo, IA from June 13-18. We'll leave on Saturday, June 12 so that we can have a fun day at Lost Island Amusement & Waterpark and have some team building before camp starts. Please contact Jeanne Cramsey at 217-653-3962 by September 28 if you're interested in joining us.

CROPS FOR KIDS' FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY SCHOOL

Crops for Kids this year will be October 3. Donations will be accepted at WGM in Mt. Sterling as in years past. Beth Boylen and her crew will be providing brisket lunch. Contact Jon Boylen 217-257-5276 or Beth Boylen 217-242-1237.

Annual Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

"St. Mary's School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/."

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings for the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** invite us to reflect on a very important question: **Does our "yes" to God show itself in the way we live?** It is easy to say the right words, make good promises, or tell others that we believe in God. But Christian discipleship is not measured only by what we say. It is revealed by what we do.

In the **first reading from the prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28)**, God reminds His people that each person is responsible for the direction of his or her own life. A person who has turned away from wrongdoing and begins to practice what is right can find life. God does not want us trapped by our past. He continually invites us to conversion.

This is an encouraging message. Sometimes we look at our past mistakes and think, "That is who I am." But God says something different. **Your past does not have to determine your future.** With God's grace, we can change, begin again, and return to the Lord.

The second reading, **Philippians 2:1-11**, takes us even deeper. St. Paul asks the Christian community to be united in love, to avoid selfishness, and to consider others with humility. Then he places before us the greatest example of humility: **Jesus Christ.**

Jesus, though divine, humbled Himself and became obedient, even accepting death on a cross. The Church gives us this passage as a beautiful reminder that Christian life is not about putting ourselves above others. It is about learning to serve.

In our families, workplaces, parish communities, and friendships, we can easily ask, "What about me?" The Gospel asks us to consider another question: **"How can I serve?"**

Humility does not mean thinking that we have no value. Rather, humility means recognizing that we do not live only for ourselves. We have been blessed in order to become a blessing to others.

The Gospel from **Matthew 21:28-32** gives us a simple story about two sons. Their father asks both of them to work in the vineyard. The first says "no," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says "yes," but does not go.

Jesus uses this story to teach us that **our actions speak louder than our words.**

There may be times when we have said "yes" to God but have not followed through. We may say we love God, but do we show that love through patience, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion? We may say that our family is important, but do we make time for one another? We may say that our parish is a family of faith, but do we welcome those who are new, lonely, or struggling?

The first son gives us hope because he changes. His initial "no" does not become the final word. He listens again and chooses to obey.

Perhaps there is something in our own lives that God is asking us to change. Maybe we have delayed forgiving someone. Perhaps we have neglected prayer. Maybe we have become too busy to notice someone who needs our attention. Or perhaps God is calling us to become more involved in the life of our parish and school.

It is never too late to change our "no" into a "yes."

As we continue growing together as a **family of faith**, may we seek not only to speak about our faith but to live it. Let our "yes" to God become visible in our homes, our parish, our school, our workplaces, and our communities.

This Sunday, I invite each of us to ask ourselves: **What is God asking me to do—and will my life show my answer?**

May we learn from Christ, who did not simply speak about love but gave Himself completely in love. May His humility inspire us to serve one another, and may His grace help us turn every hesitant "no" into a faithful "yes."

Our words may begin the journey, but our actions show that we truly belong to Christ.

May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to strengthen our parish family in faith, unity, humility, and loving service.

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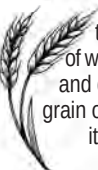
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and dies, it remains just a
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it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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