



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VIGIL
4:30PM - Women's Guild

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00AM - People of the Parish
+11:00AM - Dolores Marzola (30 Day)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
7:00AM - John David Sidley

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Dominic Sozio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
7:00AM - Katherine Anderson

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - SS. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND & GERTRUDE
7:00AM - Siegfried & Mary Gademer

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
7:00AM - LaCotta Family
8:15AM - Mason Smerdel (Living) - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE
8:15AM - Irene Grabowski
4:30PM - Donald Aholt, Jr. (30 Day)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
+9:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment
11:00AM - People of the Parish
+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 5th.....\$8,296.81
Maintenance Collection.....\$2,007.00
Votive Candles.....\$130.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Greg & Stephanie Liebert & Family** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Please send any pictures to the rectory.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 13th

4:00 - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
6:45 - 8:00 PM PSR - School
7:00 PM PPC - Rectory (Room A)
7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, November 14th

1:00 PM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall
4:00 - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
4:00 - 5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church
7:00 PM First Reconciliation Mtg. - Caf.
7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wednesday, November 15th Picture Re-Takes

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, November 16th

4:00 - 10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, November 17th

4:00 - 7:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Praise & Worship - Church

Saturday, November 18th Donut Sale

Utopia Rental
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Third Order of Mary - Rectory (Room A)

Sunday, November 19th Donut Sale

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
2:00 PM Hope for the Holidays - Utopia

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: 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

It is with great sadness that I write this article. For those who did not already hear, Sr. Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW passed away this past Monday. It was very sudden and we are not exactly sure what happened. This has been a shock to not only her family but to all of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and all of us here at St. Thomas More.

Sr Elaine has been on the staff here for many years. First of all teaching in the school, then in the 1980's she began her ministry here on staff as a Pastoral Minister. Sr. Elaine was a friendly and familiar face to all of our homebound, shut-ins and those in nursing homes and hospices. Sister was very gifted in visiting the sick and truly bringing the love of Jesus to them. She made sure that everyone received birthday cards and cards on different holidays. She already even started looking for gifts for Christmas in July. She truly had a gift for making people feel better with her visit. If you were in the hospital, she would always bring you a rosary and a bulletin.

Sr. Elaine was more than just a Pastoral Minister who visited the sick and homebound. She also ran a Bible study on Monday evenings, was in charge of our Prayer and Praise Ministry as well as preparing parents for their child's baptism and giving out sponsor certificates.

Sister was the best at selling our St. Thomas More Festival tickets. You could see her at the ticket booth no matter how hot the day was selling tickets and chatting with all the people. I have to admit, Sister was one of the luckiest people I know. She won at numerous things. She would win at bingo, raffles and even drawings. She was kind with her winnings, giving them away. She won Clare a doggie basket and me a Snoopy basket. Sr. Elaine, Sr. Ignatius and the Sisters of the Incarnate Word gave St. Thomas More back all of the money from our big drawing this past summer.

Sister could be seen after every function cleaning up and collecting all the pop cans for recycling. She would take all the tabs off the cans and give them to Lisa for her daughter to take to school and my father to give to his friend.

She was truly a spiritual woman who could be seen every First Friday praying in the Church during Adoration. She always said her rosary and her breviary. She always had a "Praise Jesus" or a "God-willing" for everyone she met. Sr. Elaine loved St. Thomas More and we loved her.

May she forever rest in the tender arms of Jesus her Savior.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

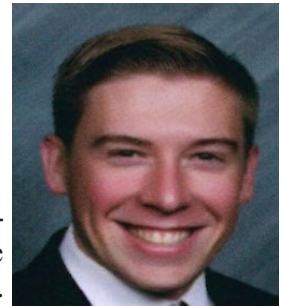
St. Gertrude was one of the great mystics of the 13th century. She was a Benedictine nun in Helfta, Saxony. Together with St. Mechtilde, she practiced a spirituality called "nuptial mysticism," that is, she came to see herself as the bride of Christ. Her spiritual life was a deeply personal union with Jesus and His Sacred Heart, leading her into the very life of the Trinity.

But this was no individualistic piety. Gertrude lived the rhythm of the liturgy, where she found Christ. In the liturgy and in Scripture she found the themes and images to enrich and express her piety. There was no class between her personal prayer life and the liturgy.

St. Gertrude's feast day is November 16th and she is the patron saint of the West Indies. (Franciscan Media)

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Ryan Arto
St. Francis de Sales,
Akron
I Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Ryan 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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Gertrude Elkanick, Yolanda Tvorik, Julia Klekota and Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW 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 - NOVEMBER

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us on Friday, November 17th 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. Please note that it will take place on the **3rd Friday** rather than the 4th Friday.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

In an earlier article I wrote about a simple ministry of sending cards to the parishioners in healthcare facilities. It will cost you the price of a card, a postage stamp and your address label. Since the holidays are around the corner, your card would bring joy to someone who is confined to a facility. The following people are parishioners presently in healthcare and assisted living facilities, that we are aware:

Alice Gruden, James Dixon, Nancy Romano, Kimberly Romano, Dolores Curtin, Julia Sustercic, Deacon Marty Thiel, Emily Holscott, Donald & Iris Newman, Nickola Badza, Michael Bukovsky, John Burgund, James Malames, Irene Andrus, Joan Bailey, Mary Slaby, James & Leonna Tamburro, Dorothy Pavlak, Mary Mintz, Mary Ann Prosowski, Marge Margevicius, Peter Voyt, Emilie Juran, Dawn Sutton, Alice McGarvey, Julius Tomeczko, Margaret Kolasinski, Claudia Jarosh, Elizabeth Newton, Margaretta Root, Lois Fuerst, Phyllis Kuehn, Johanna Thomas, Vera Schaefer, Eileen Jakupca, Anna Durjak and Mary Miller.

Please write their name on the envelope and drop off your card(s) to the rectory and we will finish addressing them. The HIPAA laws forbid us to give out any further information.

Thank you for doing a simple act to brighten someone's holiday. Jesus reminds us that what we do for/to someone, we do for/to Him.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Nickola Badza, Carol Loy, Martha & George Kysil, Marianne Rotatori, Judy Sever, Greg Jakupcik, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, David Snyder, Meg Zalar, James Malames, Jean Sunyak, Joseph Carnivale, Ronald L. Phillips, Annette Pirozek, Debbie Lee and Doris & John Polander. 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

National Adoption Month - November is National Adoption Month. To celebrate, MQP invites all to our 8th annual Mass on Sunday, November 12th at 2pm. Birth parents, adoptive parents and adopted children will be recognized during Mass. Guest homilist will be Deacon Phil Kraynik, deacon at St. Patrick in Thompson, OH.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

ADVENTure - Join us on Sunday, December 10th for an ADVENTure to Stan Hywet "Deck the Hall" Spectacular! Tickets are \$30/adults, \$15/children (6-18) and Free for children under 6. It is a family-friendly event featuring 900,000 indoor/outdoor lights, Gingerbread Land, dazzle light show, animated windows and hot cocoa, snack & courtyard fire. Registration opens November 11th. Questions: call Donna or Brian in the Parish Office.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Friday, December 8th for a trip to Medina. We will visit the JM Smucker Store & Café, Root Candle, Corkscrew Saloon (lunch included), Castle Noel, explore the Medina Square, and the Christmas Lights at the Medina Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$75. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.



Congratulations and welcome Grace Noelle Fahey who was baptized last weekend at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017:

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please help our neighbors in the City of Brooklyn with your non-perishable food donations.

You may bring your donations to the school office before Thursday, November 16 at 12:00 PM.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please continue to keep our 20 members of RCIA in your prayers as they continue to explore their faith and prepare for the Rite of Acceptance on the first Sunday of Advent.

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation candidates are reminded to come to the November 12th meeting with their registration forms, payment and the name of the saint they will be taking as their Confirmation name.

PSR

The PSR students are examining the Sunday Gospel each Monday evening. This past week they discussed the Gospel story in which Jesus criticizes the Pharisees because they do not practice what they preach. The students learned that those who show humility and serve others are the true holy ones that Jesus calls us to be. As we approach the Advent season, the classes will be discussing ways that they can incorporate more service into their lives.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This weekend the HSYM will welcome a seminarian from the diocesan seminary to speak to the group. We will conclude our time with evening prayer and some social time. Any and all high school students are welcome to attend from 6-8pm in the Youth Ministry Center. Next weekend, November 19th, we will begin assembling tags for the parish's Advent Giving Tree. High school volunteers are needed from 6-8pm.

ATHLETICS

St. Thomas More Athletics will hold its monthly donut sale the weekend of November 18th & 19th after all Masses. Due to a price increase from Krispy Kreme, a dozen glazed donuts are now \$8 a dozen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

"The Church's love for the poor...is a part of her constant tradition" (Catechism, 2444). Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development needs your support. **Defend human dignity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Our program will be from C and R Productions who will talk about "Eerie Lake Erie." Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Holy Name members are welcome.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Collection which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring **ONLY** items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is November 16th. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area. The Giving Tree will be in the church library beginning on November 19th.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation will once again offer a program to help all those who are hurting through the loss of a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Cassandra Zabor, of Zabor Funeral Home, will be our guest speaker next Sunday, November 19th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. This is open to **ALL** who are dealing with death and grieving no matter how long it has been.

#weGIVECATHOLIC

**Come my good
and faithful servant.
Come, now and rest in me.**



REST IN PEACE

SISTER ELAINE THERESA BURROWS, SIW

AUGUST 9, 1940 - NOVEMBER 6, 2017