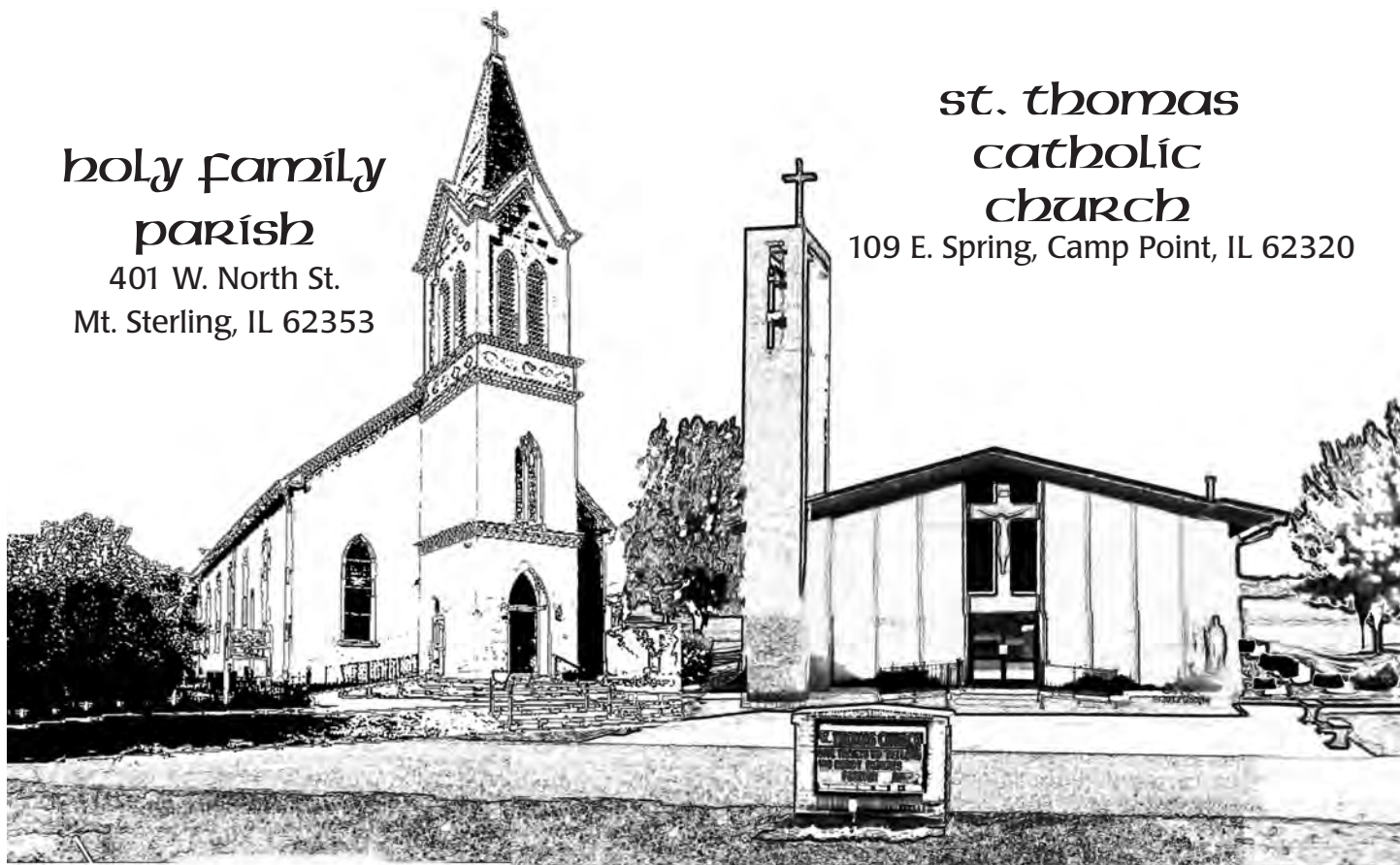


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Mass Schedule

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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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 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, 9/7-

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

Tuesday, 9/8 -

7:00 a.m. Melvin & Eleanor McClelland & JoAnne McClelland Harris (By Linda Colgan) (HF)

Wednesday, 9/9 -

7:00 a.m. Raymond Metzger (By Nancy Schneider) (HF)

Thursday, 9/10 -

7:00 a.m. All Priests of the Diocese (By Cheryl Dillard) (HF)

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

Friday, 9/11 -

8:15 a.m. Doug & Margie Dunn (By Doug & Dawn Dunn) (HF)

Saturday, 9/12 -

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

5:30 p.m. Helen Koch (By Barb Lehne) (HF)

Sunday, 9/13 -

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

10:00 a.m. Russell & Esther Sherman, Robert "Bob" & Alice Druffel (By the 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 † Brandan Volk †
 Sharon Wiese † Raymond Lehne †
 Linda Lehne † Dyson Ham † Nancy Salrin †
 David Bordenkircher † Stanley Obert †
 Dona Hedden †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

September 13 - 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Tod Perry Family
Lector:	Teresa Bockhold
Servers:	Tess Obert, Addiley Schmidt
Gift Bearers:	Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Eucharistic Minister:	Alicia Schmidt, Ray Bockhold, Tod Perry
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ST. THOMAS

We'd like to thank Dorothy Obert for her countless commitment to the Community for Christ Assistance Center for the past 22 years. She is one of the founding members and has decided to retire. Thanks, Dorothy, for being part of the continuous team that has built this amazing outreach to our community. Your commitment to serving others spans throughout so many years and in a heartfelt commitment that has touched so many. May God Bless you as you blessed so many.

Jenni and Brent Obert (217-779-0720) have taken over as the St. Thomas Board Members for the Community for Christ Assistance Center. We are always looking for volunteers to take our church's turn to supply workers on our assigned days. The center is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you can help out, please give us a call. You can even work part of a shift. We've got a great team started, but we sure could use some more helpers.

National Collection - The Catholic University of America

This weekend, the diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both

religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Visit: collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Parish and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, and the St. Mary Catholic School Community,

With a grateful heart and great joy, I introduce myself to you as your new pastor. It is a blessing and privilege to begin this new chapter of my priestly ministry with the wonderful faith communities of **Holy Family Parish and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, and with the children, families, teachers, and staff of **St. Mary Catholic School**.

This year, I celebrate **20 years of priesthood**. Throughout these years, the Lord has taught me that being a priest is above all a call to serve—to walk with God's people in their joys and struggles, to celebrate the sacraments, to proclaim the Gospel, and to help others encounter the love and mercy of Christ. I am deeply grateful to the many pastors who have faithfully served these communities before me and for the foundations of faith they have helped build.

The readings of this **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**, offer a beautiful message for the beginning of our journey together. God tells the prophet Ezekiel that he is called to be a "watchman" for His people. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our responsibility to care for one another with love and truth. St. Paul beautifully summarizes our Christian calling: **"Love does no evil to the neighbor."** These readings invite us to become a community that watches over one another, encourages one another, forgives one another, and walks together toward Christ.

I have already heard so many wonderful things about **Holy Family and St. Thomas Parishes**—your strong faith, generous hearts, beautiful traditions, and commitment to one another. I am equally grateful for the wonderful ministry of **St. Mary Catholic School**, where young hearts and minds are being formed in faith, knowledge, and virtue.

As your pastor, my hope is to build upon these blessings and work together to strengthen our parish families, deepen our sacramental life, support our children and young people, reach out to those in need, and welcome everyone who comes through our doors.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and sharing this journey of faith together. Please pray for me, as I promise to pray for you. **May Christ unite us, guide us, and make our parishes places where His love is known, lived, and shared.**

**With prayers and blessings,
Rev. Ramesh Matta, Pastor**

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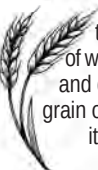
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grain of wheat, but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.
John 12:24

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