



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

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Father James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Frank Budziak

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 –
VIGIL**

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 –

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

*11:00AM - Doris Polander

MONDAY, AUGUST 23 –

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

8:15AM - Women's Guild

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 –

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

6:45PM - James & Loretta Paskert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 –

SS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

8:15AM - Louis Kaduk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 –

ST. MONICA

8:15AM - Andrew Creter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 –

ST. AUGUSTINE

8:15AM - August Birthdays

*4:30PM - Dolores Hana

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 –

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 15th.....\$4,263.00
Maintenance.....\$1,102.00
75th Anniversary.....\$2,635.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Many of you have expressed concern with the current COVID situation. We will follow the latest directives from the Diocese: it is highly recommended that masks be worn, but it is at your own discretion. PLEASE, if you are not feeling well, stay home until you are better.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

“Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, “Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:68)

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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.

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 with the priest after Mass or by calling the rectory. 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 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The theme or *common thread* this week is dealing with “**those challenging difficulties...**” The *First Reading* has Joshua saying to the people, point blank, “...decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served...[or **what**]” The next line is Joshua saying boldly, “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” The *Second Reading* then continues with Paul talking about all of us, but particularly husbands and wives *working together*, by working for Christ and the Church.

The real tough reading is in *St. John’s Gospel* passage where Jesus has that talk (some say, the come-to-Jesus talk...) that is very direct and challenging. Jesus knew that there would be believers and nonbelievers, which leaves him frustrated to the point of turning to Peter with the question, “Do you also want to leave?” This is a question I pray we never face ourselves, but (also) pray that if we do find ourselves questioning our faith that we can respond like St. Peter, “...to whom shall we go?”

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The news is getting out in more forms, as many of you have seen in the recent article in the *Sun News*, which featured St. Thomas More in an article featuring the parish and our 75th Anniversary yearlong celebration and our special Mass with Bishop Malesic. We continue to smile and are thankful to all of the committee members, volunteers, and each other for these fun events.

I would like to encourage everyone – to get the word out, and invite our friends, neighbors, and (sometimes) families back to St. Thomas More. Even while I was picking up a pizza at Dina’s (it was my night to cook...) the server stated proudly, “...oh I went to St. Thomas More, *back when I was younger...*” She probably was caught-off-guard when I quickly stated – “and you need to come back.” As she pulled her mouth off the floor, I talked about our September Homecoming Weekend and other events we have planned in the future. She did say, that she heard there was a lot happening. This is so true. **NOW**, let’s work on inviting them back and being that *inviting, happy, fun* parish in Brooklyn.

A Special Status on the Campus workings:

Last week you’ll recall that the call went out for help for *Guardian Angels* who could help students whose families would need financial assistance with their tuition at our school. I continue to be amazed at the number of people/families willing to help towards helping others. Personally, Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous are growing into one of our more helpful benefactors – so thank you all!

The next order of business, is the comment that “...you’re spending money like its water.” This is something I know our business manager would agree with, but something I believe (and hope you’ll agree with) is long overdue and very necessary. To give you an idea, here are a few of the larger projects that have been completed here around the campus which includes everywhere within the parish grounds:

Patch, seal, and paint parking lot	- \$ 18,865.00
Replace church door	- \$ 27,880.00
New sidewalk & Handicap walkway	- \$ 26,800.00
Replace school & Utopia Hall roof	- \$ 390,000.00
Interior school renovations	- \$ 65,000.00
	<u>\$ 528,545.00</u>

(it doesn’t take much to add up, it’s a lot)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Linda & Phillip McCown.

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 2021.**

SAINT QUOTE

“Whenever we cover our brother’s sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother’s guilt, God will do the same about ours.”

*St. Poemen (340-450),
Monk, Desert Father,
Feast Day: August 27th*

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

VOCATION CORNER

**For Fr. Marc Scheckells and Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero
and all of the Friars in the 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.



Thank you to all of the volunteers and various others who have stepped up to help prepare our school to open. Also, a big thanks to those guardian angels that have helped with tuition. We can’t thank you all enough for your time and generosity.



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengoad, Ed Hengoad, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Joyce Krist, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Mary Jane Lisowski, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Paula Ritter, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Baby Sienna, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, Jim Viets, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, Ed Zalar 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.



Please remember
Samantha Call and Ron Meredith
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

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. To donate online, go to www.CatholicCommunity.org/education or call 216-696-6525 x1530.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - The next Catholic Movie Night is on Sunday, August 29th at 6pm and it is a double feature with two documentaries. "With God in Russia: The Story of Father Walter Ciszek" which is the true account of the Jesuit priest that survived 23 years in Russian labor camps and "Roses in December" primarily tells the story of Jean Donovan, a lay missionary in El Salvador who was murdered with three American nuns in 1980. (There are some graphic scenes and addresses adult situations)

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Car Wash - Cub Scout Pack 73 will hold a Car Wash on Sunday, August 22nd from 9AM until 1PM in the Unity Catholic Credit Union Parking Lot.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - October Bus Trip: Monday, October 11th to Seneca Allegany Casino. \$48/person BONUS \$25 in free play! More information coming soon!

UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

Join St. Josaphat Cathedral, 5720 State Road, Parma, for their Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, August 21st until 11PM & Sunday, August 22nd from 12-9PM. Food ~ Beer ~ Dancing ~ Live Music ~ FREE Entertainment & Parking

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Sessions will begin in September.

PSR

Registration is open for PSR classes for the 2021/2022 school year. Forms are available on the parish website or in the rectory. Forms and payment are due to the rectory. Please contact the rectory with any questions. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If your child will be in the 8th Grade for the 2021/2022 school year and is NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net to get information on service.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

PARISH MEMORIES

On August 21st & 22nd, members of the anniversary committee will be at each Mass to record parish memories for a 75th Anniversary video. If you'd like to share your parish memory, please be ready to record after Mass. Memories should be between 30 and 60 seconds. If you do not want to be on camera, forms will be available to write out your memory for use in a special publication and on the parish website. You can also bring in memorabilia to be "loaned" to the parish for display during our September Homecoming Weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Sunday, August 29th, members of the High School Youth Ministry will be piloting Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11AM Mass. Children 3 years of age until 6 years old will gather in the Chapel just before the 1st reading and return after the Universal Prayer. They will learn about the day's readings in a kid-friendly way while completing a simple activity to reinforce its message. All children must be potty-trained. We hope to add this option to more weekends this fall.

UNITY CATHOLIC SHRED DAYS

Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union Community Shred Day on September 11th at the Brunswick office from 10AM—1PM. Please stay in your car and follow signage. Limit of 3 boxes. Full details at <https://www.unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar>.



Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The weekend of September 24th-26th is Homecoming Weekend. Mark that weekend on your calendar and keep an eye on the bulletins for more details... Please contact the rectory if you are interested in volunteering at any of the events that weekend.

CALLING ALL ST. THOMAS MORE ALUMNI

Please help us stay connected with you, especially during this special 75th Anniversary year. We want to hear from you! Please send an email to rectory@stmparish.net with your name (as it was at graduation), married name (if applicable) and your year of graduation.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES NEEDED

Calling ALL PARISHIONERS to share their favorite memory of St. Thomas More (parish or school). Selections will be printed in our 75th Anniversary booklet. Please submit your written memory to the rectory or email rectory@stmparish.net. You can also submit written memories or request to be a part of the 75th Anniversary video series at stmparish.net/memories.

75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Below are the updated stats for the week ending August 27th. (28 new families and 55 new parishioners so far this year!) Thank you for your continued support!



**St. Thomas More
75 Year Anniversary
1946 - 2021
Renewal Fund**



MESSAGE FROM SISTER JANE

We know you are out there! Who might that be? Folks who have attended Mass their entire life, but now because of illness, aging, and no one to bring you cannot join us every week. The solution is simple. Call the rectory at 216-749-0414 (or have someone else call) and give us your name, phone number, and address. We will call you back to see what arrangements we can make.

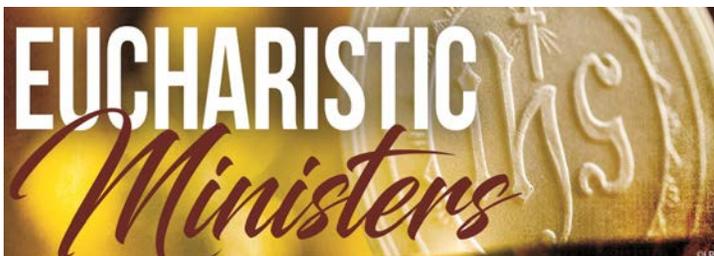
Now that leads us to “the other side of the coin.” We also know that there are many of you who come to Mass weekly and would be perfect candidates for connecting with our Home Bound folks by taking them Holy Communion on a regular basis. “But I am not a Eucharistic Minister?” you say. There is a solution – it’s called a short Diocesan Training Session (on-line at the present time). Once you become a Eucharistic Minister, we will show you “the ropes” and connect you with some very nice people. The more volunteers we get, the less times you will need to go out unless you want to. Mary Lou, one of our Homebound Outreach ministers said, “It’s the best thing I ever did” (Yes, Mary Lou does have a life!). We can also use regular Sunday Eucharistic Ministers.

Eventually, when we can get really organized (**GET THOSE CENSUS FORMS IN**) and we see how many homebound we have, we will be asking for volunteers as pen pals and phone pals. Let us know if you would even like to head these groups.

A special shout-out to Mary Lou, Susan, Joan, Marilu, Vernon, and Tom for their generosity in reaching out to the homebound all these years and for accepting the invitation to be the Core Outreach Team (We haven’t told Tom and Vern yet). Thanks to those who have been ministers, but no longer are able.

If anyone would like to go with Sister Jane on Wednesdays to Brooklyn Pointe at 2:30 P.M., please give Sister a call.

Please think about these invitations, pray over them, and call Sister Jane if you feel the Holy Spirit might be nudging you for any one of these ministries. We know you are out there. Don’t hide!



BLOODMOBILE

Vitalant will host a bloodmobile here at St. Thomas More on Sunday, October 24th from 10AM until 1:30PM. The drive will be open to the public, but we need a minimum 11-15 people to participate. If you are interested, please call or email the rectory (rectory@stmparish.net).

BUS TRIP

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (West) Sacred Heart Sodality is sponsoring a bus tour to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio on September 12th for Italian Day. All are welcome. Cost is \$35. Lunch is \$15., but you may bring your own lunch. The bus departs from Baron’s Bus, 13315 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park at 8AM and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 8:30AM. The deadline to register is August 29th. Please call Beverly Ciocca 216-337-0816 or Ida Casale 216-267-4178 with questions or to make reservations.

HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE

Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? We serve palliative and hospice care patients/families wherever they call home: private home/apartment, nursing home, independent or assisted living facilities, hospice inpatient unit; some patients may be in the hospital. We have a wide range of volunteer opportunities to fit your talents, interests, and schedule. We are also in need of Dietary or Receptionist Assistance at Ames Family Hospice in Westlake and volunteers to make calls to patients/families. For more information, contact us at 216-255-9090 to fill out an online application at hospicewr.org/volunteer.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

Retrouvaille, which means “rediscovery”, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a week-end experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 800-470-2230 or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.