

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 - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Deacon Don Brandt
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

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Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 -

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 -

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*9:00 AM - John "Jack" Baatz

*11:00 AM - Carole Popow

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 -

SS. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS & CAJETAN

8:15 AM - Richard Regotti

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 -

ST. DOMINIC

6:45 PM - Casmer Nagorka

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 -

SS. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

8:15 AM - Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 -

ST. LAWRENCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 -

ST. CLARE

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 -

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

8:15 AM - Carolyn Hilberg

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 -

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Anthony Busser

*11:00 AM - Elmer V. Davtovich

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for July 30th \$3,974.00

Maintenance \$1,483.00

Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$36.30

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blach SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

Monday, August 7

3:00 PM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

3:30 - 4:30 PM Grade 2 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:00 PM Grade 3 & 4 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 5 Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:00 - 8:00 PM Grade 1 & 2 Football Practice - Rec. Field

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - STM Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM Grade 8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 8

5:00 AM - 10:00 PM Board of Elections - Utopia Hall

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 6 & 7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 3-6 Cheerleading

Wednesday, August 9

3:30 - 4:30 PM Grade 2 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 6 & 7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:00 - 8:00 PM Grades 1 & 2 Football Practice - Rec. Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM Grade 8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

Thursday, August 10

5:00 - 6:00 PM Grades 3 & 4 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:00 - 6:30 PM Grade 4 Football Practice - STM Field

6:00 - 7:00 PM Grade 5 Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:30 - 8:00 PM Grade 3 Football Practice - STM Field

7:00 - 9:00 PM Grade 8 Volleyball Practice - Gym

Friday, August 11

5:00 - 6:30 PM 6/7 Volleyball Practice - Gym

5:30 - 6:30 PM Grades 1 & 2 Cheerleading Practice

Saturday, August 12

Ice Cream Social after Mass

Sunday, August 13

Ice Cream Social after the 11:00 AM Mass

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register online 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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD AUGUST 6, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

This week we celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration**. The line from **St. Peter**, “*Lord, it is good that we are here...*” may not be one that we readily say each week as we drag ourselves and our kids to church – **BUT** it is actually **GREAT** that we are all here! We may not see it, but with each week, with each prayer, with each time that we push ourselves to grow in our faith, we are “**Transforming**” ourselves and those around us.

The *First Reading* tells us of the vision of **God**, the **Son of man**, and the others. As **St. Peter** tells us all in the *Second Reading*, “*...we had been eyewitnesses to his majesty.*” These things that we read, talk about, and celebrate each week are right from those who witnessed them – **Firsthand**! This short, and ‘mysterious’ story of **Jesus** with **Moses** and **Elijah** pulls together so very much of the entire mystery of **God**. The basic part of this passage though, begs us to look at ourselves and ask, “*Are we being transformed?*”

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

Did you notice? The calendar page turned again. When I turned one of the calendar pages in the rectory, I couldn't figure out the problem, until I noticed it was a 2024 calendar which a friend brought back from Paris. A very nice Claude Monet art calendar, but for a few months, I never looked at the dates close enough to see that they were for 2024... *So, are you looking at things close enough lately?* Is there anywhere you can engage more in the parish life, the school activities, or the CYO sports events? **You know I'll be pushing** these questions as we finish up the summer and move into the fall season. *Let's all look a bit closer at our life, too.*

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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 2023.

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.



August 12/13

MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM	Greg Booth Mary Lou LoBue Terri Cottos
9:00 AM	Jaime Declat Dolores Hules Bonnie Kaznoch Meegan McKenna
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Heather Miksch Joyce Stutzman Joanne Uhl

LECTORS

Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Joanne Kalynchuk Mary Lou LoBue	Madelyn Koranda
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SERVERS

Blake Liebert Isabella Diaz Noah Nguyen Parker Redloske Noah Redloske Jelicia Lopez	Brendon Kiscoe Nathaniel Infante Dolly Magistro
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Melissa Ali, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Lisa Bodnar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Shirley M., Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Nancy Rozar, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Elaine Smet, Ron Sommers, Margie & Don Spritz, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & 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.

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.

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.

THANKFUL CORNER

We are grateful for those who take the time and initiative to make our church look so beautiful inside and out: cleaners, gardeners, mowers, decorators, etc. Your contribution helps us welcome visitors to our parish.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of July - Mallory Morell and Jacqueline Grody & Eric Theiss. Welcome to you!

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 all 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 - Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available soon at the rectory or by contacting psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Confirmation - If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at 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.

2023 SUMMER OF FUN

Mark your calendar for our next Summer of Fun activities:
Ice Cream Social: Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th (after the 11am Mass)
Back to School Outdoor Mass, Backpack Blessing & Cookout: Sunday, August 27th (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, Confessor,
Feast Day: August 4th

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

THANKS!

On behalf of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, we would like to thank you for your prayers this past month at each of the parish Liturgies. July is a special month for us, since many of us made our vows on July 17, the feast of the Humility of Mary. Please continue your prayers as we gather August 2-5 for our annual Congregational meetings.

Gratefully,
Sisters Jeanne and Mary Ann, HM

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ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Join Our Church Community and Make a Difference!
Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and make a positive impact in our STM family? Our Athletics Department invites you to join our dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about spreading love, compassion, and faith to our youth. We are seeking volunteers for coaching, site directing, and concessions. Contact us at Athletics@stmparish.net or call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to express your interest and learn more about specific volunteer roles. Remember, volunteering is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually, build relationships, and serve God by serving others. We look forward to welcoming you to our volunteer family and witnessing the positive impact we can make together!

CAR WASH & DONUT SALE

This weekend, during all Mass times, St. Thomas More Athletic Association will be hosting a Car Wash & Donut Sale. Car Wash - Free will donations. Krispy Kreme Donuts - \$10/dozen. All proceeds support the St. Thomas More Athletics Program. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Fr. Mike in our parish office at 216-749-0414 or Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

9 NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER AUGUST 7 - 15

This is an opportunity to pray *Night Prayer*, the short, ancient prayer of the Catholic Church in nine beautiful churches of our Diocese. Every night, all nine churches will be open for those who come to church often, those who have never been, and everyone in between. Come join us!

Doors open at 8pm ~ Night Prayer starts at 8:15pm
Center for Pastoral Leadership - 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1454 Lexington Avenue, Lorain

St. Anthony Parish - 1305 East Erie Avenue, Lorain

St. Bridget Parish - 5620 Hauserman Road, Parma

St. Jerome Parish - 15000 Lake Shore Blvd, Cleveland

St. Joseph Parish - 1761 Second St, Cuyahoga Falls

St. Peter Parish - 132 North Wood St., Loudonville

St. Stanislaus Parish - 3649 E. 65th St., Cleveland

St. Wendelin Parish - 2281 Columbus Rd, Cleveland

Visit the **iBreviary Web Site** or download the **iBreviary App** to your smartphone for daily *Liturgy of the Hours/Night Prayer*.

THE FEST

Join us THIS Sunday for The FEST! It takes place at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, 44092) from noon until 10pm. Come hear great music (Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8pm with Bishop Malesic, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close, FREE parking and something for everyone. For a complete schedule of the day, parking directions, and more, go to: www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!

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ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

AMISH COUNTRY - Monday, September 11th

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included)

Shopping at Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery and Farm Market, Hillcrest Orchard, Kauffman Bakery and Heini's Cheese

\$80/person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO - Overnight stay

Thursday, October 12th

Casino Bonus: \$35 slot play \$15 food credit

SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO - Friday, October 13th

Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st

Cost: \$287.00/person (single occupancy)

\$196.00/person (double occupancy)

\$188.00/person (triple occupancy)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY - Monday, November 13th

\$80/person - Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)

Deadline: Monday, October 23rd

For reservations or questions, please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Save the date - Classic Car & Bike Show hosted by the Holy Name Society of MQP on Saturday, September 9th from 11:30am until 2:30pm (rain date 9/16). Admission is FREE. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Cars, trucks, pedal cars & motorcycles are welcomed! Pre-Registration fees: \$15 (\$20 day of show). For more information, please call or text Joe Sicurezza at 216-262-5823.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

ST. ELIAS LADIES GUILD

LEGENDARY LADIES OF MOTOWN Durrant's Tribute to Diana Ross, Tina Turner and Donna Summer on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Williams on the Lake (787 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH). Doors open: 5:30pm ~ Dinner: 6:30pm ~ Show Time: 7:30pm Tickets include: Chicken marsala dinner, gratuity, coffee, tea, iced tea & show (cash bar) Cost: \$66. Checks payable to St. Elias Ladies Guild. For tickets contact: Pamela Haddad vis text or call 860-997-0129 or Deneen Kassouf via text or call 440-666-4708

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2) Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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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 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.