

APRIL 11, 2021  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### **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)



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****SATURDAY, APRIL 10**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
5:00pm—Mass intention for Fr. Bob Wilhelm (D)  
Acts 4:13-21 | Mk 16:9-15

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
10:00am—Mass intention for Leandro Zunica  
4:00pm—Reconciliation  
5:00pm—Mass intention for Fr. John Fleck (D)  
9:00pm—Mass intention pro popolo  
Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

**MONDAY, APRIL 12**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
12:30pm—Mass intention for Alaire Bang  
Acts 4:23-31 | Jn 3:1-8

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13**

*St. Martin I*  
5:00pm—Rosary for Life  
5:30pm—Mass intention for Mike (B) & Angie (B) Moretto  
6:00pm—Reconciliation  
Acts 4:32-37 | Jn 3:7n-15

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
12:30pm—Mass intention for Kate & Kevin Bang  
Acts 5:17-26 | Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15**

Eucharistic Adoration  
7:30pm—Mass intention for Ed Wojo  
Acts 5:27-33 | Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
12:30pm—Mass intention for Kate & Kevin Bang  
Acts 5:34-42 | Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
5:00pm—Mass intention for Edward Drouillard (D)  
Acts 6:1-7 | Jn 6:16-21

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
10:00am—Mass  
4:00pm—Reconciliation  
5:00pm—Mass intention pro popolo  
9:00pm—Mass intention for Fr. Bob Wilhelm (D)  
Acts 3:13-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

To schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the office.

A - Anniversary | B - Birthday | D - Deceased

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Friends,  
I would like to take this opportunity to hand on and explain some moral teachings regarding the COVID-19 vaccines. Many people have expressed concern about two moral questions in particular, and the Magisterium of the Church has addressed these very concerns.

First, some are rightly concerned about the morality of receiving the current vaccines due to the use, either in the actual production (in the case of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) or in the testing phases (in the case of Pfizer and Moderna), of cell lines derived from tissues of one or more aborted babies. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has been the Holy Father's arm for defending the truth in matters of faith and morals from all heresy or corruption since 1542 AD, has given an official answer to this question. They state that in this case, "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" (emphasis in the original). This statement was prepared by the Congregation and ordered to be published by the Supreme Pontiff. This kind of question is precisely why the Lord entrusted the Keys to Peter and His Successors. For those who, while accepting the Magisterial Teaching of the Church on this matter, still wish to understand better the reasoning behind this teaching, The National Catholic Bioethics Center provides a number of resources which go into detail about the morality of these vaccines. I encourage you to read more at [ncbcenter.org](http://ncbcenter.org).

Secondly, some are rightly concerned as to whether or not there is a moral

imperative that would require the faithful to receive a vaccine. This is especially timely amidst much national conversation regarding vaccine passports.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in that same statement, noted that "practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary." A Catholic in good conscience may choose not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine for any number of reasons.

To summarize, the Holy See has stated quite clearly that a Catholic in good conscience is permitted to receive any of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines but is not required to do so.

I hope this assists you in forming your conscience well regarding your own medical decisions, as well as helping you to respect the decisions made by others in this matter where one enjoys moral freedom to accept or reject a vaccine.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Father Jeff

P.S. Despite the fact that connection to the sin of abortion is so remote that it does not affect the morality of the current vaccines, it is a grave travesty that abortion has anything at all to do with healthcare. The US Bishops have urged everyone concerned for the sanctity of life to vocalize their objection to any use whatsoever of cells which have been derived from abortion and to advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion, however remote it may be. We have included a letter to one of the manufactures in this bulletin. Sample letters to send to the other pharmaceutical companies involved can be found at [tinyurl.com/vaxletter](http://tinyurl.com/vaxletter)

*The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy.*

—Pope Francis, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2020

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

## PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

March Goal = \$20,000.00

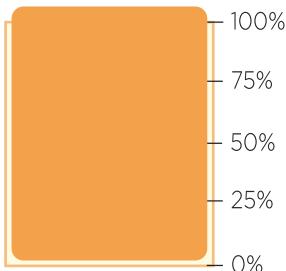
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March 27/28 = \$2,259.00

March 20/21 = \$2,546.00

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.



## 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

God was talking to Adam one day in the garden and happened to notice he was getting a little lonely by himself. God decided it was time Adam had a companion in the garden. "How would it sound if we got you a wife who would clean for you all day, prepare your favorite meals for you each time you returned home, and even ended your long days with a good foot massage? All it would cost you is an arm and one of your legs." God asked Adam. "That all sounds rather lovely," Adam replied. "But what can I get for a rib?"

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## PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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

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# ANDREW DINNER

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Join Bishop Daniel Thomas, Father Phil Smith and other local priests for dinner, prayer, and an opportunity to learn more about the diocesan priesthood. Participants should be accompanied by their parish priest. This free event is for young men who are high school or college age. Register with the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations by email to Fr. Phil at [psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org) or by calling **419.244.6711**, ext. 4941 by Monday, April 12.

And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: "Jesus, I trust in You!".

Rome, April 30, 2000

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## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

In 2016, Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz grew human embryos in a lab dish for longer than anyone had before. Her team at the University of Cambridge watched the embryos develop inside an incubator, day after day. The embryos even attached to the dish as if it were a uterus, sprouting a few placental cells.

But on day 13, Zernicka-Goetz halted the experiment. She had hit up against an internationally recognized ethical limit called the "14-day rule." Under this limit, scientists have agreed never to allow human embryos to develop beyond two weeks in their labs. That is the point at which a spherical embryo starts to form a body plan, deciding where its head will end up, and when cells begin taking on specialized missions.

For the last 40 years, the rule, which is law in some countries and a guideline in others, has served an important stop sign for embryonic research. To researchers it gave clarity about what research they could pursue. Now a key scientific body is ready to do away with the 14-day limit. The International Society for Stem Cell Research has prepared draft recommendations to move such research out of a category of "prohibited" scientific activities according to several people familiar with its thinking.

Antonio Regalado  
*MIT Technology Review*

## LIVE ON ANNUNCIATION RADIO

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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. Help make our faith community a place "Where Charity & Love Prevail". As a parish we have collected 77% of our goal. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org)

Total Raised  
**\$13,768.46 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.

# MORE IN MINISTRY



The Culture Project logo features a stylized blue 'CP' monogram with a grey 'X' through it, followed by the words 'THE CULTURE PROJECT' in a serif font. In the background, two people are seen from behind, hugging warmly in a dimly lit setting.

**APRIL 13**  
Friday Night Out | 7:00pm  
Contact Allison & Mary at [nhminister@sttomsbg.org](mailto:nhminister@sttomsbg.org) for more information



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## COURSE OPTIONS FOR FALL 2021

### HIST 504

*Catholicism and Modernity:  
From Vatican I to John Paul II*

Mondays | 5:00-7:00pm

—OR—

### SCRI 502

*The Bible*

Tuesdays | 5:00-7:00pm

Once a week students will participate in a live online class, as well as meet in person with Fr. Jeff to talk about the week's lesson. Upon completion of a course, students can submit their transcript to BGSU as transfer credits. Additional fees apply, partial scholarships are available through St. Thomas More. Interested? Email Fr. Jeff at [fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org](mailto:fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org) for MORE!

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