

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

January 31, 2021



One of the many things I am grateful about here at St. Thomas is the wonderful job our church decorators do. Even with the pandemic, the church always looks beautiful, welcoming and appropriate.

The chairperson of the decorating committee, Lorraine Gursky, told me that she is no longer able to hold that position. We are most grateful for her many years of faithful service and all the wonderful work she has done over the years. May God bless you abundantly, Lorraine and your many helpers.

Four of the committee members stepped up and offered to share the position. They are Dorothy Corey, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Mary Ellen Rudzinski and Nancy Steck. I am grateful for their willingness to take on this important position. I am very pleased with the excitement and creativity to keep our church beautiful every season of the year. God bless you.

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the feast of St. Blase. We know very little about his life. However, one story that is often told is about an anxious mother who hurried to Blase with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed him. Immediately, the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blase was very popular during the Middle Ages, and continues to this day.

With the restrictions of COVID-19, we cannot bless throats individually this year. However, a general blessing will be given to the congregations at all the Masses this weekend. May God keep us all safe and healthy!

Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00
am in Church

Confessions will be
heard every
Saturday at 3:30 pm

First Friday, February 5th

Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary



Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with the
recitation of the Rosary

Friday, February 5th, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass



ASH WEDNESDAY

**Lent Begins on
Ash Wednesday
February 17th**

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This N That by Deacon Skip

As I expected, my granddaughter Chloe's Christmas present was waiting between the doors when I got home one day this past week. It was not that the present was grand on any level; it was that it came late. I made a quick substitution with a pair of blue jeans via Target for Christmas day, but those were not on the list and were yawn worthy.

In contrast, all of the presents I ordered for my grandsons came in almost record time. My brother Larry is a mailman out of the Marion, Ohio office and said that it depended on which regional sorting center a package passed through. Some of the centers were literally floor to ceiling with packages. A shortage of workers combined with a lot of internet shopping created a perfect storm, and I got wet.

Chloe's present was a pair of riding pants. Apparently, it does make a difference what a person wears when horseback riding. Chloe loves horseback riding. I find Chloe's attachment to horses very ironic. She was born and raised in one of the heaviest industrialized areas in the history of the world. No open prairies around here. None of us seem to know where her love of riding comes from. We just know that Chloe saves every dollar she can muster for her next session on horseback.

I gave Chloe the package as is to open. She was very pleased and even tried the pants on immediately. As always, Mom knows her kids' sizes. They fit perfectly and have room for continued vertical growth, which is probably happening as I write. Success came late but came.

Something is about to go down on Wayne Road near me. Surveyors have been working feverishly on the bridge over Tonquish Creek this last week, even wading into the creek itself to take measurements. That was followed by a work crew that's been drilling holes into the road surface of the bridge, presumably to take samples. I'll let everyone know. I have a suspicion that traveling on Wayne road this summer between Warren and Joy is going to be a challenge.

Don't forget the food pantry.

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;

1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday, February 1, 2021

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24;

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10;

Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,

17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab,

3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 5, 2021

**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin
and Martyr**

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc;

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6, 2021

**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs**

Heb 13:15-17; 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a,

3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



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To our parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle,

In the Knights of Columbus the forth core principle is Patriotism. The Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Council #4513 will be working with other council in our area collecting donations to the VA Medical Center, Detroit.

We will have collection boxes at all the entrances of the church for the month of February. You can purchase most of these items at the local Dollar Stores.

Here are some words from Eugene Suchyta from Knights of Columbus Assembly #1536 Pope John XXIII who we are co-sponsoring with.

The restrictions that have placed on our organizations due to the COVID pandemic have hampered many of our efforts to help those in need. Much of our work has been limited to monetary donations and some food donations, with few other opportunities available.

Unfortunately our veterans have also been impacted, especially those at the John Dingall Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit. While our councils normally spend time at the hospital, their lockdown has prevented us from visiting.

Even so, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services has reached out to councils in our area and provided a list of needs which they feel would help the patients. While the list is very long, our council has decided to collect **new** (unopened/unused) jigsaw puzzles, games, crossword puzzle books and word search books that we will deliver to the hospital. We will be running the collection the entire month of February.

Thanks for your help!
Grand Knight, Phil Bustos

Ministries Center

(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: cans of soup, ravioli or Spaghetti-O's; macaroni and cheese (box); laundry detergent; paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10 am-12 pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

¶ prayer for 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 in 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.

Worship Schedule		February 6 & 7, 2021	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK AMALIA MCKISSICK	JULIE GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT	GAIL COZZAGLIO DAN LOBB	TEREZE AULA DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	BOB PROKOP	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +DANNY PEPERA +CHESTER GUGALA	+BERNICE LEZOTTE PRISCELLA "PAT" PROKOP RALPH S. LUTHER	+MARGUERITE BOYCE +ALBERT BATCHIK TOM & JULIE STACHERSKI

Weekend Collection January 23 & 24, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$4,914.00
Loose contributions:	289.00
Total Sunday Offertory	\$5,203.00
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	-5,201.00
Total # of envelopes	171
Average envelope contribution	\$30.42
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Holy Day	\$ 55.00
Utility	\$ 196.00
Initial Offering	\$ 45.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1.00
Gift to God	\$ 110.00
TOTAL	\$ 407.00
Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.	

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Weekday Masses February 1-5, 2021	
<u>Tuesday, February 2</u>	
8:30 am.....CHURCH	+MARGUERITE BOYCE +WALTER MADAJ MARY IRWIN CAROLYN BOYAK
<u>Friday, February 5</u>	
8:30 am.....CHURCH	+MARGUERITE BOYCE MARY BATCHIK

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen
Ainsworth, Ron
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejiike
Altizer, Brynn
Armstrong, Sean
Arsenault, Cathy
Arsenault, Fran
Asini, Eloho
Asini, Margaret
Bargardi, Carl
Bargardi, Frances
Bartlett, Carol
Boyak, Carolyn
Bufalini, Rose
Burdis, Cathy
Burke, Larry
Burrell, Fred
Burris, Nikita
Burris Family

Carol and Ronnie
Chicila, Pam
Cunningham, John
Daughtery, Jeff
DeGrande, Colleen
DeGrande, Sam
DiVitto, Rita
Esson, Pat
Farr, Viola
Galdes, Julie
Gau, Sandy
Hamm, Jo
Hayes, Jacqueline
Henry, Bernadine
Herlihy, Patrick
Hrlac, Charlene
Hrlac, Charles
Humphrey, Dawn
Irwin, Mary
Jones, Marie
Kietur, Deanna

Koslosky, Alphonse
Kusluski, Walter
Larry, Bruce
Levoir, Lorraine
Luther, Brian
Lynn, William
Maddix, Erin
Malek, Thomas
Malish, Rosemary
Malone, Della
Marchand, Susan
Marsh, Bob
Mathison, Bonnie
Mathison, Jackie
Mayfield, Sally
McGrath, Jim
Maddix, Erin
Merritt, Dan
Miklousich, Lena
Mirabitor, Timmy
Mocadlo, Audrey

Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.
Mocadlo, Jimmy
Murray, Colleen
Nantz, Janice
Needham, Jim
Newman, Theresa
Niemczewski, Gordon
Palucki, Rachel
Pardo, Charel
Parker, Sharon
Pastula, Shirley
Persondek, Cristina
Pietszak, Carol
Pryce, Mary Ann
Radford, Magdalen
(Maggie)
Rawlings, Therese
Robertson, Michael
Rodgers, Hiedi
Romanowski, Ronald
Saenz, Carlos

Sanregret, Anna
Serafini, Loretta
Shankin, JoAnne
Skorupa, Peter
Smitt, Deb
Sokol, Dennis J.
Stacherski, Ann
Staudacher, Jason
Summet, Fred
Szura, Samantha
Tetreau, Audrey
Thomas, Michael
Tomasi, Jack
Turner, Sandy
Vaughn, Kelly
Wood, Virginia
Woodward, Todd
Wysocki, Ken
Zonca, Barbara
Ziolkowski, Norm

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain
Loving Memory of Herman Cain
Special Intention DAK
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher
Kapanke-Omilian Families
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold
In loving memory of Aline Mele
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families

Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In loving memory of William E. Wilson
Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber
Angelovic, Adrian
Ardinger, Stephanie
Becker, Justin
Brozek, Timothy
Canfield, Chaz
Cinka, Jonathan
Comment, Scott
DiCicco, Bill
Ellsworth, Justin
Gentilia, Anthony
Griglio, Matthew
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Sean Patrick
Masiarak, Luke
McCarville, William E.

Ainsworth, Raymond
Angelovic, George
Baumgardner, AJ
Bregand, David
Campbell, Mary
Chokr, Jamel
Coatsworth, Michael
Dempsey, Joseph
Dwyer, Tyler
Fisher, Bob
Goudeseune, Russell
Kashou, Christopher
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Jeff
McHale, Sgt. Shawn
McGahan, Wade

McGaw, Douglas
Miller, Maj. David C.
Moody, Samantha
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Porcaro, Jeff
Rosa, Brian J.
Rousseau, Philip
Smith, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Sparrow, Justin
Squires, Derek
Steenburg, Patrick
Tesarz, Ian Michael
Webb, Brian
Witt, Christopher

Meadows, Erin
Mondoux, Ian
Murray, Daniel
Ohannesian, Brandon
Persondek, Michael
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Douglas J.
Sheko, Destiny
Smitt, David
Spiczka, Greg
Spohr, Raymond
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Wiertella, Jonathan



****FUN FACTS FOR FAMILIES****



Presentation of the Lord

**Feasts of the Season
Winter**

February 2

February 2 is a day with three names—the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day, and Groundhog Day.

At the time of Jesus' birth, Jewish law required that the firstborn son of a family be consecrated, or dedicated, to God. The child was presented for the consecration at the Temple in Jerusalem. **The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** commemorates the consecration of Jesus to the service of God.

An old man named Simeon, who lived at the Temple, had been assured by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah for whom Israel was waiting. At the time of Jesus' presentation, it was revealed to Simeon that Jesus was the Messiah. With the child in his arms, Simeon said a prayer called the *Nunc Dimittis* (its first words mean "now dismiss" in Latin). The prayer begins, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation." Simeon is asking God to let him die now that he has held in his arms the salvation of Israel and the Light to the Gentiles. At the same time, a holy woman named Anna, who also lived at the Temple, announced to people that Jesus was the one who would redeem the Jewish people. This must have been quite a day for Mary and Joseph. You can read the story in Luke 2:22–38.

On this feast day, churches also bless candles that will be used for the coming year, perhaps because of the reference to light in Simeon's prayer. Because of this tradition, February 2 is also known as **Candlemas Day**. The custom has been for people to process through the church holding the newly blessed candles as a commemoration of the first entrance of Jesus, the Light of the World and the Light to the Gentiles, into the Temple.

February 2 is also known as **Groundhog Day**, the day on which we're supposed to be able to predict the length of winter by whether the groundhog sees his shadow. The groundhog seems to be a recent addition because there is an ancient rhyme about Candlemas Day that makes no mention of the fuzzy animal (right). How the groundhog and his shadow became a part of the forecast, no one knows for sure.



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