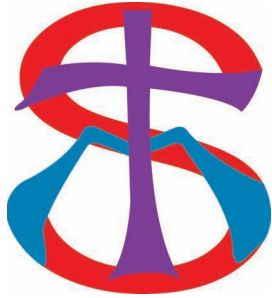
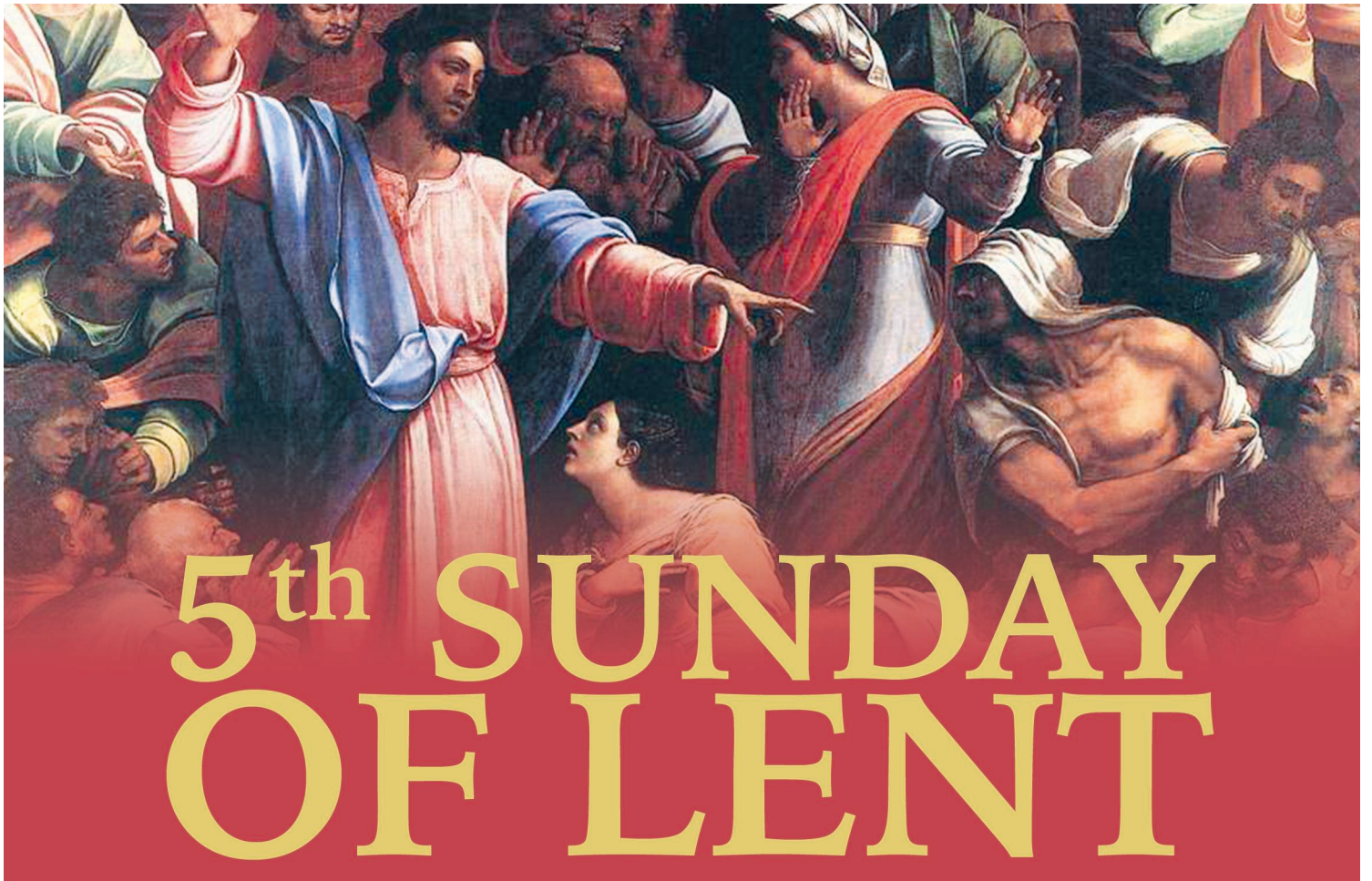


APRIL 2, 2017

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



# St. Thomas More Parish



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## MISSION STATEMENT

As Gospel stewards, grateful for what God has given, St. Thomas More Catholic Church community commits itself to the renewal of parish life through evangelization, worship, outreach to the poor, and community living.

## CONNECT WITH US



St Thomas More Catholic Church

## OUR WEBSITE

[www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org)

## ROSARY

prayed before the 8:30 am Mass

## MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

**Weekday:** Monday-Friday 8:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am,

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday, 9:00 am

**until** Benediction, 4:00 pm

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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Gregory Stevens

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Interested in becoming a member, registration forms are on the website at [www.stthomasmorechurch.org](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.org) or call the parish office at 847.888.1682.



### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday 9:00 -10:00 am, Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third weekends of the month at 1:00 pm or during the 5:00 pm or 12:00 pm Masses. Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call Sharon Hall at the parish office to make an appointment: **847.888.1682 extension 16.**

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Couples meet with a priest to set a date and will also participate in a marriage preparation program.

**Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment.

### SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office: **847.888.1682.**

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Trained volunteers are available to provide spiritual support and comfort to all parishioners mourning a death loss. Please call the parish office at **847-888-1682.**

### WORD OF LIFE- For those nearing the end of life:

May the grace of God shine through the care of medical professionals, family, and friends;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### IN SYMPATHY - Paul Thames & Macario Tovar

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

† Fr. Bob Balog	† Ilene Janczak	† Patrice Romano
† Riley Baretto	† Natalie Jorgensen	† Barbara Schoeps
† Gerard Barnicle	† Bill Joynt	† Cindy Schoeps
† Virgil Beard	† Michael Keafer	† Diane Schumacher
† Shirley Bednarke	† Sue Keller	† Frank Scislawski
† Gracie Canning	† Dennis Kittler	† John Sloan
† Theresa Cortesi	† Ken Kline	† Debra Hershey-Stammel
† Jay Connell	† Karen Kurelo	† Lillian Stern
† Louis Coulombe	† Steve Lange	† Deacon Greg Stevens
† Jim Danz	† Carol Legenza	† Linda Stevens
† Alvin Dubiak	† Reynaldo Mangila	† Bob Tate
† William Eggebrecht	† Joanne Matzke	† Mary Ann Vandervalk
† Edna Enriquez	† Mike McCall	† Judy VanHaxleden
† Federico Enriquez	† Kathleen Miller	† Sue Wagener
† Enrico Espina	† Scarlett Moran	† Dan Weiler
† Dick Fitchie	† Gloria Neitzel	† Ronald Wiedenfeld
† Ed Frederick	† Patricia O'Brien	† Carolyn Wisniewski
† James Frederick	† Marian Peterson	† Cathy Zuber
† Linda Girardi	† Hannah Perkins	
† Cathy Hanes	† Lufie Regan	
† Anastacio Hernandez	† Clarke Renard	
† Michele Ingram	† Susan Roman	

To add or remove a name on our prayer list, please call the parish office 847-888-1682. To keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, if you would like a name to stay on the list, please contact the parish office to renew your loved ones name.



**St. Vincent de Paul** - In the name of Jesus, Vincentians, strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving dignity. Call **847.628.5170** and leave a message on the 24 hour answering service.

**Life Matters** - Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. Never feel alone, call Project Rachel at **800.593.2273** the Life Center at **847.622.1235** or Fox Valley Pregnancy at **847.697.0200.**



# LEN

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

## Lenten Activities are from March 1st - April 13th

- + **STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY THE STM SCHOOL** - Thursdays in the Church  
**April 6** at 2:15pm
- + **PASSION PLAY BY THE STM SCHOOL** - In STM School Gym  
Wednesday, **April 12** at 7:00pm & Thursday, **April 13** at 10:45am
- + **STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SIMPLE SUPPERS** - Friday evenings  
**April 7** Simple Suppers (6pm) & Stations of the Cross (7pm)
- + **ADORATION IN CHAPEL** - Wednesdays from 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**April 5, 12** (Confessions 9-10am)
- + **BE RECONCILED** - Confessions available **April 5th** from 9am- 8pm
- + **HOLY THURSDAY** - Mass **April 13** at 7:00pm
- + **GOOD FRIDAY** - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion **April 14** at 3:00pm
- + **GOOD FRIDAY** - "The Seven Last Words of Christ" **April 14** at 7:00pm
- + **EASTER FOOD BLESSING** - Saturday, **April 15** at 11:30am
- + **HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL** - Mass **April 15** at 7:30pm
- + **EASTER SUNDAY** - Mass **April 16** at 8am, 10am, 12pm



## INTRODUCING OUR FULL TIME, MONDAY-FRIDAY PRESCHOOL 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that we have expanded our 4 year old preschool program. We will offer an academically orientated program focusing on God Made Me Religion program, interactive reading readiness program, and developmentally appropriate math driven by the Rockford Diocese standards. **Preschool hours are 8:00am-2:30pm with aftercare available until 6pm.**

St. Thomas More School works to nurture academics, socializing, emotional, psychological, and physical growth through a safe and warm atmosphere to make your child at ease in a school setting.

Contact the school office at **847-742-3959** to hear more about the preschool 4 program and to tour the school.



## THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

## **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

## HOME STAY OPPORTUNITY!

**Are you willing to open up your home to an athlete for the next school year?** Judson University, an evangelical Christian University, in Elgin, is requesting help in finding off-campus housing for their male international students/soccer players. (Which is generally referred to "Home Stays") If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Judson's Men's

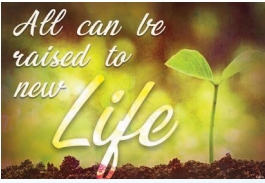
Soccer Coach

**Steve Burke**

**[sburke@judsonu.edu](mailto:sburke@judsonu.edu)**

**or 847-542-5713.**





### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself? If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2017

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41  
c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on:  
**April 21-23 in Brookfield, WI; May 5-7 in Rockford, IL; or June 2-4 in Brookfield, WI**  
Early registration is highly recommended.  
Visit [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

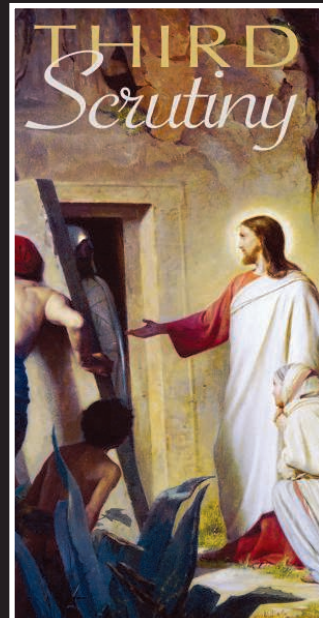
#### 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



### THIRD SCRUTINY

The words of the hymn, "I Now Live," echo faintly in churches still decorated for Lent as the Third Scrutiny takes place and those who journey toward Easter hear about the raising of Lazarus. The Gospel story is about more than just the raising of a single man, but about the life that Jesus Christ offers to every one of us. But there are many powers that seek to steal this life from us. In the words of this Scrutiny we pray for those journeying toward Easter, as the presider says: "Free from the grasp of death those who await your life-giving sacraments and deliver

them from the spirit of corruption." It is through the sacrament of the Church that Jesus Christ instituted that we receive a new life, but sin stands in our way. But what Jesus did for his friend in this story, he did for us through his cross and resurrection. If we choose life, there is no spirit that can stand against us. May we stand with those before us who will be baptized at Easter and testify to the reality that we now live because we have died and risen with him and death's power is no more.







## **PALM SUNDAY INTERFAITH CHOIR CONCERT**

Please join us **Sunday, April 9th** for the 21st Annual Palm Sunday Interfaith Choir Concert, featuring handbell choir and many other instruments. The concert will take place at **Saint Catherine of Siena in Dundee at 3:00 pm**, with prelude music beginning at 2:45pm. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be taken.



## **St. Edward Central Catholic High School 28th Annual Tidal Wave Saturday, April 8th, 2017**

### **"Lights, Camera, Auction!"**

As the Elgin Deanery's central high school, your support is vital! Please join us at the Stonegate Center beginning at 5:30. Reservations are \$125 per person, and include electronic bidding on over 300 items, live auction, dinner and dancing. We welcome the area's award-winning live band **Soda!**

To reserve your spot or make a donation, please contact **Jan Schroeder at 847-741-7536 x104**.

# **Welcome NEW PARISHIONERS**



**Jeffrey & Nanette Vinkler  
and Amelia**



**Ladislaus Suchecki**



**Betsy Taylor  
(Jason, Jackson & Grant)  
Not pictured**



**Marisa Retek**



**WE CAN DO IT!!** We are almost half way to our Lenten Parish goal of **\$15,700** for a house, solar lights, and a well for one of our new villages that is being built in Haiti. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the poorest people in Haiti. Don't forget to pick up an envelope at the Haiti table in the back of church to make a donation. Checks should be made payable to "Hope For Haitians."

Also know that our STM students and RE students are collecting donations for the students of Haiti. \$125 covers the cost of one student's books, a school uniform, and one hot meal a day. Our students will truly make a difference in the lives of the students in Haiti.

**God bless you and thank you.**

## **Lenten Fish Fry/Fish Boil**

The Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Funds Event is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fry/ Fish Boil at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Hampshire from **4:30 -7:00pm on April 7, 2017**. Cost for Adults -\$12.00, Children -\$5.00.

Home delivery available, call **Wendy Harries at (847) 917-2942**.



## PARISH CALENDAR

## 5th Sunday of Lent

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Monday</b>		
April 3	9:00 am	Bible Study –Westminster Rm
	4:00 pm	Youth Choir –Church
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir –Church
	7:00 pm	Bible Study –Westminster Rm
<b>Tuesday</b>		
April 4		
<b>Wednesday</b>		
April 5	9:00 am	Be Reconciled –Church
	9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Benediction –Chapel
	4:00 pm	Bible Study –Canterbury Rm
	6:00 pm	High School Choir –Lancaster Rm
	7:00 pm	RCIA-Chelsea Rm
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir –Lancaster Rm
	8:00 pm	Bell Choir –Church
<b>Thursday</b>		
April 6	9:00 pm	Intercessory Prayer –Tudor Rm
	2:15 pm	Stations of the Cross –Church
	6:30 pm	Spred –Cambridge, Canterbury, Westminster Rms
	6:30 pm	Servant Choir –Lancaster Rm
<b>Friday</b>		
April 7	9:15 am	Women's Prayer Group – Canterbury Rm
	6:00 pm	Simple Supper –Chelsea Rm
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross –Church
<b>Saturday</b>		
April 8		

**PALM SUNDAY**

On **Palm Sunday, April 8/9**, all Masses will begin in the **Gathering Space** with the blessing of palms, followed by a procession into the church. Please plan to meet in the Gathering Space on Palm Sunday.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Join St. Thomas More for nine days of prayer starting at 8:30am on **Good Friday, April 14th** leading up to **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd**.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8:30 am	Ryan Gorcowski, Frank Golbeck
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 4</b>
8:30 am	Vickie Akemann, Phyllis Boyer
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 5</b>
8:30 am	Fermina Aldave, Jeanette Dominguez
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 6</b>
8:30 am	Betty Mueller, Harold Bauman
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 7</b>
8:30 am	All Souls, Loreto Pielago
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 8</b>
5:00 pm	Gertrude D. Bohne, Carl Hess
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 9</b>
8:00 am	People of STM, Kevin Schaar
10:00 am	Emilie & Viateur Saindon
12:00 pm	Ramon Mendoza, Gerald Dostal

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, call the parish office to schedule. The contribution for reserving the intention of a Mass is \$10.00

**LITURGICAL ROLES –WEEKEND: APRIL 8/9****Presiders**

5:00pm Father Rich  
8:00 am Father Rich  
10:00 am Msgr. Linster  
12:00pm Father Rich

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm C Kriens, A Tiu, M Witecha  
8:00 am H Garcia, M Jackson, L Jackson  
10:00 am D Empleo, J Glazik, A Meyer  
12:00pm M Dubanowski, A Stuart, K Wang

**Lectors**

5:00pm B Harrington, R Weishaar  
8:00 am M Aydt, E Weber  
10:00 am L Dela Merced, M Dela Merced  
12:00pm L Runyan, L Lesniak

**Musicians**

5:00pm High School Ensemble  
8:00 am T Pobjewski, C Powers, M Gumapas, S Bestler, D Johnson, JA Aukofer  
10:00 am Adult Choir & Bell Choir  
12:00pm Filipino Choir

**Eucharistic Ministers**


5:00pm D Etemick, T Etemick, G McGann, E Reckamp, D Schramm, L McEwan, J McCreight  
8:00 am M Pokorny, L Becci, J Whitchurch, D Velten, R Callahan, J Roder, B Dombrowski  
10:00 am B Burchill, C Schultz, J Roder, R Calara, D Varley, C Flores, J Felski, R Bormann, A Williams  
12:00 pm A Sanchez, AJ Sanchez, D Escanilla, F Greene, K Williams, P Lublow, K Wright



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