

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas,

The time is upon us to begin reflecting upon different possibilities to enhance your spiritual life this upcoming season of Lent. We recently had our “Preparing for Lent Retreat” and reviewed the three pillars of Lent (Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving/Service). We looked at different ways in which we could grow as disciples of Jesus, moving outward from ourselves towards others.

Our Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 9:00 am (with the students of St. Francis) and 7:00 pm. As always during Lent, we will have regular daily Mass at 9:00 am; Adoration & Benediction will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm; and Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday’s at 6:00 pm, followed by Soup & Bread. In addition, we have started small faith-sharing groups. Our communal penance service is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm. I encourage your participation in these special encounters with the Lord this Lenten Season.

We are blessed with a large number of adults and children involved in the OCIA process, preparing for full entry into the church at the Easter Vigil. The season of Lent is a more intense time for them spiritually in their preparation for the Easter sacraments. We pray for them and walk with them in our journey of faith.

A special thanks to our parish families for your support of our diocese with the annual Catholic appeal. Again, the diocese is focusing on the support of each family within the diocese.

We typically stream and record the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening for our shut-ins. If you are viewing the Masses on line, you may have noticed we have installed a more robust system with two moveable cameras rather than the single stationary camera. You will be able to view the liturgy from different camera angles. Our staff member, Jessica Brown is getting a good handle on its operations. She will train others to record the Mass, as well.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment and support of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. We are blessed in so many ways in this parish community and your continued commitment to grow as a disciple of Jesus is clearly a part of that blessing.

Let’s stay alive in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

Fr. Steve Zabrocki, Pastor