

ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mission Statement

We, 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.

We 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.

Parish Staff

Rev. William G. Bouhall
Pastor

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Martin Thiel
Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki
Deacons

Sr. Elaine Theresa Burrows S.I.W.
Pastoral Minister

John Srsen
Music Director

Ed DeVenney
Adult Faith Formation

Patricia Campbell
Business Manager

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Colleen DeVenney
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

Mass Schedule

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - NEW TIMES
9 a.m. 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.

Rectory Times

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 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.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8
4180 North Amber Drive
P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - VIGIL
 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Marian Moenich

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 7:00AM - Edward Burrows

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - ST. CECILIA
 7:00AM - Mary Marky

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - SS. CLEMENT I, COLUMBAN & BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO
 9:00AM - Poor of the World

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW DUNG LAC & COMPANIONS
 7:00AM - Living & Deceased of the Moner & Badza Families
 8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
 8:15AM - November Birthdays
 +4:30PM - Joseph Ruda (30 Day)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 9:00AM - Edward Tench (30 Day)
 11:00AM - People of the Parish
 +Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 12th.....\$8,627.60
 Faith Direct as of 11/4.....\$4,663.00
 Maintenance Collection.....\$2,101.00
 Votive Candles.....\$88.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Julia Klekota, Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW, Raymond Petkosh and Anne Sidelka in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 20th

4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:45-8:00 PM PSR - School
 7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, November 21st

4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 4:00-5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
 Friends Supporting Friends
 7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting - Rectory
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wednesday, November 22nd

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, November 23rd RECTORY CLOSED



Friday, November 24th

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Sunday, November 26th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
 6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission - Utopia Hall

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

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving we are reminded of the things that we are grateful for but may take for granted. Is it the things that you and I never think twice about, but others worry about every day. We don't worry about a roof over our heads, food on the table or clothes on our backs because these things are always around. We can go to our refrigerators and pull out lunch or dinner. We can go to our closet and figure out what we want to wear for the day. We never have to worry if it is going to rain or snow because our houses will keep us warm, safe and dry.

There are many people who do not have the luxury of having food on the table for dinner, the option of what to wear because all they have is what is on their backs and the roof over their head may be an old plastic bag. I am not telling you this to make you feel guilty because you and I have these things, but the simple fact that we have these things are gifts from God.

We seek God when we are in trouble or when we need something but we forget about him when all is well. Thanksgiving is a time when we are reminded that God deserves our gratitude and praise. It is a time to appreciate all the things we take for granted and remember those who go without. This time of the year helps many people become more charitable and more self-giving, which is outstanding. The response to our Thanksgiving food drive was a success because of the many very generous parishioners. But the poor are poor all year long, not just at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is why we have our Christmas in July, which everyone is once again very generous. It is to help those in need all year round.

The Advent Giving Tree will soon be in full swing and this is again a chance to help out those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In the past our parish has always been very kind in responding to the needs of others at Christmas time. We all want everyone to have a very special Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support in the past year. There have been many changes over the last year and especially over the last few months that were difficult but by the grace of God and the support of each other, we are doing fine and I want to thank you for that support.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the good that has happened over the past year, and I would just like to say how lucky I am to be part of such a great parish. Many blessings to everyone this Thanksgiving holiday.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France to a family that was among the new rich. Rose learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. Rose entered the Visitation of Mary convent at nineteen and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed. Rose began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

When everything cooled down, Rose rented the former convent and tried to revive its religious life. However, the spirit was gone and there were only four nuns left. They joined the Society of the Sacred Heart led by Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat.

Rose became a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But Rose always wanted to go to America and work among the Indians. She spent eleven weeks at sea, but once they arrived there was no place for them to live. The bishop sent them to St Charles, Missouri, "the remotest village in the US."

This was a mistake. The cold and hunger drove them out to Florissant, Missouri where she founded the first Catholic Indian school.

St. Rose retired at the age of seventy-two. The Indians named her "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." St Rose died in 1852 at the age of eighty-three and was canonized in 1988. Her feast day is November 20th.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Originally, the St. Thomas More Pipe Organ was going to be a four chamber organ surrounding the church, but the cost of \$1.2 million dollars proved to be too expensive. So the project was scaled down to one chamber and ended up costing \$250,000. As a result, this change from four chambers to one made the room extremely crowded, and although it was livable for a few decades as major parts began to break down it became quite apparent that restoration was necessary for the future of the organ.

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.

THANKSGIVING RECTORY HOURS

Please note that the rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.



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, Doris & John Polander and Vinny Mercurio. 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

Prayers and Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima - Will be offered at the Blue Army Holy Hour on Sunday, November 19th at 2pm in the Chapel. It's a beautiful hour before the Blessed Sacrament and a good time to take your greatest petitions and ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 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.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Jeff & Andrea Badza & 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.

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 this Sunday, November 19th at 2pm in Utopia Hall. This is open to ALL who are dealing with death and grieving.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Next weekend, the Advent Giving Tree will be placed in the parish library. The tags on the tree represent requests by families in need during the holiday season. If able, please take a tag or two and return the items, wrapped with the tag affixed by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FIRST QUARTER 2017 – 2018

PRINCIPAL'S HONORS:

Grade 8 – Ramon Agustin, Mark Burns, CJ Forster, Owen Ha, Jessica Nary and Penelope Tsambounieris

Grade 7 – Jaden Colvin, Carolyn Jiang, Bridget Sprosty and Jeremy Wallace

Grade 6 – Dillon Fall, Quinten Ha-Lambert, Anna Ha, Noah Nunney, Robert Rivera, Sarah Tran, Joseph Valencik and Zachary Zambo

Grade 5 – Maria Burns, Lindsay Carson, Aiden Cepek, Tyler Liebert, Thien Nguyen and Danise Vu

Grade 4 – Alena Predmetsky

HONORS:

Grade 8 – Makayla Arnett, Emanuel Casiano, Giana Cimbalo, Haley Erny, Matthew Rygiel, Jenna Stutzman and Hayden Workman

Grade 7 – Anthony Amoroso, Abigail Cepek, Sarah Handke, Lily Kuebler, Jared Liebert and Iliana Santillo

Grade 6 – Aiden Butler, Nolan Francis, AJ Hill and Victor Roberts

Grade 5 – Isabel Adu-Gyamfi, Katelyn Emerson, Matthew Geisen, Alysha Murray, Sophia Porachan, Lily Redmon, Madison Schmidt and Katherine Viets

Grade 4 – Delaney Burke, Gabriella Cisneros, Jacob Hudak, Jason Khumbah, Chloe Meyer, Claire Noelker, Isaiah Rivera, Jaime Stutzman, Lucy Thomas and Thomas Vu

MERIT:

Grade 8 – Emily Emerson, Timothy Hartman and Gabrielle Lehman

Grade 7 – Cy Colvin, Jose Figueroa, Amanda Liepold and Heidi Nill

Grade 6 – Rockwell Gillis and Katelyn Motrych

Grade 5 – Makayla Butler, Hunter Cancian, Miley Kegley, Camron Melendez, Ricky Miller, Diego Nunney, Robert Schillo, Claire Scott and Kiara Webb

Grade 4 – Jeffery Jiang, Gianna Marino, Hazel Redmon, Henry Widdowson and Bradly Wissel

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Attention RCIA participants, please do not forget to bring the name of your sponsor along with their certificate to the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION - Attention to Confirmation candidates, if you did not turn in your registration form and payment, please do so as soon as possible. They may be turned into the rectory. Also, if you did not turn in your saint sheet, please bring it to the next meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Tonight, Sunday November 19th, we will begin assembling tags for the parish's Advent Giving Tree. High School volunteers are needed from 6-8pm. Thank you for helping make the season a little more bright for people in our community. There will be no activity on Sunday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Helpers are needed on Saturday, December 2nd from 8am until 12pm for our annual Breakfast with Santa. We will have our weekly gathering on Sunday, December 3rd from 6-8pm. All high school students are welcome.

PSR

The third/fourth grade PSR class is led by Ms. Kelly Matier. The students in her class have been focusing on doing good for others. Each week, they are asked to do at least one good deed, no matter how simple it may be, and to share it with their classmates. With the students sharing their stories with each other, they are gathering ideas of good deeds they can do themselves. As the weeks have gone on, the students are coming to class and talking about multiple good deeds they are doing each week. The class is currently trying to decide on a service idea that they can complete as a group. Also, since the month of October is dedicated to Mary, we ended each class by saying several Hail Mary's and asking for Mary's protection. We ask that you keep all of our young parishioners in your prayers!

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

St. Thomas More Athletics will hold its monthly donut sale this weekend after all Masses. Due to a price increase, a dozen glazed donuts are now \$8 a dozen.

St. Thomas More High School Youth Ministry

Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, December 2nd
9am - 11am
Santa Available 9:30am-10:30am**



St. Thomas More Gym

**PreSale (ends November 29th)
\$7 Adults; \$5 Children (10 & under)**

**At the Door
\$8 Adults; \$6 Children (10 & under)**



Menu
Pancakes and Sausage
Fruit/Applesauce
Juice, Milk, Coffee

**Tickets will be on sale during the week at the rectory office
and by submitting the available on the parish web site –
www.stmparish.net**

**Come join us for breakfast and pictures.
Please bring your own camera.**

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, said, “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty.” Please join in the Church’s mission to help the most vulnerable among us at today’s collection. **Defend human dignity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

#weGIVECATHOLIC

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving-You can participate in “Giving Tuesday.” You have heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday-now you can share your blessings on Tuesday, November 28th-Giving Tuesday. All day around the globe people are asked to contribute to their favor charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to access www.weGiveCatholic.org, search the list of participants and donate to your favorites. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017:

- 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
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46