

<p><u>Knights of Columbus</u></p> <p>Next Event: Lenten Dinners Catered by: The August House (Kraken Food Truck)</p> <p>Contact: Don Fogarty</p>	<p><u>Social</u></p> <p>—Next Events— First Communion and Easter Egg Hunt Reception</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt is Sponsored by the High School CCD Students</p>
<p><u>Ladies Auxiliary</u></p> <p>Contact: Mary Gilbert Cell: 251-591-1831 Next Event: Arts and Crafts March 28th</p>	<p><u>St. Vincent DePaul</u></p> <p>The St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks you for your generous support both financial and food items. They were collected and distributed to the poor. 458-4578</p>
<p><u>Legacy Campaign</u></p> <p>Contact: Flynn Christian Development Director 251-452-9837 stthomasdev@outlook.com</p>	<p><u>R.C.I.A.</u></p> <p>Class: NO RCIA February 18th.</p> <p>Happy Mardi Gras</p>
<p><u>Prayer Groups</u></p> <p>You are always invited to join the Men of St. Joseph & the Daughters of Mary on Thursdays in the Sullivan Center. The Men meet at 7:00am and the Women meet at 8:30am Please come and join us!</p>	<p><u>C.C.D.</u></p> <p>NO Class: February 23rd Next Class: March 1st Time: 9:30AM Ages Pre-K4 thru High School</p>
<p><u>ADULT EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Bible Study is offered on Saturdays at St. Bridget's Parish at 9:30AM. The next class is on February 29th: The book: "Sirach"</p> <p>The next Wednesday night Teaching Mass is on March 4th . The book is "Christus Vincit" (<i>Christ's Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age</i>) by Bishop Athanasius Schneider</p>	

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10 minutes before each Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

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back of Church and introduce yourself to
Father Saucier or Deacon Bullock.

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By appointment only.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUN 7:00 AM
SUN 11:00 AM
SUN 4:00 PM
M, T, TH, F. 8:00 AM
WED 6:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 02/23 NO CCD Class 9:30AM
4:00PM St. Peregrine Healing Mass
- 02/25 NO RCIA Class 6:30PM (St. Thomas)
- 02/26 Ash Wednesday 8:00AM (St. Bridget)
6:00PM (St. Thomas)
- 01/27 Men Of St. Joseph 7:00AM
Daughters of Mary 8:30AM
- 02/28 Pro-Life Mass 10:00AM (St. Mary's Home)
Stations of the Cross 6:00PM (St. Thomas)
- 01/29 Bible Study 9:30AM (St. Bridget)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

SUN.	7:00 AM	Father William Folsom R.I.P.	Last Collection \$1841.52
SUN.	11:00 AM	Parishioners	
SUN.	4:00 PM	All who are Affected by Cancer	
MON.	8:00 AM	Infant of Prague (Parish Finances)	
TUES.	8:00 AM	Shirley Beattie	
WED.	6:00 PM	Our Lenten Sacrifices	
THURS.	8:00 AM	Monique Bosarge	
FRI.	8:00 AM	Legacy Campaign	

Please See Below: The Liturgical Roles for the next two weeks.
You are asked to find a replacement if you are unable to keep to your assigned time.
If you can't find a replacement please call Fr. Saucier at 454-4866.

Liturgical Roles for February 23, 2020

	7:00AM	11:00 AM	4:00 PM
LECTOR	Patricia Castleberry	Katherine Abernathy	Margaret Groves
ALTAR SERVERS	Henry Kobitz	Margaret Abernathy Catherine Hughes	Douglas Bosarge
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Flynn Christian Claire Andrew Joyce Pate	Cheryl Belis Betty Bullock Lance Johnson	Deacon Groves Gary Brown Monique Bosarge
CANTOR		Lewis Archer	Lewis Archer

Liturgical Roles for March 1, 2020

	7:00AM	11:00 AM	4:00PM
LECTOR	Patricia Castleberry	Joy Logan	Gary Brown
ALTAR SERVERS	Henry Kobitz	Margaret Abernathy Bianca Bartelli	Douglas Bosarge
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Donna Christian Claire Andrew Joyce Pate	Cheryl Belis Jimmy Corley Nicole Rhoads	Neil Andrew Ethan Beck Leanne Greene
CANTOR		Lewis Archer	Lewis Archer

Ash Wednesday

Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday (February 26th).
8:00AM St. Bridget
6:00PM St. Thomas

Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Friday evenings in Lent at 6:00PM for
Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas.
The first Friday in Lent is February 28th.

Building and Maintenance

The second collection next weekend is for our Building and Maintenance fund.

Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are from age 14 onwards.

The First Sunday of Lent

The First Sunday of Lent is sometimes referred to as Temptation Sunday because the Gospel recounts Christ's temptation in the desert and because His fast of forty days parallels the fast of Lent. It's as if Christ took on Satan, who had tortured the human race for so long, and defeated him in their very first encounter. Lent calls each of us to resist temptation and to seek God's grace to do so. But it also summons us to see where we are involved with evil ourselves. Repent of the past briefly and quietly, and concentrate on the present. There is much for the Christian to do in our own immoral times. St. James sums it up very well: "To care for the widow and the orphan in their need and to keep oneself unspotted by the world. Lent offers us an opportunity for silent self-examination, for looking inward in the presence of God, for measuring our lives against the standard of the Gospel. A great help in doing this is the daily reading of the Bible, especially the Gospels. This is the living word of God, and it cuts deeply into the lies we tell ourselves. When Lent is over we may feel exhilaration when we realize that we have made progress toward the truth.