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SACRAMENTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO OUR SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- » Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
- » Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

- » Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (*ad orientem*)

Eucharistic Adoration (in the church):

- » Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Confession:

- » Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
- » Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.
- » By appointment: Please call the pastor

Baptisms & Weddings

- » Please call the parish office

MASSES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

Face masks are **REQUIRED** for all those who come for Mass, Confession, and Adoration, with the exception of children under the age of five. Use your mask properly, **COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR NOSE.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 16

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Wednesday, March 17

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:45 p.m. + NET Night for Confirmation Students

Thursday, March 18

7:30 a.m. + Mass

Friday, March 19

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
6:00 p.m. + Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph
7:00 p.m. + Stations of the Cross
7:45 to 8:30 p.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Saturday, March 20

8:00 a.m. + Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:00 p.m. + Mass

Sunday, March 21

7:30 a.m. + Mass (temporary additional Mass)
8:30 a.m. + Mass
10:30 a.m. + Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended as long as the pandemic continues. This means that you are not presently obligated to attend Mass. All COVID-19 positive persons, those who are symptomatic, and those living with them, must stay home. Persons over age 65 and those with preexisting health conditions should continue to stay home and avoid public gatherings, including in church.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REMEDY FOR WHAT AILS US

The collect for this Fourth Sunday of Lent (you can read it on the front page) acknowledges that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are a remedy of sin. These ancient tools are like medicine or therapy that work to heal where sin has wounded and to restore us to holiness, virtue, and right reason. Much as with medicine or therapy, it is easy to grumble against them, focusing more on things like bad taste, boring repetition, or short-term discomfort than on the end result that is their aim.

Praying does not always seem to be the most efficient or enjoyable way to spend my time. But handing myself over to the Lord and giving him room to speak to my heart, ease my burdens, succor me with consolations, and manifest his love can give me a taste of the eternity he desires for me. And this can build my desire for heaven and give me a greater disdain for sin or anything else that threatens my eternal glory.

Fasting from sweets or alcohol or streaming video or social media (or all of them at the same time) can be a great inconvenience or even a major struggle. But the eternal rewards that come with training myself to say no to temptation, especially temptation that leads to sins of the flesh, are worth the passing discomfort.

Giving away my possessions and making a return to the Lord from my income can be difficult and may even cause some hardship. But gaining freedom from attachment to material things and thus the freedom to respond readily to the will of God (a response often hindered by material considerations) leads to happiness and peace that cannot be purchased, allows me to better serve the poor, and protects me from greed, envy, and other sins of selfishness.

A person who does not know or believe her or himself to be ill or injured is not likely to start a course to recovery. A woman who is unaware of her cancer will not begin chemotherapy. A man who does not believe his obesity to be problematic will not modify his diet or exercise. In a similar way, a person who is unaware of her or his sin, or the extent of that sin, or the seriousness of sin, is unlikely to embrace remedies for sin.

Sometimes, we are well aware of our need for a remedy. *My throat is sore. My stomach is upset. The bone is sticking out of my skin.* At other times, only a thorough exam from a physician will tell us. *Your cholesterol is dangerously high. We're detecting signs of cancer.* So, too, with sin. Sometimes, we are well aware of our sin; at others, an examination of our thoughts, words, and actions is in order.

Making a good examination of conscience can help us prepare to make a good confession — something each of us should do at least once during Lent. It can also help us determine how prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can lead us to a remedy. The better we understand our condition, the more readily we can work for a cure. Examinations of conscience are available at our confession line in the church. Additionally, you can find a mobile examination of conscience by using this QR code.



PRAYER KNOCKS, FASTING OBTAINS, MERCY RECEIVES

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus invite you to dine in or order takeout for your Lenten Friday meals at Schullers Tavern on Friday, March 26. Schullers offers some great Lenten meals, including walleye fingers and fish and chips! Schullers has graciously offered to provide a portion of their daily proceeds that day to the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit the community service programs the Knights support, including Good Shepherd Catholic Church and School, PRISM, Southwest Options for Women, and the many others. Order online at www.schullerstavern.com or call (763) 545-9972 to place an order. The Knights thank you for your support!



IT'S FORE THE KIDS

A GOLF TOURNAMENT & APRÈS GOLF GATHERING

MAY 15, 2021 AT THEODORE WIRTH GOLF CLUB

Registration, Lunch, & Putting Games 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Social Hour, Dinner, & Silent Auction to follow.

Space is limited. \$125 per Golfer. 18+ Event

All proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd School.

Tickets will be sold after the Masses next weekend in the Gathering Space.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Tuesday, March 30 8:30 a.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary

A day set apart for men and their wives, if applicable, to learn more about the permanent diaconate vocation in their archdiocese. The day begins with Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer with our current candidates in formation followed by four presentations, includes lunch, and concludes with a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Saint Paul Seminary Rector, Fr. Joseph Taphorn. Questions? Contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or 651-962-5782. Registration required (no cost) at semssp.org/idf.

WEDDING BANNERS

Please pray for this couple who will soon be married in our church.

DANIELLE TAUBNER & JOSEPH HAU

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	612.599.5739
PRISM.....	763.529.1350
Southwest Options for Women	
Pregnant? Need Help?	952.938.4496
Befrienders.....	763.544.0416
Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program	651.291.4497

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 3/14	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Mark Starbird
Tues. 3/16	7:30 am	† Matt & Anne Tholkes
Wed. 3/17	7:30 am	† Lorraine Meehan
Thurs. 3/18	7:30 am	† Norbert Winter
Fri. 3/19	7:30 am	† Janine Lessor
Sat. 3/20	5:00 pm	† Carolyn Tuck
	8:30 am	† Kathleen Blake
Sun. 3/21	8:30 am	† Kathleen Blake
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 VOLUNTEERING

We are hopeful to be able to host Vacation Bible School as we have done in the past. In order to do so, we need to secure volunteer support. We are looking for 30 adults (21+) to volunteer from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to ensure we meet Archdiocesan safe environment requirements and run a great program. There are two possible weeks for the program: June 14-18 or July 12-16. Based on volunteer response, we will determine if we are able to run the program and which dates are best. If you are available to volunteer with one or both weeks please fill out the volunteer interest form at www.goodshepherdgv.org/vacation-bible-school or with the QR code above. Even if you can't help all week, we would love to have you join for part of the week.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

2021 Collections	February 2021	February 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year through February	Year over Year
Envelopes	\$66,348	\$48,580	\$17,769	\$533,561	\$501,528	\$32,032
Plate	\$509	\$2,263	\$(1,754)	\$3,020	\$22,360	\$(19,340)
Total	\$66,857	\$50,842	\$16,015	\$536,581	\$523,889	\$12,692

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, supports the parish's investment in the school, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 13: Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 14: Mass at 7:30, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 19: Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 19: Stations at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions & Adoration until 8:30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 20: Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21: Mass at 7:30, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.

LENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 21: Service from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 26: Stations at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions & Adoration until 8:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, March 27: Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28: Mass at 7:30, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 31

Confessions: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday: April 1

Confessions from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 2

Confessions from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: April 3

Confessions from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 4

Mass at 7:30, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.



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Our students are excited to learn a new instrument! Students in grades 1-6 are playing the ukulele in music class. Thank you to the Men's Club for purchasing a brand new set of ukuleles for us. It has been so much fun!



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