

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

This illness is not
to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may
be glorified through it.

John 11:4

"Now Thank We All Our God"



I want to "Thank God" with you today. I "Thank God" for creating me to be His son and calling me to the priesthood. I "Thank God" for sharing you, His People, with me. "Thank you Lord Jesus!"

This occasion helps me to remember God's gifts. I "Thank God" for my family. My parents gave me the gift of life. They also shared their Faith with me. I appreciate growing up in a family that helped me to understand the meaning of communion. Before celebrating communion as a priest, my family taught me about forgiveness, praise, and sacrifice. They prepared me to celebrate communion at Mass.

To be a priest is a wonderful vocation, but to be called a Son of God is an unbelievable gift. So, now I want to "Thank You".

Thanks for always making me feel at home wherever I've been. Thanks for welcoming me at your table and opening not only your doors but also your hearts to me.

I thank you for the times that you have forgiven my faults as well as your words of encouragement. I thank you for working with me as well as for allowing me to work with you. I thank you for listening patiently and for speaking to me creatively. I thank you for praying for me as well with me. If I have been able to serve you in any way it is because you have served me in many ways.

The priest is called by God, nourished by family, and shaped by you, God's People. "Thank You" for shaping my life as a priest. I thank the people of St. Philip Neri, my first assignment. They helped me appreciate how precious the sick and shut-ins are to the Lord. I thank Sacred Heart Seminary, teachers and students. They helped me learn that I can be a teacher. I thank the people of St. Cyprian. They helped me to understand that we can all learn to sing the praises of God. I thank the people of Shrine, my first pastorate. They taught me to be a pastor. I thank the people of Brazil for teaching me that the love of God is everywhere.

I especially thank the people of St. Raphael's. Your trust in me has helped me grow in Faith. Your hard work and dedication have helped me appreciate that "nothing is impossible for God". Your generosity has inspired me.

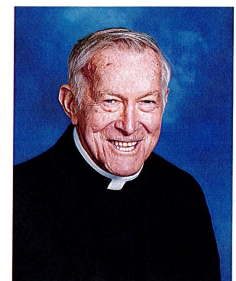
I "Thank You" for the yesterdays that I will always treasure, for today, which your love makes possible, and for tomorrow that I hope we will always enjoy.

"Thank You" for all that you've done to make this time of my life a joy. May the Lord reward you and always hold you in the Palm of His Hand. I "Thank You" and "I Love You".

In Christ our Savior,
Father Ed Prus

Fr. Edward J. Prus

May 15, 1929 ~ March 11, 2023



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

Not every grandfather gets to say this. My grandson Gabriel has been accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy. He wants to fly jets. He was also under consideration at West Point and Annapolis. To say the least, I'm proud of his achievement, but will be worried about him at the same time. Gabriel follows in the footsteps of his great grandfather and his uncles.

My military accomplishments do not extend quite that far. In my year of eligibility my number did not come up in the draft. Looking back I suspect I would have failed my army physical because of my vision. It might be better to go through life as 1A rather than 4F.

The Fish Fry on St. Patrick's Day was a roaring success. We sold out of everything.

In Food Pantry news, The Pantry could use some canned soup in a variety other than chicken noodle. It is easy to see what flavor soup is most popular around these parts. Chicken Noodle is very welcome, but if donors can select another flavor it would help things a bit. No matter what, don't forget the food pantry.

Here's hoping Spring finally sticks its head out.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday, March 27, 2023

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 31, 2023

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13;
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Procession: Mt 21:1-11

Ministries Center/SVdP (734) 425-9771



Thanks to all for your generous response to my paper towel request. Other paper products needed are Kleenex and toilet paper. Pantry is also low on: plain rice bags; potatoes (box or canned); cans of beef stew, beef ravioli, chili, diced tomatoes; syrup; cereal; spaghetti sauce; strawberry or grape jelly; bath size bar soap; 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.

GREETERS

CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER

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 Burris (313) 318-3519



Thank you for your generous support of \$300 for the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

Kiwanis Club of GARDEN CITY

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GREAT PIG RACE



SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.
Post Time 7:00 p.m.



TICKETS \$20.00
21 and OVER ONLY



St. Thomas the Apostle



Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts
\$Cash Bar\$



For More Information or to Purchase Tickets

Contact: John @ 734-604-0227 or Kim @ 734-536-0373



Our "World Famous Fish Fry" is on every Friday during Lent in the Activities Building from 4:30-7pm.

If you haven't been there yet, make this week the week you invite a friend or family member to enjoy an awesome fish dinner with us!

Thank you to all the volunteers that make this event possible!

Cooks, Cutters, Expeditors, Servers, Bakers, Bussers, Runners, Baggers, Dishwashers, and Clean-Up Crew!

It's because of you we have a dinner service that runs smoothly! Thanks A Lot!

We are looking for one more person to help on Saturday mornings from 7:30-9am.

If you would like to help at the Fish Fry or Clean-Up please sign up in the gathering area.

See you at the Fish Fry!
Jill & Tom



LENTEN CALENDAR

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



PRAY



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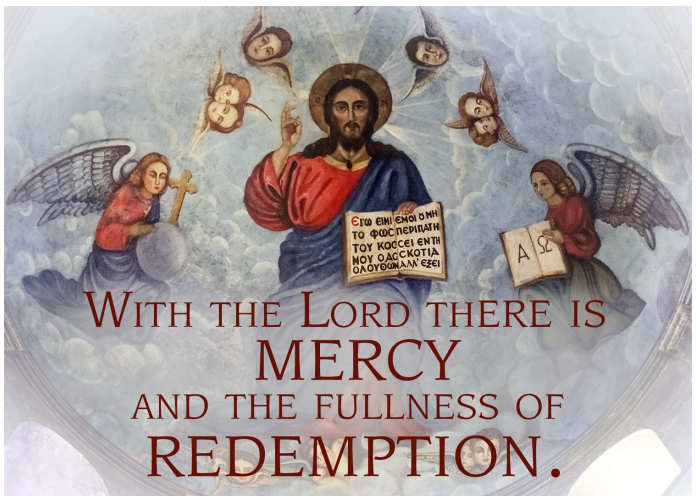


GIVE

Worship Schedule		April 1 & 2, 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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	STEPHANIE GALDES	RON BERGER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DEBBIE SMITT	TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	DENISE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS GAIL NABOZNY
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB	VICTORIA A.
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ DONALD GRANT + JOANNE SHANKIN + THOMAS STACKHOWIAK + JERRY SHANKIN	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	+ DENELDA BURNIE + CINDY VANN-DRON

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 27-31, 2023

Tuesday, March 28
8:30 am.....CHURCH
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

Wednesday, March 29
12:00 pm.....CHURCH
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

Friday, March 31
8:30 am..... CHURCH
+ ADAM & CAROLINE DRYJA

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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	Chambo, Herbert	Jones, Marie	Maddix, Erin	Schmidt, Joseph
Altizer, Brynn	Chicila, Pam	Kapanke, Dolores	Merritt, Dan	Serafini, Loretta
Andrews, Vivian	Christopoulos, Ellen, Jim	Kathan, Joann	Mirabatur, Timmy	Sobkowiak, John
Armstrong, Sean	Cowart, Diane	Kathan, Tom	Needham, Jim	Sokol, Dennis J.
Arsenault, Cathy	Cozzaglio, Gail	K.C.	Newman, Theresa	Stacherski, Ann
Arsenault, Fran	D'Angelo, Rebecca	Keesee, Cheryl	Niemczewski, Gordon & Carol	Staudacher, Jason
Asini, Eloho	Daughtery, Jeff	Kietur, Deanna	Nizich, Jeff	Summet, Fred
Asini, Margaret	DeGrande, Colleen	Kirk, Mike	O'Brien, Lauren	Sutherland, Ellie
Bargardi, Carl	DeGrande, Sam	Koslosky, Alphonse	O'Brien, Mike	Szura, Samantha
Bargardi, Frances	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Kusluski, Walter	O'Connell, Evan	Tatro, Mary Jean
Bartlett, Carol	Esson, Pat	Levoir, Lorraine	O'Halloran, Alice	Taylor, Ian
Baumgardner, Patty	Farr, Viola	Lowe, Jonathon	Palucki, Rachel	Tetreau, Audrey
Benzinger, Claudette	Gau, Sandy	Ludtke, Linda	Pardo, Charel	Tomasi, Jack
Bianchi, Clare A.	Greener, Rosie	Luther, Brian	Parker, Sharon	Vaughn, Kelly
Boyak, Carolyn	Hagedon, Gail	Lynn, William	Pastula, Shirley	Wood, Virginia
Burke, Larry	Hagedon, Marie	Maddix, Erin	Perreira, Dennis	Wysocki, Ken
Burris, Nikita	Hamm, Jo	Malek, Thomas	Persondek, Cristina	Zarzycki, Stanley
Burris Family	Harte, John	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Zonca, Barbara
Campanella, Cindy	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mals, Claudia	Pryce, Mary Ann	Ziolkowski, Norm
Canini, Ricky	Henry, Bernadine	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Robert	
Carbajal-Christopher, June	Herlihy, Patrick	Marsh, Bob	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	
Carol and Ronnie	Hoedel, Patricia	Mathison, Bonnie	Ramsey, Freya	
Cepko Family	Hubert, Larry	Mathison, Jackie	Robertson, Michael	
	Humphrey, Dawn	Mayfield, Sally	Rockman, Annette	
	Hynek, Mary Jane	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
			Rouland, Frank	

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

Deceased members of Ajlouny & Blaty families	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur
In Loving Memory of Charles Batherson	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Deceased Members of the Niwa and Cielma Family
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In Loving Memory of Ben & Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families	Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Loving Memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Family & Friends of Tommy/Barbara Cockrum	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Barbara Czarnik	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Virginia Czuj	In Loving Memory of Joseph Potter
In Loving Memory of Stanley David Czuj	In Memory of Richard and Eleanor Reed
In Loving Memory of Robert E. Derda	In Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families	In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Shankin
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In Loving Memory of Rachel Elizabeth Simko
In Loving Memory of Eugene Joseph Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Loving Memory of Ronald R, Kendra	Deceased Members of the Ulivi and Preville Family
For the Health of Mike Kirby and Steve Kirby	In Loving Memory of Sherwood and Carolyn Webber
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families	In Loving Memory of Edwin Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

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



Missy Taylor

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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

What a spiritually enriching weekend our students preparing for sacraments enjoyed recently! Both our First Communion and Confirmation candidates gathered for retreats to help them center on their faith journeys in our busy world. Please continue to pray for them as they get closer to celebrating the beauty of the sacraments in their lives...

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students were blessed to be able to attend their retreat with a team from NET Ministries. Our theme was "WITH GREAT POWER!" The students were able to pray, reflect and share their thoughts and experiences with young people from St. Mary Cause of our Joy, St. Mary's of Wayne and Sacred Heart parishes.



FIRST COMMUNION

Check out all the fun that our First Communion students had at their retreat. They learned about sin and the gift of Reconciliation. We also learned about the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with His friends, and how we re-enact that each week at Mass in memory of Him. We toured the Church and had some special time of Eucharistic Adoration. A great day was had by all!!

