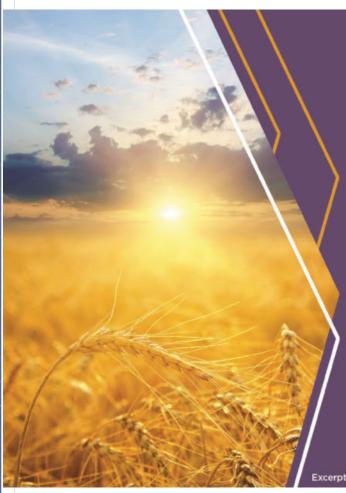


March 17, 2024



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM. Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, March 18

7:00 AM In Celebration of Brid Connors's Birthday 5:30 PM t Living & Deceased Members of the

Smith & Krawiecki Families

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 AM In Celebration of Jonathan Maher's Birthday

5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 AM**†** Tom Black

Thursday, March 21

7:00 AM NO MASS 5:30 PM NO MASS

Friday, March 22

7:00 AM † Ellen Morrone 5:30 PM † Charlie Charles

Palm Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 23

5:15 PM**†** Clare Beggan & Family

Palm Sunday, March 24

7:30 AM**†** For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased

9:00 AM**†** Lynn Curcio

11:30 AM**†** Fran & John Tierney 5:00 PM**†** Josepha Wilhelm



The Sanctuary Candle burns March 17th through March 23rd in memory of Patrick Cashin.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Please remember in your prayers:

Robert Michek

We extend our sympathy to his family & friends.



The 2025 MASS BOOK will open on Thursday, April 4th, *from 10am until 1pm*. Only 2 Saturday Vigil or Sunday weekend masses may be booked and no more than 4 Sanctuary Candles until May 12th. No phone or email requests until Friday, April 5th.

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura Parochial Administrator (ext.19)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4 Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Finance Chair:

Ulrike Schambeck (203) 434-6488

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2024	2023
March 10 Collection On-Line Diocesan Assessment	\$4,611.00 \$2,377.00 (\$1,506.00)	\$3,475.00 \$2,338.00 (\$1,567.00)
Net Retained	\$5,482.00	\$4,246.00
Votives	\$ 109.00	\$ 141.70

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on <u>all</u> gross receipts. For our 2024 fiscal year, the annual Cathedraticum Assessment is \$78,324. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,506. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,148.00 from the prior year.

Confession in Church Every Saturday
4:00pm until 4:30pm or
by Appointment



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Youth Singers and Instrument Players Rehearsal Schedule For: Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:00 AM Family Mass

Rehearsals are beginning for Youth Choir and Orchestra to prepare to sing and play for Easter Sunday Mass on March 31, 2024! Students in Grades 1-12 are welcome to participate. All rehearsals will take place in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The <u>Rehearsal Schedule</u> is detailed below and will be available in the parish bulletin and on the parish website. It is only necessary to attend one rehearsal each week.

WEEK 4: Youth Choir & Instruments, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 20 OR Thursday, March 21.

WEEK 5: Final Rehearsal for all participants, 4:30-5:15 PM, Wednesday, March 27.

I (I cannot offer a Thursday rehearsal option on the final week because it is Holy Thursday.)



2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL We have raised 47 gifts worth \$8,810 bringing our parish to 14.03% of its \$62,800 goal. Any and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

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how this list is generated. Of course, you can still give items that are not on the list. Please leave after hours **non-perishable** donations in the bin outside the pantry.

We are currently accepting hams for the Easter Holiday. Please bring them to the Pantry during regular hours on Tuesdays or Saturdays (10am - 11:30am) no later than Tuesday, March 26th. If you can not come during these hours, please call the Pantry at (203) 866-1644. Leave a message and someone will call you back to make arrangements.

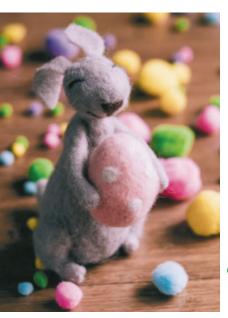
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Come join the fun at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Palm Sunday, March 24th. Come to the 9:00 am Family Mass and stay for the family fun. Open to all children Pre-K through 5th Grade.

FROM A TREATISE ON JOHN BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP (TRACTATE 49-GOSPEL OF JOHN 11:1-54)

Among all the miracles wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Lazarus holds a foremost place in preaching. But if we consider attentively who did it, our duty is to rejoice rather than to wonder. A man was raised up by Him who made man: for He is the only One of the Father, by whom, as you know, all things were made. And if all things were made by Him, what wonder is it that one was raised by Him, when so many are daily brought into the world by His power?

It is a greater deed to create men than to raise them again from the dead. Yet He deigned both to create and to raise again; to create all, to resuscitate some. For though the Lord Jesus did many such acts, yet all of them are not recorded; just as this same St. John the evangelist himself testifies, that Christ the Lord both said and did many things that are not recorded; but such were chosen for record as seemed to suffice for the salvation of believers.

You have just heard that the Lord Jesus raised a dead man to life; and that is sufficient to let you know that, were He so pleased, He might raise all the dead to life. And, indeed this very work has He reserved in His own hands till the end of the world. For while you have heard that by a great miracle He raised one from the tomb who had been dead four days, "the hour is coming," as He Himself says, "in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice," and shall come forth.

He raised one who was putrid, and yet in that putrid carcass there was still the form of limbs; but at the last day He will by a word reconstitute ashes into human flesh. But it was needful then to do only some such deeds, that we, receiving them as tokens of His power, may put our trust in Him, and be preparing for that resurrection which shall be to life and not to judgment. So, indeed, He says, "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."



Be Part of FIE's Biggest Event! Foundations in Education Annual Spring Gala Thursday, April 25, 2024 Woodway Country Club Darien, Connecticut For more info contact Emily: ensity effoundations in education, and

Foundations in Education's Gala April 25, 2024

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You are invited to be part of St. Mary's Disciples 4 Life Parish Retreat! This personal retreat is open to all adult men and women. Lent is the perfect time to grow more deeply in our faith and get closer to our Lord.

"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

The weekend schedule includes talks on spirituality, reconciliation, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and quiet time. Make a decision to change your life today!

Friday, April 5 - Sunday April 7

Starts Friday at 7:00 PM and concludes Sunday, after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Church.

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Please contact Marilyn Kain at kainma56@gmail.com or (203) 994-7808 for more info or with any questions.

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Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

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Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage.

To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment

Prayer Requests!

Please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry. Call Sue Wegiel at (203) 838-4088 with your prayer request or email her at wegiesi@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

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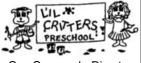
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