

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 19, 2023*



Matthew 5:44

***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7). Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbor, even those who cause us grief and harm.

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. God knows our sinfulness and weaknesses better than we do - and he assures us of his love, mercy, and help. That is why he freely gives us his power, strength, and gifts so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters (2 Peter 1:3). Do we want to grow in our love for God and for our neighbor? Ask the Holy Spirit to purify and transform us in the image of the Father that we may know and live in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
February 26, 2023**  
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### Saint of the Week

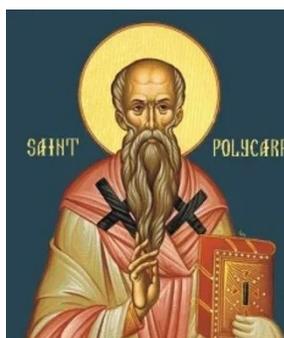
#### St. Polycarp

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna in what is now western Turkey, was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle and a friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. He was a highly revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

The Asia Minor churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a controversy in the early Church.

At age 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved and fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 155. St. Polycarp is the patron saint of relief from earaches.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: February 23

### Special Collection for Earthquake Recovery

Bishop Mark Brennan has announced a special collection for recovery efforts following the earthquake earlier this month in Turkey and Syria.

A separate basket will be available on Ash Wednesday through next Sunday, February 26.

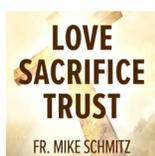
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## THIS WEEK ON FORMED



### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



### Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

### Register for FREE Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching!

Take FORMED  
with you on your  
Lenten journey!



# Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

Mass with distribution of ashes

*Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.*

Welcome Back  
Fr. Thomas!  
We Missed You!

## Return to God with All Your Heart

Ready or not...this Wednesday (February 22) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent: six weeks set apart to draw closer to God. Lent sometimes gets reduced to the simple question of "what are you giving up?" Let the real question be, "How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?" Take some time to reflect on the place in your life where you feel distant from God. Begin your Lenten journey by not only thinking about what you will give up, but on how you can rearrange to create more time and passion for your relationship with God.

## Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays will be at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. By taking part in the Stations, we are able to feel as though we accompany Jesus on his final journey and share in his suffering. Plan now to join us on Friday evenings during Lent!

## BE PERFECT

*just as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

MATTHEW 5:48

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 18	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Intentions of Joanne & Mike Stickley.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, February 19	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan.....	Vernon & Rita Grubbs
		Soul of Joseph W. Willis.....	Mary Alexander
Monday, February 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 21	No Mass		
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
Wednesday, February 22	6:30 p.m.	People of Our Parish.....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, February 23	12 noon	Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Regina Kelley.....	Sharon Kelley
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study following Mass</i>	
Friday, February 24	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Sauer.....	K of C Assumption Council
		Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
		<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>	
Saturday, February 25	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
Sunday, February 26	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Brent Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick

Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, February 23

Sunday Scripture Study resumes following the noon Mass and continuing every Thursday.

## Friday, February 24

Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross, led by the Knights of Columbus.

## Sunday, February 26

Last day for Humane Society donations, sponsored by our Youth Group.

## Wednesday, March 1

All Safe Environment training completed.

## Wednesday, March 1

Remove any Christmas flowers from St. Thomas Cemetery that you want to keep.

## Sunday, March 5

Ladies Guild is hosting a biscuit & gravy breakfast for all parishioners and CCD teachers, students and parents following the 8:30 Mass.

## Sunday, March 5

Last day for Easter candy donations for the Youth Group community egg hunt.

## Sunday, March 5

Youth Group meeting at 4 p.m. at Grace.

## Collections & Attendance

### February 11-12, 2023

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,895
Loose Donations.....	\$1,084
Votive Candles.....	\$76
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$20
Poor Box.....	\$107
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,182</b>

#### Diocesan Collection

Church Missions in the US.....	\$140
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#### Attendance

Saturday, 2/11.....	85
Sunday, 2/12.....	120
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>205</b>



## It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (February 19) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month's event



## Knight Family of the Month

Michael Stanislawczyk, his wife Sonja, and their son Logan are the Knight Family of the Month for January! They are active in both Council and parish activities. As a family they have all helped with youth activities like the Christmas parade, Halloween parties and sports activities. Most notably, they have been instrumental in making the Warm the Children and Operation Christmas Child Shoebox programs very successful in our parish. They are models of Christian family values...Congratulations!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, February 25

Lector:	Sue Harber
Servers:	Mike & Rosie Landis
EM:	Janet Corley
Cantor:	tbd
Greeters:	Bob & Karen Yowler

### Sunday, February 26 (Youth Mass)

Lector:	CCD students
Servers:	CCD students
EM:	David Minnich
Cantor:	tbd
Greeters:	CCD students

### Saturday, March 4 (Knights Mass)

Lector:	Doug Minnich
Servers:	Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EM:	Alan Taylor
Cantor:	tbd
Greeters:	Bob Yowler & Dave Dunn

### Sunday, March 5

Lector:	Geoff Newlin
Servers:	Sommer & Micah Alt, Nick McKenzie
EM:	Kelley Kuhn
Cantor:	tbd
Greeters:	John & Debbie Krumpach

### Stonerise EM

February 23	Jean Harber
March 2	Pam Williams



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Meetings Every First  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

#### A Faithful Thought...

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