

**W**e, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

**W**e seek to:

- Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, His work and the community.
- Pass on our faith and tradition.
- Strengthen, love and support all of God's people.
- Nurture our gifts and share them with others.
- Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.

#### **Masses of Obligation**

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 9 and 11 a.m.

#### **Holy Days**

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.  
Holy Days - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m.,  
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

#### **Weekdays**

Monday - Thursday - 7 a.m.  
Friday - 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday - 8:15 a.m.  
Holidays - 9 a.m.

#### **Confessions**

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

#### **Rectory Times**

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.  
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*Closed Mondays 1-2:30 p.m. for staff meetings*

### **Parish Staff**

**Lisa Carson**  
*Parish Secretary*

**Terri Sozio**  
*Religious Education*

**John Srsen**  
*Music Director*

**Jeff Stutzman**  
*Youth Ministry*

# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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**Rev. William G. Bouhall**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. James J. Vesely**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki**  
*Deacon*

**St. Thomas More School**  
Grades Pre-K - 8  
4180 North Amber Drive  
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**Jennifer Francis**  
*Principal*



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 – VIGIL**  
 +\*4:30PM - Michael Yanochko

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 \*9:00AM - Donald Aholt  
 +11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – ST. AGNES**  
 7:00AM - John & Doris (Living) Polander

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**  
 7:00AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 – SS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE**  
 7:00AM - Gregory & Sofia Staniszewski

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**  
 7:00AM - Anthony Duta

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**  
 7:00AM - Frank Takacs  
 8:15AM - Dee Marzola - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 – SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS**  
 8:15AM - January Birthdays  
 \*4:30PM - Michelle Vega

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 +9:00AM - People of the Parish  
 \*11:00AM - Howard Skehan  
 +Cup Mass  
 \*Mass of Remembrance

<b>Financial Blessings</b>	
Collection for January 13th.....	\$6,886.80
Faith Direct as of 1/4.....	\$5,652.00
Maintenance .....	\$1,325.00
Votives.....	\$34.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

**YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
 Join us February 2nd at The Center for Pastor Leadership for The Young Catholic Men's Conference, a high school boys conference. Dads and mentors are welcome! Individual and group registrations are all welcome. For registration, go to YCMC.us.

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, January 21** NO SCHOOL, PSR or RCIA

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

**Tuesday, January 22**  
 1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Utopia Hall

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Choir - Church  
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

**Wednesday, January 23**  
 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

**Thursday, January 24**  
 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym  
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria  
 7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Chapel

**Friday, January 25**  
 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym  
 7:00 PM Praise & Worship - Church

**Saturday, January 26** Athletics: Donut Sale  
 Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

**Sunday, January 27** Athletics: Donut Sale  
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym  
 12:00 PM Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Church  
 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Angela LoBue  
 SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

### 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:** 12:30 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**

There is the question of what it means to be a “Christian?” To be a Christian means that you must be a follower of Jesus Christ. This does not mean that we can choose to follow Jesus partially or only on the things that work for me; you must be all in. To be “all in” does not mean that I should enter the seminary or convent but that I understand to the best of my ability the Gospels of Jesus and do all that I can to live it out every day of my life.

So many people have the desire to be a Christian but do not have the resolve to live it out. Jesus never promised this life would be easy but He did promise us that if we stick to it we will be with Him in His kingdom. I wrestle with the idea that many people think that Heaven is a given. We live this life and we automatically go right to Heaven.

This would make sense since so many people like to pick and choose what they want to believe and what they think is a sin or not. They do not want anyone to tell them they are sinning, especially the Church. But if we keep silent, we have to wonder how many souls are being lost because they refuse to believe the truth.

Is it not our own desire to spend eternity with God, Mary and all the saints and our loved ones? What if our loved ones are not getting to Heaven? What if because we failed to try and enlighten our families and friends that they are being shut out of Heaven? What if we ourselves have failed to live the whole truth that we are not welcome into God’s Kingdom?

As I sit reflecting on the state of affairs for our parish, families and the world, I cannot help but wonder, why so many people have lost their faith and hope in God? Have they lost their faith? Did they ever really have faith in God? Does God even have a place in their lives? These are all real questions for the society that we live in. The churches are getting more and more empty, morals have declined and many people live only for themselves with no concern for their neighbor.

I am not saying this is all people. There are still many good people out there but so many are being lost due to selfishness and a lack of concern for God. We need to re-educate and start the hearts of believers on fire once again. We need for people to wake up and see the need to love God and His Church with a deep profound passion. Please pray for the Church, for Christians throughout the world and for the conversion of sinners. Let us listen to the words of our Blessed Mother and “pray for the conversion of sinners” so that no more souls are lost and that Heaven is filled with our loved ones.

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*

**SAINT THOMAS MORE**



**See me safe up: for in my coming down, I can shift for myself.**

“Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.”

*St. John XXIII*

**TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of **Judy Eschuk**. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory.

Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2019. We have some weeks in March and April that are still available.

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH**

**Cameron Popik**  
**St. Adalbert,**  
**Berea**  
**II Theology, St. Mary**



Please keep Cameron and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT - Join us this Friday, January 25th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song and reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

## 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 - JANUARY

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Candles are still available. Forms are at the rectory.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

George & Martha Kysil, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Loy, Ethel Whipkey, Nickola Badza, Christina E. Janus, Alice Gruden, Julianna Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Ben Purcell, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Joel Gorski, Nancy Butler, Gail Michal, Ashley Meadows, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Ellen Popovich, Greg Jakupcik, Mary Misch, John Misch, James Malames, Donald Marks, Eileen Jakupca, William Kukoleck, Mary Schroeder, Robert Smith, Mike Gallagher, Addison Moleski and Ronald J. Moner. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

## Cluster Corner

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323**

**Burgers and Beer** - Join us on Saturday, January 26th at 8pm in the Parish Center Upper Hall for Burgers and Beer. For \$20 you get sliders with a variety of toppings, fries and beer. Tickets are on sale now.

**ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030**

**Pre Cana Day** - Engaged couples, do you still need to schedule your Pre Cana retreat day? Join us here at St. Charles Borromeo on Saturday, February 9th. Please stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form. Further information about Pre Cana can be found on the form.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006**

**Bus Trip** - Join us for a trip to Hollywood Casino on Tuesday, February 12th. Cost is \$32/person. Casino bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.



Please remember Burrell Milligan, Angeline Bewley, John W. Marhevka, Antonio Musto, Jeanette E. Wheeler, James Ferraro, James Grabe and Bernadette Taylor in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2018 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

## MARDI GRAS

Our 13th Annual Mardi Gras will be on Saturday, March 2nd from 5:30pm-Midnight. Tickets are \$25. A table for 8 people may be purchased at the discounted price of \$180. \$10 tickets are also being sold for admission after 8pm and do NOT include dinner. Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting January 26th and will be available in the rectory. Purchase your tickets by **February 22nd** to be entered into a drawing to win \$100!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

Please keep members of the High School Youth Ministry in your prayers in the coming weeks. Next Sunday, January 27th, the teens will enter prayer discernment to choose roles for the retreat later this year. If you have a teen in your family who would be interested in attending the retreat, please mark April 6th and 7th in your calendar and more details will be released next month.

**ATHLETICS**

Next weekend we will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts after all Masses. They price is \$8 for a dozen glazed donuts. Thank you in advance for your support. There is only one more donut sale scheduled for the athletic season this year.

**WOMEN’S HEALING MINISTRY**

The Women’s Healing Ministry will begin again this Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 1-3pm and will go for several Sundays through winter and spring. The Ministry is for ALL women who seek to remove the obstacles to deeper relationship with Christ and His Church as well as to bring about deeper inner healing from past wounds that lead to true Freedom. If you are interested, please contact Nellie Krawczynski by email at nelliekrawczynski@gmail.com or call Nellie privately at 216-536-9553.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY – WHAT DO WE DO?**

Members of the Holy Name Society – both individually and collectively in parish Societies – are called to build the kingdom of God in their respective parishes and communities by completing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

These works can be categorized into three main areas: Spiritual, Promoting devotion to and respect for the most Holy Names of God and Jesus

Service: Visit the sick and dying, help the aged and handicapped support Catholic Education

Social: Support parish fundraising activities and social events

This month the Holy Name Society at St. Thomas More Parish is conducting their annual Membership Drive. Please prayerfully consider joining our Society by completing the Application Form and returning it to the Rectory or placing in the offertory basket next week.

Finally, in the January envelope pack there is an envelope for the Holy Name Society and, if you are a Holy Name member, please uses this to pay your 2019 dues. Those who are not members, please consider making a donation to our Holy Name Society so we can continue the works of our Society.

God Bless You and His Holy Name.



**Readings of the Week**

**Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019**

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
[3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
in the  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



I hereby apply for Membership in the Holy Name Society and promise to do my best to respect His Holy Name and to receive Holy Communion with the Society on the Second Sunday of each month.

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(Sign Here)

Please fill the following: *PRINT*

Name .....

Address ..... Zip Code .....

Telephone No. ....

Occupation .....

Hobby .....

Age .....

If you are interested in working for our society, we need help. In what capacity would you want to help us?  
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**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

If prospect declines to become a member, state reason on reverse side.

Solicitor .....

# St. Thomas More School

## Kindergarten Registration

### 2019-2020 School Year



January 28, 2019 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM (Open House)

or

February 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2019

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Thursday 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

**(In the main hallway of the school)**

\*\*If you are unable to make these times please contact the school office to make other arrangements for registration (216)749-1660.

**Please bring the following items with you at this time:**

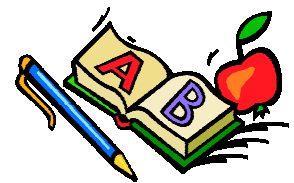
Child's birth certificate

Child's baptismal certificate (if applicable)

Immunization records

Small photo of child

\$100.00 non-refundable registration fee



\*A student enrolling in our Kindergarten program must be 5 years old by September 30<sup>th</sup>

\*\*All registrations will be handled on a first come-first served basis

\*\*\*Approximate registration time is 20 minutes

For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Francis, Principal  
(216)749-1660 x224