

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will  
become in him a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

March 12, 2023



The Israelites are grumbling again. What is their problem? No matter what God does for them, they are never satisfied. A nation out of a childless couple? Check. A land for a race of wanderers to call their own? No problem. Rescue from famine into the abundance of Egypt? You got it. Rescue from Egypt when a good deal goes sour? Sure thing. A sea parted when helpful, and restored to its vigor just in time? Absolutely. A divine law to guide them? God is on it. The divine presence indwelling in their community? God is happy to come along for the ride.

Still they grumble. These ungrateful people sound so much like .... ourselves. Now it's water; next it's bread; later it's meat. All they have to do is ask: Give us this day our daily bread, and it is done. Don't they know that?

Thirteen hundred years later, Jesus teaches the prayer to his disciples, who evidently still don't know that daily bread is one of God's routine commitments. It is there for the asking. Yet we don't ask. We choose to grumble.

What are we looking for this Lent? To get closer to God? To stop a bad habit or practice a virtue? To lose a few pounds? We have to be serious about our goal. We can't get closer to God. He is in us and all around us. Getting closer to God's will might be a better goal because that alignment is often very far off. If we find ourselves complaining that Lent is not working, that the magic feeling is not there this year, then maybe the answer is to practice a new consciousness. Seek the presence of God in every person you meet and every place you go. Keep searching with your eyes, your mind, your heart. If we practice believing what we profess—that God is in our midst—we may encounter Jesus at the well ourselves.

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

Despite the horrible storms we had the first two Fridays of the Fish Fry, the numbers were decent. On February 24 we had 397 and March 3 we had 315. We had cold, snow, ice and travel advisories but people still came and enjoyed a delicious dinner.

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

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

As of March 1, our food pantry faces a new potential challenge. The Federal S.N.A.P. Program has significantly reduced its monthly benefit. The reduction in benefit combined with the rising cost of groceries and household items will most likely lead to an increase in the number of people calling on our food pantry for help.

In that same vein, our SVDP Chapter is seeing an increase in people asking for help with rent and utilities. The average monthly rent charge continues to spiral upward, and DTE has recently announced that it will be seeking a rate hike from the State. There is a double whammy of sorts involved here because the Chapter is low on funds, as I suspect that the surrounding chapters are too. Our chapter has been meeting needs by "twinning" with neighboring chapters, but its not clear how long that practice can continue.

I can speak from personal experience that we are not situated in the lap of luxury. The demands are just as hard on us. I often have to take a breath when I check out of the grocery store at my food bill, and I'm shopping for one and shopping from a fairly strict list. Nonetheless, I am putting out the appeal to the parish to help both groups to the extent that people can. Both groups will truly appreciate any donation of grocery/household items or funds that it may receive and will be diligent and watchful about how they distribute our donations. Not everybody can help, but if you are able, please help.

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 12, 2023

**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

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

**Saint Patrick, Bishop**

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;  
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



The Catholic Relief Services Collection is your opportunity to improve lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. The funds collected provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and reveal Christ's love and mercy to them. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).





Thank you to all that shop at Kroger and have St. Thomas the Apostle as the Community Rewards recipient. The check received this time is **\$191.95**.

God bless all of you!



The Knights of Columbus will be having a St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 18th at 5:00 pm. Dinners will cost \$13.00.

### GREETERS


**WELCOMING ALL WHO COME!**

Greeter is a liturgical ministry of hospitality to welcome all who come to pray with us at Mass. A Greeter is the first face one encounters upon approaching the doors to the Church.

The job of Greeter is very simple, but important. Our Greeters help to bring a warm and welcoming environment to our parish. After signing up, Greeters should arrive about 20 minutes before Mass is to begin, check-in in the ushers room, then position yourselves at one of the doors to welcome parishioners and guests.

The ministry of Greeter perpetuates the essence of Jesus' own ministry and mission. He welcomed the least and the littlest; extended love, patience, tolerance and acceptance to all.

Please contact: Pat Burriss (313) 318-3532



## Fish Fry News!

Did you enjoy the light show at last weeks "World Famous" Fish Fry?

We've encountered some challenges at the last 2 Fish Frys. Feb. 24th many of us were out of powers but St. Thomas the Apostle was up and running with our Fish Fry. Attendance was down a bit but we continued to move forward and had a decent dinner service.

On March 3rd we had a Thunder Snow storm that resulted in several inches of snow and the lights blinking in the Activities Building. Although it took us back to our disco days we had to push through and serve the people! Thank you for coming out to support our parish and enjoy a meal with family and friends.

This week, and every Friday during Lent we will have an ATM in the Activities Building if you would like to use it during the Fish Fry. Sorry we don't take credit cards but this will give you the ability to access your account to pay for your dinner.

We still need baked goods for our dessert table and we're still looking for a couple of people to help clean up on Saturday mornings. Thanks for your consideration.

See you at the Fish Fry!  
Jill & Tom



### LENTEEN CALENDAR

**Penance Service (UPDATED)**  
**Wednesday, March 22nd**  
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

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**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

Worship Schedule		March 18 & 19, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JOHN GALDES	ADAZE ENWERE	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN	DENISE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN	
LECTORS	DEB SMITT	TRACY CONYER	GAIL NABOZNY	
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLIE QUINN	
MASS INTENTIONS	+ JOSEPH OLKOWSKI + SAM VITALE + GEORGE MEIER + LEIGH TESARZ FATHER EDWARD PRUS + DONALD GRANT JIM & BARB ROBERTS + JOE & GINA MAIANI CATHLEEN MOTT	+ SUZIE WALTON + JOSEPH OLKOWSKI + ANTHONY PAWLAK +DON GRANT	JOHN FINDLATER + TODD WOODWARD + ROSE KNAPP + MARK KNAPP + RICHARD KNAPP, JR.	

### Collection Summary

Month of : February 2023	On Line Giving	Turned in	Totals
Registered Contributions:	\$ 2,494.24	\$ 33,048.00	\$ 35,542.24
Loose Contributions:		\$ 3,091.30	\$ 3,091.30
<b>Total Monthly Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 2,494.24</b>	<b>\$ 36,139.30</b>	<b>\$ 38,633.54</b>
Monthly Budgeted amount:			\$ 41,616.00
Above / Below the Budgeted Amount:			\$ (2,982.46)
	Special Collections		
Utility Fund:	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,857.00	\$ 1,867.00
Processing Fees:	\$ 15.60		\$ 15.60
Flowers / Easter		\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Holy Days:		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Central & Eastern Europe Collection		\$ 673.00	\$ 673.00
Retirement Funding:		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 40.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 915.00
Gift to God		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Initial Offering		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
<b>Total Contributions Collected</b>			<b>\$44,204.14</b>

*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.

**Bulletin Editor**  
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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.



**Weekday Masses**  
**March 13-17, 2023**

**Tuesday, March 14**  
**8:30 am.....CHURCH**  
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

**Wednesday, March 15**  
**12:00 pm.....CHURCH**  
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

**Friday, March 17**  
**8:30 am..... CHURCH**  
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

#### 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...

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  
Cownt, Diane  
Cozzaglio, Gail  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Daughtery, Jeff  
DeGrande, Colleen  
DeGrande, Sam  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Esson, Pat  
Farr, Viola  
Fox, Ronnie  
Gau, Sandy  
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  
Perreira, 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

It's never too late to take this Lenten opportunity to be the best version of yourself that you can be. The kids in our Religious Formation program are working hard to make a difference each day. They have a list of 100 Acts of Kindness that they are choosing from. We can be inspired by their actions and try some of these to make our Lenten season that much more meaningful. Here's a list of some of the possibilities...

- Hold the door open for someone.
- Give candy to your bank teller.
- Say hello and smile at everyone you see.
- Write a kind note and sneak it in someone's lunch.
- Give someone a compliment.
- Bring flowers to someone to make their day.
- Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello.
- Buy a coffee for someone in line behind you.
- Send a thank you note to someone who makes a difference in your life.
- Bake dessert for a neighbor.

The best part about Random Acts of Kindness done for others is that EVERYONE feels special, including the good deed doer! Try it, I think you'll like it!



### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## WE NEED YOU FOR PALM SUNDAY SOUP SUPPER

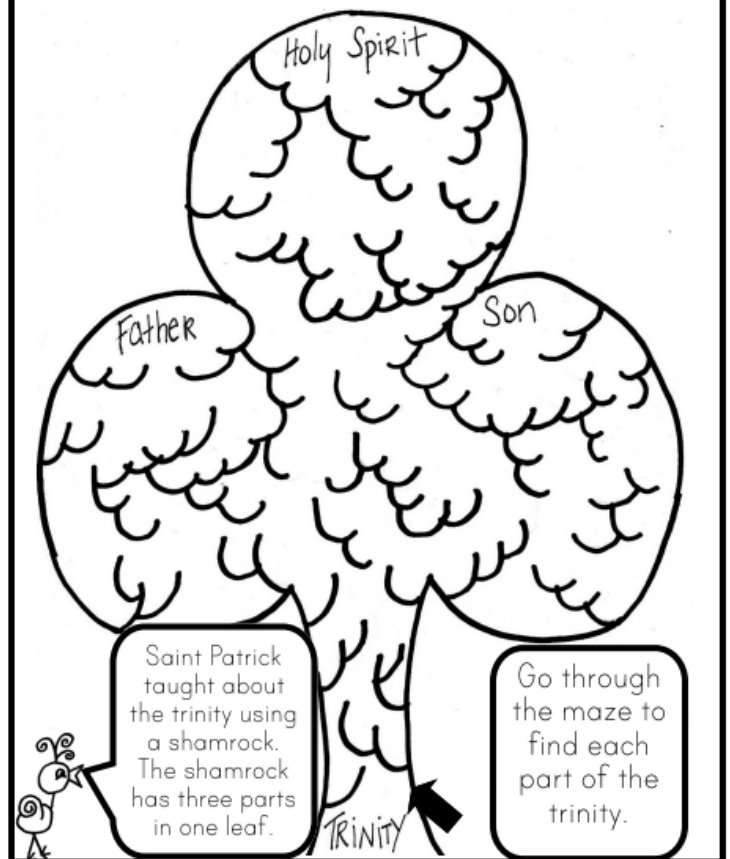
Sunday, April 2 from 2pm-4pm in the Activities Center

### NEEDED:

- soup **MAKERS** - soup **EATERS**
  - auction **BIDDERS** for soup bowls and plates
- Join us for fun, fellowship, a great feast of soups, and a chance to bid on beautiful ceramic plates and bowls!  
Please call Missy to RSVP which soup you'd like to bring...

## Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Bishop and helped a lot of people learn about the Catholic Church.



Year A: Second Sunday of Lent