



# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 2021



We've been hearing about Families of Parishes. We are in West Wayne Vicariate—Family 4. There are five parishes in our family. They are:

- St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
- St. Mary, Wayne
- St. Richard, Westland
- SS. Simon and Jude, Westland
- St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

We are in Wave 1. There are two waves.

It is important for us to understand and appreciate the significance of our role in the transition. The Great Commission of Jesus Christ calls us *all* to go and make disciples, and we can do that by making our Families of Parishes places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be his witnesses.

As Archbishop Vigneron has stated in his Pastoral Letter ***Unleash the Gospel:***

*"The engagement of every lay person, according to their gifts and state in life, is essential for the mission of the Church to be fulfilled."  
(UTG Marker 5.1: The Laity)*

We each have a role in the mission. Families of Parishes provide numerous opportunities for the laity to support the mission through their gifts, their talents, and their prayers. Your opportunity to engage is coming soon.

Beginning in March/April of 2021, there will be a series of three Family Gatherings held for each Wave 1 Family. The themes of these gatherings are as follows:

- Gathering #1-Encounter: In this gathering, members of the Family will be introduced to each other. Parishioners from all parishes in the Family will have an opportunity to get to know one another and to encounter Jesus through new relationships as brothers and sisters.
- Gathering #2-Grow: This second gathering is about beginning to grow together as disciples through the creation of relationships founded in faith.
- Gathering #3-Witness: This third gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently witnessing to the Gospel.

Through these Family Gatherings, we will come to a better understanding of our role in the Archdiocese of Detroit transitioning to Families of Parishes.

For all who are in Wave 1 Family, keep watching for more information and your invitations to attend these Gatherings. These same Gatherings will be repeated for Wave 2 Families in early 2022.

In the gospel today, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus. We are called to listen to him and become more like him. Let us use this second week of Lent to intensify our Lenten promises and to try to see the presence of Christ in every person.

See you in church. See you at the Fish Fry.

## Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday  
8:30 am in Church

Wednesdays during  
Lent  
12:00 pm 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

My walking mileage fell off quite a bit during the week with all the snow and cold. The sub-zero wind chills made staying outside for extended periods actually hazardous. The eight inches of snow was just plain hard to walk through. Many people did a yeoman's job of clearing their walks, but a number of people did not. I've reached the stage in life when walking through deep snow is no longer a fun thing, but a task.

My walking has been confined to the neighborhoods. I've been strictly sidewalk lately. I'd love to get back into the woods but I know I could not handle the trails. Ironically, in the middle of it all, I saw a flock of robins and I've heard robins calling from the trees. I'm not a bird fancier. I just happen to recognize a few bird calls. My favorite is the red-eyed vireo, but this is the wrong neck of the woods.

If I seemed a bit unsteady on my feet in the past week or so please be assured that I am stone cold sober. From time to time I experience vertigo. Vertigo is related to our ears and mine are bad. I suffered many inner-ear infections as a youngster, even occasionally in adulthood. The infections, combined with the medicines used back then to treat them, have left my ears very scarred. My doctor suspects that my latest bout came from a mild viral infection that I picked up somewhere along the way: not bad enough to make me sick, but strong enough to trigger the vertigo. The meds and keeping active should clear things up.

This past week I was invited to a local funeral home to lead a rosary for a deceased lady. It was a particularly hard funeral to handle. She was in her thirties, left three young children behind, and had died at her own hands. Suicides are very hard on a family. They quite often unleash a flood of emotions that range between guilt for not recognizing the problem developing to anger at the relative who took their own life to fear that they may have triggered the event. Out of respect for the privacy of the family and the deceased, let's call her Mary. Please pray for the repose of Mary, but please pray especially for the well-being of her children. Speaking as a parent, I do not even begin to know how I would handle that sort of a situation.

Don't forget the food pantry.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 28, 2021

### 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

### Monday, March 1, 2021

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday, March 3, 2021

#### Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday, March 4, 2021

#### Saint Casimir

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

### Friday, March 5, 2021

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday, March 6, 2021

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday, March 7, 2021

#### Third Sunday of Lent

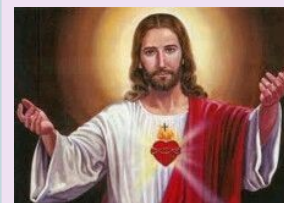
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

#### Scrutiny

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5:42



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to clean the church. Please only use the cleaning supplies provided by the church and do not bring your own cleaning supplies. If you have any questions or concerns, please inform the ushers or contact the parish office. Thank you!



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.

Ministriꝝ 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 NEWS!

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Fish Fry of the Lenten season! We are having our Fish Fry every Friday during Lent including Good Friday.

Thank you for all the donated baked goods! Wow! Our parish really came through with the sweet stuff! If you accidentally burn that last batch of cookies (especially peanut butter), we have a market for those so send them anyway! Please tell your friends and neighbors about our "World Famous Fish Fry" and encourage them to come in and get a hearty dinner! See you at the Fish Fry!

Jill Kolpacke  
Tom Pociask

### 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		March 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	PHIL BUSTOS	MOLLY BAKER	JONATHAN TURNER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL	TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	GAIL COZZAGLIO	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+MICHELE GENTILE +EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK DAVID BOYAK +ARTHUR & ANN KAPANKE +DAVE CAIN	+GIOVANNI & ELENA MONTEBELLI	+MARGUERITE BOYCE

Weekend Collection February 20 & 21, 2021	
Envelope contributions:	\$6,383.00
Loose contributions:	438.00
<b>Total Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,821.00</b>
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	<b>-3,583.00</b>
Total # of envelopes	217
Average envelope contribution	\$31.43
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Holy Day	\$ 45.00
Utility	\$ 361.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Gift To God	\$ 300.00
Christmas	\$1,215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,931.00</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

March 1-5, 2021

#### Tuesday, March 2

8:30 am.....CHURCH  
WILLIAM AND SOPHIE LAMAR

#### Wednesday, March 3

12:00 pm.....CHURCH  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

#### Friday, March 5

8:30 am.....CHURCH  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

### 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, Jimmy	Serafini, Loretta
Ainsworth, Ron	Chicila, Pam	Kusluski, Walter	Murray, Colleen	Shankin, JoAnne
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Cunningham, John	Larry, Bruce	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Levoir, Lorraine	Needham, Jim	Smitt, Deb
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Luther, Brian	Newman, Theresa	Sokol, Dennis J.
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Lynn, William	Niemczewski, Gordon	Stacherski, Ann
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Maddix, Erin	Palucki, Rachel	Staudacher, Jason
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Malek, Thomas	Pardo, Charel	Summet, Fred
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Malish, Rosemary	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Malone, Della	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Marchand, Susan	Perreira, Dennis	Thomas, Michael
Bartlett, Carol	Grant, Donald	Marsh, Bob	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Baumgardner, Patty	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	Hrlc, Charlene	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	
	Jones, Marie	Mocadlo, Audrey	Saenz, Carlos	
	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Sanregret, Anna	

## 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

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

What a great weekend we had celebrating preparation for sacraments. We began Saturday with our catechumen and candidates along with their sponsors celebrating the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Then on Sunday, we celebrated with our seven Confirmation Candidates with an Enrollment Mass. A great big thank you to our two volunteers, Paytn Jerore and Kate Gerstenbrand, who eloquently shared the readings with us at Mass.



Please remember to keep all of those preparing for sacraments in prayer as they continue their journey. We will again be asking for Prayer Partners for our Confirmandi. In the Gathering Space, you will notice a little bio about each one of the candidates. The job of a Prayer Partner is simple. First, you choose a bio, then you pray for them. It's just that easy.

Just as Blessed Solanus thanked God ahead of time, I thank you in advance for your support of our young people as we walk with them through this journey!!



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