

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am,
~~5:00pm, 9:00pm~~
(Will resume 8/21)
Monday 12:30pm
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 12:30pm
Thursday 5:30pm
Friday 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm
~~Sunday 4:00pm~~
(Will resume 8/21)
Monday 11:30am
Tuesday 6:00pm
Wednesday 11:30am
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 11:30am

ADORATION

~~Wednesday 9:00pm~~
(Will resume 8/24)
Thursday 9:00am-9:00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
1:00-5:00pm

FOOD PANTRY

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

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, APRIL 30

Saint Pius V, Pope

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 Mass intention:

Edwin Wojciechowski (D)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

10:00am - Mass intention - pro popolo

MONDAY, MAY 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:8-15 | Jn 6:22-29

11:30am - Reconciliation

12:30pm - Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

I Cor 15:1-8 | Jn 14:6-14

5:00pm - Rosary for Life

5:30pm - Mass

6:00pm - Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Acts 8:1b-8 | Jn 6:35-40

11:30am - Reconciliation

12:30pm - Mass intention:

William & Bonnie Krabill

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Acts 8:26-40 | Jn 6:44-51

5:00 Rosary for Vocations

5:30pm - Mass intention:

All Parish Benefactors

6:00 pm - Reconciliation

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Acts 9:1-20 | Jn 6:52-59

11:30 Reconciliation

12:30 pm Mass intention:

John Buckenmyer (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Acts 9:31-42 | Jn 6:60-69

4:00pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10:00am - Mass intention: pro popolo

To add a Mass intention, please call the parish office.

A - Anniversary | B - Birthday | D - Deceased

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

Have you ever had the experience of hearing a Scripture passage at Mass and suddenly having a verse or phrase jump out at you? Or just randomly think of a Bible verse while walking down the street or driving your car? I used to think that it was just my brain on overload, but I am now convinced that those verses or phrases stick in our heads because the Holy Spirit plants them there for a reason. In turn, we ask God in prayer to help us understand why we were so moved by that thought.

This past week, the verse, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5) just popped into my head. I began to pray about it over the next several days. I thought about the birth of our second grandson in December, as well as the fact that my retirement is less than two months away. But then I started reflecting on the RCIA process from this past year. We had a total of 12 young men and women join the Catholic Church – the largest class I have seen in my six years in the process at Saint Tom's. There were 3 who were baptized, 3 who were confirmed, and 6 who received First Holy Communion and were also confirmed. This was the first time we have been able to be fully in-person and on schedule since before the pandemic began, and the energy was amazing. The Easter Vigil was so powerful as these individuals professed their faith and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all celebrated in Seton Hall until well after midnight and are still glowing two weeks later.

As I write this article, we already have several who have expressed interest in joining the Church next year or have actually fully committed to the process. This is where you, as a student or permanent community member, have a vital role to play. It has been said that "the parish is the curriculum" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In other words, it is the prayers, efforts, and activities of the parish that serve as the "classroom" for growing new Catholics in their faith.

There are several ways that you can support RCIA that I would urge you to consider: First, pray regularly for new candidates to answer the call of the Holy Spirit and join the formation process. Second, get involved in the life of the parish – everything from donuts after Mass to Thou Shall Chow and Adoration. Remember that the things you participate in become the liturgies and events that attract others to join the Church and to be nourished in their spiritual growth. Third, keep your eyes open for others who are signaling some interest in joining the Church. Encourage them to contact Fr. Jeff or me or give us a name, and we will make the contact. Finally, consider serving as a member of the RCIA Team or as a sponsor for someone coming into the Church. Each candidate interested in the Catholic faith needs a person to walk the journey with him/her. If you have any interest in serving on the Team or being a sponsor, please see me or drop me an email (DeaconDan@sttomsbg.org) and I would be happy to follow-up with you as we prepare for the next RCIA class that will start in September.

The Easter Season is a time of great joy. We are excited for our neophytes ("newly planted" Catholics) and anticipate the beginning of a new year of formation this fall. Indeed, all things have been made new – to God be the glory!

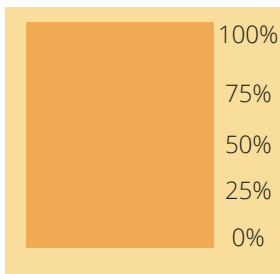
Deacon Daniel Brahier

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

April Goal = \$20,000

Other Giving (end of month)
 Online Giving (end of month)
 April 23/24 = \$2,864.63
 April 16/17 = \$4,144.90
 April 9/10 = \$3,307.26
 April 2/3 = \$11,696.50



OFFICE SCHEDULE CHANGE

The church office will be closed on Fridays in June and July.

Our ST VINCENT DePAUL FOOD PANTRY

is in need of spaghetti noodles and tuna. Families who receive food from the food pantry are currently receiving a \$10 gas card--one per household, through May 19.

Pisanello's Pizza coupons are available in the parish office. For \$3 you get a personal size pizza AND you support our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry!

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Silent adoration will be once again offered this summer, from 9:00am-9:00pm each Thursday, through August 18. You don't have to commit to an hour to sit with our Lord! Want to receive texts about subbing for an hour? Sign up at www.sttomsbg.org/adoration

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

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Join our flock to receive text and email updates from our parish. All you need to do is text STTOMS to 84576. No additional downloads, get the notifications for only the ministries you want to hear about!

Please keep our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Ray Kagy, in your prayers, as he recuperates from successful surgery on April 21.

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 • Sutton Brown • Darlene Schings • LaMar Malone

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

From Our Tele-Health Counselor

This week's Gospel has always been interesting to me for a couple of reasons. One is because of how frequently our sadness, anger, and frustration can result in our gaze turning inward which results in self-pity and pride. The disciples are sad about Jesus' death and have now been fishing all night without catching anything. Even though the cause of their grief is the death of Jesus, they do not recognize him standing on the shore. We can frequently become so absorbed in our own feelings and pain that we miss what is right in front of us. In these moments, we need to remain focused outward and on God. The other thing that always strikes me about this Gospel reading is how we can almost always see how God was present in past suffering that we have endured, and yet we frequently fail to see God in the midst of our suffering as we are enduring it. In hindsight, we can often see how providentially God has guided us through past grievances, suffering, and pain, but we often forget that he is always present when we are actively in pain and suffering. This is a very common and human occurrence since pain is intense and intense things usually have our full attention. However, we need to stay as focused as we can on God even in the midst of suffering and pain. While we may not understand the suffering in the moment, we need to trust that God is present and that all will be revealed in the Resurrection. If you find yourself turning inward or forgetting God in the midst of suffering, consider praying with the Gospel reading and place yourself in the place of the disciples as they suffered and Christ revealed Himself to them.

LUKE BROWN, LPCC



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Parking for Rent

We are in the process of renting parking spaces for the 2022-2023 academic year. If you are a student, or know of someone looking for a parking space rental, please visit www.sttomsbg.org/parking or call the parish office at 419.352.7555

Spaces are available Monday to Friday in a designated space located across the street from BGSU's Offenbauer Residency hall, all for a one time payment of \$275.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

"Shhh! Men can't say anything about this!" So read a comment I saw recently on social media from a pro-abortion woman trying to silence a man about abortion. Abortion advocates have tried to justify abortion by isolating it. They want to isolate it in the realm of privacy, and solely the privacy of the mother. If we are to overcome abortion, we must overcome the isolation and the rhetoric of isolation. It is not simply about the woman. It's about restoring the supportive relationships within the family, as God intended it, to be the "sanctuary of life," the community of persons which is meant to provide the stable framework for welcoming and raising new life. And it's about a Culture of Life in which every citizen understands that we have all been entrusted to the care of one another, and that we all share responsibility for innocent blood shed upon our land. Abortion is the killing of a child. Protecting a child is just as much the business of a man as of a woman. Speaking up for the voiceless, and defending the vulnerable, is not a task that rises or falls with gender. It is everyone's responsibility, equally.

Father Frank Pavone
Fr. Frank Reports

THE CASE FOR PERSONHOOD AND POST ROE

Foundation for Life is presenting a forum on "The Case for Personhood & Post Roe - What Now?" The presenter is Lee Strang, a nationally recognized constitutional scholar. This timely educational forum will be Tuesday, May 17, 7:00-8:30 pm in the NOCA Auditorium, 5025 Glendale Ave, Toledo. RSVP on the events tab at fflnwo.org.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*"This year's theme calls us to Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude, that others may recognize our Lord Jesus through our words and actions."
(Bishop Daniel E. Thomas)*

The parishioners of St Thomas More University Parish have pledged or donated \$17,365.00 so far, which is 84% of our total goal of \$20,581.00 for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA).

The whole Diocese has reached 75.5% of its goal, which is \$3,250,000.

Learn more at www.acatoledo.org



“Living Christ”! In this Easter Season, it is the Living Christ who we proclaim, the one who suffered, died and rose to save us! For more than 110 years, we have been proclaiming the Living Christ in our thoughts, words and deeds, and in all our work as the Catholic Diocese here in Northwest Ohio.

Now, “Living Christ” takes on new meaning, as together we are making history in publicly launching our diocesan “Living Christ” Campaign! This historic capital and endowment campaign will address significant needs in parishes, schools, and ministries of our 19 county diocese, and its impact will be felt today and resonate for generations to come. In launching the “Living Christ” campaign, we are being responsible stewards who, like our predecessors, are doing everything we can to guarantee a bright future where the Gospel is preached and authentically lived.

When I arrived in the Diocese of Toledo in 2014, in partnership with the clergy, lay leaders and pastoral staff we cast a vision and invited the faithful to foster holy families, holy vocations and holy disciples. We began a restructuring process to enhance the protection, governance, management and transparency of funds that support our ministries, pastoral activities and temporal functions of the diocese. All this work led to the development of the Diocesan Strategic Plan to help determine how we carry out our vision and mission to become a more faith-filled, united and vibrant Diocese of Toledo. One of the pillars of that Plan is to develop financial resources that will ensure a sustainable mission and ministry far into the future, including planning for a capital and endowment campaign. After extensive consultation throughout the diocese, and after a professional evaluation, it was determined that we should move forward with a capital campaign. The prudential judgment was made to pause the launching of a campaign due to the pandemic; but one year later it was once again considered and determined that as a diocese we should move forward with a campaign.

Through the Living Christ campaign, we seek to fulfill our responsibility as faithful Catholics to serve the physical, spiritual and pastoral needs of all people in Northwest Ohio. Our Living Christ Campaign will aim to raise a minimum of \$65 million dollars to enhance the vitality of our local Church with a focus on six priority areas: Strengthening Our Parishes; Supporting Our Clergy; Caring for the Poor; Emerging Disciples in our Catholic Schools; Restoring Our Mother Church – Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral; and Forming Our Lay Leaders.

The campaign logo has particular meaning, as it is both expressive of the campaign theme and reflective of our

history as a Diocese. The logo is uniquely ours, as it is a stained-glass image from the Cathedral Rectory, placed there by the first Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Joseph Schrembs. There are three unique features of this depiction of Jesus, the Living Christ! As the Good Shepherd, he has a sheep over his shoulders, indicating how he cares for us his sheep; and in turn entrusts to us the care of his flock. As the Sacred Heart, Jesus shows the love of His Heart for all of us; and in turn empowers us to show the love of His Heart to all in need. As the Fisher of Men, he holds a fisherman’s pike, signifying his desire to catch all of us for himself; and in turn encouraging us to become fishers of all people for his Kingdom.

As we publicly launch our Campaign during this Joyful Easter Season, I am thrilled to share the exciting news that we already have a tremendous jump start to the campaign! Over \$7.3 million dollars has been raised to date through generous leadership gifts and pledges, which includes personal and leadership gifts from our priests of nearly \$800,000! Our 8 parishes from around the diocese which served as the initial or pilot wave of activity, have cumulatively raised over \$6.2 million dollars, 154 percent of their goal! Early efforts of our Wave One parishes have already achieved over \$4.4 million dollars, or 33% of the Wave One goal. We are truly blessed and inspired by the overwhelming generosity and engagement which has provided incredible momentum to our efforts; and I am humbled to report that, as of today, we have reached over 28% of our overall goal in gifts and pledges! Thanks be to God!

The timing of this message coincides with the start of the first of three waves of activity throughout our 122 parishes. Each parish will conduct the Campaign in its local community, either this Spring, this Fall, or in Spring of 2023. With this public announcement, I invite all the good folks throughout our region to pray for, participate in, and promote our Living Christ Campaign, now and when it begins in your parish.

Through the great generosity and sacrifice of all our brothers and sisters in Christ, I am confident we will ensure a bright future of faith, hope, and charity for generations to come. Today, this campaign serves as our “Holy Opportunity” to be and to share the Living Christ with everyone. May the Holy Spirit, who brings the Risen Christ to life in each of us, prompt all our efforts for the success of our Living Christ Campaign.

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
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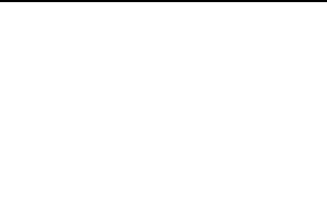
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