



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

Join our email list at stmparish.net/email | Flocknote texting list by sending STMORE to 84576



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - Former teachers of St. Thomas More School, both living & deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 –

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Richard Franko

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 –

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

8:15AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 –

ST. LAWRENCE

6:45PM - Holy Name Society

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 –

ST. CLARE

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 –

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 –

SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

8:15AM - Loretta Grombol

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 –

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:15AM - Leigh Grombol

*4:30PM - Coletta Hreha

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 –

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

*11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 1st.....	\$7,262.49
Maintenance.....	\$2,503.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$1,968.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.” (Jn 6:44)

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II - Alyssa Royer (St. Thomas More) & Benjamin Welsh

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 continuation of the “*food theme*” is starting to leave me thinking, *you are what you write...* But, can I use that phrase we talked a little bit about last week, *you are what you eat?* Then the move gets into the Eucharistic analogy of us becoming Christ, since we share in the Holy Eucharist and move to imitate Christ to others.

The *First Reading* has the angel pushing Elijah to eat, to keep his strength up, and continue to prepare for the journey ahead of him. Yes, the goodness of the Lord is assured through the repetition of the psalm response, which leads us to the *Second Reading*. Paul encourages us all to be “...imitators of God...” and to “...live in love...” This statement from Paul calls us to be imitators of God, and as Jesus mentions in the Gospel reading, He is *the Bread of Life*; that special something that is essential for eternal life. We, as imitators of God, can be helpful to others, both as *imitators* of Christ, and also as *nourishment and support* to others. Maybe we aren’t exactly “*the Bread of Life*”, as Jesus is, but maybe we can be at least a little hors d’oeuvres for others...

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

SOoooo, here is a HUGE thank you to the committee, volunteers, sponsors, and all of you (!) for such a grand time last Sunday at the 75th Anniversary Parish Festival/Picnic. The weather was “iffy” at times, but in the long-run the weather was great all day (...that power of prayer).

The reviews from everyone have been great. I was glad that we were able to all come together to have that positive *FUN-raising*, and get *reacquainted* with each other since the quarantine. Time was spent meeting the new school principal and staff, as the kids are excited to meet them all. The parents seem (even) more excited on the kids getting back to school, so it was a good day for everyone. We will continue with more 75th Anniversary events, and surprises – so stay tuned. The next major event will be the 75th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend in September. AGAIN, thank you to all for the FUN!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Gil & Joan Vanza.

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

“The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of god, that will suffice for all method.”

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641),

Patron of the forgotten,

Feast Day: August 12th

(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.

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, Deacon Don or Frank Budziak for more information. Prayers requested for this new ministry.

VOCATION CORNER

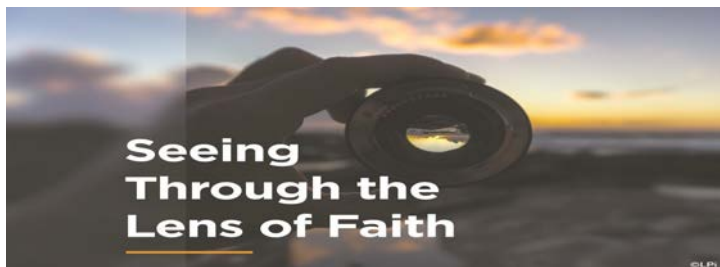
For Fr. Marc Scheckells and Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero and all of the Friars in the Province of the Sacred Heart

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.



Last week we celebrated our 75th Anniversary Summer Celebration. None of that could have been possible without all of our volunteers. **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets, to all who came out to support us and for all of those who couldn’t be there, but supported us through their prayers. We appreciate all that you do to support STM!





Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Jim Crowley, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Bobby Hengoed, Ed Hengoed, Sr., Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Robert Loria, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, 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
Joseph M. Gareau, Mary Ann Cowgill,
Dolores Hana and Rev. Robert E. Stein
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

First Prize: \$7,500 - **Linda Misch**
Second Prize: \$2,021 - **Joanne DeLuca**
Third Prize: \$1,946 - **Dakota & Chris Lewis**

Thanks to all who participated in the raffle (525 tickets sold) and attended the event. It proved to be a very enjoyable day for all involved!

A great big thank you to our Summer Celebration Committee for all their hard work at making this day such a success!

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Golf Outing - Join us on Saturday, August 14th for the 9th Annual Mary Queen of Peace Golf Outing & Steak Dinner at Coppertop Golf Club (5740 Center Road, Valley View). Registration: 6:45AM - Shot Gun Start at 7:30AM. \$125 fee includes golf scramble, golf cart, lunch, drink tickets for the course, steak dinner, door prizes and trophies. Multiples Sponsorship opportunities available. Call Thom Mills at 216-406-3213 for more details.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Summer 2021 Raffle - St. Charles will not be holding their Carnival this year, but they are still having a raffle. Tickets are available at the office. The drawing is Sunday, August 15th and the prizes are: Grand Prize - 2021 GMC Terrain, 2nd Prize - \$5,500 New Roof and 3rd Prize - \$3,500.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - St. Leo's Bus Trips are BACK! All trips leave from and return to the rectory side of St. Leo's parking lot. Join us on Wednesday, August 18th for a trip to Rivers Casino. \$45/person with a Casino Bonus - \$20 in free play and a \$5 food credit. Call Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 with questions or to register.

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 by August 15th. 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.

WELCOME
SISTER JANE REISING, SND

Sister Jane Reisinger has been a Sister of Notre Dame for over fifty years. Sister grew up in Avon Lake and loves being a “westsider.” After getting a B.A. degree in Elementary Education at Notre Dame College of Cleveland, Sister taught mostly Jr. High students for 29 years in the Cleveland, Youngstown, and Arlington, VA. Dioceses. During this time, she also received a M.A. degree.



Taking a year off, Sister began her studies in Theology at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. As a diocesan certified Pastoral Minister, Sister Jane spent 24 years at St. Mary of the Falls Parish in Olmsted Falls primarily as Director of Religious Education and RCIA. Sister loves parish work and being a “sister” to the young and the “older” folks. You will see Sister in the school, ministering around the parish, at Brooklyn Pointe, and maybe even at your doorstep. Sister will be here at St. Thomas More Parish as an extra pair of hands, a resource where needed, and will bring a big heart for you, God’s people, and the Catholic Faith she loves so much.

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....

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 6th. (28 new families and 55 new parishioners so far this year!) Thank you for your continued support!



Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

- 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
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



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



NINE NIGHTS OF PRAYER

Everyone across the eight-county Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is invited to participate in praying the Night Prayer of the Church at nine different parishes in the diocese on consecutive evenings from Aug. 7 to Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Nine churches will be open for night prayer 8:15-9PM each of those nights. Parishes taking part in this opportunity for prayer are:

- St. Michael the Archangel Parish,
3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland (In Spanish)
- St. Mary Parish, 242 N. State St., Painesville
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception,
527 Beall Ave., Wooster
- St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Road,
North Ridgeville
- St. Augustine Parish, 204 Sixth St. NW, Barberton
- St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull St., Akron
- St. John Cantius Parish, 906 College Ave., Cleveland
- St. Luke Parish, 1212 Bunts Road, Lakewood
- Holy Spirit Parish, 4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Heights

“For nine consecutive nights, in nine particular churches around the diocese, the faithful – and even the non-faithful – can come out to pray the universal Night Prayer of the Church. Those who are really adventurous can try to pray at all nine churches in nine nights,” said Father Damian Ference, who recently was appointed the new position of diocesan vicar for evangelization.

“As the first vicar for evangelization, I wanted to get moving right away, but not with any new program,” he said, explaining the multi-night prayer event.

Night prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus’ command to “pray always.” Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

“‘Nine Nights of Night Prayer’ is a unique opportunity to open up nine of our beautiful churches in the evenings for an experience of beauty, community, Scripture and tradition,” Father Ference added, noting that Pope Francis reminds us that prayer “appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy and instills the strength to forgive.”

Visit: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/nightprayer>

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: in-office (3PM) at six cemetery offices and virtually (5PM). We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The August 15th topics are “Planning for Special Days/Memorials” and “Family Dynamics in Grief.” We offer a comfortable, private and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. Your RSVP for both in-person and Virtual is appreciated but not required. For more information please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or visit <https://www.clecem.org>.

THE FEST

SEE YOU THIS WEEKEND!

Join us THIS Sunday for The FEST. It takes place at Brookside Reservation (3900 John Nagy Boulevard, Cleveland, 44144) from Noon-10PM. Come hear great music (*for King & Country, Danny Gokey, Tauren Wells, We are Messengers*), 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 completed schedule of the day, parking directions, and more go to: www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!

FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

We are looking forward to coming together in person at Brookside Reservation. We also want to make sure that EVERYONE can join us so The FEST will be streamed LIVE. You can find out all the details, along with GREAT FEST activities and messages of hope and inspiration on our website: www.theFEST.us. Spread the word. You can literally tell EVERYONE you know to join us for The FEST streamed LIVE into your home.

CAFETERIA POSITIONS AVAILABLE

There are cafeteria positions available at Catholic elementary schools in the area. Qualification: high school diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous food service experience a plus. Must pass BCI and FBI background check. Must complete employer-provided VIRTUS training session within 30 days of hire. Excellent communication skills. For details & an application, call Carol Szabo at Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525, ext. 3340 or email cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org.



Bringing Hope • Providing Health • Transforming Communities

Dear Parishioners,

Esperança wishes to thank you for welcoming me to your community the weekend of July 25th and listening to our reflection and appeal for HOPE last weekend. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to share our mission of improving health and providing hope through disease prevention, education and treatment for every life we touch around the globe. On behalf of so many vulnerable men, women and children, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May the Lord bless all of you for your love, prayers and support. To learn even more about our work please visit esperanca.org.

Yours in Christ,
Tami Bohannon

