



March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

Reading I Dt 26:4-10 I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey.
Reading II Rom 10:8-13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Gospel Lk 4:1-13 You shall not put the Lord God to the test.

March 17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Reading I Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Look at the sky and count the stars.
Reading II Phil 3:17-4:1 Our citizenship is in heaven.
Gospel Lk 9:28b-36 This is my chosen Son; listen to him.

Masses for the week:

Sat	03/09	4:00 PM (St. Thomas) <i>Tom & Rick Kunz</i> 5:30 PM (St. Jude) <i>Carol Mork & Bill Stein & Charles Bauer</i>
Sun	03/10	8:45 AM (St. Jude) <i>Barney Grommes</i> 11:00 AM (St. Thomas) <i>Jim & Mina Walsh</i>
Mon	03/11	
Tues	03/12	5:00 PM (St. Thomas) <i>Carl & Leona Braunreiter</i>
Wed	03/13	7:00 AM (St. Jude) <i>Charles Bauer & Ron Sadler</i>
Thurs	03/14	7:15 AM (St. Thomas) <i>People of the Parishes</i>
Fri	03/15	7:00 AM (St. Jude) <i>Mona & Merlyn Meyers</i>
Sat	03/16	4:00 PM (St. Thomas) <i>Gerald Vedra</i> 5:30 PM (St. Jude) <i>Pamela Quinn</i>
Sun	03/17	8:45 AM (St. Jude) <i>Gene & Jackie Loucks & Betty Gasser</i> 11:00 AM (St. Jude) <i>Spanish Mass</i> 11:00 AM (St. Thomas) <i>Donald & France Olmstead</i>

Liturgical Ministers

March 16 & 17, 2019

ST. JUDE

	5:30 PM	8:45 AM
Servers	Emily Taylor Sophia Taylor	Ben Peiffer Bryana Olver
Lector	Leila Henning	Gia Peiffer
Bread Minister	Deacon Jim Davis	Roy Nelson
Greeter Group	Jeff Klein	Adrian Espinoza

ST. THOMAS

	4:00 PM	11:00 AM
Commentator	Sherri Kulawinski	Kay Olmstead
Lector	Sherri Kulawinski	Kay Olmstead
Servers	Nate Lounsbury	Volunteer
Bread Minister	Deacon Jim Davis	Theresa Parsek
Greeters	George Vedra Rose Vedra Carol Bailey Ruth Kolpack	Jack Ryan TerriAnn Ryan Mike Fallon Deb Fallon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Tuesdays - 7:00 PM at St. Jude
 Fridays - Noon at St. Thomas
 Fridays - 6:30 PM at St. Thomas (en Español)
 Wednesdays - 6:30 PM at St. Stephen
 Wednesdays - 6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Assumption



For prayer requests, please call,
 (St. Jude) Mary Schindler, 362-8912 or Irene Popp, 364-4367,
 (St. Thomas) Fran Clark, 362-2203.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Jude:

Saturday, March 16, 23 - 8:30-9:30 AM

Saturday, April 6 -8:30-9:30 AM

St. Thomas:

Saturday, March 16- 2:30 - 3:00 PM

April 6, 13 - 2:30-3:00 PM

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at another time, please call Fr. John at either parish.

Communal Penance

St. Stephen: Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM

St. Jude: Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of the Assumption: Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM



Baptism Preparation for New Infants

We have a Baptismal Preparation Class every other month in the **St. Jude Parish Center**. The next class will be on **Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM**. Please call either parish office between **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, if you wish to register.

St. Jude, 608-364-2820 or St. Thomas, 608-362-1034.

Platicas Prebautismales en español. Una sola clase en St. Thomas Parish, 822 E. Grand Ave, Beloit. **14 de abril as 9:30 am.** Comunicarse con Araceli al **(608) 856-0566.**

Pope Francis



In his message to us for Lent, Pope Francis writes:

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the “Lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the *desert* of creation had the goal of making it once more that *garden* of communion with God that it was before original sin. May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God”. Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

Thanks – Karen McConnell, a member of St. Jude Parish, passed away in January. In her will Karen included gifts for St. Jude and St. Thomas Parishes. We are grateful to Karen for her kindness, and continue to remember her in prayer.

Religious Education News Noticias de Educación Religiosa



March 10 Family Activity Stations of the Cross
March 17, 24, 31 Classes
April 7 Classes

Marzo 10 Actividad familiar, Estaciones de la Cruz
Marzo 17, 24, 31 clase
Abril 7 clase

Mark your calendars now, the Spring Fling will be held on Saturday evening.

April 13th, in the beautiful La Case Grande Banquet Room. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The night will include a performance by the fabulous Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Orchestra, along with delicious hors d'oeuvre's and a catered dinner, a cash bar with signature drinks, a live auction presented by Bob Johnson from Badger State Auction, a silent auction that includes classroom projects and baskets, an expanded wine pull, the Fund The Future envelope giving board, and the caricature artist, who was a hit last year, will be back.

For those families with children that attend OLA School, free childcare will be offered at the school by OLA licensed staff.

The evening will be a great opportunity to have a special night out, mingle amongst friends, listen to live music, and support the school all while having an enjoyable and fantastic time.

Last year was a record crowd and this year could be a sell out, so don't wait, purchase your tickets soon.

Please consider a financial sponsorship as your support and contribution is critical to success of this event. Donations for the live and silent auctions would also be appreciated.

Tickets and sponsorship forms are now available in the school office along with details regarding the childcare opportunity.




ProLife The Pro-Life Wisconsin group of Rock County will be meeting at the Beloit Public Library in the Classroom at 10:00 on Saturday, March 16. All are welcome! The meeting should last about one hour. For further information, email Miriam Williams at mwquacker@charter.net. Find us on Facebook: Pro-life Wisconsin, Rock County Chapter.

St. Thomas Altar Society will be meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 11:00 AM at The Mouse Restaurant on Madison Rd. for burgers and fries and then we will take a tour of the Beloit Historical Society.

All ladies of the parish are invited.

The cost is \$5.00. Use the sign up sheets in the back of the church to make your reservation.



 Our Lady of the Assumption will have a Fish Fry this Friday, March 15. Serving takes place from 5:00-7:00 PM in Assumption Hall. All you can eat baked and fried Cod, baked potatoes, fries, cole slaw, applesauce, bread and beverage. Adults: \$11.00; Children 6-12: \$5.00; 5 & under FREE. Carry outs available. Desserts & soda offered at an additional charge.

Fast and Abstinence During the Lenten Season



The Church asks all Catholics (14 years of age and older) to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. For those who are 18-59 years of age, the Church asks that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is understood as eating one main meal, and two smaller meals, and not to eat between meals.



Community Lenten Worship Service

Wed., March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Church: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
822 E. Grand Ave, Beloit. (608) 362-1034

Preacher: Pastor Carol Taylor
(United Church of Beloit)



Interested in OLA for Kindergarten?

Come to OLA's Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, March 18th from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Come and meet our teacher, see the classroom and hear all about the experience of being a Kindergarten student! Families are welcome to attend and we will have special pricing on our Registration Fee for families who register that day!

Please come to Assumption Hall!

If you have any questions, please call OLA School at 365-4014

The need for help for our neighbors continues to grow as those seeking food assistance from Caritas increases weekly.

Needs List:

Food: Canned fruit, Tuna/chicken, Meal makers (Hamburger Helper, pasta helper, juice, condiments)

High School food items: Canned foods with pull-top lids
Mac & Cheese cups, Soups, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Cereal, Fruit cups, Applesauce, Nuts, Crackers, Nutrition bars, Ramen noodles, Pudding cups, Jello cups,

Diaper Room: Wipes, Baby Hygiene items,

Adult Hygiene: Men's and Women's Body Wash, Hand Soap, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Mouth Wash, Toilet paper, Paper towels.

If you have any questions please call:

Bert Sadler: 365-1023 or Lois Ferrera: 365-5614

Co-Representatives on the Caritas Board



Our Gifts to our Parish and to the Lord

(Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

	Offertory Contributions		
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
St. Jude Parish:			
March 2 & 3, 2019	\$6,794.00	\$5,603.75*	\$1,190.25
Fiscal Year-to-Date (Week 36)	\$184,623.72	\$201,735.00	-\$17,111.28
St. Thomas Parish			
March 2 & 3, 2019	\$3,922.50	\$3,490.50*	\$432.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date (Week 36)	\$125,932.14	\$125,658.00	\$274.14

*Weekly average of Annual Budget