



**MARCH 21, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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**

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR****SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Edwin & Stella Wojciechowski (D)  
 Jer 11:18-20 | Jn 7:40-53

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 10:00am—Mass intention for  
 Marc Tremmel (D)  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Fr. John Fleck (D)  
 9:00pm—Mass intention pro populo  
 Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

**MONDAY, MARCH 22**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Alaire Bang  
 6:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 Dn 13:41c-62 | Jn 8:1-11

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
 5:00pm—Rosary for Life  
 5:30pm—Mass  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Nm 21:4-9 | Jn 8:21-30

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

Day of Mercy  
 11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Bill Bihn (D)  
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 | Jn 8:31-42

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for Ed Wojo  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10 | Heb 10:4-10  
 Lk 1:26-38

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Alaire Bang  
 6:00pm—Simple Vespers  
 Jer 20:10-13 | Jn 10:31-42

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for Ed Wojo  
 Ez 37:21-28 | Jn 11:45-56

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
 10:00am—Mass  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention pro populo  
 9:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Fr. Bob Wilhelm (D)

A - Anniversary | B - Birthday | D - Deceased

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

This Wednesday, March 24, is our annual Lenten Day of Mercy. I will be in the confessional at the top of the hour, every hour, from 9am-9pm and I'll stay each hour until all confessions have been heard. Reconciliation is an important step along our Lenten journey turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. The Catechism teaches us that we ought to go to Confession whenever we are conscious of a grave (serious) sin or at least once a year. Many choose to take advantage of the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent to prepare their hearts for a more profound encounter with the Lord by making a good confession during these times of year.

Confession offers us all a two-fold benefit. First and foremost, we experience God's forgiveness for our past sins. Jesus breathed on his priests and said "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them..." (cf. John 20:22-23) It is a gift to hear those words of absolution in the confessional and to allow the Lord to lift the burden of sins that we have been carrying. Whether we have been carrying the burden of sins for 2 weeks, 2 years, 22 years, or even longer, our sins weigh us down. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Lord takes the burden of our personal sins upon himself, and casts them away as a drop of water into a blazing furnace of mercy.

Secondly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us grace for the

future as well. God gives us tailor-made grace for the sins we have confessed so that we can grow in holiness and avoid these sins in the future. This is especially consoling when we find ourselves frustrated by repeated sins and habits of vice that have taken root in our hearts. We might think ourselves helpless in front of sinful habits that seem inevitable in our lives. God gives us the grace—the strength, the help—that we need to continue to grow in freedom and holiness and to live the life that he created us to live.

We've got nothing to lose by making a good confession, and we have everything to gain! I invite you all to make a good and honest confession this Lent. Pick up one of the brochures outside of the confessional or go to our website at [sttomsbg.org/reconciliation](http://sttomsbg.org/reconciliation) to help you in your preparation for the sacrament. The priest is always happy to help you along if it's been a while since you've been to the sacrament. Don't let fear keep you from experiencing the fullness of joy in this holy season!

Yours in Christ,  
 Father Jeff

P.S. In addition to the Day of Mercy, we continue to offer confessions every day here at St. Tom's and twice on Wednesdays. St. Aloysius also offers confession on weekdays at 8am and Saturdays at 4pm. The St. Al's "Day of Grace" will be March 31 from 8am-8pm.

**EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE****Holy Thursday, April 1**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
 7:30pm

*Eucharistic Adoration in Gym*  
 8:30pm-12:00am

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

*Easter Vigil*  
 8:30pm

**Good Friday, April 2**

*Stations of the Cross*  
 12:00pm

*Good Friday Liturgy*  
 3:00pm

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

*Easter Sunday Masses*  
 10:00am & 5:00pm

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

March Goal = \$20,000.00

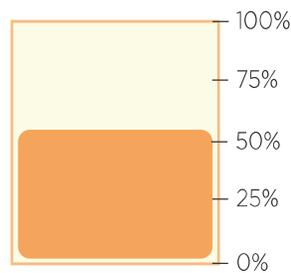
Online Giving

March 27/28

March 20/21

March 13/14 = **\$6,138.49**

March 6/7 = **\$5,001.24**



### 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 this Wednesday—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.

## OUR PARISH STAFF

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### CUE FROM THE PEW

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN

Dear God, Thank You for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce.

Dear God, I think about You sometimes, even when I'm not praying. Elliot.

Dear God, My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. They're just kidding, aren't they? Marsha.

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool. Eugene.

### 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 • Tracy Myers

IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

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**DINNER FOR TUITION**

St. Louis school and parish in Custar, OH invite you to their Baked Steak & Chicken Breast dinner next Saturday, March 27 4:30-6:00pm. The menu will also include homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw and a cookie. All proceeds will go to the St. Louis School Tuition Assistance fund. This year all dinners will be drive-thru only, for a free-will donation. Thank you for supporting our local Catholic education!

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

Within hours of taking the first abortion pill, Manuela knew she had made a terrible mistake. "When we got home later that night, we both just broke down," said Manuela's boyfriend Chris. "It was just devastating. We knew it was the wrong choice and we regretted it very much."

Desperate to save the life of their child, Manuela and Chris called Planned Parenthood to ask whether there was any way to reverse the abortion pill. A Planned Parenthood employee laughed at them.

Fortunately, Manuela and Chris didn't give up. They found an Abortion Pill Reversal doctor, who saved their baby! The couple shared their story—and their gratitude for their now-six-month-old son—with attendees of a recent 40 Days for Life rally in Greenville, South Carolina.

"This cause is so important to me because it saved my life", Manuela told rally participants. "I would never have the relationship I have with Good today if it weren't for this decision." Manuela explained that she was abortion-minded because she failed to trust in God. "But today I know for sure that God is holding me in His Hands. He as provided for every single need."

Shawn Carney, President/CEO  
40 Days for Life.

For further information, visit [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com) or call 877.558.0333

**CLOSING PRAYER VIGIL**

Join us on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00pm for the 40DFL Closing Prayer Vigil. Help us finish our campaign strong by participating for an hour during the next 10 days of peaceful prayer outside Capital Care, 1160 W. Sylvania, between 7:00am and 7:00pm. For further information contact Peter Range or Veronica Leguire at 419.244.6711

**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 68% of our parish goal. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org) today.

*Total Raised*

**\$12,163,91** of **\$17,884.00**

**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.



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SPRING RETREAT

April 17

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[hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)



Join our webinar with Award Winning Author Tom Hegna where he will share his scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement no matter how long you live.

**March 23 @ 7:30 pm**



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**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!

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Campus Polleyes Provided

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