

February 7, 2021



Lent is only a week and a half away. In order to prepare for Ash Wednesday, this week I am sharing with you a letter from the archdiocese which came from Rome on how we are to distribute ashes this year while the pandemic is still present among us.

Due to continued precautions of the pandemic, please do not individually distribute ashes to the forehead with your thumb because of the increased risk of contagion. Acknowledging that you are not obliged to administer ashes, but for pastoral reasons you may, we have the following two options.

1. The Congregation of Divine Worship provided a note of guidance for the distribution of ashes during the time of pandemic. The suggestion is to bless the ashes, say the prayer once **“Repent and believe in the Gospel”** or **“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return,”** and then sprinkle the blessed ashes on the head of each person with out saying anything. This is an ancient method of the distribution of ashes. All COVID-19 precautions remain in place.

Since many are unfamiliar with this custom, it is important to explain to all gathered that this method will be used.

2. However, at the discretion of the Pastor, and with attention all COVID-19 precautions, it is permissible to use a Q-tip or cotton ball to impose ashes on the forehead of each person with the sign of the Cross. Discard the applicator after each use and burn the used applicators. It is important to explain this option to all gathered.

**Please do not send blessed ashes home, nor encourage the imposition of ashes on oneself.**

**Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Mass times are 8:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Church. There will also be an Ash Service at 12:00 pm in the Church.**

#### 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

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# This N That by Deacon Skip

Babysat Elijah. Mom had to run downtown to the county clerk's office one morning. Elijah is nudging 4 now and has entered the world of games, so we played. Sort of. He has the basic idea, but is a little weak on the concept of rules and procedures. I just sort of went along with what he said and made the best of it. We played a number of rounds of Hungry Hippo and made a run at Candy Land. He's good at drawing cards, not so good at the idea that he needs to follow the path around the board. He dragged out Boggle, which surprised me, since that is clearly a word game. It turned out that he was more enamored with watching the sand flow through the timer.

I noticed that the family's Hungry Hippo game was on its last legs so on my way home I made a quick run into Target and picked them up a new one. It was a good investment. That household is into board games. When I dropped it off, a committee of people wasted no time in putting the new game together.

While I was with Elijah, I checked on Jordan's handy work. He had painted his own room and did a creditable job. There were no streaks or lap lines on the walls, which is remarkable since he painted his room a dark blue/purple. Its interesting that younger people seem to go for stark colors and as we age we move into shades and hues and subtle versions of colors.

In Mark's word, Gabriel is in driver's ed and has taken Dad driving. Mark told me that he now understands my level of fear when he learned to drive. Wait until he takes Gabriel out on a freeway. As I recall, before the boys started driving, I stood 6 feet tall, weighed about 180, had a full head of hair, perfect vision and perfect hearing.

I've been doing my best to keep up with my walking. I had another 40 mile week. I heard a woodpecker drumming while I was out on one of my journeys through the preserve. Either someone was hungry, or someone was looking for action with a girl woodpecker. It was good to hear wood sounds again.

Don't forget the food pantry.

## 2020 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2020 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket or mail the request to us. Thank you.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

### 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

### Monday, February 8, 2021

#### Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday, February 10, 2021

#### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 11, 2021

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday, February 12, 2021

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;  
Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 13, 2021

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday, February 14, 2021

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45



There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with recitation of the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of each month.

Ministriꝑ 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.

#### A 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.*



### You're Invited to our World-Famous Fish Fry!

Join us on Friday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for our "World-Famous Fish Fry" in the Activities Building. Please call the Parish Office at 734-427-1533 (you can leave a message) **OR** fill out the reservation below to help us determine how many guests we can expect. We will have extra dinners to sell but calling ahead is a big help. You will still get in line to pay for your meal and take it home or eat it in the Activities Building. We will be practicing social distancing in line and in the dining room.

We will also be having a BAKE SALE so save room for dessert! Bake sale donations are appreciated Friday morning after 7am to the Activities Building.

Please wear a mask to enter.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support of Our Parish FUNdraisers!

**Please submit orders by FEBRUARY 14th**

God Bless!

Jill Kolpacke

Tom Pociask

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DINE IN \_\_\_\_\_ or CARRYOUT \_\_\_\_\_

#1 - Beer Battered Haddock w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 - Baked Haddock w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 - Combo: Fish, Shrimp, Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#4 - Shrimp w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#5 - Cheese Sticks w/sauce - \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#6 - Macaroni & Cheese - \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Pop & Water available for \$1.00

Arizona Iced Tea - \$2.00

Worship Schedule		February 13 & 14, 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	JENNIFER CASSELL	CATIE KELLY	ASHLEY ASENCIO
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	LINDA LUDTKE CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GAIL COZZAGLIO	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +MONICA THOMPSON +FIORELLA ARCANGELI +DANNY PEPERA	+ARTHUR & ANN KAPANKE	+MARILYN LELEK +MARIE & DELPHIN DEMPSEY +MARGUERITE BOYCE +ALEXANDER & CARMELLA CHOMIUK +JEAN JASKULA KEVIN KENDRA

Weekend Collection January 30 & 31, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$5,064.00
Loose contributions:	359.00
<b>Total Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$5,423.00</b>
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	<b>-4,981.00</b>
Total # of envelopes	158
Average envelope contribution	\$32.05
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Holy Day	\$ 20.00
Utility	\$ 75.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>
Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.	

**Bulletin Editor**

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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 8-12, 2021

**Tuesday, February 9**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH**

+MARGUERITE BOYCE  
+FIORELLA ARCANGELI

**Friday, February 12**

**8:30 am.....CHURCH**

+FIORELLA ARCANGELI

**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](http://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	Carol and Ronnie	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Sanregret, Anna
Ainsworth, Ron	Chicila, Pam	Kusluski, Walter	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Serafini, Loretta
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejiike	Cunningham, John	Larry, Bruce	Murray, Colleen	Shankin, JoAnne
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Levoir, Lorraine	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Luther, Brian	Needham, Jim	Smitt, Deb
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Lynn, William	Newman, Theresa	Sokol, Dennis J.
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Maddix, Erin	Niemczewski, Gordon	Stacherski, Ann
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Malek, Thomas	Palucki, Rachel	Staudacher, Jason
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Malish, Rosemary	Pardo, Charel	Summet, Fred
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Malone, Della	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Marchand, Susan	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	Marsh, Bob	Persondek, Cristina	Thomas, Michael
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mathison, Bonnie	Pietszak, Carol	Tomasi, Jack
Bufalini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	Mathison, Jackie	Pryce, Mary Ann	Turner, Sandy
Burdis, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	Mayfield, Sally	Radford, Magdalen	Vaughn, Kelly
Burke, Larry	Hrlac, Charlene	McGrath, Jim	(Maggie)	Wood, Virginia
Burrell, Fred	Hrlilic, Charles	Maddix, Erin	Rawlings, Therese	Woodward, Todd
Burris, Nikita	Humphrey, Dawn	Merritt, Dan	Robertson, Michael	Wysocki, Ken
Burris Family	Irwin, Mary	Miklousich, Lena	Rodgers, Hiedi	Zonca, Barbara
	Jones, Marie	Mirabitor, Timmy	Romanowski, Ronald	Ziolkowski, Norm
	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Audrey	Saenz, Carlos	

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

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
In loving memory of Aline Mele	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families	

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



Missy Taylor  
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

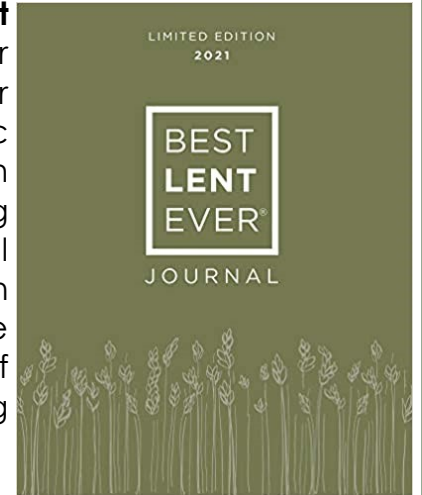
We were very fortunate to have been able to have an in-person Reconciliation Retreat for our young second graders preparing for sacraments. They enjoyed some great activities that helped them feel closer to Jesus and be grateful for the fact that he came into our world to help us be forgiven of our sins. AMEN!! The most important lesson they learned is something we can ALL try to remember! It is that LOVE RULES...with Jesus in in our hearts, we can happily obey the Ten Commandments to show love to God and to our neighbors. What a beautiful message!

**Our next PRAYER SERVICE/MATERIALS PICK-UP is next Monday, February 15th at 6:00pm in the church! Look forward to seeing you all then!**

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**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC MATERIALS**

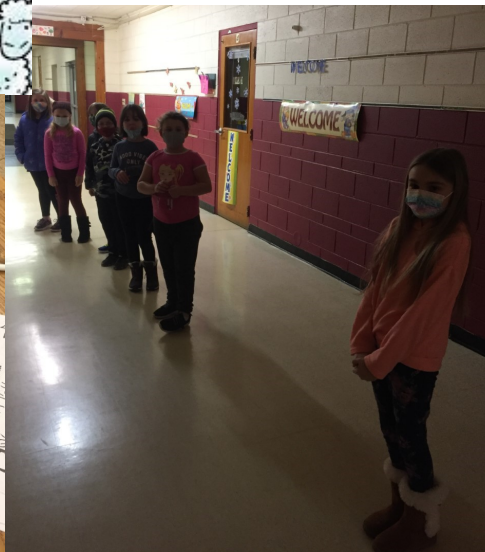
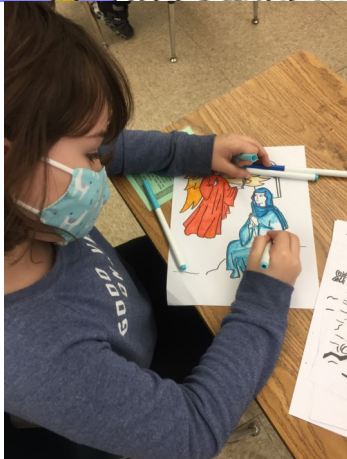
Be sure to get your copy of our latest free resource from Dynamic Catholic, **BEST LENT EVER JOURNAL**. It's a great way to journey through Lent. Free copies will be given out after all Masses **next weekend**. Look for Ron Berger, our Dynamic Catholic Parish Champion in the Gathering Space. Additional free materials can be found on the reading book shelf in the Gathering Space.



*Parable of The Lost Sheep*



*Parable of The Lost Son*



*...there is great rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents—  
 Luke 15:10*