

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
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

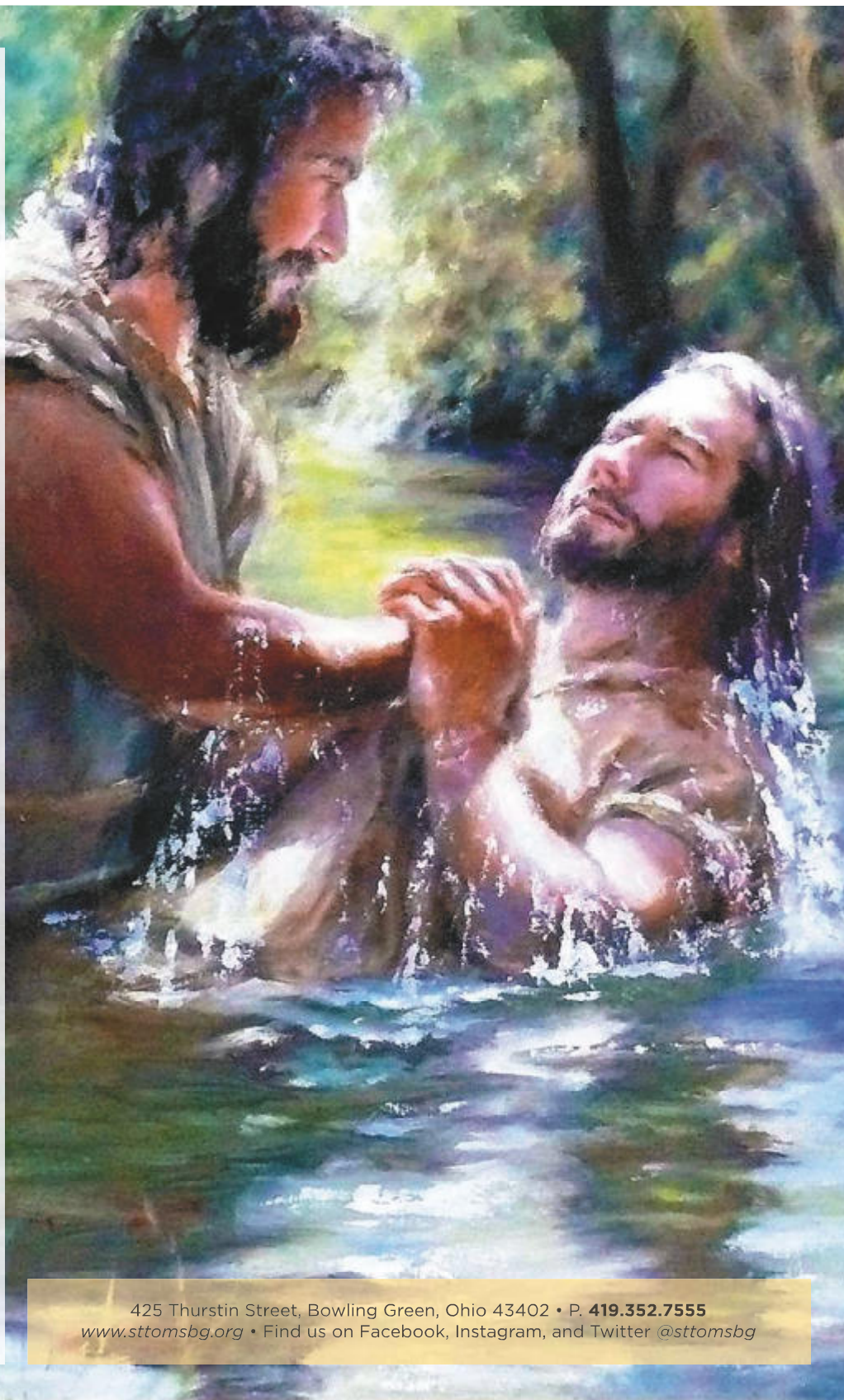
Tuesday and Thursday
10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

4:00pm—Reconciliation
 5:00pm—Mass intention *pro populo*
 1 Jn 5:14-21 | Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Baptism of the Lord

10:00am—Mass intention for
 Ty Daniels (D)

4:00pm—Reconciliation
 5:00pm—Mass
 9:00pm—Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

11:30am—Reconciliation
 12:30pm—Mass
 1 Sm 1:1-8 | Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00pm—Rosary for Life
 5:30pm—Mass intention for
 Sam & Lisselot Kettinger
 6:00pm—Reconciliation
 1 Sm 1:9-20 | Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

11:30am—Reconciliation
 12:30pm—Mass intention for
 Donelda Royal (D)
 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

St. Hilary

5:00pm—Rosary for vocations
 5:30pm—Mass intention for
 Sheryl Katakis (D)
 6:00pm—Reconciliation
 1 Sm 4:1-11 | Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

11:30am—Reconciliation
 12:30pm—Mass
 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00pm—Reconciliation
 5:00pm—Mass intention for
 Tom Wojciechowski Jr. (B)
 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 | Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am—Mass intention *pro populo*
 4:00pm—Reconciliation
 5:00pm—Mass
 9:00pm—Mass
 Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

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

Anniversary (A) | Birthday (B) | Deceased (D)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

After Mass one day in December, a student parishioner asked me, “Why did Jesus have to be baptized? If He is God and without sin, baptism would be pointless, wouldn’t it?” That was an excellent question! Simply put, Jesus did not have to be baptized at all. Likewise, He did not have to be presented in the temple either, as that practice was to offer a first-born son to God, but Jesus is God Himself. Then again, He didn’t have to change water to wine or raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is fully human and fully divine, so He can choose to do whatever He wills.

It is important to recognize that the baptism offered by Saint John the Baptist was distinctly different from what we experience today. In the custom of washing for ritual purity, John was offering a baptism of repentance—immersing the person in water as a way of calling him/her to conversion. However, John’s baptism did not wash away original sin, or any other sin for that matter. At that time, baptism was simply a ritual, not a sacrament. (That is why John told the people that Jesus would baptize with “fire” – a fire that would burn away their sins.) Yet, Jesus allowed John to baptize Him in the Jordan River as a way to establish baptism as the essential first step to salvation. Scripture tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, anointing Him for His mission on earth. In contrast, John’s baptism before Jesus did not call down the Holy Spirit to give grace. As Jesus was baptized, the sacrament was established for all time. The road to heaven was opened to all of us, and we were called to also be anointed by the Holy Spirit that washes away our sins and gives us the grace to live the Christian life.

Saint Ambrose (Fourth Century) said that the symbol of the Spirit descending “like a dove” (Luke 3:22) implied two things: First, the dove is one of the most peaceful of animals, and it is a reminder that the Holy Spirit brings peace to our hearts and our lives. Second, the dove serves as a symbol of innocence—the innocence that is restored when original sin is washed from our souls at the time of our baptism. In this baptismal scene, the Son is immersed in water, while the Spirit anoints Him, as the Father says, “You are my Son,” making it evident that the Trinity is one God. Later, Jesus would instruct His apostles to “baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19), which is exactly what we do every time an infant or adult is baptized. Jesus never asked us to do anything He didn’t do first, and His baptism was no exception.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, celebrated this weekend, marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season that began on Christmas Eve. On Monday, the liturgical colors turn back to green as we enter more than seven weeks of Ordinary Time before beginning the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday (on March 4 this year). However, in the ancient church, it was customary to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord for 40 days, until the Feast of the Presentation on February 2. In the Brahier house, we leave the candles in the windows and the nativity scenes set up in the living room until February 2 in continued celebration of Christmas, as is customary throughout Western Europe. I invite you to consider doing the same so that we can cling to another three weeks or so of Christmas joy as we transition to the next season. God’s blessings on you in 2022!

Yours in Christ,
 Deacon Dan Brahier

No one can begin a new life,
 unless he repent of the old.

SAINT AUGUSTINE

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

December Goal = \$20,000.00

Jan 1/2 = \$3,318.00

Other Giving = \$8,280.00

Online Giving = \$13,732.94

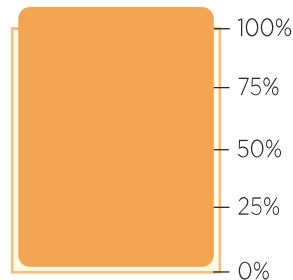
Dec 26 = \$891.00

Christmas = \$9,823.00

Dec 18/19 = \$2,366.00

Dec 11/12 = \$2,837.00

Dec 4/5 = \$4,223.06



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of tuna, cereal, and spaghetti noodles and sauce at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going online 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.

OPEN TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you everyone for all of your food and monetary donations to our ministry, would you also please consider a two-hour donation of your time? Our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need. An open training night will take place next Wednesday, January 19, between 3:00 and 6:00pm in Fireside Lounge. Anyone is welcome to come any time during those hours for a simple 15-20 minute training session led by our current volunteers. For more information please contact Jo and Linda, co-coordinators, at stvdpg@gmail.com.

Night of Worship with
BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS
 FEBRUARY 16 | 9:00PM

Please help us welcome Bishop Thomas back to Bowling Green, as he joins our community in adoration, praise and worship, and Reconciliation.

OUR PARISH STAFF & STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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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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JOB OPENING AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, a ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Toledo, is seeking experienced candidates for the position of Principal to serve as the educational and team leader for over 45 teachers and staff, and more than 325 students from pre-school through eighth grade. The start date for this position is **July 1, 2022**. Please submit a resume, cover letter, references, and salary requirements to Ms. Joanne Roote, Parish Manager, at jroot@joanofarc.org.

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CatholicVote 2021 Courage Awards

1. Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco; "No one can claim to be a devout Catholic and condone the killing of innocent human life..."
2. Journalist Abigail Shier for her book, *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters*
3. Enes Kanter Freedom, NBA basketball star, drew attention to human rights abuses, particularly in China.
4. Dr. Aaron Kheriaty joined 30 physicians in filing a Freedom of Information Act request seeking government data on the Pfizer vaccine.
5. Governor Ron Desantis of Florida upheld religious and conscience exemptions and ended critical race theory in the schools
6. Christopher Rufo exposed critical race theory as a deeply divisive ideology, offering a distorted account of American life to promote a set of radical political ideas.
7. Attorney General Lynn Fitch of Mississippi had a vision of a Roe-free United States, and has helped bring us closer to victory than anyone thought possible.
8. Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles defended the faith of our fathers: "History is what holds us together as one nation. How we remember our past shapes how we understand where we are at in the present."
9. The Loudoun County, VA parents came together for their children and took back their schools from aggressive CRT curricula and transgender activism.
10. Senator Joe Manchin defended the right and duty of Members of Congress to represent the people and think for themselves in an otherwise completely partisan Senate.

CatholicVote.org

PROJECT RACHEL

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. If you or someone you know is in need of help and healing after an abortion, please call **1.888.456.HOPE** or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS || 8:00AM-MIDNIGHT

We are still looking for individuals to cover some hours each Thursday throughout the Spring. Visit sttomsbg.org/adoration to find out more details and to sign up!

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

STARTING JAN. 19 @ 9:00PM

Experience an hour of Adoration with praise and worship. Reconciliation will be available for those wishing to receive.

Text **CFCBG** to **84576** and receive text/email notifications about our events and ministries this semester!

JOIN A SPRING SEMESTER BIBLE STUDY

Times and dates for our Fall bible studies are soon to be up and running! For a list of all times and dates, visit our parish website at sttomsbg.org/bible-studies



JANUARY 20-22 MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC

For more information, contact Peter Range
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