



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 28 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Dolores Hana

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 –
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

**MONDAY, AUGUST 30 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Judy Zauszniewski

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 –
WEEKDAY**

6:45PM - David Meredith

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 –
WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 –
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

8:15AM - Jeannine Makuh

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Kuhel Family

4:30PM - Students of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 –
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Rose Marie & Gary Snow

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 22nd.....	\$4,574.10
Faith Direct.....	\$4,331.50
Maintenance.....	\$1,194.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$636.00

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:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” (Mk 7:8)

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Holiday Office Hours

The rectory will be closed on Friday, September 3rd and Monday, September 6th due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am on Monday, September 6th.

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...

Our journey continues this week with scripture passages different than our readings the past few weeks. The *First Reading* moves from talking about the journey of the Israelites to the Mosaic Law in *Deuteronomy*. The *Second Reading* moves from **St. Paul** to **St. James**, and the Gospel (which shifted last week) moved from nice old *St. John* to *St. Mark*.

The unique movement in all of these readings was from the *fluffy and supportive to the matter of fact and challenging*. Basically, we have moved into the “What are **YOUuuu** doing?” questions from *Jesus*. **Moses** lays down the law, so to speak, and **St. James** affirms that we need to be doers of the faith. *Jesus* tells the Pharisees and scribes of Jerusalem to be concerned about the “inside and outside”. *Jesus* invites us to look inward to ourselves and ask, “How are we living out our faith?” Bounce back to *St. James’* statement, “**Be doers of the word and not hearers only...**” Question – How are you, your family, and (all of us) the parish of St. Thomas More living out the Gospel?

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

So, we as a parish of St. Thomas More continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary year. I can continue to thank the Pastoral Council and 75th Anniversary volunteers, which should never get old, as the appreciation is there for all, and from all.

But, let’s take a break this week with the theme of the scripture passages to reflect and go deeper... as a parish. How are we as the parish of St. Thomas More doing currently, in the past, and (*even*) going forward at being “**Doers of the Gospel**”? We celebrate the rich history of doing a whole lot, and we are currently doing a lot. But, we will need to think about and pray over how we want to go forward into the next **75 years**. What do we want *our children, grand-children, and (even) great grand-children* to look back on and be thankful for? What have we done for them in the future?



Thank you to all of the maintenance workers and contractors who have been working so hard this summer to get the school together and ready for our students to return on September 7th.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Peggy Palumbo.

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

“There are in truth three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the perfection. In the beginning they experience the charms of sweetness; in the middle the contests of temptation; and in the end the fullness of perfection.”

*St. Gregory the Great (540-604),
Pope, Doctor of the Church,
Feast Day: September 3rd*

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

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.



Congratulations to Alyssa Royer and Benjamin Welsh who were married at St. Thomas More on August 21st. May God bless you both!



Congratulations to Aubrey Rankin who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, August 21st. God Bless!



Congratulations and welcome Hunter McKenzie who was baptized on Sunday, August 22nd at St. Thomas More. God bless you!



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, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalyn Murray, Keshia Newton, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Victor Piskor, 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, William Udics, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, 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, Ron Meredith, Rose Marie Snow, Gary Snow, Mary Jane Lisowski, Dorothy Hornack and Dorothy Wiencek in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.

NEW MINISTRY

We are adding to the list of ministries here at St. Thomas More - Prison Pen Pals. If you are interested, please see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don for more information. Prayers requested for this new ministry.

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 BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Festival of Praise - Join us on Wednesday, September 1st starting with 7PM Mass in church until 8:30PM for an evening experience of Adoration, Praise and Music of our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar - the Eucharist. A Festival of Praise (FOP) consists of praying through song. Our dedicated FOP band will lead us in song. All are welcome to join us!

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!

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. PSR begins on Tuesday, September 21st.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS...

I wanted to take this time to thank you for your prayers and support as I continue my journey in the permanent diaconate formation program. Not a week has gone by that someone hasn't asked about my progress, studies or reassured me of their prayers for me. This past weekend, I was blessed to be formally admitted into candidacy during a Mass with Bishop Malesic. This is the Church's formal recognition that a vocation as a deacon is becoming more evident.

"So, you're almost done, right?" Well, not exactly. Candidacy consists of 4 years of formation and field education. Beginning next month, I have been assigned to St. John Bosco in Parma Heights for field education (think of it like an internship) to gain more experience in parish ministry. During this time, candidates are asked to refrain from ministry at their home parish in order to focus on field education, however, I will continue to serve as St. Thomas More's Youth Minister. My role as both a husband and father are important to my calling as a candidate for the diaconate and I will continue to be present to support my wife and daughters at the parish in the ministries and activities they enjoy. So, while I may not be physically present as much as usual, know that I take the wealth of experience that I have gained with me as I continue this journey. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary to Deacon Don on as he celebrates his first diaconate anniversary on August 29th.



Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles, you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons and all other ordained and non-ordained ministers that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their service. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The weekend of September 24th - 26th is Homecoming Weekend.

Friday, September 24th - Outdoor Movie Night (8pm)

Saturday, September 25th - Homecoming Weekend Social (7-10PM)

Sunday, September 26th - Mass & Cookout (11AM)
You can find out more about these events by visiting our website: www.stmparish.net.

Volunteers needed: If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, you can sign up with Parish Council members after Masses next weekend, September 4th & 5th.

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.

Readings Week of the

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10,11[10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and dioceses across the country have been asked by the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to have a voluntary special collection on behalf of the people of Haiti devastated by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. As a result of both disasters many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

In support of this major relief effort, this special collection will take place the weekend of September 4th & 5th. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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>.

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Please visit <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org> for a listing of the September programs and retreats.



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).

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to attend Holy Mass and participate in a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 4th. The Mass will be at 11AM and the procession will be at 12PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The Cathedral is located at 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, 44114.

The (less than one mile in distance) procession will be through the sidewalks of downtown Cleveland, as we walk, pray, and sing in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event includes Holy Mass with Fr. Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession with hymns, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required. For further information email: contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <http://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>. All are welcome to attend.

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. For more information, contact us at 216-255-9090 to fill out an online application at hospicewr.org/volunteer.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

6928 Detroit Ave, Cleveland

September 9–October 21
Thursday Evenings
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Meet in Cafeteria



*Revitalize your Faith
*Experience Spiritual Growth
*Enrich your Prayer Life
*Learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
*Deepen your Relationship with Jesus

To register - Contact
Mario Grandinetti (216) 299-2842
m.grandinetti@sbcglobal.net
Or
Tom Jansen (440-539-0318)

All are Welcome!

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire" Matthew 3:11

"Share the grace of being baptized in the Spirit with the whole Church." Pope Francis

Week 1: God's Love
Week 2: Salvation
Week 3: The New Life
Week 4: Receiving God's Gift
Week 5: Praying for Baptism in the Holy Spirit
Week 6: Growth
Week 7: Transformation in Christ