

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours (Summer)

Monday - Friday

9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 -

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 -

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 -

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Stas' & Irene Wyderka

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Mary Ryba

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 -

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:15AM - Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 -

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Kathleen Viancourt

*11:00AM - Rev. James J. Vesely

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for August 21st \$3,448.00

Faith Direct as of 8/15 \$4,083.00

Maintenance \$1,711.00

Student's Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes)..... \$44.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 5th due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am on Monday, September 5th.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30PM 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 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

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.

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.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 28, 2022

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time* brings us to the *virtue of humility*... How we are called to serve others and witness to others – humbly as directed by **Jesus** in the Gospel. The passage from the **Gospel of Luke** speaks at one level of being simply humble in our interaction and lives here in this world, and also at a level of the eternal wedding feast in heaven, where the hope is that we are invited up closer... The **Letter to the Hebrews** tells of our being in the presence of **God**, this is our presence around the altar in our celebration. The *First Reading* from the **Book of Sirach** tells us that as we humble ourselves, we find favor with God... This is a simple lesson for our discipleship, that we think of ourselves less and more of others. These are basic lessons for us this week, that we humble ourselves to serve and help others.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

Speaking of “**Humbling Ourselves**,” we need to continue to thank *Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous* for all of their help and support to *St. Thomas More Parish & School*. Looking over the financial numbers for the year, so far a challenge, and they will be presented to the parish as a whole – both good and not so good... **BUT**, a huge thank you to everyone and especially the Anonymous families, as you have grown from challenging letters or emails “*of strong concerns*” into *offerings of how can I help (?) or can we make a donation for...* This week's Gospel and readings call us to humble ourselves and think of others more than ourselves. I would say that we are growing well in that area, that we are being disciples and living out the Gospel! Thank you for all of that, and a special thank you to the many *Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous* families out there for your time, support, and talents – which you all humbly share with us all here at *St. Thomas More*...

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Rolf & Francine Kawentel.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them in to the rectory.

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have scheduled Masses in Rome. Fr. Peter is extremely grateful. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory.

PRISON MINISTRY

Anyone interested in this ministry is invited to an information meeting on Saturday, September 3rd in the church library after the 4:30pm Mass. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please call the rectory.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Welcome back! School resumes on Monday, August 29th. Good luck to all of our students and teachers on the new school year!

VOCATION CORNER

For all of the Friars in the

Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart

You can learn more about this order by visiting, www.thefriars.org. Please keep the Friars and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to St. Anthony Friary, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4399.

SAINT QUOTE

“If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”

St. Augustine (354-430),

Monk, Feast Day: August 28th

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of servers (adult or children - third grade and up please). If you are interested and feel the call to serve, please see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don or call the rectory. Training sessions will be scheduled soon.

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Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Kellie Butler, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Conrad Wallen, Wayne, Sindy Webb, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Paul O'Neil in your prayers.
God grant him eternal rest.

CHOIR RETURNS!

Choir rehearsal will begin Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm in the church. Information letters were mailed to everyone who indicated their interest. If you did not receive yours, or if you are interested in joining, please email musicministry@stmparish.net.

MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHTS AT STM SCHOOL

STM School will be having a Marco's Pizza Night every first Wednesday of the month starting in October! Each month the school has two classrooms compete for pizza sales, and the class that has the most sales wins a class pizza party! The children truly look forward to their chance to win! Our first Marco's Pizza Night will be October 5th!

BOOK STUDY WITH BETH BRANDT

Living Joy by Chris Stefanick is the new six-week book study that will begin on September 27th after the 6:45pm Mass. There are a limited amount of books available. Contact the parish office to sign-up and receive a copy of the book.

FAITH FORMATION

PSR - Registration for the 2022-2023 Parish School of Religion school year is now open. Forms are available in the rectory or by contacting psr@stmparish.net.

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Is so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 or see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don.

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families. Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 3,500 students received need-based tuition assistance. When you give to the Faith & Values Appeal to support tuition assistance for a Catholic school student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our schools. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools where faith makes a difference.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

"Our Catholic Schools: Past, Present and Future"
Speaker: Frank O'Linn, Ed.D

Secretary for Education & Superintendent of Schools

Date & Time: Thursday, September 1st 11:30am-1pm

Location: The City Club of Cleveland (850 Euclid Ave.)

Cost: \$30/person or \$150 for a table of six

Register online: <https://bit.ly/3Ajw3Ub>

Email: Firstfridaycleveland@gmail.com

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 28, 2022

DON COZZENS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

September 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7-8:30pm at Blessed Trinity Parish (14040 Puritas Avenue, Cleveland, 44135).

Below are the list of dates, topics and speakers:

September 6 - "A Church with Open Doors: Pope Francis' Invitation to the Whole People of God" - Dr. Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D.

September 13 - "Narrative, Accompaniment, and the Call of the Gospel" - Dr. Jimmy Menkhaus

September 20 - "The Idol of the Normal in the Body of Christ" - Natalie Kertes Weaver, PhD

September 27 - "Faithful Citizenship in a Post-Roe Context" - James Bretzke, S.J.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER

Monday, Sept. 12 - 7:00pm

Location: LaCentre 25777 Detroit Rd. Westlake (Just off I90 near Columbia & Detroit)

Roe v Wade...What does it really mean to be Pro Life?

Join us as we hear from Mary von Carlowitz, Diocesan Director of the Office for Human Life

Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way. Doors open at 6:30pm. Register in advance at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER PROGRAMS & RETREATS

Visit <https://www.jesuitretreatcent.org> for a list of programs & retreats being offered in September at the Jesuit Retreat Center (5629 State Rd., Parma, 44134).

NOVENA FOR LIFE TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

AM 1260 The Rock will be offering a Novena for Life to Our Lady of Sorrows at 3pm daily September 7th through the 15th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Each day of the Novena will have a different focus/intention and be led by a different member of the Church/pro-life community.

Day One - Pray for the suffering women of the world

Day Two - Pray for mothers who will give birth today

Day Three - Pray for fathers at the birth of their child

Day Four - Pray for all children

Day Five - Pray for families

Day Six - Pray for life begins in the home

Day Seven - Secret suffering

Day Eight - The Holy Cross

Day Nine - Our Lady of Sorrows

Please join us in prayer as we work to restore a culture of life in our nation. For the complete version of the Novena prayers, visit our website or call us at 216-227-1260.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (WEST) BUS TOUR

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel (West) Sacred Heart Sodality is sponsoring a bus tour to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio on Sunday, September 11th, for Italian Day. All are welcome. The cost is \$35. Lunch is \$20, but you may bring your own lunch. If you wish to order lunch, it must be paid when payment is made for the bus fare. The bus departs from Baron's Bus (13315 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, 44142) at 8am sharp and from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (6928 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, 44102) at 8:30am sharp. The deadline to register is August 31st. Please call Beverly Ciocca at 216-337-0816 with questions or to make reservations.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The next pre-planning seminar is Wednesday, September 14th, at 5:30pm at St. Joseph Cemetery (32789 Detroit Rd., Avon). We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event by calling 216-641-7575 ext. 8 or email Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@clecem.org.

Bereavement Group for Loss due to Suicide - A special 10-week closed session Grief Support Group starts Monday, September 12th and runs for 10 consecutive Mondays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at St. Albert the Great Parish Hall A - lower level of the church to support those dealing with the loss of loved ones due to suicide. This specialized support group is limited to 15 participants (at least 10) and an initial in person intake meeting is required for registration. Please contact Terri Yohman at 216-696-6525 ext. 2322 to schedule your intake meeting. The cost of the group is \$40.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, invites you to join him for a Celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, September 24th at 5pm at Resurrection Chapel (The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe). Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres reception immediately following Mass.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 12th, with payment of \$25/person for the reception required in advance. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Lavin, Executive Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at mlavin@milarch.org or 440-223-6482.



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ST. LEO BUS TRIPS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14th - \$80/person

Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant - included

Shop/Browse: Smuckers

Coblentz Chocolates

Schrock Heritage Village

Tis the Season - receive an ornament

Walnut Creek Cheese

Breitenbach Winery - sample on own

Reservation deadline: Friday, September 30th

LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVUE

(Columbiana, OH)

Sunday, November 20th - \$140/person

Dinner Show - included

An electrifying Las Vegas style Christmas show performance of Christmas songs, along with top hits of some of the most legendary Las Vegas singers. A holiday show reminiscent of the Christmas television specials of days gone by.

Firestone Park Christmas Lights

Reservation deadline: Friday, September 23rd

Contact: Sandy Diaddario -216-926-3123

ST. LEO THE GREAT - UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

Fr. James P. Schmitz will host a Pilgrimage to Italy from March 20 - 30, 2023. \$3,479 from Cleveland (Air/land tour price is \$2,959 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges). Visit Venice - Padua - Florence - Assisi - Rome with Vatican City & a Papal Audience. For a detailed color brochure, please contact Fr. James P. Schmitz at 216-661-1006 or email at jschmitz@leothegreat.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Journey to the Holy Land with Fr. Josh Cochran! Along with Deacon Tom Cully from St. Mary Parish in Berea, a group of pilgrims will be seeing sights and praying at special places such as Tiberias, Caesarea, Nazareth, Bethlehem and more. Contact Fr. Josh at the parish office, 440-884-3030, or go to magitraveline.com/holy-land for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 10th Annual Christmas Market is back this year at Mary Queen of Peace on Sunday, November 6th in the Parish Center Upper Hall from 9:30am-1:30pm. Please call 216-749-2323 to participate.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 7:18)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

Second Reading:

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Heb 12:22)

Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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PARISH FESTIVALS

Mark your calendars for the following events:

108th Feast of St. Rocco - The Drive-Thru will be September 2nd thru September 5th from 11am - 8pm.

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival - October 7th - 9th