

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Cuando se acercaba la Pascua de los judíos, Jesús llegó a Jerusalén y encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas con sus mesas. Entonces hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo. - Jn 2, 13-15

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Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM
Enter at canopy,
door 3.

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Sunday,
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
1:00 PM—Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday
3:15 PM-4:00 PM

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the St. Thomas Website at
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Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community exists to be a vibrant faith-filled community, proclaiming with our lives that God is deeply in love with us. Through open hearts, meaningful worship and compassionate service, we model the Spirit of Christ in the world today.

March 3, 2024 / 3 de marzo de 2024

Dear Folks,
Grace and Peace and Blessings!



The Season of Lent has begun! We have published all of our liturgies, sacraments and prayer experiences on purple (English) or salmon color (Spanish) sheets, located in our Gathering Space and at the Welcome Desk. Please take a sheet with you.

Our Lenten project this Lent (and beyond) is to partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in helping the people in the country of Somalia in Africa. Those employed by CRS LIVE in those countries of need and so are acutely aware of the challenges and the small victories over hunger and desperation, where even camels at times cannot survive! *A group of folks have come together and are making a generous offer: for every one dollar we share with the people of Somalia, they will give two dollars. For every \$100 dollars we raise, \$200 more will be given.* Please bear this in mind as we share this Lenten Season. Look for the small TENT in the Gathering Space to place our gifts! To date we have raised \$1,227.

The Bishop's Appeal is under way. This Appeal is important to raise the needed funds for folks right here in our diocese. My favorite is Catholic Charities, and the work they do to help those hurting spiritually and emotionally. Their work is vital to us as we assist others who struggle in relationships or with mental illness or addictions of all kinds. So far our gifts total \$12,675, with our total goal of \$45,152.

A sentence that I read last week touched my heart: The Church is the only society that exists primarily for those who are not its members. Beautiful! We constantly pray that Jesus takes care of his Church, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might have the strength and power to care for others, to raise them up. We are content to decrease, so that others may increase!

We are still in the process of picnic planning for this summer. We are looking for several folks who may have the time and energy and gift of organization to coordinate this event. Please let me know if you would be willing to share your time and talent in this way!

Lastly, thank you Holy Spirit for inspiring the amazing generous hearts and prayers of your people who day after day reach out and love neighbors with the love of Jesus. Please, if you are able, take a moment and breathe, to feel the Holy Spirit in you, to see with new eyes and truly listen to the beating of your heart, filling you with a deep gratitude for the gift of God's transforming love!

Godspeed, Fr. Dave

"In recent years, it has become increasingly common for some Catholics to be married, without Church permission, in civil or quasi-religious ceremonies. There are a variety of reasons for this phenomenon, but it must be stated that these ceremonies are not sacramental marriages. As Catholics, we uniquely believe that marriage is a sacrament, and because of this reality, we usually celebrate it in a parish church where the Christian community gathers to pray. In almost all cases, the only authentic celebrant of a Catholic marriage is a bishop, priest or deacon. Also occasionally seen today are Catholic laypeople who, acting on their own, organize, lead, or even witness, on the part of the state, the vows of the couple. These individuals do not represent the Catholic Church in performing marriages and have no religious authority to do so. Such ceremonies, although legally marriages in the state of Wisconsin, are not sacraments, and thus the couple has not received the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you have further questions about these important matters, please speak with your parish priest." Fr. John W. Girotti, Vicar General -Diocese of Green Bay

Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross
Thursdays, after 8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30PM

Reconciliation
Thursday mornings from 9:00 -10:00 AM
Thursday, March 7 from 5:30-7:30 PM

Taize Prayer Service
Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 PM

Lent

Sunday Supper

St. Thomas the Apostle
Sunday, March 10th
Social Hall 4:30PM-6:30PM
Spaghetti Dinner hosted by
OTIS Youth Group
Open to all parishioners and
community members that would
enjoy an evening out with "church
friends".

Any questions, please contact
Barb Dehne at 920-286-2651
or barbdehne@hotmail.com.

OTIS Did You Know?

Did you know (remember) that
St. Thomas the Apostle "Sunday
Supper" is next Sunday, March 10th
4:30PM-6:30PM?
Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner for a
night of faith and fellowship.
See you there!!!



OTIS Events

March 6th - OTIS 7:45PM-9:00PM
March 10th - Community Sunday Supper
4:30-PM-6:30PM All are Welcome!
March 20th - OTIS 7:45PM-9:00PM
March 22nd - Overnight
6:30PM-9:00AM
March 23rd - Easter Egg Hunt 9:00AM
March 23rd Chili Making
1:00PM-4:00PM
March 23rd - 24th OTIS Chili Sale
All Masses
April 3rd - OTIS 7:45PM-9:00PM
April 17th - OTIS 7:45PM-9:00PM

CALENDAR EVENTS

March

- 4th– Cleaning Day
2:00 PM Coping with Grief– Rectory
- 5th– 9:30 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study
7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study
- 6th- 6:15 PM **RE– grades 6-9**
7:15 PM Mass
7:45 PM OTIS
- 7th– 8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM Reconciliation
5:30-7:30 PM Reconciliation
7:00 PM Taize Prayer Service
- 10th– 8:00 AM **RE– grades 10-11**
11:30 AM **Spanish RE**
4:30 PM Sunday Supper
- 11th– Cleaning Day
- 12th– 9:30 AM Bible Study
- 13th-10:30 AM Bible in a Year
6:15 PM **RE– grades 1-5**
7:15 PM Mass
- 14th- 8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Living Justice
- 17th- 8:00 AM **RE– grades 10-11**
11:15 AM—Stations of the Cross
11:30 AM **Spanish RE**
- 18th– Cleaning Day
- 19th– 9:30 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross by Living Justice
- 20th-6:15 PM **RE– grades 6-9**
7:15 PM Mass
7:45 PM OTIS
- 21st-8:00 AM Mass
8:30 AM Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Finance Council
Pastoral Council
- 22nd– 6:30 PM OTIS overnight

March 10, 2024

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Funds received the week of February 18th

Tithing– Envelopes	\$4,255	
Offertory	\$619.30	Scrip profit for the week \$649.10
Capital Improvement	\$105	
Unrestricted/Our own needs	\$535	
Ash Wednesday	\$170	
World’s Poor	\$250	
Easter Flowers	\$760	
Religious Education Adult Fee	\$30	
Lenten Project	\$942.91	

**New scrip vendor
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Yearly Budget as of January 2024

Tithe-Env, ACH & Online	\$576,551
Offertory	\$30,000
Total Budget Amount	\$606,551
Received as of 1/34/2024	\$296,664
Needed by 6/30/24	\$309,887

Month of January totals

Capital Improvement– Envelopes, ACH & online	\$8,686
Our Own Needs– Envelopes & online	\$1,891.69

The Finance Council met on Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 PM. Laurie Jonasen led us in prayer. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written. The Financial Reports for January were reviewed. All bank accounts were reviewed and everything is in order. We received an update on the Roncalli Catholic Schools Capital Campaign. Father gave us an update on the Parish One by One Campaign investments. Father said we are still looking for a coordinator for the Parish Picnic in 2024. Please let Fr. Dave know if you are interested. We discussed the 25th Anniversary Celebration being held Sunday June 29th, 2025. The new hillier will be installed in March or when the weather permits. We are getting quotes for displaying our hymnal numbers in church. The joint Pastoral/Finance Council meeting was changed to March’s meeting. The Finance Council’s next meeting will be Thursday, March 21st, after the Joint meeting.

Taizé Prayer Service

Experience Taizé. A service of prayer, song and contemplation by candlelight.
Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m

What is Taizé Prayer?

In the south of Burgundy, France lays a small village called Taizé. This village founded over seventy years ago by Brother Roger is home to a monastic community devoted to prayer and reconciliation. The community is made up of brothers from all the continents and major denominations who gather together three times a day, seven days a week, throughout the year to pray (whether there are 7000 people present or only twenty).

Taizé is a form a Christian prayer in which we are invited to rest in God through the singing of psalm verses and other simple chants, alternating with periods of silent reflection. It is a time to "come away and rest for a while" through experience of the simplicity and depth of the Word of God.

Join us as we seek "...the peace that goes beyond all understanding" as we join our voices, hearts and unity as brothers and sisters in Christ. Father Dave will be available for reconciliation from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Fr. Dave Pleier will be here 6-7pm

Liturgical Ministry Schedule **March 9th & 10th**

Server(s)	4:30 PM Ella Grotegut Carter Hochkammer	8:00 AM Isabella Jacky Bill Kraemer	10:00 AM Bernard Holschbach Robert Neuser
Hospitality	Patrick, Julia, Abigayle & Elizabeth Fix Luanne Gasparek William Gasparek	Debra Miller Michael Miller Wayne Wallander Dale Barnes	Renee Bruckschen Michael Bruckschen Jerry Vogel Michele Vogel
Cross Bearer	Student	Lexi Bianchi	Ani Neuser
Proclaimers	Lou Raymond Nathan Hartman	Mary Bonde Terry Burbey	Joe Oberbroeckling Patti Bertsche
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Beth Popp Dcn. Steve	Tony Lodel Terri Waack Dcn. Steve	Alice Oberbroeckling Jamie Thomas Dcn. Steve
Sacristan	Tom Fitzgerald	Sandy Stoeckigt	Rosie Gottsacker

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 6th
7:15 PM Avery Gasparek

Thursday, March 7th
8:00 AM James Brown & John Brown

Saturday, March 9th
4:30 PM In honor of Bill & Rosie Brunner's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, 10th
8:00 AM Cassie Guralski
10:00 AM Peggy Sullivan

Sanctuary Light March 10th– 16th
 Jonasen & Parizek Families

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly...

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information below.

Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

- March 10th– Annmarie Sohlden
920-901-5796
- March 17th–Sandie Fitzgerald
920-901-2425
- March 24th–Phyllis Carey
920-901-3657

ANNUAL LUMINARY CANDLE LIGHTING GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH, 2024 ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ST. PETER'S CEMETERY CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY and CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

Yes, please light a candle in memory of my loved one(s) on Good Friday MARCH 29th.

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

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My Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

GROUND ILLUMINATION 7:15 PM AT CALVARY MAUSOLEUM

Reserve a ground ornamental illumination for only \$10.00 each.

Yes, please light a ground illumination in memory of my loved one(s) on Good Friday, March 29th.

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

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7ª Estación: Jesús Cae por Segunda Vez

Te adoramos, Cristo, y te bendecimos. Que por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.

Meditación

Por Diácono Chuck Ashburn, Director Asistente,
Oficina de Vocaciones y Seminaristas

Ahí cayó con su rostro en la tierra, goteando el sudor de su frente, con las rodillas raspadas y ensangrentadas. Oh qué no daría porque todo terminara en ese instante. Pero Jesús va sólo a mitad del camino, a mitad del camino hacia el Calvario. A pesar de estar agotado encuentra la fuerza para levantarse y continuar. La vida algunas veces nos pesa y nos tira al suelo sin energía ni fortaleza. La oración se seca. Nuestros empleos parecen no tener sentido. Nuestras relaciones fallan. Parece que la alegría no existe. Somos tentados a darnos por vencidos en ese momento. Pero ahí no termina, la vida sigue. Todo lo que necesitamos hacer es estrechar nuestra mano al Señor, y él se acercará y nos tomará y nos levantará. Él tomará el peso de la cruz y nos ayudará a cargarla. Él caminará cada paso de nuestro camino con nosotros y cuando lleguemos al final él estará ahí esperando para darnos la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos.

8ª Estación: Jesús Consuela a las Mujeres de Jerusalén

Te adoramos, Cristo, y te bendecimos. Que por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.

Meditación

Por Padre Jerome Kodell, OSB, Abadía Subiaco

Jesús, cargando su cruz camino al Calvario, se voltea para hablarle a las mujeres que lo acompañan (Lucas 23, 27-31). La escena es más compleja de lo que parece. ¿Quién está consolando a quién? Las mujeres alientan a Jesús en su sufrimiento, y él las fortalece por lo que tendrán que enfrentar ellas mismas. Seguramente parte de la razón por la cual caminan con este profeta que está sufriendo es porque sienten que sus propias vidas serán afectadas por los eventos perturbadores que se aproximan. Las palabras de Jesús no suenan como consuelo: "no lloren por mí; lloren más bien por ustedes y por sus hijos". Pero ayudan para enfocar la vaga inquietud de las mujeres, y, en una sociedad que hace caso omiso por las preocupaciones de las mujeres haciendo ver que son causadas por su imaginación o emociones, Jesús las consuela tomándolas en cuenta. Algunas veces cuando sufrimos, estamos tan enfocados en nuestro propio dolor y ansiedad que no nos damos cuenta de que las personas a nuestro lado sufren también. ¿Podemos desviarnos de nuestro propio viacrucis para consolarlas?

9ª Estación: Jesús Cae por Tercera Vez

Te adoramos, Cristo, y te bendecimos. Que por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.

Meditación

Por Padre Tony Robbins, Párroco, Iglesia de San José, Conway

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado por qué has podido seguir adelante en la vida a la cual Dios te ha llamado? ¿Cómo es posible que puedas continuar cuando todo lo que quieres hacer es darte por vencido? Es porque sabes de una manera misteriosa, en lo más profundo de tu alma, que el Señor Jesucristo nunca se da por vencido. Él está siempre dispuesto a levantarse una vez más por ti y seguir hasta el final. San Pablo nos alienta justo antes de su martirio: "En cuanto a mí, estoy a punto de sacrificar mi vida y se acerca el momento de mi partida. He combatido el buen combate, he terminado mi carrera, he guardado lo que me confiaron. Sólo me queda recibir la corona de toda vida santa con la que me premiará aquel día el Señor, juez justo; y conmigo recibirán todos lo que anhelaron su venida gloriosa" (2ª Tim. 4, 6-8). Reza un Padrenuestro en aceptación de la voluntad de Dios para tu vida.



Lectores y Ministros
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Marzo 16, 2024
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¡La temporada de Cuaresma ha comenzado! Hemos publicado todas nuestras liturgias, sacramentos y experiencias de oración en hojas de color morado (inglés) o salmón (español), ubicadas en nuestro espacio de reunión y en el mostrador de bienvenida. Por favor lleve una hoja con usted.

Nuestro proyecto de Cuaresma esta Cuaresma (y más allá) es asociarnos con Catholic Relief Services (CRS) para ayudar a la gente del país de Somalia en África. ¡Los empleados de CRS VIVEN en esos países necesitados y, por lo tanto, son muy conscientes de los desafíos y las pequeñas victorias sobre el hambre y la desesperación, donde a veces ni siquiera los camellos pueden sobrevivir! Un grupo de personas se ha reunido y está haciendo una oferta generosa: por cada dólar que compartamos con el pueblo de Somalia, ellos darán dos dólares. Por cada \$100 dólares que recaudemos, se donarán \$200 más. Tenga esto en cuenta mientras compartimos esta temporada de Cuaresma. ¡Busque la pequeña TIENDA de campar en el Espacio de Reunión para colocar nuestros regalos! Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado \$1,227.

La Apelación del Obispo está en marcha. Esta Campaña es importante para recaudar los fondos necesarios para la gente aquí en nuestra diócesis. Mi favorito es Caridades Católicas y el trabajo que realizan para ayudar a quienes sufren espiritual y emocionalmente. Su trabajo es vital para nosotros mientras ayudamos a otras personas que luchan en sus relaciones o con enfermedades mentales o adicciones de todo tipo. Hasta ahora nuestras donaciones suman \$12,675, con nuestra meta total de \$45,152.

Una frase que leí la semana pasada me tocó el corazón: La Iglesia es la única sociedad que existe principalmente para aquellos que no son sus miembros. ¡Hermoso! Oramos constantemente para que Jesús cuide de su Iglesia, para que, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, tengamos la fuerza y el poder para cuidar de los demás, para levantarlos. ¡Nos contentamos con disminuir, para que otros aumenten!

Todavía estamos en el proceso de planificación del picnic para este verano. Estamos buscando varias personas que puedan tener el tiempo, la energía y el don de organización para coordinar este evento. ¡Avíseme si estaría dispuesto a compartir su tiempo y talento de esta manera!

Por último, gracias Espíritu Santo por inspirar los increíbles corazones generosos y las oraciones de tu gente que día tras día tiende la mano y ama al prójimo con el amor de Jesús. Por favor, si eres capaz, tómate un momento y respira, para sentir el Espíritu Santo en ti, para ver con nuevos ojos y escuchar verdaderamente el latir de tu corazón, llenándote de una profunda gratitud por el don del amor transformador de Dios. !

Dios te bendiga, P. dave