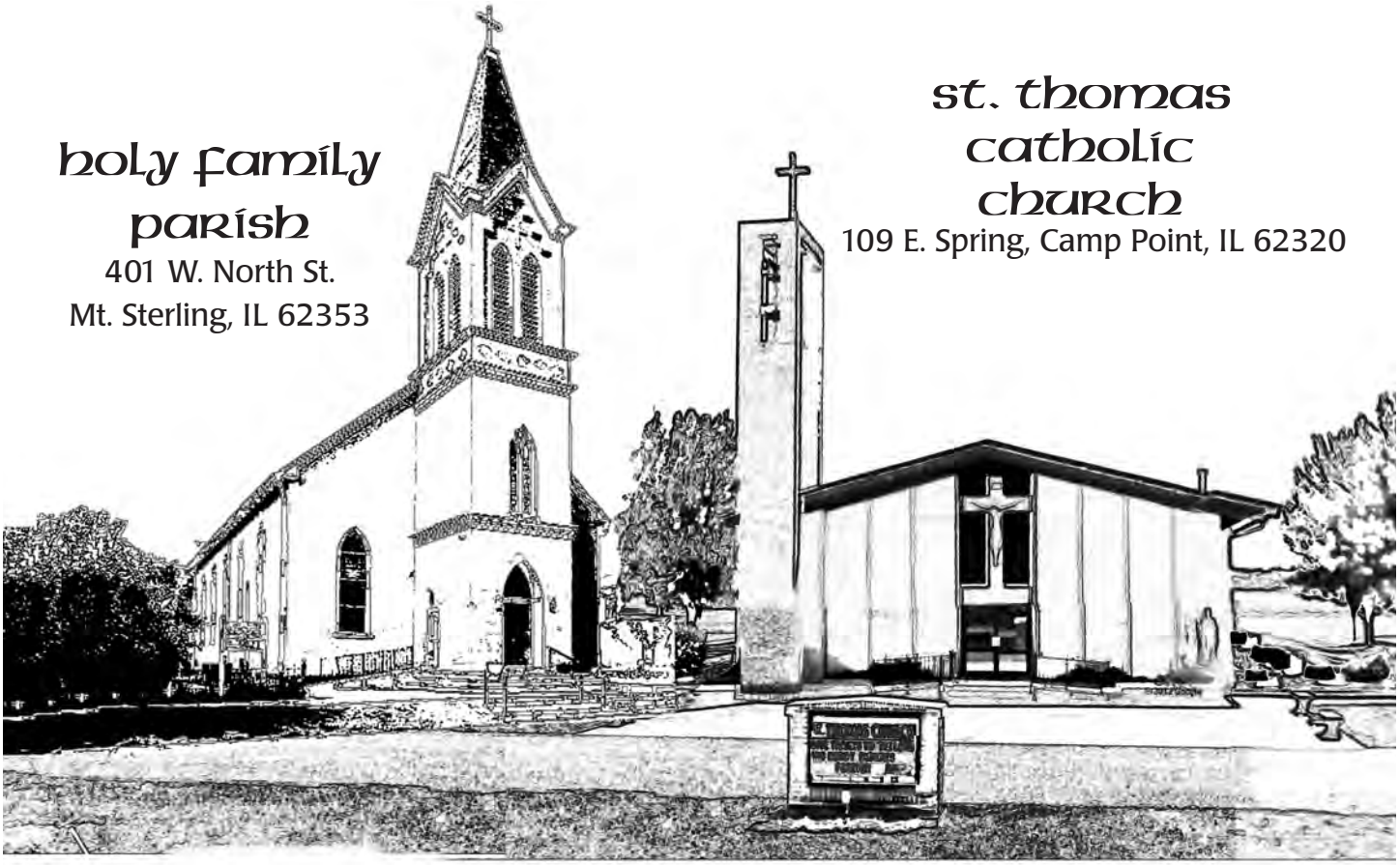
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Daily: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday - 8:15 a.m. Friday
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Holy days: Will be Announced

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday: 4:30-5:00 p.m. - Anytime by appointment

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 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Website: www.stthomascp.org
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 11/16–
7:00 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**
Tuesday, 11/17 –
7:00 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Mary Jo McCombs) **(HF)**
Wednesday, 11/18 –
7:00 a.m. Robert Kemper (By Sandra Kemper) **(HF)**
Thursday, 11/19 –
7:00 a.m. Fr. Ramesh's intentions **(HF)**
5:30 p.m. Richard & Delores Obert (By Butch & Dorothy Obert) **(ST)**
Friday, 11/20 –
8:15 a.m. Mark Ebbing (By BC Deer Classic) **(HF)**
Saturday, 11/21 –
8:15 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**
5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Alfred & Mary Wegs Family (By Doug & Dawn Dunn) **(HF)**
Sunday, 11/22 –
8:00 a.m. Frank Kassing (By Tammy) **(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:

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 † David Bordenkircher † Stanley Obert † Dona Hedden † Tom Tracy † Clark Knight † Candy Knight † Kim Colbert † Ron Kassing † Sommer Kassing Stiefel †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 22 – 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Maurice Schmidt
Greeters: Greg & Elizabeth Likes
Lector: Kim Gronewold
Servers: Charlee Reed, Alivia Schmidt
Gift Bearers: Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn Family
Eucharistic Minister: Laura Evans, Dessy Wilkey, Clara Schmidt
Collection Counters: Jerel & Bobbi Mock
Ushers: Tod & Elijah Perry

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Communion Ministers - There will be a training meeting for all Communion Ministers on Thursday, November 19, after the 5:30 Mass. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. This is for those who have already been serving as Communion Ministers and for anyone who is interested in becoming one. Fr. Ramesh will be reviewing the proper ways, procedures and spiritual aspects of this ministry.

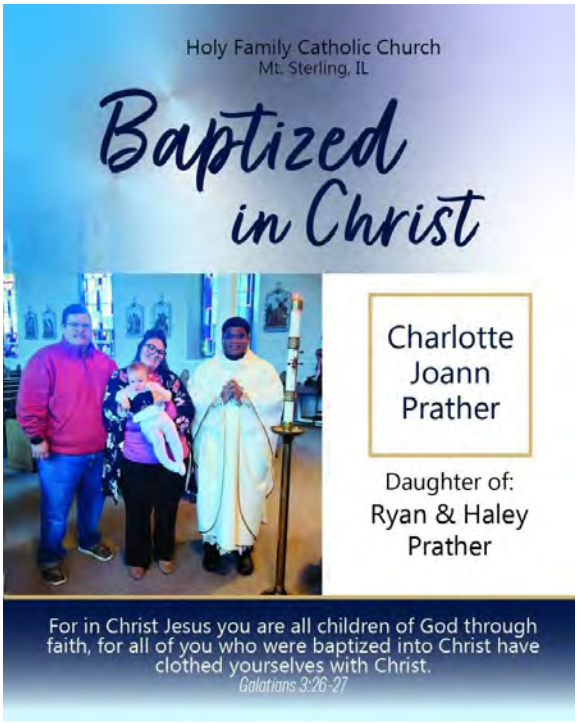
St. Thomas Ministers of Holy Communion - If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or if you already are a minister, Fr. Ramesh will be having a meeting within the next few weeks. It is our hope to have all of the training and mandates completed by Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of church. Please sign up.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



CALENDAR
Friday, November 20 No School
Tuesday, November 24
2:00 p.m. Dismissal
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday-November 25, 26, 27 No School-Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, December 5 @ 5:30
Student Led Mass
Monday, December 14 Christmas Program @ 6:30 in gym

Welcome to God's Family, Charlotte JoAnn Prather!



With great joy, we congratulate **Charlotte JoAnn Prather**, who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Holy Family Church on Saturday, November 7. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to her parents, **Ryan** and **Haley Prather**, her godparents, and all the family members and friends who gathered to celebrate this beautiful sacrament. May Charlotte grow in the love of God, be strengthened by His grace, and remain close to Jesus throughout her life.

Our parish school has begun a beautiful initiative called **"Baptism Buddies."** Through this program, whenever a child is baptized in our church, some of our **St. Marys school** students spiritually adopt that child. They promise to pray for the newly baptized child and support him or her through prayer as the child grows in faith. In this way, our school community becomes part of the child's spiritual journey.

If you or someone in your family is expecting a child or would like to have a child baptized, please contact the parish priest. We will be happy to help you make the necessary arrangements and prepare for this wonderful sacrament.

May our parish family continue to grow through the gift of Baptism, welcoming each new child of God with joy, prayer, and love!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners,

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to reflect on our Christian responsibility and how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us. This Sunday's three readings share an important message: God blesses us with gifts, calls us to use them faithfully, and invites us to remain ready for His coming.

The first reading from the Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31) presents the beautiful image of a worthy woman. She is hardworking, wise, generous, and attentive to the needs of her family and the poor. Her value is not measured by outward beauty or material possessions, but by her character and the good she accomplishes. The reading reminds us: "Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30). Her hands are busy with meaningful work, and her heart is open to those in need. She shows us that holiness is often lived through ordinary responsibilities performed with extraordinary love. She does not keep her gifts to herself; she puts them at the service of others.

In the second reading, (1 Thessalonians 5:1–6) Saint Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, "like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Therefore, Christians must not live carelessly or become spiritually asleep. He encourages us to remain alert and sober. This does not mean living in fear of the future, but living responsibly in the present. Our daily choices, our relationships, our prayer, and our service should reflect our readiness to meet the Lord.

The Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30) gives us the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his servants with different amounts before going on a journey. Two servants use their talents and produce more, while the third buries his out of fear. When the master returns, he praises the faithful servants: "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). The talents represent everything God has entrusted to us: our abilities, time, education, resources, opportunities, faith, and relationships. God does not expect everyone to have the same gifts or accomplish the same things. He asks us to be faithful with what we have received.

Together, these readings show us what faithful readiness looks like. The woman in Proverbs uses her gifts in loving service; the servants in the Gospel put their master's gifts to work; and Saint Paul reminds us that we must live this way because we do not know when the Lord will come. Our preparation for eternity is not simply waiting for Christ but faithfully serving Him in the people and responsibilities He places before us today.

Every member of our parish has something to contribute. Through prayer, ministry, teaching, encouragement, caring for the sick, helping the poor, supporting our school, or quietly serving a neighbor, each of us can make a difference. No gift is too small when offered with love.

As we reflect on these readings, let us ask ourselves: Am I using the gifts God has given me, or am I burying them? Am I making a difference in the lives of others?

May we recognize our blessings, put them to good use, and remain faithful and watchful as we await the Lord's return. May we one day hear His words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

In Christ, Father Ramesh

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Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain 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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