

# First Sunday of LENT

February 21, 2021



Lent is off to a great start as we begin the first full week of the season. I hope everyone has their Lenten resolutions in place and progress is already happening.

Please continue to support the Fish Fries. Join us for Stations of the Cross and other Lenten activities available at St. Thomas.

Let's pray for each other during this holy season.

This week there are two more directions from the archdiocese. They are as follows:

In recognition of the essential and central nature of the Eucharist Sacrifice in our lives as Catholics, and in acknowledgement of my duty as shepherd to care for the souls of everyone within our diocese, it is important that I lead more of us back to Mass, when and where possible. ***That is why the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will be extended only for one month, until March 13.*** It is time for us to welcome back more of the faithful with a renewed amazement that we have a God who is so close to us and who has such a deep love for us that he comes to us in flesh and blood. Active participation in Mass is an occasion for all of us to avail ourselves of the immeasurable spiritual graces Christ desires for his faithful through his Paschal Sacrifice.

Human resources recommends that in-person meetings be conducted remotely via Zoom, RingCentral Meetings, MS Teams, etc. at least through April 14, 2021. Only essential employees who cannot complete work remotely should return to the building. While in the office, continue other COVID-19 protocols such as wearing masks, social distancing at least 6 feet, frequent hand washing, and using hand sanitizer.

God bless all of our Lenten resolutions!

## 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

Stations of the Cross  
every Friday during  
Lent  
3:00 and 7:00 pm

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

Just like everyone else, I've listened to my share of sermons. One sermon I heard at the beginning of Lent one year at another parish has sort of stuck with me. The pastor there said that Lent was about evaluating our relationships and fixing them where they needed fixing.

The first relationship is with ourselves. Are we taking care of ourselves. Are we getting enough sleep? Are we eating the right things? Are we exercising? Are we doing anything that stimulates our brains? Have we had a checkup with our doctor or our dentist lately? Are we taking any medications like we should?

The second relationship is with others. Do we need to be reconciled with anyone? Are we a good spouse? A good parent? A good child to an aging parent? Do we earn our paycheck? Are we a good neighbor? A good citizen? Do we take time to vote?

The third relationship is with our parish. Are we as active in the parish as we can? Do we participate in any of the parish activities? Are we a lay-minister if we are able? Do we contribute to the support of the parish routinely?

The final relationship is with God. Do we attend Mass? Do we routinely receive the sacraments? Do we take time to pray? Do we participate at Mass, or are we merely occupying space in a pew? Are we taking Lent seriously?

The pandemic has made it hard to live up to some of the questions, for sure. Still, Lent is a time of personal reflection and an opportunity to get back on track.

Someone asked if I was still walking. I've taken a hit of sorts in my mileage during the cold spell, coupled with some other activities I had to tend to. Instead of breaking forty miles a week, I've had to settle on breaking 30. Spring is coming and daylight will be longer. The cold snap will not last forever, I hope.

### First Friday, March 5th



### 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, March 5th, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass



Make This Lent  
Your Best Ever

## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021

### Sunday, February 21, 2021

#### First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### Monday, February 22, 2021

#### Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;  
Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday, February 23, 2021

#### Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,  
18-19; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 25, 2021

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday, February 26, 2021

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,  
7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 27, 2021

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, February 28, 2021

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:  
10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

YOUR ways,  
O LORD, ARE  
love and  
truth,  
to those  
who keep  
your  
covenant.

Ministriꝑs Cēnter  
(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: cans of soup, ravioli, Manwich or beef stew; grape or strawberry jelly; laundry soap; paper towels.

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm 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.*



### "World Famous Fish Fry"

Thank you for your response in letting us know you're interested in enjoying a fish dinner from our Fish Fry by filling out the order form! We will no longer use the order form for the next 6 Fish Fry's during Lent. Yes, we are having our "World Famous Fish Fry" every Friday during Lent including Good Friday.

Officially our Fish Fry starts at 4:30pm but if you attend the Stations of the Cross service you may come over immediately following and we will be ready to serve you!

We want you to feel comfortable enough to come to the Fish Fry and know we will have dinners available every Friday. We will follow all protocols suggested by the state including masks, hand sanitizing, social distancing, and cleaning the areas in use.

Don't forget to stop by the Bake Sale for a tasty treat! If you want to donate baked goods, we will accept them on Friday mornings after 7am in the Activities Building.

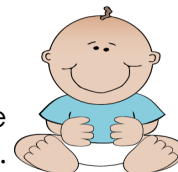
You may contact me via email with any questions or call the Parish Office at 734-427-1533.

Thank-you and God Bless!

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### Right to Life—Lifespan Baby Shower March 13 and 14



We are participating in the Right to Life drop-in baby shower again this year. You can put items you would like to donate into the baby playpen in the gathering space of the Church. Your donation helps bringing a new life into this world a little easier.

### 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

Worship Schedule		February 27 & 28, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JAMES SHUPE	ABBY HODGE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY LINDA LUDTKE CAROL STEC	DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	BOB PROKOP	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +FIORELLA ARCANGELI ALISON CANTWELL	+MR. & MRS. CHARLES TEMPLON +FIORELLA ARCANGELI	+AGNES ODGERS +MARGUERITE BOYCE MARY MOLASCON

Weekend Collection February 13 & 14, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$4,662.00
Loose contributions:	475.50
<b>Total Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$5,137.50</b>
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	<b>-5,266.50</b>
Total # of envelopes	135
Average envelope contribution	\$38.05
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Christmas	\$ 300.00
Utility	\$ 250.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 260.00</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 22-26, 2021

**Tuesday, February 23**  
8:30 am.....CHURCH  
+FIORELLA ARCANGELI

**Friday, February 26**  
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	Chicila, Pam	Kustuski, Walter	Murray, Colleen	Shankin, JoAnne
Ainsworth, Ron	Cunningham, John	Larry, Bruce	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Daughtery, Jeff	Levoir, Lorraine	Needham, Jim	Smitt, Deb
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Colleen	Luther, Brian	Newman, Theresa	Sokol, Dennis J.
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Sam	Lynn, William	Niemczewski, Gordon	Stacherski, Ann
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Maddix, Erin	Palucki, Rachel	Staudacher, Jason
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Malek, Thomas	Pardo, Charel	Summet, Fred
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Malish, Rosemary	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha
Asini, Margaret	Galdes, Julie	Malone, Della	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey
Bargardi, Carl	Gau, Sandy	Marchand, Susan	Perreira, Dennis	Thomas, Michael
Bargardi, Frances	Grant, Donald	Marsh, Bob	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	Mathison, Bonnie	Pietszak, Carol	Turner, Sandy
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mathison, Jackie	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Bufalini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	Mayfield, Sally	Radford, Magdalen	Wood, Virginia
Burdis, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	McGrath, Jim	(Maggie)	Woodward, Todd
Burke, Larry	Hrlilic, Charles	Maddix, Erin	Rawlings, Therese	Wysocki, Ken
Burrell, Fred	Hrlilic, Charles	Merritt, Dan	Robertson, Michael	Zonca, Barbara
Burris, Nikita	Humphrey, Dawn	Miklousich, Lena	Rodgers, Hiedi	Ziolkowski, Norm
Burris Family	Irwin, Mary	Mirabitor, Timmy	Romanowski, Ronald	
Carol and Ronnie	Jones, Marie	Mocadlo, Audrey	Saenz, Carlos	
	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Sanregret, Anna	
	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Serafini, Loretta	

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

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

## 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	



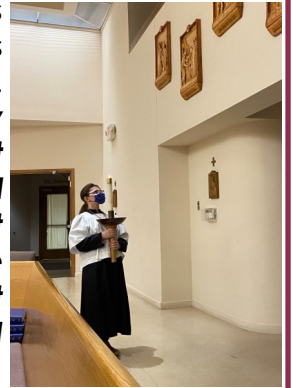
Missy Taylor  
Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry



What a great way to kick off Lent! **LET THE ALMSGIVING BEGIN!!** Our children and families were ultra-generous as they brought items for the Knights of Columbus drive for the VA Hospital in Detroit and helped fill the coffers in our own Parish Pantry. They also showed the **LOVE** by offering cards and gifts for our 2nd grade catechist, Mrs. Elizabeth Amato, who is expecting her first child later this month. We then enjoyed praying the Stations of the Cross with our families who received materials for this months learning! A great big thank you to Julie Galdes



who helped guide us through the stations. **Please save your empty tissue boxes and toilet paper tubes as we will need them for Lent projects. They may be dropped off in the basket in church! THANKS IN ADVANCE! :)**



# Lent 2021

## CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

### FEBRUARY

#### SUN 21

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Mk 1:12

The season of Lent lasts for forty days. Use this or another calendar to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.

#### MON 22

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Look for ways to treat each person you encounter today as you would treat Jesus.

#### TUE 23

"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Mt 6:9

Offer an Our Father together. Pray it slowly and pay attention to each word and phrase.

#### WED 24

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12

Be aware of your words and actions today. How can you make each one more loving and kind?

#### THU 25

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

What does your family need to be happy and holy? Offer a prayer together and bring those needs to God.

#### FRI 26

"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." Mt 5:24

Talk about any ways in which your family members need to forgive and reconcile with one another. Offer words of forgiveness to one another.

#### SAT 27

"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Mt 5:44

Make an effort to be kind and patient today with someone who is difficult to love.

