



SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - VIGIL
 *4:30PM - Carol Ann Grombol

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 +*9:00AM - Francis J. Karas
 11:00AM - People of the Parish
 +Cup Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 7:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Raymond Lisowski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Mary Lou Drdek

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 - LENTEN WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Robert & Loretta Marks

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 - ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO
 7:00AM - Anselmo & Nazzarena Montali
 8:15AM - Charles & Marie Thomas
 - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO
 8:15AM - March Birthdays
 +4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 *9:00AM - Barbara Bowen
 *11:00AM - Sophie Schmuck
 +Cup Mass
 *Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 11th.....\$8,221.75
 Faith Direct as of 3/4.....\$5,051.00
 Maintenance.....\$1,893.00
 Votives.....\$76.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



ALPHA
*Tuesdays at 6pm
 in Utopia Hall
 All are Welcome!*

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 19th
 6:45-8:00 PM PSR - School
 7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, March 20th **1st Day of Spring**
 4:00-5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
6:00 PM Alpha - Utopia Hall
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting - Rectory
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, March 21st
 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, March 22nd
 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - Utopia Hall
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia
 7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

Friday, March 23rd
 11:30 AM -2:30 PM Lenten Luncheon - Utopia
 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church
 2:30 PM-6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
3:30 PM-6:30 PM Confessions - Church
 7:00 PM Praise & Worship, Benediction & Stations - Church

Saturday, March 24th
 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Gym
 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Third order of Mary - Rectory

Sunday, March 25th
 9:00AM-11:30AM Men's Basketball-Gym
 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Strata Breakfast - Utopia Hall

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Steve Cottos
 SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I used to think that the closer we got to Easter the easier our Lenten promises would become. I have realized that is not always the case. The devil will work really hard to try and discourage us from continuing on if it seems that we are truly making a positive change in our lives. It does not matter if you are at the beginning, middle or end of Lent, the devil will try and mess with you and try to get you off course. Remember, if the devil is messing with you then you must be doing something right.

St. Paul tells us that we need to put Christ on every day. We need our Lord to be our strength, our protection and our guide. If we can put Christ on every day then we have nothing to fear. The devil has no power over us because we have Jesus right there to fight for us. Should we fall, should the devil truly trick us then all we need to do is pick ourselves back up and try again. The devil wants us to give up, to say that it is too hard or even to think that we never should have even tried to begin with. If we think like this then the devil wins and we lose because we took our eyes off the Lord and gave into lies.

Do you really think that God cares about the number of falls we take or how many times we got caught up in the devil's lies? I think God is more concerned with our struggle and making sure that we don't give up, that we are willing to keep on trying and hopefully even to succeed. This is what Lent is supposed to be all about. I have said this many times, we need to ask ourselves: will I be a better person when Lent is over? Will my relationship with God be more profound and deeper because of Lent? Sometimes it takes experiencing the falls in life to make us stronger. The same thing holds true in our spiritual life. If we do not experience the struggles and obstacles in our lives how are we going to experience God's grace and mercy.

This is not to say that we should go out and do all kinds of horrible things or go ahead and commit any type of sin we want just to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. That would be just plain silly. We tend to make dumb mistakes on our own without really trying. It is in these mistakes that God graces us with His love so that we will continue to pick ourselves up and try again. This is what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about. It is a chance to start over and try again, to show God how sorry we are for offending Him but also showing the devil that he will never win!

May the rest of your Lent be fruitful and holy.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Angela Salawa was born on September 9, 1881 in Siepraw, near Kraków, Poland. She was the 11th child of Bartłomiej and Ewa Salawa. In 1897, she moved to Kraków where her older sister Therese lived and immediately began to gather together and instruct young women domestic workers. During World War I, Angela helped prisoners of war without regard for their nationality or religion. The writings of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross brought a great comfort to Angela.

After 1918, Angela's health did not permit her to exercise her customary apostolate. Addressing herself to Christ, she wrote in her diary, "I want you to be adored as much as you were destroyed." In another entry she wrote, "Lord, I live by your will. I shall die when you desire save me because you can."

At Angela's beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said, "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of Saint Francis, she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit" (*L'Osservatore Romano*, volume 34, number 4, 1991).



SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Christopher Stein
Immaculate Conception,
Madison
Senior, Borromeo



Please keep Christopher and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Pipe Organ Restoration Update: The Holtkamp Organ Company will begin work on our church pipe organ beginning in April. They will be taking the pipe organ out in its entirety and taking it to their shop for a complete repair and restoration. This process should take around 3 months, finishing up July 1st.

Currently, we have raised \$173,000 for the Pipe Organ Restoration Project, which means we are getting closer to our goal of \$200,000. If you have made a donation or monthly pledges, we thank you for your generosity! For those who have been making pledges, we ask that you complete your pledge by June 1st, if possible. Finally, if you are still considering giving a donation, we would really appreciate it, as it will help us get closer to our goal.

Thank you for all of your support with this project!

Praise & Worship - Join us on Friday, March 23rd at 7pm in the church for a night of Worship and Praise of Our Lord. This evening will be different in that it will feature the Stations of the Cross, integrating Praise and Worship music in hopes of getting a different perspective on God's sacrifice for us.



SENIOR LENTEN LUNCHEON

Join us on Friday, March 23rd from 11:30am-2:30pm in Utopia hall for a light, meatless luncheon. Free will donations accepted. (This is not a fish fry.)



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rebecca Woytek, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Loy, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Robert Wykoff, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Heather Hudak, Nickola Badza, Mary Misch, John Misch, Raymond Misch, James Malames, Dorothy Pavelka, Joe & Sandy Palumbo, Meg Zalar, Eleanor Royko, Robert Palumbo, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Martha & George Kysil, Joe Carnivale, Greg Jakupcik, Judith Sochacky, Luke Rosati, Sonny Peters, Anne Boughton, Ethel Whipkey, Marge Jeri, James Mortach and Pearl Beningo. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Movie Night - Movie night on March 25th starting at 6pm. This is a fundraiser for Conquest (Forged in Virtue. Called to Serve. Catholic Youth Ministry). Tickets: Donation only. We will have concessions on sale: popcorn, pizza, candy and drinks.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Bus Trip - Casino Bus Trip sponsored by the Ladies Guild to Presque Isle Casino on Wednesday, April 4th. Cost is \$35/person with \$35 play back money. Reservations due by March 28th. For more information, please call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Reverse Raffle - Join us on Saturday, April 21st for our annual Athletics Women's Reverse Raffle. Doors open at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6:30pm. \$50/ticket-Dinner, open bar, sideboards and more! 21 and over. Tickets now available at the rectory. Grand Prize-\$3,000.

Bus Trip - Wednesday, April 18th to the Meadows. Cost is \$32/person with a bonus: \$25 free play. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Tom Wenderoth** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna.

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018:

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Box Tops for Education: St. Thomas More School collects Box Tops for Education, a small coupon found on the outside packaging of many items you buy in the grocery store. The school receives 10 cents for each box top turned in. Thank you for saving and donating your box tops to our school. You can deposit them in the Box Tops for Education collection box located in the vestibules of the church or drop them off at the school office.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please keep our candidates and catechumens in your prayers as they complete their final scrutiny this Sunday and take part in their Palm Sunday retreat on Sunday, March 25th.

CONFIRMATION - Our 8th grade candidates will participate in their Holy Spirit Retreat Day on Sunday, April 15th as their final preparation for Confirmation.

PSR

This past weekend, the 8th graders in our PSR program took part in another part of their Confirmation preparation as they learned about the Apostle's experience at Pentecost as they spoke in different languages and understood each other's language. This helped the 8th graders to recognize how we all use different gifts of the Spirit in different ways and at different times in our lives. The 8th graders will participate in their Holy Spirit Retreat Day on April 15th as their final preparation for Confirmation. Please continue to keep them in your

YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are welcome to our weekly gathering this weekend (Sunday, March 18th) from 6-8pm in the Youth Ministry Center. We will be discussing our upcoming activities (including a Laser Tag lock-in for April). Bring your ideas and friends !

LENT 2018: CRS RICE BOWL

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsrice-bowl.org for more.

CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, April 4th for a trip to Presque Isle Downs. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$30 free slot play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 to book your trip.

LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, March 30th, is a day of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2pm (Student) and 7pm. An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule. **Eucharistic Devotions** will be held on Fridays from 2:30-7pm in the Church.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Every Friday during Lent we will have exposition of the Eucharist from 2:30-7pm. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on March 23rd.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH - MARCH

Act of Faith - O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

2018 LENTEN

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

Friday, March 23rd from 3:30-6:30pm

HOLY WEEK

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26th: 5:30-6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 28th: 5:30-6:45 PM

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday



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All are welcome to join us for the following Holy Week activities and Lenten opportunities.

- Saturday, March 24th:**
Palm Sunday Vigil
Confession from 3-4pm
Mass at 4:30pm
- Sunday, March 25th:**
PALM SUNDAY
Mass at 9am
Mass at 11am
- Monday, March 26th:**
Mass at 7am
Confession from 5:30-6:30pm
- Tuesday, March 27th:**
Mass at 7am
- Wednesday, March 28th:**
Mass at 7am
Confession from 5:30-6:45pm
Tenebrae Service at 7pm
- Thursday, March 29th:**
HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
- Friday, March 30th:**
GOOD FRIDAY
Day of abstinence and fast
Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm
Stations of the Cross at 7pm
- Saturday, March 31st:**
HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Food at 11am
Blessing of Food at 1pm
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm
- Sunday, April 1st:**
EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 9am
Mass at 11am



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Wednesday April 18th
11am – 9pm

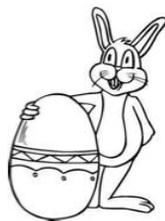


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St. Thomas More High School Youth Ministry

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



Saturday, March 24
9am - 11am
St. Thomas More Gym

PreSale (ends March 21st)

\$7 Adults;
\$5 Children (10 & under)

Menu
Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit/Applesauce
Juice, Milk, Coffee

At the Door

\$8 Adults; \$6 Children (10 & under)



Tickets will be on sale during the week at the rectory office.

Come join us for breakfast and pictures.
Please bring your own camera.

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD'S



SPRING STYLE SHOW!

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

TICKETS - \$10.00 *

* NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

PURCHASE TICKETS at the RECTORY

Or from a WOMENS GUILD MEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM – LUNCH AT NOON

MENU: CHICKEN SALAD, POTATO SALAD, CROISSANT, FRUIT, CHIPS & CAKE

CHINESE RAFFLE & 50/50 DRAWING!

STYLE SHOW BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

FASHIONS PROVIDED BY DRESS BARN!

