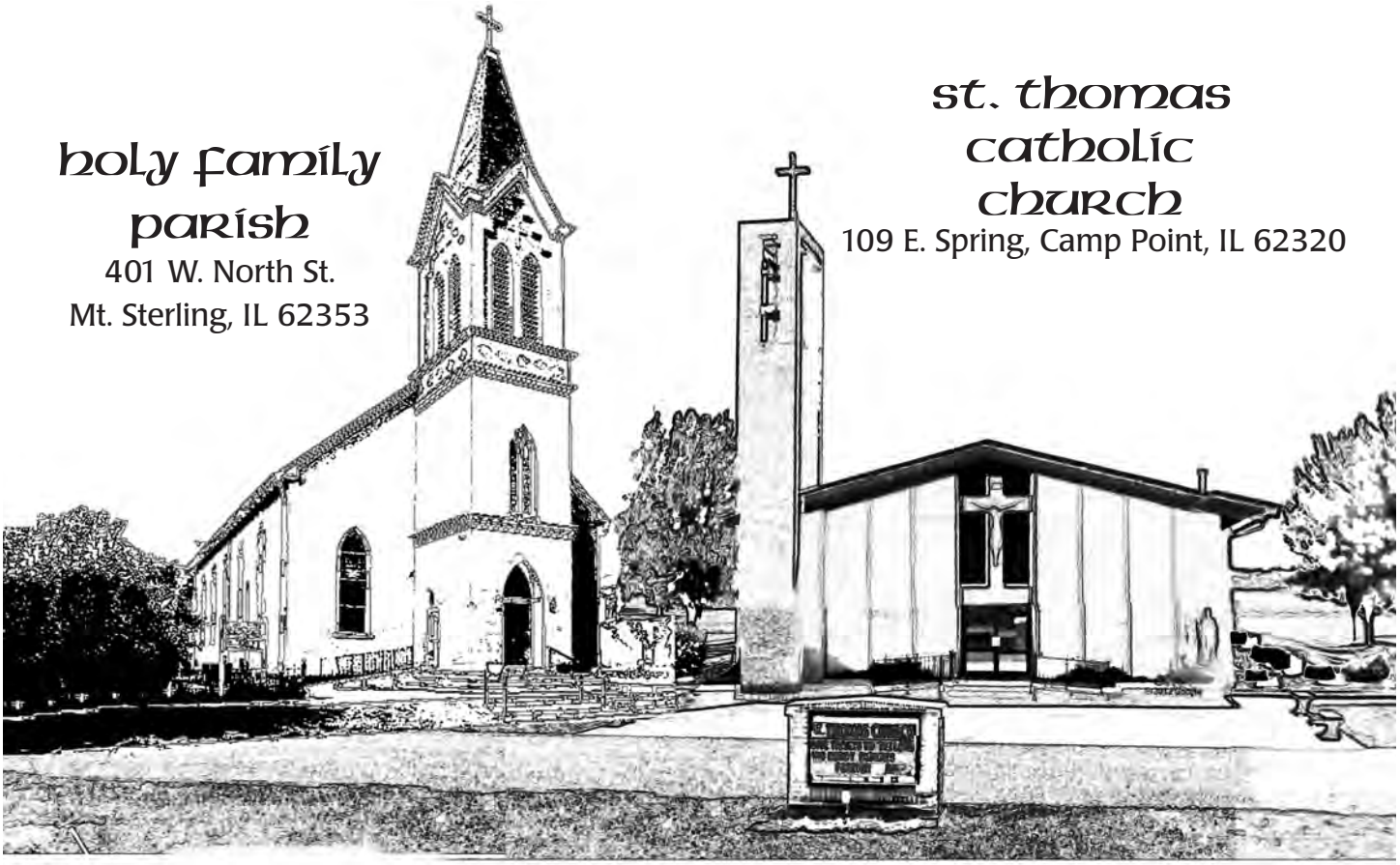
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Mass Schedule

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 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
https://stthomascp.formed.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, 11/23–
7:00 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**
Tuesday, 11/24 –
8:15 a.m. Jennifer Volk (By Mary Jo McCombs) **(HF)**
Wednesday, 11/25 –
7:00 a.m. John Colgan (By Norma Hufnagel) (**HF)**
Thursday, 11/26 –
7:00 a.m. Fr. Ramesh's intentions **(HF)**
9:00 a.m. Virginia Obe (By a St. Thomas Parishioner) (**ST)**
Friday, 11/27 –
8:15 a.m. Scotty Blentlinger (By John & Carolyn Ormond) (**HF)**
Saturday, 11/28 –
8:15 a.m. **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE (HF)**
5:30 p.m. Jim & Corrine Kassing (By Tammy) (**HF)**
Sunday, 11/29 –
8:00 a.m. Tom Schneider (By Nancy & Family) (**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 † Clark Knight † Candy Knight † Kim Colbert † Ron Kassing † Sommer Kassing Stiefel †

ST. THOMAS LITURGICAL ROLES

November 29 – 10:00 a.m.

Sacristan:	Denise Taylor
Greeters:	Andrew & Amanda Llewellyn
Lector:	Karen Janssen
Servers:	Sydney Kearby, Addalyn Llewellyn
Gift Bearers:	Matt & Laura Evans Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Pat Sharow, Theresa Bockhold, Brent Obert
Collection Counters:	Robin Coggeshall
Ushers:	Tod & Elijah Perry

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas Ice Cream for Sale - We still have some gallons and half gallons of ice cream for sale. The cost is $25/gallon and $15/half gallon. If you would like some, please contact Pat at 217-593-7059 or Nancy at 217-242-6492. If no answer, please leave a message.

St. Thomas Parishioners - If you are homebound and are unable to attend Sunday Mass due to health constraints or a recent hospital stay and you would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Pat at 217-593-7059. We will arrange someone to come and visit you and bring Holy Communion.

Adult Faith Formation Advent Program

Joy to the World: *Advent Journey with the Angelus*

Joy is not a feeling we chase; it's a fruit that grows from trust. As Christians, we are called to say yes to God with full trust and surrender like Mary did, not just in the big moments of life, but again and again, in the ordinary moments of our ordinary days.

Praying the Angelus is a small, steady habit with the power to reorient our entire lives. This Advent, Joy to the World invites you to pause once a day to pray this traditional prayer and let it draw you deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation. Through this simple habit you will be preparing your heart to make your own personal fiat to the Lord.

By Christmas, may this small daily pause have planted in you the same joy Mary carried to Elizabeth, a joy that doesn't depend on our circumstances but on Christ dwelling among us.

Please join us for our Advent study series: Holy Family Parish; December 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Location TBD. Register with Ann O'Sullivan—217-257-2516 or aosullivan2031@gmail.com

ST. MARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all of our veterans who attended Mass and visited St. Mary's on Veterans Day! We so enjoyed your presence and are forever grateful for all you have done to keep each and every one of us safe and free! Our students did a wonderful job singing patriotic songs, sharing artwork and delivering spoken messages to our Vets. Thank you, Father Ramesh, for the incredible homily at Mass where you honored our veterans and

made a direct connection to the day's Gospel. Thank you, Mrs. Rosemary, for preparing a wonderful breakfast and thank you Mrs. Koch for teaching students to sing so beautifully! It was a great morning!

YMCA COMMUNITY BAND & CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The YMCA Community Band and Choir will be holding their fall performance on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium! This wonderful program is made possible through the Y Annual Campaign, helping bring music, community, and opportunities like this to Brown County.

HOLY FAMILY CHOIR PRACTICE

Holy Family choir will practice December 2, 9 and 16 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

From the Pastor's Desk

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17; 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28; Matthew 25:31–46

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we bring the Church's liturgical year to a close by proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the King of all creation, the Lord of history, and the center of our lives. His kingship, however, is very different from that of earthly rulers. He does not rule through wealth, power, or force, but through truth, love, mercy, humility, and service. He is a King who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life for us.

The three readings of this solemnity beautifully reveal who Christ our King is and what it means to belong to His Kingdom.

In the first reading, **Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17**, God presents Himself as a loving shepherd who personally searches for His scattered sheep. He promises: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep." He seeks the lost, brings back the strayed, heals the injured, and strengthens the weak. This image points to Jesus, the Good Shepherd and King, who never abandons His people. His kingship is expressed through care, compassion, and concern for every person, especially the vulnerable and forgotten.

In the second reading, **1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28**, Saint Paul proclaims the victory of the risen Christ. Through His Resurrection, Jesus has conquered sin and death. Paul reminds us that death is the last enemy to be destroyed and that Christ will reign until all things are brought under His authority. Our King does not offer merely an earthly kingdom; He promises eternal life. Our Christian hope is that, through Him, we too will share in the Resurrection.

The Gospel, **Matthew 25:31–46**, gives us a practical understanding of what it means to live under Christ's kingship. Jesus describes the final judgment, when the Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats. The basis of this judgment is how we treated those in need: the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Jesus identifies Himself with them and declares: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

This is the heart of today's celebration: **we serve Christ the King whenever we serve one another**. Our faith is not measured only by what we say or profess, but also by the love we put into action.

Living the Kingdom of Christ in Our Daily Lives

- **Welcome the stranger**: Make visitors, newcomers, and those who feel excluded feel at home in our parish.
- **Feed the hungry**: Support our local food pantry and assist families experiencing hardship.
- **Care for the sick and elderly**: Visit the homebound, hospitalized, and those in nursing homes.
- **Remember the lonely**: Offer friendship, encouragement, and a listening ear to someone who feels forgotten.
- **Practice forgiveness**: Heal broken relationships and allow Christ's mercy to guide our hearts.
- **Serve generously**: Share our time, talents, and resources without expecting recognition or reward.
- **Keep Christ at the center**: Let His teachings guide our families, decisions, work, and relationships.

As we conclude this liturgical year, let us examine our hearts: Does Christ truly reign in our lives? Can others recognize Him through our kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and service?

May Christ our King reign in our homes, our parish, our School and our community. May we follow His example of loving service and one day hear His invitation: "**Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**."

In Christ, Fr. Ramesh Matta, Pastor

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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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