

## JUNE 5, 2022 PENTECOST

#### 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 Thursday (During June & July) 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

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4** 

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | Jn 21:20-25 4:00 Reconciliation 5:00 Mass intention: Mary Lou Reublin

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5** 10:00am - Mass intention - pro popolo

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 6**

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 | Jn 19:25 - 34 11:30am - Reconciliation 12:30pm - Mass intention: Teddy Allen (B)

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

1 Kgs 18:30-39 | Mt 5:13-16 5:00pm - Rosary for Life 5:30pm - Mass 6:00pm - Reconciliation

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Acts 20:28-38 | Mt 5:17-19 11:30am - Reconciliation 12:30pm - Mass intention: William & Mary Bihn

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

St Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church 1 Kgs 18:41-46 | Mt 5:20-26 5:00 Rosary for Vocations 5:30pm - Mass intention: Donelda Royal 6:00 pm - Reconciliation

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Church Office Closed 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 | Mt 5:27-32 11:30 Reconciliation 12:30 pm Mass intention: Ken & Darla Hart

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

St Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3 | Mt 5:33-37 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass intention: Charles Bidwell

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

*The Most Holy Trinity* 10:00am - Mass intention: pro popolo

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

## **FROM OUR DEACON**

This weekend, the Easter Season officially comes to a close. After 50 days of celebration, the Solemnity of Pentecost completes our journey through this segment of the Liturgical Year. Today, we celebrate the Birthday of the Church, the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus. The church is decorated in red to symbolize the fire of the Spirit. On Monday, we return to the "green" of Ordinary Time, spending nearly six months reflecting on the life of Jesus, as seen primarily through the eyes of the Evangelist Saint Luke.

In the wisdom of the Church, the next two Sundays serve to continue the festivities. Next weekend, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity or "Trinity Sunday." It is a day set aside to reflect on one God, three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The following weekend is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The body and Blood of Christ. In both cases, the liturgical colors once again return to white, a reminder of the Easter Season. It's almost as if the Church just doesn't want to let go of the joy and optimism that come with the Easter Season and celebrates these solemnities to extend the festival an extra couple of weeks.

In two weeks, we will host the annual Eucharistic Procession from Saint Tom's to Saint Aloysius, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. You are invited and strongly encouraged to be part of this procession. This type of celebration dates back to the time of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the thirteenth century. The idea is to process the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in a public way through the community. In some parts of the world, this event calls for special dress for the day, feasting, and celebration. There are countries and cities that recognize Corpus Christi as a national holiday, with all stores and businesses closed so that the public can focus on the presence of Christ in their lives.

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit will host a Eucharistic procession of more than two miles through the city. Now, more than ever, we need to take the opportunity to ask Jesus to bless our town and its citizens as we acknowledge His physical presence in the Eucharist. When Mass concludes on Saturday, June 18, we will host a procession of the monstrance with the Holy Eucharist from our church to Saint Aloysius, where we will be joined by members of their parish for benediction and adoration. It is an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship with other Catholics and to honor our Lord with an event that only comes around once a year.

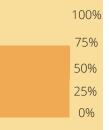
As we close the Easter Season, today is yet another opportunity to reflect on how we have been transformed by the past several months of Lent and Easter. What are some examples of practices you adopted that you will not want to let go of when the Easter Season ends? How will you come to know Jesus and His Spirit and how God moves in your lives in the coming months of Ordinary Time? I wish you and your families and friends a restful, safe, and blessed summer. Happy Pentecost!

## **OUR PARISH FAMILY**

#### PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

May Goal = \$25,000

Other Giving (end of month) Online Giving (end of month) May 28/29 = \$2129.00 May 21/22 = \$2095.00 May 14/15 = \$4,984.00 May 7/8 = \$2,669.00 April 30/May 1 = \$4,110.00



#### **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 tuna, egg noodles, and cream of mushroom soup. They are also in need of PAPER grocery bags.

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!

#### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

Stone Ridge Golf Club Golf - Wedding Banguets - Dining

1553 Muirfield Dr., Bowling Green www.stoneridgegolfclub.org ~ 419-353-2582

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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

#### **PARISH STAFF & STUDENT LEADERS**

#### PASTOR

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

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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, or when we should remove a name that you requested, 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 • 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

# Retirement Party for Fr. Herb

Please plan to join us to celebrate Father Herb Weber Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, June 26 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. John XXIII, Perrysburg, Ohio

RSVP at 23.church

## PARISH PICNIC

St. Thomas More's Feast Day is gonna be flippin' awesome! Join us the weekend of June 25-26 for unlimited pancakes and fellowship following each Mass.

Have a yard tent you can share for the weekend? Call the parish office to let us know at 419.352.7555

#### **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

Eric Segall said in a tweet, "To be equal in society, women simply have to have the ability to control their own bodies and reproductive destinies. If you don't think so, then you don't want women to be equal with men. That's all."

Destiny Herndon-DeLaRosa, the New Wave Feminist Founder, pointed out how misguided this tweet is: "Abortion does make women equal to men. It allows women to treat the unborn as property just as men have treated us as property for centuries. So, you're not wrong. We'd just rather have equity over equality, with ALL people respecting ALL human life and no one being objectified."

The legalization of abortion essentially sent a message to women that since oppressive and abusive men could use them for sex and then abandon both them and their babies when they became pregnant, then women should also be able to abandon their babies. But abortion is even darker because its method of abandonment meant women had to kill their babies in order to be equal. But if women have to become killers to be equal to men, something has gone very wrong. Legal abortion hasn't elevated the status of women or led to political equality. It turned women into oppressors.

Nancy Flanders Live Action News

## JUNE PARISH FESTIVALS

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Festival 4255 Bellevue Road, Toledo, OH Friday, June 3: 5:00 pm-11:30 pm Saturday, June 4: 5:00 pm-11:30 pm Sunday, June 5: Noon-5:00 pm Our Lady of Consolation 401 Clay Street, Carey, OH Saturday, June 4: 4:00 pm-11:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Festival 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, OH Friday, June 3: 6:00 pm-Midnight Saturday, June 4: 1:00 pm-Midnight Saturday, June 5: Noon-6:00 pm St. Gerard Parish Festival 240 W. Robb Avenue, Lima, OH

- Friday, June 3: 5:00 pm-Midnight
- Saturday, June 4: Noon-Midnight
  Sunday, June 5: Noon-9 pm

See a full schedule on our Facebook page

From our Telesteath Courselog

Do you remember when "What would Jesus do?" was a popular phrase? It still is in some circles, but I remember in the late 2000s when everyone was wearing the rubber bracelets that had "WWJD?" printed on them.

The more I think about this phrase, the more I do not like it. The way it is phrased makes it sound like Jesus is simply a historical figure or somehow removed from our situation, who we recall to make a moral decision. It is the equivalent of asking "What would Abraham Lincoln do?"

The reality is that Jesus is not restricted to history or somehow removed from us but is present in every moment of our lives. This is even more apparent as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend. Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit always and guiding us towards Heaven constantly. I think that a better way to phrase it is, "Jesus, what are you doing?" When we are faced with a difficult decision, where is Jesus in our heart at that moment? When suffering is present, where is Jesus in the midst of that suffering? This differently worded phrase, "Jesus, what are you doing?" has the language of turning to God and being mindful of his presence in our daily lives. Being mindful of God's presence helps us to keep our identity centered as beloved children of God. I have found that this practice is helpful for all Catholics but, in a particular way, for those that are struggling with their mental health.

This week, consider reflecting on this different phrasing in your prayer life and see if it helps you to remember that the Holy Spirit is present in every moment of your day.

Luke Brown, LPCC



2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude"

Through the end of May, St Thomas More parishioners have pledged or donated \$18,150. This is 88% of our total goal, of \$20,581. We are only \$2,431 away from our target! Huge thanks to all who have pledged and/or contributed.



Diocese of Toledo Youth & Family Day! Save big, and get a FREE fanny pack! See below for details!

## June 24, 2022

Discount Tickets available for \$43.20 To purchase, follow the link below and use the following username/password combination (case sensitive):

www.cedarpoint.com/save Username: CPTDIOCESE Password: tdiocese

The Diocese will be distributing exclusive Diocesan Fanny Packs in a variety of fun colors for FREE to the first 100 guests who attend the 10:15am Mass located inside the Lakeside Pavilion!



#### **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ETC...**

With all the ways there are to give, many people don't need their weekly envelopes any more! If you're receiving envelopes, but don't need them, please email the office and let us know. cathy@sttomsbg.org

We also appreciate your help keeping our information up-to-date! If your address changes, or you're not sure we have your current phone or preferred email address, PLEASE let us know! cathy@sttomsbg.org

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