

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. Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

John Srsen
Music Director

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

Mass Schedule

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 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.
*Closed on Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m.
for Staff Meetings*

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – VIGIL

*4:30PM - Ronald J. Moner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – TWENTY-THIRD

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

+9:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – ST. PETER

CLAVER

7:00AM - Daniel Zauszniewski

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Women's Guild

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Anderson & Sroka Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

7:00AM - Living & Deceased of the Members of the Society of Mary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – ST. JOHN

CHRYSOSTOM

7:00AM - Dee Marzola

8:15AM - John Worch - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15AM - Michael Finneran

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Leigh Grombol

+*11:00AM - Florence Hudock

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 1st.....\$8,092.55

Maintenance.....\$2,472.00

Votives.....\$88.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 9

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

7:00 PM PPC Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, September 10

1:00 PM Women's Guild - Utopia Hall

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace -

Chapel

Wednesday, September 11

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, September 12

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

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church

7:00 PM Lessons in Prayer - DM Room

Friday, September 13

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Diocesan Meeting - Utopia Hall

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM JHYG Dance

Saturday, September 14 Utopia Rental

8:15 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Group - Church

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Athletics Fundraiser

Sunday, September 15

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

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM High School Youth Ministry

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

I remember a while back my aunt, Sr. Laura, telling me about this elderly nun who was given the task of starting the rosary after mass. This aging sister wondered how can I get people to pray the rosary with me? She came up with a very simple idea that she would just simply go up to people after mass and ask them if they would stay and pray the rosary with her. She did this and before you know it she had a group of people praying the rosary with her every week after mass.

Maybe the answer to our prayers of getting people to return to mass is just a simple invitation. The invitation does not have to be imposing or demanding, but just a simple, would you like to join me for mass this weekend? What is the worst that could happen? They say no and you move on. My guess is that you will get a bunch of no's to start off with but maybe a little later someone might just say yes.

We never want to nag anyone to come to mass because that would turn them off immediately. But a kind, friendly, would you like to join me is not offensive and can be very welcoming. Now I also realize that there is a difference between a sweet elderly nun asking and one of us asking. It is much harder to say no to sister when she asks versus when Mom or Dad asks.

What we can learn from this elderly sister is that a personal invitation is much better than a guilt trip or threat. A parishioner was telling me about how she heard on the radio someone was texting people before mass to join her at mass. In today's society, with all the social media out there, we can in an instant put the invitation out there. Think about it. You could text a family member, neighbor or co-worker and say that you are sitting in the parking lot of church getting ready to go in and you thought about them and wanted to invite them to join you for mass, maybe even breakfast afterward (that part would be totally up to you).

Just a simple message saying that I was thinking about you and thought I should reach out may not get them this week, but it could get them thinking about church and God and it just might bring them back the following week or even the following month. All we need to do is plant the seed and let God take it from there. Just a thought!

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

PRAYER OF THE MONTH
ST. THOMAS MORE'S DEVOTIONAL PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

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.

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

St. John Chrysostom



Please remember Sue Sullivan Klasson and Paula Lewis in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Frank & Karen Anderson.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, September 12th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets each Saturday morning beginning with 8:15 Mass followed by a group meeting from 9-10 in the old church library. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Holy Name members are welcome.



Nickola Badza, Alice Gruden, Carol Loy, Vinny Mercurio, Debbie Tomusko, George & Martha Kysil, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, William Kukoleck, Fran Blaha, Angie Sima, Marybeth Sarko, Donald McAlindon, Mary Ellen Popovich, Diane Lada, James Malames, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tom Misch, Tim Misch, Marge Goss, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoed, Mick Jones, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Colleen & Christian Purcell, Greg Jakupcik, Betty Sullivan, Paula Ritter and George Tapocsi. 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

Save the Date - Ladies, save the date...Saturday, September 14th (9am-2:30pm) for the St. Anne's Ladies Guild's Autumn Dessert Tea. While it won't officially be Autumn, summer will be nearing its end, school will be in session, and we can relax and enjoy a cup of tea, dessert, and lively conversations with new and old friends. More information to come.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Bus Trip - Join us on Wednesday, October 23rd for a Casino Bus trip sponsored by the St. Charles Ladies Guild to Presque Isle Casino. \$35/person, \$30 play back money. Reservations are due to the office by October 7th. For more information, call Pat Lawler (440-843-9186) or Pam Bennett (440-773-3291).

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Thursday, September 26th for our Walnut Creek trip. Stops include Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farmer's Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Heini's Cheese, Schrock Heritage Village & Breitenbach Winery. Cost is \$70/person. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip. All are welcome!

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7,9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



St. Thomas More Athletics

Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept 14 from 7-9pm
Parma Tavern (5680 Broadview Rd)

Tickets

\$25 in advance
\$30 at the door

Side Boards 50/50
Basket Raffles

pizza, pasta, salad, sub sandwich, chicken tenders, sausage, peppers & onions, draft beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee and iced tea

Purchast at stmparish.net/sportsfallfundraiser



Are you a high school-aged parishioner? Do you have a high schooler in your family. Get them connected with our High School Youth Ministry program! Text the word STMOREYM to 84576 to our messaging list. Events will begin soon.

ATHLETICS

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Car Wash and Donut Sale. The funds generated help purchase equipment for the program. If you'd like to watch the wolverines in action this season, we've linked all of our schedules on the parish website (stmparish.net/schedulesfall2019).

Also, next Saturday, September 14th is our annual fall fundraiser at the Parma Tavern. See the ad in this week's bulletin for more details.

And finally, the weekend of September 21st - 22nd will be the annual "Helmet Collection" after all Masses.



Thank you for supporting St. Thomas More Athletics!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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FAITH FORMATION

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? If so, why not explore a little more? Come to RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Sessions meet every Monday from 7-8pm in the school beginning on September 23rd and continuing through May. Call the rectory to register.

PSR CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16!

The 2019-2020 PSR program will begin on Monday, September 16th at 6:45pm until 8pm. If you have not submitted your child's registration form and payment to the rectory, please do so by September 13th. If your child is entering 1st grade, now is the time for them to join our program. If they do not participate in first grade, they will be unable to complete the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd grade.

SUNDAY SUPPORT

Grief Support Meeting

You are graciously invited to join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey.

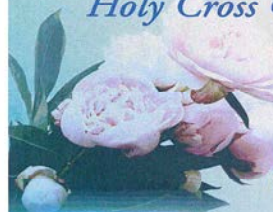
No registration - Just come and join us.

3:00 PM

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park

2019 MEETING DATES

JAN 20	APR 28	JUL 21	OCT 20
FEB 17	MAY 19	AUG 18	NOV 17
MAR 17	JUN 23	SEP 15	DEC 15



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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Faith, Hope, and Remembrance



GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

ARE YOU CALLED TO THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN LIFE?

Would you like to give more time to God but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you feel a need for holiness, and a need for support in growing spirituality? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking the same holy simplicity, true peace and joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. St. Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity is offering you an invitation to Come & See on Sunday, September 8th in the Deacon Marty Room (old library) after the 9am and the 11am Masses. For more information please contact Robin Imbrigiotta OFS, Formation director, at 440-552-9061.



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. You can go online to faith.direct/OH684. Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Thomas More.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill



From September 25th through November 3rd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm (12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120), Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146) or Family Planning (54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077). Plan join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid on September 24th at 7pm. Contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or email at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com for more information.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/Cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/Painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

AM 1260 THE ROCK

You're never too old to learn something new, especially about your faith! Tune into *Catholic Answers* Sunday-Friday at 6pm to gain greater insights into Catholicism, and get answers to your questions about the Catholic Faith. For more information, visit www.am1260therock.com.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10am in the Cathedral of St.

John the Evangelist, with the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez as presider and homilist. Please

note the date change. This Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland married 50 years. Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over), or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register. Registration is all done online.



Please use the following link: <https://ccdacle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019/>.

Registration will not be available via fax or email. Registration for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass closes on Monday, September 16th.