



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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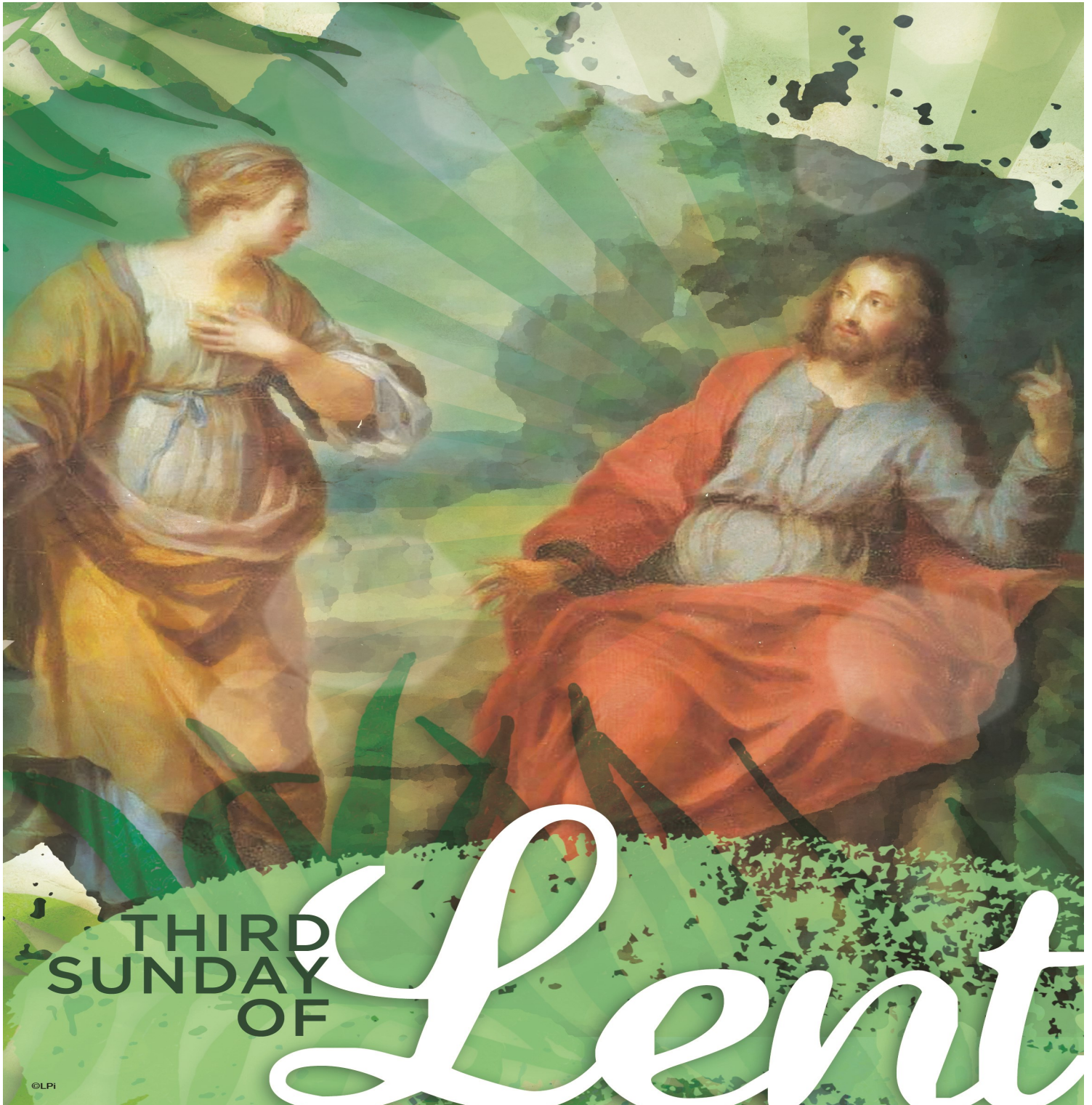
March 3, 2024

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Parish Website: www.sssimonandjude.org





03/02/24-Saturday-Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Nick & Rose Dettorre by Family

03/03/24-Sunday-Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am For The People

03/04/24-Monday-St. Casimir

8:00am Special Intention by James Durant

03/06/24-Wednesday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am Roxie Berzansky by Concetta Farabaugh

03/08/24-Friday-St. John of God, Religious

8:00am Joseph Flasic, Jr. by Joanne & Mark Sloan
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

03/09/24-Saturday-Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

03/10/24-Sunday-Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Wayne Fumea by Romaine & Bill

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF JOHN & ELEANOR MILLER BY BARBARA JASPER

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 5

◆ Penance Service, St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

◆ "She Is Community Night", Ladies Night, Summit Church, Join Us- 5:45 p.m. Worship - 6:45 p.m., Register-724-349-8180

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



**MASS SCHEDULE
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT**

MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 p.m.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT***

February 25, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,134.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 4,162.00

SOUP SALE

DONATIONS	\$ 180.00
SOUP SALE	+ \$2,387.00
	\$2,567.00
EXPENSES	- \$ 331.00
PROFIT	\$2,236.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1023

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 3

◆ Faith Formation, Grades K-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, March 5

◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

◆ Bible Study, 1:00 p.m., Marian Hall, and 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

◆ CD of A Meeting, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.

◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

◆ Sacramental Prep., 1st Eucharist, 10:15 a.m. - Noon

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

March 3. Texts: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

Spring Cleaning. How do we understand today's Gospel passage about the cleansing of the Temple? Filled with zeal for the House of His Father, the Temple, Jesus makes a whip of cord and drives the money changers sitting at their counters for they had turned the Temple into a market. Had they crossed the line in the Temple courtyard and entered the sacred precincts of the Temple itself turning it into a market place thus disregarding and disrespecting the sanctity and sacredness of the Temple which was the House of God His Father?

Jesus Himself the Son of God, the new Temple, demonstrates thus His authority to represent and reveal God's Temple. When asked for a sign to justify His action, Jesus refers His own Body as the sanctuary which, when destroyed, He would raise up in three days, a veiled reference to His death and resurrection.

Lent is a time to do some spiritual spring cleaning. If Jesus were to enter our homes, what would He drive away and dispel? We need to clean our own homes and our hearts; to drive out zealously all that desecrates them. Our homes are "domestic Churches" and our hearts are Temples of God. It is in our homes and in our hearts that genuine worship takes place; that faith is born and nourished; that we must let Jesus enter and cleanse us.

READINGS-March 10, 2024

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (1st)
 Ephesians 2:4-10 (2nd)
 John 3:14-21 (Gospel)
 Fourth Sunday of Lent



DLA: The Diocesan Lenten Appeal has begun. You will be receiving your letter soon, if you have not already. Our Diocesan target is \$40,870.00. We ask that you be as generous as possible to this appeal, and we encourage everyone to participate,


for anything over our target, will remain here in the parish for our use. Pledges may be made by turning in your pledge card by mailing it **DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE** in the envelope provided. You may also donate online by visiting www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and on the website, under Diocesan Lenten Appeal, click the "Donate Now" button. Thank you.

2024 LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE & LUNCHEONS

All Services & Luncheons are on Wednesdays at Noon
 March 6—Hebron Lutheran Church
 March 13—First Presbyterian Church
 March 20—Blacklick Methodist Church
 March 27—SS. Simon & Jude Church
Good Friday—March 29—Community Good Friday Service—Blairsville First Methodist Church—7:00 p.m.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLET for the Lenten season is available at the entrances of the church. We invite each family to take one home.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium, are available at our church entrances. The booklets contain scripture reflections for each day of Lent written by members of our community. Please feel free to take one home. If you would like to have PDF file of this booklet emailed to you, please call the office.

 **ALL CEMETERY GRAVES** are to be cleaned off by March 15th. If they are not cleaned off before March 15th, they will be cleaned off by cemetery workers. Leave a grace period before putting decorations back on the graves in case the weather is bad and clean-up would be later than March 15th. Please take your clean up materials with you for trash disposal – Thank You.

**Daniel slept in a lions den.
 Peter slept in a prison.
 Jesus slept in a storm.**

**No matter your circumstance,
 you can take a nap.**

OUR PARISH IS HOSTING THE LENTEN LUNCH on March 27th. Help is needed to make soup and sandwiches. If you are interested, please come to a short meeting in Marian Hall on Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. If you want to help and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of Michael Sulkosky, son of Stanley Sulkosky and brother of Vicki Rager. May God grant him eternal life and peace.

COOKIE REMINDER: Cookies are needed for the Regional Mission at St. Thomas More University Parish. If you would be willing to help by making a few dozen cookies, the cookies need to be dropped off at Marian Hall on either Tuesday or Wednesday, March 5th & 6th, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Thank you!

CD OF A: The next meeting is March 6th at 6:00 p.m. 2024 dues are being collected. At this date, 18 members have not paid. The Committee is Anita Smith, Monica Bell, Kathy Denara and Loretta Johnston.

A REGIONAL LENTEN MISSION will be held at St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana. The Regional Lenten Mission will be March 4th-6th at 6:30 p.m. each evening in the church. Throughout these three evenings, Father Damian Ference—a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland where he serves as Vicar for Evangelization, Secretary for Parish Life and Special Ministries, and as Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary—will speak on several topics concerning Evangelization and Mission. The Holy Rosary will be prayed each night beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a Regional Penance Service will follow the talk on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. A social with refreshments will follow the talk on Monday and Wednesday. All are welcome to attend this mission and enrich their faith journey this Lenten season. Extra parking is available for free in IUP's parking garage across the street from the church.


Local Lenten Friday Fish Fries

Crabtree
 St. Bartholomew Parish with Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department (Marian Hall), Ash Wednesday and Fridays, including Good Friday, 4:30-7:00 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-834-9789 or 724-834-1028

Kent
 Church of the Good Shepherd Parish
 4:00-7:00 p.m., "Dine In or Drive Thru"
 Full Meals \$14 or Half Meals \$7

Northern Indiana County
 Church of the Resurrection Parish
 Ernest Site Basement, February 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 Clymer Site Hall, March 1 & 8, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 Rossiter Volunteer Fire Co. Hall, March 8, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 Glen Campbell Site Social Hall, March 22, 4:00-6:30 p.m. (Glen Campbell, takeout only)

Indiana
 St. Bernard Parish
 St. Bernard Church Hall, 4:00-6:30 p.m.
 "Dine In Or Take Out" (except Good Friday)



Lenten Penance Services 2024

Tuesday, March 5: 7:30 PM-Saint Thomas More
University Parish, Indiana

Monday, March 11: 7:00 PM-SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville

Tuesday, March 12: 7:00 PM-Saint Sylvester, Slickville
and Holy Family, Seward

Saturday, March 16: 10:00 AM-Church of the Good
Shepherd, Kent

Tuesday, March 19: 7:00 PM-Church of the Resurrection,
Clymer

Wednesday, March 20: 7:00 PM-Our Lady of the
Assumption, Lucernemines

Thursday, March 21: 7:00 PM-Saint Bernard, Indiana





Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 23rd & 24th

(SS. Simon & Jude)

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. – Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches

Holy Thursday, March 28th

10:00 a.m. – **Chrism Mass** (Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg)

7:00 p.m. - **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (SS. Simon & Jude)

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Chapel (Adoration until midnight)

12:00 midnight – **Night Prayer** (Chapel) (SS. Simon & Jude)

Good Friday, March 29th

2:00 p.m. - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion** (Kent)

7:00 p.m. - **Blairsville Ministerium Good Friday Service**, Blairsville First Methodist Church (South Walnut Street)

Holy Saturday, March 30th

(SS. Simon & Jude)

10:00 a.m. - **Decorate the Church for the Easter Season**

2:00 p.m. - **Blessing of the Easter Foods (Baskets)** (Church)

9:00 p.m. - **Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy** (begins outside with lighting of the fire and Easter Candle)

Easter Sunday, March 31st

9:00 a.m. - **Eucharistic Liturgy** (SS. Simon & Jude)

11:00 a.m. - **Eucharistic Liturgy** (Kent)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (SS. Simon & Jude)