

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am,  
5:00pm, 9:00pm

Monday 12:30pm

Tuesday 5:30pm

Wednesday 12:30pm

Thursday 5:30pm

Friday 12:30pm

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm

Monday 11:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm

Wednesday 11:30am, 9:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

Friday 11:30am

### **ADORATION**

Wednesday 9:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-Midnight

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday to Friday

1:00pm - 5:00pm

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Tuesday, Thursday and

First Saturday

10:00am - 12:00pm

### **SACRAMENTS**

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must take place at least six months before your intended date.

### **REGISTRATION**

Student parishioners and new members of our permanent community can register at [sttomsbg.org/register](http://sttomsbg.org/register)

**ENGAGE - A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON****WEEKLY CALENDAR****SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Katie Gilbert  
 Mi 7:14-20 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

*Third Sunday of Lent*  
 10:00am—Mass intention pro populo  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass  
 9:00pm—Mass  
 Ex 20:1-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

*St. John of God*  
 11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Alaire Bang  
 6:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 2 Kgs 5:1-15b | Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

*St. Frances of Rome*  
 5:00pm—Rosary for Life  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Michael Schroeder (D)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43 | Mt 18:21-35

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Kate & Kevin Bang  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9 | Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Paul Collins (B)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Jer 7:23-28 | Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Alaire Bang  
 6:00pm—Simple Vespers  
 Hos 14:2-10 | Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass  
 Hos 6:1-6 | Lk 18:9-14

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 10:00am—Mass  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention pro populo  
 9:00pm—Mass

A - Anniversary | B - Birthday | D - Deceased

This weekend marks the Third Sunday of Lent, as we approach the halfway point of the Lenten Season in the coming days. It is a good time for us to revisit those promises we made back on Ash Wednesday—which might seem like years ago by now!—and ask ourselves how it's going. Some may want to tweak the original plans, while others may need to recommit to ideas that were lost along the way. Lent is a long 40 days, so it is never too late! Meanwhile, the RCIA process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church comes to an exciting climax over the next month. At Saint Tom's, we have eight people in the process—two who plan to be baptized at the Easter Vigil (now known as the "Elect"), and six who will be confirmed (known as "Candidates"), with five of them receiving their First Holy Communion at the Vigil.

Over the next three weekends, the Elect will experience a simple ritual at one of the Masses that is called a Scrutiny. These rites are well documented in the history of the Church, as far back as the first couple of centuries after Jesus resurrected and ascended back to heaven. The manner in which they have been administered has changed, as initially the Elect were asked questions about the faith and "tested" in their knowledge. Eventually, the Scrutinies became more of an opportunity for the Elect to consider their strengths and to ask God for the courage and grace to prepare for the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. The celebrant of the Mass gives special blessings to the Elect on each of these three consecutive weekends.

In its wisdom, the Church uses prescribed scripture readings at the

Masses where the Scrutinies are performed after the homily. This weekend, the usual "B" Cycle readings that we would ordinarily hear are replaced by the "A" Cycle when the Scrutinies are performed. The Gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus tells her, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" (John 4:14). The reference to living water is significant, as it is baptism into the Christian faith that our Elect seek. Over the next two weeks, they will hear the stories of the healing of a blind man and the raising of Lazarus from the dead, which remind us all that Jesus has the power to heal both physical and spiritual blindness and that He ultimately has authority over death.

In these middle weeks of the Lenten Season, I would ask you to take some time to pray for our Elect and Candidates. The spirit of Christian hospitality calls us to congratulating, welcoming, and affirming these new members of our Catholic Church. In the meantime, I would also encourage you to look around and see if you know of others who might be interested in joining the Church or may be practicing Catholics who have never been confirmed. Ordinarily, by the time the academic year ends in May, we already have several people who have come forward for the following year's process that begins in the fall. But we need your help in identifying those individuals and sending them to see Father Jeff or me. May God continue to bless you in these weeks of Lent.

Yours in Christ,  
 Deacon Dan Brahier

*"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."*

SAINT JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ

**EMPOWER OUR PARISH****PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION**

February Goal = \$20,000.00

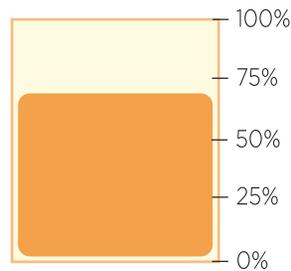
Online Giving = \$4,736.00

February 27/28 = \$2,060.28

February 20/21 = \$1,303.00

February 13/14 = \$2,563.00

February 6/7 = \$3,491.50

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**

Our food pantry will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and First Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 noon, and face masks will be required. You can also give back to our Food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card. Simply search for the Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to the St. Thomas More Parish Food Pantry!

**PISANELLO'S PIZZA COUPONS**

Looking for an easy night without cooking, while supporting our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in an ongoing fundraiser? Purchase coupons anytime in our parish office at \$3.00 each for a 7" two-topping personal pizza from Pisanello's located downtown.

**DAY OF MERCY**

The Church asks that every Catholic receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. Because we want everyone to celebrate this grace during Lent, Fr. Jeff will be available once again to offer confessions on March 24—every hour on top of the hour—from 9:00am to 9:00pm. All are invited to take full advantage of this opportunity.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

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**CUE FROM THE PEW THE CHILDREN** were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: "Take only one. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note: Take all you want. God is watching the apples.

Stay connected with our parish by texting **STTOMS** to **84576** and sign up for text and email notifications on the ministries and events you are involved with.

**PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

To add intentions to our list, or request an intention for a Mass, please contact the parish office.

Norma Stowe • Eileen Martini • M. Blankenship • Chris Stratton • Brian Shoup • Mary Bobinski • Izac Szymczak • Soul of David Kline • Elizabeth Barringer • Soul of Sr. Theresa Milne • Cheryl Powell • Georgiana Miller • Carter • Richard Booms • Gary Heba • Allen Heringhaus • Marie Martini • Kate Michelman • Anne Goldstone • Fr. Jason Kahle • Joyce Hinesman • The family and soul of Cheryl Carroll • Laura, daughter of Eileen and Larry Bostwich • Laurie Krone

## EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY IN FAITH

## GIVEMORE



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## CYO FIELD AND TRACK

Spring will soon be here which means warmer temperatures, more outdoor time and track & field. CYO Track & Field registration is now open for grades 4-8. Sign up Online at [stalbg.org/track](http://stalbg.org/track). Registration is open until March 17 with practices beginning at the end of March. There is a \$55.00 fee due upon registration. Please reach out with any questions you may have to Tracy Binkowski, St Aloysius Athletic Director, at [binkfam6@gmail.com](mailto:binkfam6@gmail.com). We are looking forward to a safe and successful season. Go Lions!



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, making our faith community a place Where Charity & Love Prevail. As a parish we have collected 39.5% of our parish goal. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org) today.

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## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

It's important that we teach our kids to value life and to respect human dignity. As parents, grandparents, educators, and leaders we must help the next generation fight for a culture that promotes life.

Zap any language that degrades or devalues any other human being – no matter how “mean” their words or actions. Talk about God’s command for us to love others. Teach children to respect all people—even those who think or believe very differently than we do.

With many schools starting sex education as young as kindergarden, start talking to your children early about what abortion really is. Though they may learn abortion is “ending” a pregnancy, talk to them in an age-appropriate way about how abortion ends a baby’s life. Talk about how a fetus grows, develops and things...long before birth.

Messages that glorify or promote death are lurking everywhere in our current culture. When kids encounter violence in their media, have a conversation with them about it. Discuss the ethical and moral implications of a character’s actions. Talk with them about how we are to treat others. If we’re to protect our children and promote life inside a culture of death, helping them learn to value and respect human life is key.

*Heather Creekmore  
Abundant Life Blog, Care Net*

## LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING BREAKFAST

Greater Toledo Right to Life is hosting its annual Legislative Briefing Breakfast at The Pinnacle in Maumee on Friday March 19, 7:00-9:00am (doors open at 6:30). The keynote speaker is State Rep Derek Merrin. Join us to take the opportunity to hear from you as part of a pro-life collective. Individual tickets are \$30. You can register at [GTRTL.org](http://GTRTL.org) or call **419.535.5800**.

## FISH FRY DINNERS

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**MARCH 5**  
**MARCH 19**

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## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

# MORE IN MINISTRY

## PRAYER & VESPERS

**SUNG DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**      **EVENING VESPERS**  
6:00PM | MONDAYS                      6:00PM | FRIDAYS

We will be offering weekly devotions during the season of Lent for anyone desiring to participate. Both opportunities will be held in the main sanctuary and led by Deacon Dan and Fr. Jeff. For more info, contact the parish office or email [fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org](mailto:fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org)

## ATTENTION GRADS

*Do you plan on graduating in*

**SPRING 2021**  
**SUMMER 2021**  
**FALL 2021**

Let us know you will be graduating by visiting our home page ([sttomsbg.org](http://sttomsbg.org)) or email Campus Minister Alicia at [alicia@sttomsbg.org](mailto:alicia@sttomsbg.org) today!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS || 8:00AM - MIDNIGHT

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS || 9:00PM

We invite you to spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration. There will be praise and worship music, as well as Reconciliation.

**THOU SHALL CHOW**  
MARCH 7 | 6:00PM

## MAC AND CHEESE BAR

Join us in Seton Hall this weekend following the Sunday 5:00pm Mass for a **FREE** dinner on us! All meals will be pre-packaged for everyone.

ELPIDA  
DISCOVER HOPE

We still have one weekend left! Join us next Saturday for our final opportunity to experience Elpida. To register, visit [sttomsbg.org/elpida2021](http://sttomsbg.org/elpida2021)

FEBRUARY 27

MARCH 6

**MARCH 13**

*St. Dismas, pray for us!*



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