



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - VIGIL
+4:30PM - Robert Lazar (30 Day)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray
10:00AM - John Malames (30 Day)
12:00PM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 - ST. AUGUSTINE
7:00AM - DiFrancesco Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 - THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
7:00AM - Ruth Hontert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Judith Zauszniewski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Charles & Marie Thomas

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Tom Rusnak
8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY
8:15AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)
4:30PM - Rosalie Oleksiak (30 Day)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
+8:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran
10:00AM - Joseph Semary (30 Day)
12:00PM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 20th.....\$6,890.30
Maintenance Collection.....\$924.00
Votive Candles.....\$121.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Every First Friday of the month we have exposition of the Eucharist from 2-7pm ending with Benediction. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on September 1st.

RECTORY CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 4TH

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 4th due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 28th

4:00 - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 29th

4:00 - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Athletic Board Meeting
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wednesday, August 30th

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 31st

4:00 - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, September 1st

2:00 - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Devotions - Church
4:00 - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Benediction - Church
7:30 PM Fall Pride Night

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Tom Wenderoth** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2017. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send your pictures to the rectory.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Steve Cottos
SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 1:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

In the bulletin this weekend you will find a Mass time ballot with the three different scenarios. Last Saturday the committee sat down and discussed all the concerns and thoughts that were given to them by all of the parishioners over the past two weekends. After a long conversation, these were the three scenarios that we felt were the best and fairest to replace the three old Mass times.

I am not sure if I ever told the parish this, but you need to know this now. Two and a half years ago, I was told by Fr. Gurnick of the Diocese to consider changing the Mass times. This is when I was told that Fr. Paul was extremely sick and it would be highly unlikely that he would be returning to St. Thomas More. Fr. Gurnick also stated that Fr. Paul would not be replaced. So to answer some people's questions about the changing of the Mass times and does the Diocese know about it? The answer is they told me two and a half years ago to change them. It was me, who for your sake, held out as long as possible.

After talking it over with both the Mass committee and the Parish Council, it was decided that the schedule should be changed as soon as possible. This means that all ballots must be turned in next weekend. You may place your ballot in the collection basket or in the ballot box located in the main vestibule of the Church. Please remember that it is **one vote per parishioner**. More than one vote will negate both votes. Let us keep this vote honest and fair. Those who are home bound or out of town and would like to vote, you may find the link on our web site and vote from there.

The votes will be counted on Wednesday, September 6th and the results will be announced at the weekend Masses the following week. It will also be in the bulletin and on the web site. The new schedule will begin on Sunday, October 1st.

This may seem like we are moving quickly and that is because we are. It was the thought of both Parish Council and the Mass committee not to prolong it, but to put the new schedule into action while it is still fresh on everyone's minds. As I said last week, I know that change is difficult, but it is vitally important that we all stay positive and supportive during this time of change. I know that whatever Mass times are chosen is not going to make everyone happy, but hopefully it will make the majority of our parishioners satisfied.

Thank you for your support during a very difficult time.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill



Congratulations and welcome Camila Adele Rankin who was baptized last weekend at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Jesus Jornet Ibars - Foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She was born in Catalonia, Spain and overcame many difficulties in her youth. She eventually became a teacher at Lerida.

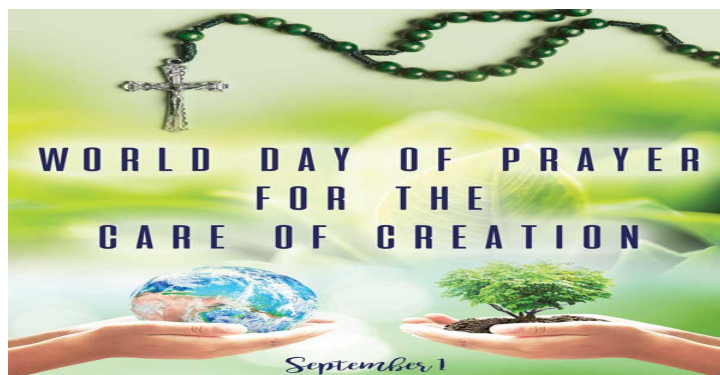
Desirous to enter the religious life, she failed to win entry into the convent. At the advice of her spiritual director, she decided to launch her own congregation.

On January 27, 1872, at Barbastro, Spain, she began the Little Sisters of the Poor, called the Little Sisters of the Abandoned Age. With her considerable zeal, Teresa had founded more than fifty houses for her congregation by the time of her death. She was beatified in 1958 and canonized by Pope VI in 1974. Her feast day is August 26th and she is the patron saint of those rejected by religious orders. (www.catholic.org)

EVENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Athletics: Car Wash & Donut Sale in the school parking lot from 8am until 1:30pm.

Sisters of the Incarnate Word Open House: 6618 Pearl Road in Parma Heights from 12-4pm.



Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017:

- Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Organ Restoration Fund: We are nearing the halfway point, but we need your help to get to that point. Once we get there, we will write to a foundation, which has given to pipe organs in the past. You can turn in the pledge card to the rectory or in the collection basket. . We appreciate your continued support!

Yes! I want to give my support to the St. Thomas More Organ Restoration Fund with my TAX-DEDUCTIBLE gift or pledge in the amount of

\$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to St. Thomas More Church.

One time gift _____

12-month pledge _____

Name _____

Phone number _____

CHURCH FESTIVALS

- August 26-27: St. Matthew (Akron)
- August 31-September 5: St. Rocco (Cleveland)
- September 1-4: St. Elias (Brooklyn)
- September 2-3: St. John Cantius (Cleveland)
- September 3: St. Jude (Elyria)
- September 8-9: Our Lady of Angels (Cleveland)
- September 9-10: St. Bernadette (Westlake)
- September 17: St. Bridget of Kildare (Parma)



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Judy Sever, Carol Loy, Margaret Markee, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Heather Hudak, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, Joe Carnivale, Darryl Booth, Mary Ryba, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, James Malames, John Polander, Patricia Foerster, Sophie Juran, Nickola Badza, Dee Marzola, John Whipkey, Ethel Whipkey, Albert & Louise Sbeghen and Martha & George Kysil. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Our Lady of Fatima - Join us for a visit by the International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, September 1st (beginning at 7:30pm) and Saturday, September 2nd with a full schedule of events and prayers.

ST. CHARLES BORROME: 440-884-3030

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (featuring Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer) - All are welcome to join us from September 5th-October 25th (Tuesdays 9:30-10:45am or Wednesdays 7-8:15pm). **Please register in the office by September 3rd.** Cost is \$5/person.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Wednesday, October 4th for a trip to Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel (Casino bonus \$50 slot play & \$20 food) & Thursday, October 5th to the Allegany Casino (\$25 slot play & \$5 food). Cost is \$237/single, \$157/double & \$152/triple (**due by 9/4/17**). Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Richard Slaby, Joe Stoll and Ruth Adkins in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Not too long ago we celebrated the feast day of St. John Vianney on August 4th. He wrote about prayer and I'd like to share a few of his remarks. The following are excerpts from his catechetical instructions:

Prayer is nothing else but union with God. If you pray and love, that is where man's happiness lies. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and with a pure heart.



"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.
Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.
Open my mind to *learn* new things.
Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.
Help me to *love* others like you do.
I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.
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FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September and run through May. Register now by contacting the parish office at 216-749-0414.

STILL ACCEPTING PSR REGISTRATIONS!

The Parish School of Religion, PSR, provides religion classes once a week on Mondays (6:45-8pm) for students in grades 1-8 who attend public school. Classes are led by volunteer catechists who truly enjoy sharing our Catholic faith with our young parishioners. The deadline has passed but we are still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. **Classes begin on September 11th!** Forms are available on the parish website, in the church vestibule or in the rectory. Please note that forms and \$50 payment are due to the rectory as soon as possible ~ don't delay! Would you be willing to share your faith with our young parishioners? The PSR team could use two additional volunteers to teach in our program. If you have any questions and would like additional details, please email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Free Food Sunday - Join us tonight, August 27th from 6-8pm for free pizza! We're also going to play cornhole. Even if you have no interest in cornhole, you've got to love free pizza! Any and all high school students are welcome.
No activity on Sunday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day weekend.
Kick-off-event - We will officially kick-off the Youth Ministry year on Sunday, September 10th from 6-8pm. Free food, snacks, prayer and more. Mark it on your calendar.
Junior High Youth Group Parent Meeting - All parents of 7th and 8th graders are invited to our annual JHYG Parent Meeting on Thursday, August 31st at 7pm in the Youth Ministry Center. The first JHYG dance is scheduled for Friday, September 8th from 7:30-10pm.

NEW MASS TIME SURVEY

Signature: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Mass Time Scenarios: ****SURVEY MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT.****

_____ Option 1: 8:45am & 11:15am

_____ Option 2: 9:00am & 11:00am

_____ Option 3: 9:00 am & 11:15am

Each parishioner may only vote once (either online or paper). Duplicate ballots will be discarded.

Please return all surveys by Sunday, September 3rd.