

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am  
Monday 12:30pm  
Tuesday 5:30pm  
Wednesday 12:30pm  
Thursday 5:30pm  
Friday 12:30pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00pm  
Monday 11:30am  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Wednesday 11:30am  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 11:30am

**ADORATION**

Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday to Friday  
1:00pm-5:00pm

**FOOD PANTRY**

Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

**SACRAMENTS**

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must begin 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, JULY 3**

St. Thomas the Apostle  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention pro populo  
 Eph 2:19-22 | J 20:24-29

**SUNDAY, JULY 4**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Independence Day  
 10:00am—Mass intention for  
 Peggy Russell (D)

**MONDAY, JULY 5**

*Sts. Anthony Zaccaria &  
 Elizabeth of Portugal*  
 11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Larry Bostwick (D)  
 Gn 28:10-22a | Mt 18-26

**TUESDAY, JULY 6**

*St. Maria Goretti*  
 5:00pm—Rosary for Life  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Jim Granecki (D)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Gn 32:23-33 | Mt 9:32-38

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Elizabeth Allen (B)  
 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 | Mt 10:1-7

**THURSDAY, JULY 8**

Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:00pm—Rosary for Vocations  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Karen Kinsey (D)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Gn 44:18-29; 45:1-5 | Mt 10:7-15

**FRIDAY, JULY 9**

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions*  
 11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Laura Moore (D)  
 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 | Mt 10:16-23

**SATURDAY, JULY 10**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Thelma Drouillard (D)  
 Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26 | Mt 10:24-33

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 10:00am—Mass pro populo  
 Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:3-14 | Mk 6:7-13

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

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON**

Happy Independence Day! This weekend, we celebrate the 245th birthday of our country since the signing of the Declaration of Independence made the United States distinct from England in 1776. For me, this celebration conjures up childhood images of barbecuing chicken on the grill, playing yard games with friends, and watching fireworks. But the day is deeper than just an annual opportunity to gather with friends. Independence Day implies freedom, and our forefathers knew that when they adopted the Bill of Rights—the beginning of our Constitution—15 years later, in 1791.

Recently, Cardinal Dolan of New York commented that it is no coincidence that the First Amendment was written to ensure religious freedom. He noted that only in a country in which people are permitted to practice the faith of their choice will we find the other rights and responsibilities outlined in the Constitution. Freedom of religion, he said, necessarily precedes all other rights. This past June 22 through 29, the US Council of Catholic Bishops advocated the celebration of Religious Freedom Week. The start of the week was set to coincide with the Feast of Saint Thomas More, concluding with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Thomas famously argued his service to God over affairs of the state, while Saints Peter and Paul fought religious oppression when preaching the Gospel in the early years after the ascension of Jesus. The USCCB stated, “Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.” As Catholics, we rely on this freedom to carry out our mission in churches, hospitals, schools, Newman Centers, nursing homes, adoption agencies, and other institutions that espouse the values and beliefs of the Church.

Recently, there have been so many setbacks to religious freedom, from pushing back against Catholic adoption agencies to blocking medical professionals from following their consciences, as well as experiencing vicious attacks and vandalism done to Catholic churches. More than ever, we need to band together and pray for maintaining the right to life and religious freedom in the United States. Perhaps you might consider praying the rosary daily or on some regular basis, asking Our Lady to protect our rights as members of the Catholic Church. Or perhaps you might commit to attending Mass one extra day per week, offering the intention of that liturgy for religious freedom. Others may choose to become more active in political movements by lobbying or signing petitions, flying the flag, or contacting representatives who author the laws, particularly in the month of July when we remember the birth of our country.

On Saturday of this weekend, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Thomas, the Apostle. Thomas, of course, was infamous for doubting that Jesus had risen from the tomb and insisted in seeing and touching Jesus for proof of the resurrection. We live in a world that increasingly demands proof of almost everything, where “fact checking” has become the norm. In that climate, it is easy for some to dismiss the rights of faith-filled people, claiming we have no “proof” of the resurrection or even the existence of God. Yet the key word here is “faith”—as Saint Paul said in our reading a couple of weeks ago, “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). This weekend, when you celebrate the birthday of our nation, be sure to take some time to pray for the freedoms that are granted to citizens of this country. Thank God for the right to practice your faith, and ask Him to continue to inspire leaders to safeguard that freedom. Meanwhile, be sure to pray for legislators who enact the laws and for the military who protect us. After your prayers, toss a burger on the grill and then head out to the fireworks displays!

Yours in Christ,  
 Deacon Dan Brahier

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

May Goal = \$20,000.00

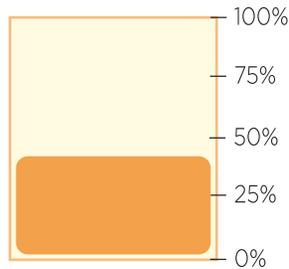
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June 26/27 = \$1,360.00

June 19/20 = \$2,384.00

June 12/13 = \$2,015.45

June 5/6 = \$2,744.00



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of cereal and egg noodles at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going to Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to St. Thomas More 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.

### PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

To report any sexual abuse of a minor by Diocesan personnel (priest, deacon, consecrated religious brother/sister, or lay person), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at 419.244.6711, ext. 4880 in the Toledo calling area, or 1.800.926.8277, ext. 4880 (Outside Toledo, Within Ohio).

### 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



### PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.  
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IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

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**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. Help make our faith community a place “Where Charity & Love Prevail”. As a parish we have collected **98% of our goal**. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org)

Total Raised  
**\$17,448.46** of **\$17,884.00**

**MEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

Join the Diocese of Toledo and the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Director, Fr. Phil Smith, here at St. Tom’s on July 21, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. This day retreat is open to all High School male students interested in learning more about the priesthood. For more information or to register for this retreat, contact [psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org) or **419.214.4941**

**IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron received support from 23 state AG’s this week in his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to defend a pro-life law. Arizona AG Mark Brnovich led the states in filing an amicus brief to the Supreme Court after the court agreed to hear the case in March.

At issue in the case is whether pro-life Cameron, may take up the defense of the Kentucky dismemberment abortion ban after pro-abortion Gov. Andy Beshear refused to do so. A Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals panel previously denied Cameron’s request.

“This law reflects the conscience of Kentucky by banning the gruesome practice of live dismemberment abortions, and it’s important that Kentuckians have a voice before our nation’s highest court,” said Cameron.

Joining Arizona in the brief were Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

“I am proud to lead this coalition of 23 attorneys general who will uphold the rule of law regardless of political pressure,” Brnovich told Fox News.

[www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com)

**ROE V WADE MOVIE NIGHT**

Foundation For Life and the Office for Life of Catholic Charities presents “Roe v Wade”, Thursday, July 15, 6:30 pm, for one night only, at the Maumee Indoor Theater on Conant Street. Come see this film presentation of the decision which legalized abortion throughout America. 9 people’s decision; 62 million dead throughout America. Admission is \$5 per person. Register at [FFLNWO.org](http://FFLNWO.org). Tickets are limited to 450.

Stay connected with us at [sttomsbg.org](http://sttomsbg.org) or text **STTOMS** to **84576**

**LIVE + JESUS HOLY HOUR**

The Sisters of the Visitation are excited to offer a Holy Hour at the Monastery of the Visitation (1745 Parkside Blvd, Toledo, OH) on Sunday, July 4 at 4:00pm. The evening will include Evening Vespers, the Holy Rosary, a brief Homily, and Benediction. These devotions will also be held each month on the Sunday following the First Friday of the month. For more information, please contact the Sisters at **419.536.1343**.

**THE POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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## A PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND STATE

*The following prayer was composed by Archbishop John Carroll, the first American Bishop, in 1791 for the inauguration of President George Washington.*

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We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that **Your Church**, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, **the pope**, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; **our own bishop**, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude **the president of these United States**, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of **Congress**, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, **the governor** of this state, for **the members of the assembly**, for **all judges, magistrates**, and **other officers** who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and **fellow citizens** throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember **the souls of your servants departed**, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.



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