

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 - TBD

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

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

Parish Staff

Rev. G. David Bline

Administrator

Rev. Donald E. Snyder

Retired, In Residence

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Office Manager

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Terri Sozio

Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 –

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Rita Valochik

*11:00 AM - Constance Blaich

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 –

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6:45 PM - Richard Regotti

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 –

SS. SIXTUS II & CAJETAN

8:15 AM - Casmer Nagorka

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 –

ST. DOMINIC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 –

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

8:15 AM - Retired & Active Nurses

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 –

ST. LAWRENCE

8:15 AM - Deacon Chuck Zawadzki

*4:30 PM - Michael Pelleschi

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 –

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Larry Kolar

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 28th \$2,802.00
Maintenance \$1,216.00
Student's Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes) \$33.00

Faith Direct as of 7/15 \$1,630.00
Faith Direct Maintenance \$357.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CLP

Monday, August 5

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 4/5 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 1/2 FF Practice - R. Field

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 3/4 FF Practice - S. Field

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Grade 6 VB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 6

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Cheer - S. Field

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 7/8 VB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, August 7

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 7/8 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 1/2 FF Practice - S. Field

Thursday, August 8

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 2 VB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grades 4/5 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 3/4 FF Practice - S. Field

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM EM Reflection Session - Church

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Grade 6 VB Practice - Gym

Friday, August 9

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 3 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Grades 7/8 VB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 1/2 FF Practice - S. Field

Saturday, August 10

Ice Cream Social (after Mass)

Sunday, August 11

Ice Cream Social (after the 11am Mass)



Please note the rectory will be closed every day from 1-1:30pm for lunch.

UPDATE TO AUGUST ENVELOPES

In the August envelope packet there is an Athletic Boosters envelope that states, "*Minimum \$10.00 donation entitles you to a Football Sweepstakes Ticket and Membership in the STM Athletic Boosters.*"

Please know that we no longer have the football tickets. All proceeds from those envelope donations will support the St. Thomas More Athletic Program directly. Thank you so much for your generous support.

WOMEN'S GUILD ENVELOPE - The Women's Guild 2024-2025 dues are now \$10.00. The envelope in the August packet is incorrect stating \$5.00.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. BLINE

Living Gratitude, Enthusiasm, & Confidence

Being a person of gratitude can be challenging when in our culture we know how often many have this attitude of expectation or deserving of anything they may want. This Sunday's readings along with this Sunday's feast day of St John Vianney and this week of saints, offer us a way to embrace **gratitude, enthusiasm, and confidence**.

If you don't know St John Vianney why not read up on his life of **confidence** in God's providence. Although he had his own plan for his life, John Vianney was constantly being reminded by God what he was created for and what He wanted him to be. He writes tenderly on sin and grace and living a life of love

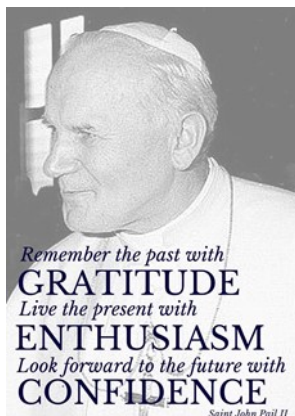
(<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/st-john-vianney-a-testament-to-gods-strength-in-weakness/>). Since St. John Vianney is the patron of diocesan priests, please pray for our seminarians who are preparing to return to the seminary on August 10th for their joy and their will to be His. Maybe offer a prayer through our friend St John Vianney to help find a new pastor to fall in love with your beautiful parish and church since the time is here to find one.

Don't forget to catch a rush of **enthusiasm** this Sunday (August 4th) by being a part of the diocesan FEST held at the seminary. Tens of thousands will be there all afternoon and evening for a sharing of faith and the Sacraments. There is even an outdoor Mass at 8:00PM rain or shine. It is a wonderful way to promote a return to the sacramental life and promote the familial awareness of each vocation.

This week also brings us a chance to embrace the life of four favorite celebrations in our Church this coming week: The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ (6th), St. Dominic (8th) and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (9th).

Pray, too, on St. Clare of Assisi's feast (11th) to understand love...she said, "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become." Her writings are great, read one this week and find a new friend in her (all found online).

Pax,
Fr. Bline



MINISTRY REFLECTION & REFRESH SESSIONS

All lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will gather for an evening of reflection and refresh. An email with an RSVP link was sent out in mid-July. Eucharistic Ministers will gather at 6:30PM on August 8th and lectors will gather at 6:30PM on August 12th. The session scheduled for servers will be rescheduled for a time later in August. Please contact Jeff Stutzman at jstutzman@stmparish.net regarding the sessions.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called RCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

PSR - We are looking for Parish School of Religion (PSR) teachers. Our classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:45PM. We use a curriculum book as well as prepared resources. Please think about being part of our program and sharing your faith with our students, helping them to know and love God and our Catholic faith. If you are interested please email Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

PSR REGISTRATION - Registration forms for the 2024-2025 school year are available on our website. Please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net with any questions.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Confirmation - If your child will be in the 8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please email psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - 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.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
The Smet Family.

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 into the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna.**





Baby Elijah, Jim Barker, Domenica Basich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Robert Bonus, Jr., Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Jim Davis, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Kathy Fuchi, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby & Pat Hengood, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joyce Lewarchick, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, John Misch, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Maryann Nicholas, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Therese Ptacek, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Lori Steadley, Jennifer Stancato, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Betty Wozniak, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

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 in your prayers Rev. Michael B. Smith. God grant him eternal rest.

VOCATION CORNER

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.

2024 SUMMER OF FUN

Mark your calendar for our next Summer of Fun activities:

Ice Cream Social: Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th (after the 11am Mass)

Back to School Outdoor Mass, Backpack Blessing & Cookout: Sunday, August 25th (11am Mass)

SAINT QUOTE

"Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun."

St. John Vianney (1786-1859),
Priest, Patron of Parish Priests, Feast Day: August 4th
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 10/11

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Nina Ferguson Denise Puening Steve Cottos Terri Cottos	Peggy Palumbo Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Terri Sozio Vernon Recker Jennifer Mladineo	Jessica Noga Al Margevicius	Aubrey Rankin Alexia Torres
11:00 AM	Joyce Stutzman Linda Rafferty Madelyn Koranda	Mike Sommers	Nathan Brown Brendon Kiscoe

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER JANE...

Grandma always said, "The Bible has value;" but as time went on her kids joined the ranks of non-readers. One day, her granddaughter asked her mother if they had a Bible. Her mother replied, "There may be one of Grandma's up in the attic that we put there after she died. Grandma always said, "The Bible is valuable." Sure enough, the daughter came running back to her mom saying, "Grandma was right." as money came floating out of its pages. No, I am not recommending the Bible be used as an ATM, but that Scriptures be used as **blueprints** that results in a friendship with Our Creator God. *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

My dad built our house. No, he wasn't a professional builder, just knew a lot of tradesmen. I still remember when he was in his late eighties saying, "If I knew then how hard it would be to climb these stairs, I would have built a ranch." Later, when his neighbor bought our house and were remodeling it for their daughter's family, they found the blueprints left preserved between the studs hidden in a closet wall. Wow, Dad knew how to read a blueprint! In a similar way, we need to be able understand God's blueprint/plans for us. Some use the Scriptures as a "How-to Book for Dummies." It is far more than instructions. It's an invitation to an intimate relationship/friendship with a God of love in whom we find everlasting Love and Life.

When we first meet someone, we exchange basic information. To establish a relationship, the deeper we want to go the more we reveal. God wants us to know his mind and heart which is revealed in creation, the Bible, and culminating in the Incarnation of Jesus – the Word made flesh. Every Sunday in our Liturgies, the Church has done us a favor by selecting key readings, Cliff notes so to speak, which will help us encounter a living God who wants to be known. We do not read the Bible to find answers. We do not study the Bible to debate issues or judge people. If the Bible were solely a manual or a class, we could read it or teach it and NOT know God. When all is said and done, we need to pray the Scriptures to see that God is personally interested in us and how God might be asking us to respond. The Church calls this *Lectio Divina*. The last couple of years, St. Thomas More Parish, called it "Breakfast with the Word." The group decided that we have a good thing, but we need to re-market and invite others to join us. God does not have a communication problem, we may have "Scripture phobia." (More to follow about the symptoms next week).

➡ Remember the book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*? Well, we would like to invite you each Tuesday morning at 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. to **Praying the Sunday Readings** for the coming Sunday Liturgy. Our goal is to schedule a certain time, place, and methods to sit with the Word and let those readings speak to you. We can only prepare the soil. The Holy Spirit is the Sower and Sunday Readings are the seeds.

Music Ministry **THE FEST** / AUGUST 4, 2024 WICKLIFFE, OHIO CENTER for PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Dear Parishioners and School Families,

It is bittersweet news that I share that I am moving to Holy Angels Parish in Bainbridge to continue my Music Ministry. I have loved getting to know so many of you, and have enjoyed my time here at St. Thomas More. I know that you will welcome the new music director with the same kindness that you showed me when I came. You will all be in my prayers. Keep singing!

Lorrie Wenmoth

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

2024 Festival T-Shirts are available at the rectory for \$12.00



Don't Miss It!!! Join us THIS Sunday for The FEST! It takes place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Avenue Wickliffe, Oh 44092) from 12 noon – 10pm. Come hear great music (Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom, Cochren & Co., Caleb and John), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8 pm with Bishop Malesic and Bishop Woost, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close, FREE, parking and something for everyone at The FEST. For a complete schedule of the day, parking directions, and more go to: www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Holly Roberts won 3rd Prize for the High School Age Group in the FEST Art Contest this summer! Her artwork will be displayed at the FEST in the "Art Contest" Tent.

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Brooklyn, OH 44144

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: Emily Blaich
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

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.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

AMISH COUNTRY (Annual Fall Shopping)
Monday, September 30th
Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)
\$75 per person
Deadline: Monday, September 9th

MOUNTAINEER CASINO

Tuesday, October 22nd Bonus: \$15 slot play
\$43/person
Deadline: Tuesday, October 1st

POLARIS FASHION PLACE MALL COLUMBUS, OH - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Friday, November 8th Shopping & lunch on your own
\$62/person
Deadline: Friday, October 18th
Contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Join the Ladies Guild for a Mimosa Brunch & Fashion Show on Wednesday, August 7th in Corrigan Gym from 11:30am until 2:30pm. Tickets: \$30/person. Call Jackie at 440-668-5174 for tickets.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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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.