

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him.”**

Matthew 17:5

March 5, 2023



Shakespeare once said that “the clothes make the man.” It is no wonder that billions of dollars are spent every year on what we wear, not just to warm us, but to keep up with the fashions—which is all about appearance.

In today's gospel about the transfiguration of Jesus, it seems that he is concerned about appearance too. It was a marvelous transformation in the appearance of Jesus.

Perhaps you have seen the sign: ULTIMATE ELECTRONICS. Electronics have taken over the lives of many people: TV, iPods, cellphones, radios, computers, and the list goes on.

What identity does Jesus want to give us? First of all, we are to identify ourselves as children of Abraham. This means living our faith in God as top priority in our lives. Abraham had full confidence in the destiny that God determined for him, although at the time of his call he was taking a leap into the dark. It was faith in God's promises that unsettles us in a world we feel too much a part of. Abraham's faith set him apart from his countrymen. Our faith must set us apart from a secular society whose final destiny is expressed in a slogan such as ULTIMATE ELECTRONICS. Abraham's faith gave him a different destiny from that of his neighbors.

Another part of our identity is that we are gospel people. St. Paul wrote his pupil Timothy to accept hardship for the sake of the gospel. We cannot take our faith for granted or be lukewarm in living it. As good Catholics, we accept the gospel and must have the zeal for it to the extent that we spread it the way a fire rages through a forest. Indeed, our evangelical brothers and sisters can teach us a lesson about living our faith and being proud to profess it in all we say and do.

It is clear from the entire message of Jesus, not just during Lent, that we are to change our hearts. This change is from the inside out, not from the outside in. By joining ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist, we get the strength needed to bring about that change—not just in appearance but from our hearts.

Mass, Stations, Confession, Fish Fries, Bible Challenge. All of these can help us walk closer with Jesus.

SCAN TO DONATE



Mass Times

Tuesday and
Friday
8:30 am

Wednesday
12 noon

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday
9:00 am and
11:00 am

Confessions will
be heard every
Saturday
at 3:30 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Two Saturdays ago, I woke up to a fresh blanket of snow over the lawns and sidewalks. I'm a sort of an early bird, so I pulled myself out of bed, got dressed, and headed out for a walk. I was the first walker in Holliday Park. I put the first footprints into the snow.

When I headed down Wildwood into the subdivision, I noticed that someone had been out ahead of me. I could see footprints in the snow. Along side I also saw paw prints. Apparently someone had taken the family dog out for a walk. The paw prints painted a picture. They would run parallel to the foot prints then veer off suddenly to the side to a sign post or a mailbox. I didn't need to see the dog in motion; its paw prints told everything. Kathy and I had four dogs together in the course of her time on earth. I remember that walking any one of them was as much as a sniffing contest as it was a walk.

A huge thank you to everyone who Threw in the Towel. The paper towel drive is over for now, but please pay attention to the grocery list published by our Food Pantry and every now and then throw in a roll of towels. I've heard rumblings that the pantry may be running short on toilet paper as well.

People on public assistance receive a card that allows them to buy a certain amount of groceries each month. What the card does not cover is personal grooming items and household supplies. The pantry helps fill in that gap. The card only goes so far, especially in a family with kids, so food is always a major item of concern .

Don't forget our SVDP Chapter. The fall out from the pandemic has been a large number of people needing help with rent and utilities. Any donation makes a difference. And don't forget the Food Pantry.

Ministries Center/SVDP
(734) 425-9771



Thanks to all for your generous response to our paper towel request. Current paper products needed are Kleenex and toilet paper. Pantry is also low on: bags plain rice; cans of beef stew or Manwich; spaghetti & meatballs or ravioli; can peas, mixed vegetables; pancake mix & syrup, cereal; spaghetti sauce; cake mix; bath size bar soap; deodorant; dish soap; laundry soap. Any and all donations are always appreciated!

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.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 6, 2023

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs**

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Saint John of God, religious

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Saint Frances of Rome, religious

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

Friday, March 10, 2023

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

Saturday, March 11, 2023

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

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

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



We will be updating our bulletin prayer list. Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533.



Fish Fry News!

We were happy to have our first "World Famous" Fish Fry with all the lights and heat on!

Thank you for venturing out to support our parish during the power outage. We had a good time and there was plenty to eat, especially sweets! Thank you to everyone that baked something for our Bake Sale and keep it coming!

As usual we need volunteers to help at the Fish Fry but we also need help before and after our dinner service. We are looking for someone to help on Thursday evening at about 6pm to help set up the dining room and work stations. The tables and chairs stay up in half the gym but the other half needs to be set up weekly. We also need help setting up the work stations like coffee cart area, pop & condiment area and the kitchen itself. This should only take 1-2 hours of your time. Can you please help?

On Saturday morning we start cleaning the kitchen at about 7:30am. We would like 2 more people to join the 3 that already do it. This entails cleaning the fryers, washing dishes, wiping down the carts, refrigerator, and counters, sweeping and mopping the floors. No experience needed! Can you please help?

Call the parish office and leave a message and we will call you back! Thank-you!

God Bless!
Jill & Tom



LENTEN CALENDAR

Penance Service
Wednesday, March 29th
12:45 PM

Palm Sunday
April 2nd
4:30 PM Mass Saturday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday
April 6th
7:00 PM Mass
Followed by **ADORATION** until 11:00 PM

Good Friday
April 7th
No 8:30 AM Mass
12:00 PM Divine Mercy
12:30 PM Rosary
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
April 8th
Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM
(No confessions or 4:30 pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY
April 9th
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry
Fridays during Lent
(February 24th-April 7th)
4:30—7:00 PM
(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion
Every Tuesday after 8:30 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)
First Friday of Each Month after 8:30 AM Mass



NPM Detroit Presents...

Cantor & Guitar Workshop

with Amy Righi, Jerry Vermeulen, and Jim Agrusa

Register Now

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Saturday,
March 11, 2023
9AM - 2 PM



St. Isidore Parish
18201 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI, 48042




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Worship Schedule		March 11 & 12, 2023	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JONATHAN TURNER	STEPHANIE GALDES	JOEY MCKISSICK
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	BOB PROKOP	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + DONALD GRANT CATHLEEN MOTT	+ KATHY VANSTRAIN	+ IRENE & EDWARD WEGLARZ

PLEASE NOTE that we need at least 2 weeks notice in order for your mass intention to be printed in the bulletin.

Offertory collection is reported monthly.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.



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.

Weekday Masses
March 6-10, 2023

Tuesday, March 7
8:30 am.....CHURCH
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, March 8
12:00 pm.....CHURCH
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, March 10
8:30 am..... CHURCH
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Please Pray For...

Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike
Altizer, Brynn
Andrews, Vivian
Armstrong, Sean
Arsenault, Cathy
Arsenault, Fran
Asini, Eloho
Asini, Margaret
Bargardi, Carl
Bargardi, Frances
Bartlett, Carol
Baumgardner, Patty
Benzinger, Claudette
Bianchi, Clare A.
Boyak, Carolyn
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita
Burris Family
Campanella, Cindy
Canini, Ricky
Carbajal-Christopher, June
Carol and Ronnie
Bob and Pat Cepko

Cepko Family
Chambo, Herbert
Chicila, Pam
Christopoulos, Ellen, Jim
Coward, Diane
Cozzaglio, Gail
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Daughtery, Jeff
DeGrande, Colleen
DeGrande, Sam
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Esson, Pat
Farr, Viola
Fox, Ronnie
Gau, Sandy
Grant, Donald
Greener, Rosie
Hagedon, Gail
Hagedon, Marie
Hamm, Jo
Harte, John
Hayes, Jacqueline
Henry, Bernadine
Herlihy, Patrick
Hoedel, Patricia

Humphrey, Dawn
Hynek, Mary Jane
Jones, Marie
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Tom
K.C.
Keesee, Cheryl
Kietur, Deanna
Kirk, Mike
Koslosky, Alphonse
Kusluski, Walter
Levoir, Lorraine
Lowe, Jonathon
Ludtke, Linda
Luther, Brian
Lynn, William
Maddix, Erin
Malek, Thomas
Malish, Rosemary
Mals, Claudia
Marchand, Susan
Marsh, Bob
Mathison, Bonnie
Mathison, Jackie

Mayfield, Sally
McGrath, Jim
Maddix, Erin
Merritt, Dan
Mirabatur, Timmy
Mootsey, Marilyn
Needham, Jim
Newman, Theresa
Niemczewski, Gordon & Carol
Nizich, Jeff
O'Brien, Lauren
O'Brien, Mike
O'Connell, Evan
O'Halloran, Alice
Palucki, Rachel
Pardo, Charel
Parker, Sharon
Pastula, Shirley
Pereira, Dennis
Persondek, Cristina
Pietszak, Carol
Prus, Father Edward
Pryce, Mary Ann
Radford, Robert
Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)
Ramsey, Freya

Robertson, Michael
Rockman, Annette
Rodgers, Hiedi
Romanowski, Ronald
Rouland, Frank
Schmidt, Joseph
Serafini, Loretta
Sobkowiak, John
Sokol, Dennis J.
Stacherski, Ann
Staudacher, Jason
Summet, Fred
Sutherland, Ellie
Szura, Samantha
Tatro, Mary Jean
Taylor, Ian
Tetreau, Audrey
Tomasi, Jack
Vaughn, Kelly
Wolf, John
Wood, Virginia
Wysocki, Ken
Zarzycki, Stanley
Zonca, Barbara
Ziolkowski, Norm

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2022-June 30, 2023

Deceased members of Ajlouny & Blaty families
In Loving Memory of Charles Batherson
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
Family & Friends of Tommy/Barbara Cockrum
In Loving Memory of Barbara Czarnik
In Loving Memory of Virginia Czuj
In Loving Memory of Stanley David Czuj
In Loving Memory of Robert E. Derda
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Eugene Joseph Hynek
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
In Loving Memory of Ronald R, Kendra
For the Health of Mike Kirby and Steve Kirby
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families

In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Deceased Members of the Niwa and Cielma Family
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben & Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
In Loving Memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Joseph Potter
In Memory of Richard and Eleanor Reed
In Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Shankin
In Loving Memory of Rachel Elizabeth Simko
In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Deceased Members of the Ulivi and Preville Family
In Loving Memory of Sherwood and Carolyn Webber
In Loving Memory of Edwin Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Amber
Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Ardinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael

Comment, Scott
DiCicco, Bill
Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentilia, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathon
Masiarak, Luke
McHale, Sgt. Shawn

McCarville, William E.
McGahan, Wade
McGaw, Douglas
Meadows, Erin
Moody, Samantha
Murray, Daniel
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Ohannesian, Brandon
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Persondek, Michael
Porcaro, Jeff
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Brian J.
Rosa, Douglas J.
Rousseau, Philip

Sheko, Destiny
Smith, David
Smitt, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Tesarz, Ian Michael
Waldo, Michael
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

We are **SO EXCITED** to announce that we are teaming up with our friends in our Family of Parishes to host Vacation Bible School this summer!! We will **ROAR** into the summer learning that **LIFE IS WILD** and **GOD IS GOOD!** Please spread the word to save the week of June 19-23rd to join us. Children from ages PreK-5th grade will have fun with crafts, games, snacks, music, bible stories and activities to help remind us that **God is good...always!** Watch for registrations (available soon) that offer early discounts! Please see the attached information if you would like to donate your time and volunteer for this wonderful week !

Baby Shower



Right to Life - LIFESPAN

We are participating in the Right to Life drop in baby shower again this year. Throughout the month of March, there

will be a playpen in the Gathering Space of church. You can put items you'd like to donate into the playpen throughout the next several weeks. The Right to Life baby shower ends March 26th. This year they are well stocked with diapers and wipes. These items are **MOST in need:**

Short-Sleeve Onesies (3-9 months), Binkies, Bottles, Receiving Blankets. Lightweight Sleepers (3-9 months) & Burp Cloths and gift cards

They will also gratefully accept items from this list...

NEW Clothing: bibs, socks, and gowns

NEW Baby Equipment: car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Pack & Plays and bathtubs

NEW Bedding: crib blankets, crib sheets, quilts, afghans, towels & cloths

NEW Miscellaneous Items: rattles, stuffed animals (new only)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Roar into the fun at VBS!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

THE NANKIN FAMILY OF PARISHES INVITES YOU

June 19-23
9am-12pm

on the campus of
St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish
31530 Beechwood
Garden City

ROAR!
Life is wild * God is good

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We NEED YOU!!!!

We will need MANY hands to make our VBS a success this year! We have filled a few positions, but are still looking for:

- ◆ **CREW LEADERS**—leading a group of children from station to station
- ◆ **KID VID CINEMA LEAD**—leading a station showing a video to groups with small lesson
- ◆ **SING & PLAY LEAD**—musical leader, opening/closing the day for group and helping group learn VBS songs
- ◆ **IRVING CARTER**—male role that opens each day with a lesson