

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 3 - VIGIL

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Joan Bailey

*11:00AM - Sandra Ann Mack

MONDAY, MARCH 5 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Joseph & Frances Merzlikar

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 - SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

7:00AM - Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 - ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:00AM - Memorial Garden

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

7:00AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

8:15AM - Deceased Members of the Kuhel & Grabowski Families - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Marian Thorsen

*4:30PM - Dorothy Pavlak

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

+11:00AM - Women's Guild

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance



Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 5th

4:00-10:00 PM

Basketball Practice - Gym

6:45-8:00 PM

PSR - School

7:00 PM

RCIA - School

Tuesday, March 6th

4:00-10:00 PM

Basketball Practice - Gym

4:00-5:00 PM

Children's Choir - Church

6:00 PM

Alpha - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, March 7th

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, March 8th

4:00 PM-10:00 PM

Basketball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Divine Mercy - Church

7:00 PM

PTU Meeting - School

7:30 PM

Adult Choir - Church

Friday, March 9th

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

6:00 PM

8th Grade/Faculty Game - Gym

7:00 PM

Benediction & Stations - Church

Saturday, March 10th

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Utopia Rental

Catholic Renewal Ministry -

Rectory (Room B)

Sunday, March 11th

9:00AM-11:30AM

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Men's Basketball-Gym

10:00 AM

Confirmation Meeting - Utopia

1:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Basketball Banquets - Gym

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 25th.....	\$7,657.00
Faith Direct as of 2/15.....	\$2,370.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,621.00
Votives.....	\$218.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Jack Fenohr and Ralph Veverka in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



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

As we approach the third week of Lent we are reminded of the three pillars of Lent. These three pillars are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each Lent we should strive to somehow incorporate these three things into our Lenten journey.

Prayer is the way in which we deepen our relationship with God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit. We need to ask ourselves, "Do I feel the love of God in my life?" If the sting of sin has no effect on you, if you do not feel any remorse for the way in which you may blow off prayer or Mass, this may be a sign that you do not have a relationship with the Lord. The only way in which to begin or develop that relationship with God is through prayer both private (e.g. reading Scripture, reciting the rosary or just simply talking with God) and public (e.g. Mass, Stations of the Cross, adoration and benediction).

Fasting is to remind us of the sufferings of Christ on the Cross. We fast to enter into His suffering. We must remember that there is something redemptive in suffering. When we unite our sufferings to the crucified Christ we are offering them to the Father through Jesus for the redemption and salvation of souls throughout the whole world. We also fast to cleanse the body and spirit from sinful and harmful habits. We can very easily fall into sinful and harmful habits that can destroy not only the body, but the soul as well. Fasting from these sinful and harmful habits can help us to become stronger against the temptations and eventually overcome these destructive behaviors.

Almsgiving is taking our self-centered attitude and focusing on becoming other-centered. This means that we become more aware of others needs and less on our own wants and desires. By giving alms it helps us to begin to see Christ in one another. Jesus teaches us that we must be a servant to each other if we are to be given the privilege of Heaven. The greatest in Heaven is the one who was servant to all on earth. This does not mean only giving money, but giving of your time and talents as well.

Lent is almost half over. It is not too late to start working on these three pillars if you have not done so yet. To make Easter Sunday more meaningful and not just another Sunday, you must make your Lent something more than giving up candy!

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

I would like to invite all seniors to our Friday lunches. It is not a fish fry, but there is good food! We start serving food at 11:30 am and it goes until 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Isidore was born into a family of saints in the sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

This didn't make life easier for Isidore. To the contrary, Leander may have been holy in many ways, but his treatment of his little brother shocked many even at the time. Leander, who was much older than Isidore, took over Isidore's education and his pedagogical theory involved force and punishment. We know from Isidore's later accomplishments that he was intelligent and hard-working so it is hard to understand why Leander thought abuse would work instead of patience.

One day, the young boy couldn't take any more. Frustrated by his inability to learn as fast as his brother wanted and hurt by his brother's treatment, Isidore ran away. But though he could escape his brother's hand and words, he couldn't escape his own feeling of failure and rejection. When he finally let the outside world catch his attention, he noticed water dripping on the rock near where he sat. The drops of water that fell repeatedly carried no force and seemed to have no effect on the solid stone. And yet he saw that over time, the water drops had worn holes in the rock.

Isidore realized that if he kept working at his studies, his seemingly small efforts would eventually pay off in great learning. He also may have hoped his efforts would also wear down the rock of his brother's heart.

When he returned home, however, his brother in exasperation confined him to a cell (probably in a monastery) to complete his studies, not believing that he wouldn't run away again.

Isidore was remarkably forgiving because he would work side by side with his brother and even after his death, Isidore would complete many of the projects Leander began including a missal and breviary.

His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want other to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries.

As he was dying his house was filled with crowds of poor he was giving aid and alms to. One of his last acts was to give all his possessions to the poor.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Divine Mercy Chaplet - In the arms of Your Mercy we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Sister Elaine Theresa wrote this article last year. Hopefully we can honor her memory by continuing to serve those in her ministry: "I wrote about a simple ministry of sending cards to the parishioners in healthcare facilities. It will cost you the price of a card, a postage stamp and your address label. Your card would bring joy to someone who is confined to a facility. The following people are parishioners presently in healthcare and assisted living facilities, that we are aware: Alice Gruden, James Dixon, Nancy Romano, Kimberly Romano, Dolores Curtin, Julia Susstercic, Emily Holscott, Donald & Iris Newman, Nickola Badza, Michael Bukovsky, John Burgund, James Malames, Irene Andrus, Mary Slaby, James & Leonna Tamburro, Mary Mintz, Mary Ann Prosowski, Emilie Juran, Dawn Sutton, Alice McGarvey, Margaret Kolasinski, Claudia Jarosh, Elizabeth Newton, Margaretta Root, Lois Fuerst, Phyllis Kuehn, Vera Schaefer, Eileen Jakupca, Anna Durjak, Mary Miller, Jean Bernazzoli and Martin & Dorothy Pavelka. Please write their name on the envelope and drop off your card(s) to the rectory and we will finish addressing them. The HIPAA laws forbid us to give out any further information. Thank you for doing a simple act to brighten someone's day. Jesus reminds us that what we do for/to someone, we do for/to Him."



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 and Greg Jakupcik. 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

Parish Mission - Our Parish Mission begins on Sunday, March 18th at 7pm featuring Fr. David Gunter, MIC who will be speaking about "The Triumph!" The mission runs through Wednesday, March 21st. Each evening begins with a simple soup supper at 6pm in the Marian Lounge.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

2018 Lenten Retreat - "How to Get More to Be More" with Fr. Scott Goodfellow, Retreat Director. Sunday, February 25th at 7pm-Get More out of Prayer, Monday, February 26th at 7:30pm-Get More out of Mass and Tuesday, February 27th at 7:30pm-Get More out of Confession. All presentations are in the Church.

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.



SENIOR LENTEN LUNCHEON

Join us on Friday, March 9th from 11:30am-2:00pm in Utopia hall for a light, meatless luncheon. Free will donations accepted. (This is not a fish fry.)

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Christopher Stein
Immaculate Conception,
Madison
Senior, Borromeo

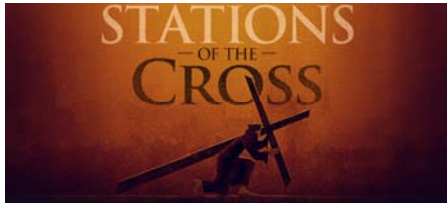


Please keep Christopher and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Come join the students of St. Thomas More School recreate the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 2pm in the church.

This week our 6th and 7th graders will be acting out each station.



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please pray for our candidates and catechumens as they take part in the Scrutinies over the next three Sundays.

CONFIRMATION - Please do not forget our next meeting on March 11th.

PSR

The PSR students and catechists are beginning each class during Lent by praying the Stations of the Cross and reflecting on their Lenten promises.

YOUTH MINISTRY

This weekend is the annual High School Youth Ministry Retreat. Over 30 teens have agreed to put down their cell-phones, eliminate distractions and reflect on their life and God's plan for them. In addition, they have the opportunity to experience the sacrament of penance and the Eucharist. Please take some time to pray for these teens as they journey through this weekend.

Mark your calendars for the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23rd from 9am-11am. More details will be posted in future bulletins and on the parish website.

ATHLETICS

The Athletic Association is currently selling basketball sweepstakes tickets (similar to the football ones from the fall). Tickets are \$10 each and give you 4 teams from the NCAA tournament. If your 4 teams have the highest or lowest point total, you could share in the \$700 prize pool. To order tickets, please send an email to athletics@stmparish.net. Thank you for your support.

LENT 2018: CRS RICE BOWL

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Robert & Josephine Hudak** 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.

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.



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

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018:

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.
Scrutiny:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-25
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.
Scrutiny:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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 9th, March 16th and March 23rd.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. ROCCO CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join us for a life changing experience with nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti for our Surge of the Heart Parish Mission on March 11th –13th at 7pm.

CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, March 7th 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.

ST. LEO SENIORS' BUS TRIP

Join us on Thursday, March 15th for our "Amish Eyes are Smiling" trip. We will visit the Walnut Creek Flea Market, Coblenz Chocolates, Amish Country Theatre (lunch show included) and Walnut Creek Cheese (ice cream included). Cost is \$85/person. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.

2018 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

The following Fridays from 3:30-6:30pm

March 9th, 16th and 23rd

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **February** – Theresa Fitch ◊ John & Karen Nicholson ◊ Ronald Wohlgenuth ◊ Trent Hagans ◊ Alaina Clark ◊ George Zarycki ◊ Nathan Lashley and Abby Castellanos. Welcome to you!

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The February 50/50 Drawing winners were Sheryl Dajko (\$100) and Marlene Poloncarz (\$50). Tickets for the March 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE

Join us for the 9th annual Bringing America Back to Life Convention on March 9th and 10th at the Embassy Suites in Independence. You can register on-line at www.bringingamericabacktolife.org/registration/. Visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

10 DAYS: OCTOBER 15 – 24, 2018

Walk where Jesus walked...Cruise the Sea of Galilee...Visit Nazareth...Climb the Mt. of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem...Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre...Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

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