



JULY 11, 2021
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**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

MONDAY, JULY 12

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass intention for
Bill & Martha Dyer (A)

Ex 1:8-14, 22 | Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 13*St. Henry*

5:00pm—Rosary for Life

5:30pm—Mass intention for
William Robert Korsnack (D)

6:00pm—Reconciliation

Ex 2:1-15a | Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14*St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass intention for
Kate & Kevin Bang

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 | Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 15

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Bonaventure

5:00pm—Rosary for Vocations

5:30pm—Mass intention for
Jim Schaublin (D)

6:00pm—Reconciliation

Ex 3:13-20 | Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY, JULY 16*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

11:30am—Reconciliation

12:30pm—Mass

Ex 11:10—12:14 | Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY, JULY 17

4:00pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass intention for
Martha Dyer (B)

6:00pm—Parish Picnic

Ex 12:37-42 | Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY, JULY 18*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am—Mass pro populo

Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Next weekend (July 17) is our Parish Picnic following the 5pm Saturday Mass. I hope that many of you will be able to join us and celebrate a bit of a “family reunion.” I’m not a big fan of calling every grouping of people a family...BGSU students aren’t really part of a Falcon FAMILY. Just because I drive a Kia Soul doesn’t make me part of a Kia Family. Though I have a lot of life-long friendships from my time working at Cedar Point, there was no “Cedar Point Family.” Marketers might prefer otherwise, but if everything is a family, nothing is a family. It’s also not helpful to define family too narrowly. Even a moment of reflection will tell us that family is not limited to those people with whom we share DNA. Having said all of that, it is not a marketing gimmick to call a parish a true family.

What IS true is that we cannot choose our families. When it comes to friends or acquaintances, we can largely avoid people who rub us the wrong way, people who we don’t like, people who have hurt us, or even just people who disagree with us. But that’s not the way it is with family. Whether it’s your family at home or your family at Church, these are not the people that you have chosen but rather the people that God has chosen for you!

“It is to your parish assembly to which God calls you...Why? Because that concrete assembly, where you encounter people whom you have not chosen, teaches you what the church is. The church is not a club made up of friends who enjoy spending time together, and the liturgy is not a musical concert (although singing and music of high quality is important). In the assembly of the Church we do not gather in the name of human affections and friendships; rather, we gather ‘in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’” (Louis-Marie Chauvet)

A priest friend of mine, Fr. Darin Schmidt, reflected on his new parish assignment in these words: “I’ve been convinced for quite a while now, that it is precisely those relationships that I would not have chosen for myself, that have actually challenged me and helped me to grow the most. Think of Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” If it were all left up to us and our own choice, most of us choose to avoid conflict, to avoid people that show us our weaknesses. We avoid people who annoy us or tell us what to do. In a healthy family, though, these things are unavoidable. In my family, I had six brothers and two sisters, and I remember fighting a lot with my siblings. And I don’t think we fought because we were bad kids—now maybe my parents would disagree—but we fought because that’s part of growing and learning for kids, and hopefully through those experiences we were also able to learn some better ways of dealing with conflict.”

The family at home and your family here at St. Tom’s is meant to be a school of love—and, as St. Augustine said, “You cannot love what you do not know.” Make it a priority to spend some time after Mass connecting with new parishioners and reconnecting those you haven’t seen since before the pandemic. Food at the picnic on Saturday comes from Beckett’s, and for those who can’t make it on Saturday, Sunday the 18th will bring Donut Sunday with the always delicious baked goods from The Sweet Stop and plenty of time to spend time with your parish family as well. I’m thankful to be part of the St. Tom’s family and I’m looking forward to our time together next weekend!

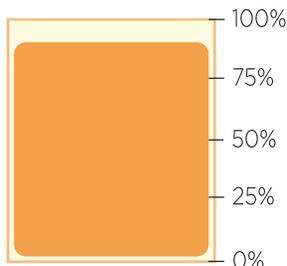
Yours in Christ,
Father Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

June Goal = \$20,000.00

Other Giving = \$5,290.00
 Online Giving = \$4,030.00
 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.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

You can sign up today to join our Gardening, Chapel Care & Beauty, and Buildings & Grounds teams for those wanting to help care for our grounds, or help out at Mass as a Minister of Holy Communion (there will be training this weekend), Hospitality team, or become a member of the parish choir. Visit sttombsg.org/volunteer for more information today!

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

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 THURSDAYS || 9:00AM-9:00PM
And behold, I am with you always.
 Matthew 28:20

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.
 Norma Stowe • Eileen Martini • M. Blankenship • Chris Stratton • Brian Shoup • Mary Bobinski • Izac Szymczak • Elizabeth Barringer • Cheryl Powell • Georgiana Miller • Carter • Richard Booms • Gary Heba • Allen Heringhaus • Marie Martini • Kate Michelman • Anne Goldstone • Fr. Jason Kahle • Joyce Hinesman • the souls of Larry and Laura, spouse and daughter of Eileen Bostwick • Laurie Krone • Bonnie Wilcox • Corney Collins

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

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 next Wednesday 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 or **419.214.4941**

WE'RE GOING TO THE FAIR

St. Tom's and Al's will have a BG Catholic Community booth at the Wood County Fair! We are looking for booth volunteers who would be willing to commit to time slots and promote our Catholic communities here in BG. All volunteers will receive a day-pass for free admission to the fair on the day of their time slot! If you are unsure of what would be expected of our volunteers, or you still have some questions before committing, feel free to attend one of the two training days this week hosted by St. Aloysius in the Davis Narthex (entrance connected to the main parish parking lot):

FAIR TRAINING SESSIONS

Wednesday, July 14 @ 7pm

Sunday, July 18th @ 6pm

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Approximately 700 women gathered in Memphis, Tennessee, the weekend of June 24-26 to encourage one another and spur one another on in the fight against abortion.

“World Changing Women” was the theme of this year’s conference, which defined the diverse group of women well. The conference allowed attendees to “choose their own path,” with four breakout sessions, all addressing important issues for the pro-life community. Topics included compassion fatigue, media messaging, embryo defense, sidewalk advocacy, keeping pregnancy resource centers relevant, and many others.

A powerful moment came during a panel of abortion survivors moderated by Melissa Ohden. As the panel shared their stories, Ohden noted, “For survivors, there is an additional layer of miraculousness with life.” It’s believed that tens of thousands of these survivors exist, but exact numbers are unknown due to the lack of reporting required.

Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director, brought the event to conclusion, reminding all pro-life advocates of the importance of solidarity. “I want us to be united. I want us to stand up for one another. I want us to be bold and not worry about offending someone with the truth. When we are divided, babies die, and women are hurt. When we are divided, we all fall.”

Tori Shaw, Guest post

www.liveactionnews.org

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. Tickets are limited to 450.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

—Ps 85: 8

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Parish Picnic

JULY 17 | 6:00PM

All are welcome next Saturday to our Parish Picnic, a chance during the summer to gather as a community of faith and enjoy the quality time we've been missing this past year. It will be an evening filled with a delicious meal hosted by Beckett's, endless rounds of 9-Square and Spikeball, opportunities to win raffle drawings, and MORE!

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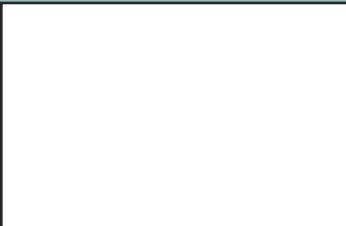

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