

# JANUARY 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **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**

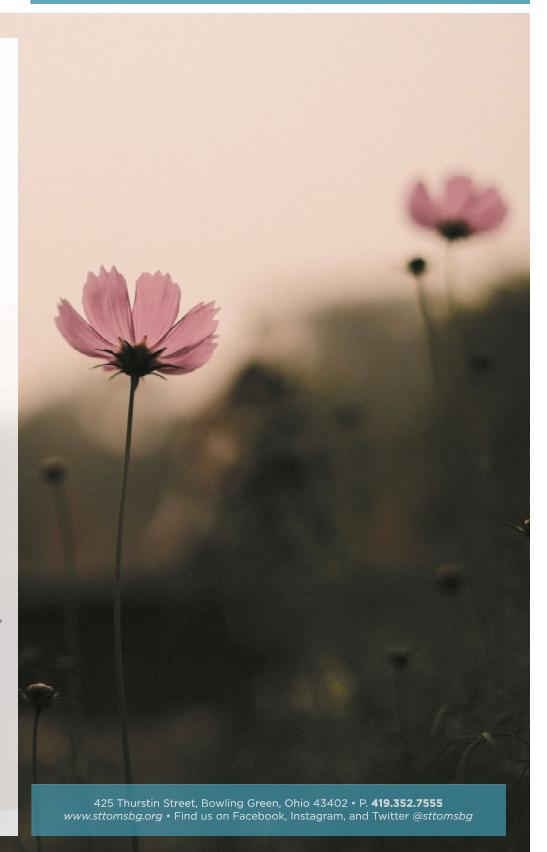
Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

#### **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**

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Unborn Children 4:00pm—Reconciliation 5:00pm—Mass intention for Mark and Caroline Sommerfeld 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19-27 | Mk 3:20-21

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am—Mass intention for
Joan Boxley (D)
4:00pm—Reconciliation
5:000m—Mass intention pro popolo
9:00pm—Mass

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales 11:30am—Reconciliation 12:30pm—Mass 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 | Mk 3:22-30

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Conversion of St. Paul 5:00pm—Rosary for Life 5:30pm—Mass 6:00pm—Reconciliation Acts 22:3-16 | Mk 16:15-18

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus
11:30am—Reconciliation
12:30pm—Mass
2 Tm 1:1-8 | Mk 4:1-20

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

St. Angela Merici
5:00pm—Rosary for vocations
5:30pm—Mass intention for
Benjamin Zellin (D)
6:00pm—Reconciliation
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 | Mk 4:21-25

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

11:30am—Reconciliation 12:30pm—Mass 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-17 | Mk 4:26-34

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00pm—Reconciliation 5:00pm—Mass intention for Tom & Kathy Wojo (A) 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Mk 4:35-41

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00am—Mass intention for Mary Keenan (D) 4:00pm—Reconciliation

5:000m—Mass 9:00pm—Mass intention *pro popolo* 

one, please contact the office.

To schedule a Mass intention for a loved

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

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**Dear Friends** 

In my homily last week, I mentioned that Holy Mother Church tries (in her teaching and in her rules) to protect all that is good, worthwhile, important, and vulnerable. As any good parent would! This weekend, as so many celebrate the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, we who are the Church cry out for all to hear about the need to protect the most vulnerable of all—the unborn child. Every human person is created good. Every person is worthwhile. And every person is important. Pope Benedict XVI preached this truth at his Papal Installation Mass in 2005: "We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

We who know personally the Lord and Giver of Life must call upon that same Holy Spirit to inspire our words and actions to uphold the dignity of every human person, from conception through natural death. We must ask that same Holy Spirit to give us wisdom, understanding, and courage to be defend our brothers and sisters in the human family, especially when they are at their most vulnerable. I pray in a particularly strong way this weekend that we will soon see the end of abortion in our country as I unite my heart with all those witnessing to truth at the March for Life.

To those women among us who have had an abortion, I wish to make the words of St. John Paul II my own: "The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life." To find hope and help after an abortion, Project Rachel stands ready to support both women and men affected by abortion. Call Kerstin at **419.260.5811** or email her at *kpakka@toledodiocese.org*.

To those women who may find themselves confronting an an unplanned pregnancy or faced with difficult pregnancy choices, the HerChoice Pregnancy Center, located adjacent to our parish parking lot across from Einstein Bros, stands ready to support and guide you no matter what your story is. You can make an appointment at www.bgpc.org or by calling 419.354.4673.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Father Jeff



#### **OUR PARISH FAMILY**

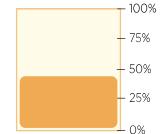
#### **PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION**

January Goal = \$25,000.00

Other Giving (monthly)
Online Giving (monthly)
Jan 29/30
Jan 22/23
Jan 15/16 = \$1,694.00

Jan 8/9 = \$6,371.00

Jan 1/2 = **\$3,318.00** 



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of tuna, egg noodles, and cream of mushroom soup 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.

#### JOB OPENING IN OUR PARISH

St. Thomas More University Parish is seeking a detail-oriented and motivated individual to be our parish secretary. This part-time position provides administrative support to the Pastor and Parish Manager as well as staffing the front desk during Parish Office Hours. This is a non-exempt, hourly position which normally involves twenty (20) hours of work (Monday-Friday from 1:00pm-5:00pm) each week during the school year. Hours are reduced during the summer when BGSU is not in session. Interested candidates should contact Fr. Jeff Walker at *fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org* 

#### **CONGRATULATIONS, MARK & CAROLINE**

May we as a community celebrate the joining of Mark Sommerfeld and Caroline Kuepper during our Saturday 5:00pm Mass this weekend in Holy Matrimony. May the Lord bless their marriage, and may they be a beautiful model of God's love for His Bride, the Church.



## OUR PARISH STAFF & STUDENT LEADERSHIP

#### Pastor

Rev. Jeffery Walker, STL, fr.jeffwalker@sttomsbg.org Schedule a meeting at go.oncehub.com/frjeffwalker

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#### 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 • the souls of Larry and Laura, spouse and daughter of
Eileen Bostwick • Bonnie Wilcox • Corney Collins • Johnnie
Haas • Sutton Brown

#### IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

#### 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*.

#### **ALUMNI FIRST RESPONDERS MASS**

Central Catholic High School invites alumni who are active or retired first responders—police officers, firefighters, and EMTs—to a special Mass on Wednesday, February 2 at 10:00am in the CCHS Sullivan Center. The theme of the day is celebrating our nation, and we will do that by recognizing our first responders. We are grateful for your selfless service to our community!Alumni who would like to join students, faculty, and staff for this Mass should RSVP to Brian at bdebenedictis@centralcatholic.org by January 24.



#### **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP ON CAMPUS**

Arise women's prayer group is a student organization through BGSU, where we teach women how to hear the Father's voice and use that to learn more about Jesus and his plan for us. Each semester we have a theme, the theme for Spring 2022 is "Jesus is..." So, each week we will examine a different adjective to get to know Jesus better. Here are the topics for each week: Friend, Teacher, Provider, Love, Miracle Worker/Healer, and King. Meetings are Mondays at 7:30pm with a prayer night every other week and fellowship on the off weeks. We have a room change to Central Hall 100. We would love to spend time with each of you! You can follow us on Instagram: @arise\_bg where we post updates about meetings. We will also continue to reach out to you as a reminder for our meetings! For more info, Please contact Anabel Alexander (agalexa@bgsu.edu).

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#### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

When Roe v. Wade was wrongfully decided on January 22, 1973, Nellie Gray gave up her successful career as a U.S. government attorney to fully commit to the fight for life. Within a few months, she organized the first-ever March for Life on January 22, 1974, uniting over 20,000 pro-life advocates in our nation's capital. Nellie thought the March of January 22, 1974 would be the first and only March for Life.

But tragically, one March would not be enough. So Nellie vowed to come back year after year until the Supreme Court corrected its wrongful decision. Nellie spent the next 40 years dedicating every waking moment to the defense of human life and to inspiring generations to advocate for life.

Many believed the American people would come to accept abortion and the pro-life movement would eventually fade. However, nearly fifty years later, the March for Life continues to grow. Even now, we are expanding our reach into state capitals across the country.

It's impossible for us to know the great difference our little "yes" to defending life can make. On the 9th anniversary of her passing, we thank Nellie for her "yes" that has led us here today.

**Jeanne Mancini** *President, National March for Life* 

#### **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



#### LIVE ON ANNUNCIATION RADIO

Tune into WNOC 89.7 FM, the Catholic radio station aired live in Toledo. Listen on the go or at home through their online at *AnunciationRadio.com* to speakers across the diocese, the county, and even the world! You will even be able to hear from Bishop Daniel Thomas weekly during The Bishop's Corner on Thursdays at 4:30pm. To call in a prayer request or testimony for the team, please call **740.616.8111** 

#### 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.

## MOREIN MINISTRY

#### **DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM** TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7:00PM

Join us for our Spring Parish Fundraiser! Registration is now open for this year's Trivia Night. Not the best at trivia? There's questions everyone can answer!

#### **REGISTER YOUR TEAM**

\$150 per team

Team registrations only require the team leader to submit a registration. Each team can consist of up to 8 individuals. If you have a team fewer than 8 or are willing to accept an extra teammate if needed, let us know!

#### **REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL**

\$20 per individual

We want everyone to participate in Trivia Night, even if you don't have a team to join just quite vet. You can still be paired with another group no problem!



#### TRIVIA REGISTRATION

Registrant Name

Email

Phone

#### [] Individual Registration OR

[] Team Registration

Total team members

Willing to accept an extra teammate [] Yes [] No

Turn this in to the collection basket, or drop off in the parish office. For MORE details, email Toni Marsteller at toni@sttomsbg.org





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Finish National Registration

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