

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

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

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

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, DECEMBER 9 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Luca (Luke) Rosati

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM - Benefactors of St. Thomas More

*11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 – ST. DAMASUS I

8:15 AM - Flo & Norm Brown

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:45 PM - Dave Meredith

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 – ST. LUCY

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Judge Gerald Sweeney -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Rita Traska

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*9:00 AM - Jolan Profusz

*11:00 AM - Jerome & Mary Ann Cowgill

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for December 3rd \$4,935.00
Maintenance \$2,164.00
Student's Weekly Offering (15 Envelopes) \$82.50
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

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Monday, December 11

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer - Gym

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

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 7/8 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM PPC Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, December 12

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

11:00 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM 5-7 Cheer - Gym

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 6 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA - Church

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, December 13 St. Nick's Fair

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Choir - Church

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lil Wolverine Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Grade 5 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, December 14 St. Nick's Fair

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Sports Pictures - Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 6 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grade 7/8 BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Friday, December 15 St. Nick's Fair

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM Grade 3/4 Cheer - Gym

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 3 BB Practice - Gym

Sunday, December 16

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

Sunday, December 17

9:00AM - 12:00 PM Breakfast with Santa - Gym

12:00 PM Advent Talk with Fr. Don - Church

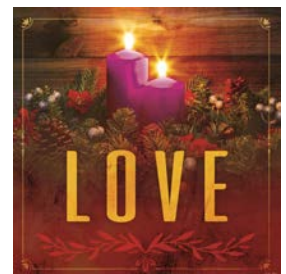
ADVENT GIVING TREE

All Giving Tree tags & gift cards are due by this Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for helping to make the season bright for those families in need.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ Thy Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

Comfort, give them **COMFORT**. That must have been the thoughts of the **Prophet Isaiah**, **St. Peter**, and even **St. Mark** as they all sat down to write. Even **King David** in the *Responsorial Psalm* writes, "...let us see your kindness..." Ever notice when you walk in to the house after there has been some home cooking happening, or there is a nice scent of 'home' that there is a level of comfort? That is what we have this **Second Week of Advent**. Comfort! **St. Mark** talks about **St. John the Baptist** proclaiming a baptism of repentance, and this we can liken to our *Sacrament of Confession*. But do we ignore this sacrament, like those who ignored St. John? Do we find ourselves looking for Comfort, but just not sure how or where to fully find it? Well, we have all the necessary ingredients each time we come together.

We just need to take it all in!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

The donations for **#weGiveCatholic** have still been coming in, but for the most part we have enough to report on the status of the fundraiser. For the most part, we can call it a "*Success*" as at this point, anything helps and we'll be able to begin the **Outside Family Center Project**. This will probably start in the spring, **soo ... feel free to keep donating!** **REMEMBER**, any donation marked 'maintenance' or 'school maintenance' stays here at STM 100%! The reason of concern on the **#weGiveCatholic**, is that we fell twenty-thousand dollars short of our goal, and that was with only (roughly) *170-donations*. Imagine if we could rally even more donations! Our goal will continue to be for the engagement of more families, individuals, and new parishioners. Thank you to all who helped out with the **#weGiveCatholic** fundraiser and who continue to help out here **at STM!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barbara Bonus.

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 in to the rectory.

Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2024.

VOCATION CORNER

Sisters of Notre Dame

You can learn more about this order by visiting: sndusa.org/regions/#Chardon. Please keep the Sisters of Notre Dame 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 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, 44024.



December 16/17

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Steve Cottos Marilu Slimak Mary Lou LoBue	Chet Omilanowski Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jennifer Mladineo Vern Recker	Jessica Noga Mary Lou LoBue	Tom Parkison
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Joanne Uhl Brandy Emery	Barb Kish Madelyn Koranda	Jackson Colon Nathaniel Infante



Melissa Ali, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bogner, Robert Bonus, Jr., Chuck Brennan, Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Marcus Deming, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Dianne Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Melissa Korhely, Diane Kunath, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Ron Sommers, Margie & Don Spritz, Lana Staman, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak, 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember George Zindroski, Flynn Mackrell, Deacon Francis R. Lonteen, Dan Lewansky, Kathleen Ferko, Stephanie Szabo and Deacon Victor R. Colón in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

2023 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 PM

Tuesday, December 12th & 19th from 6-6:30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have exposition of the Eucharist from 12-1pm this Sunday, December 10th. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord and help prepare your heart for Christmas.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

If you purchased a Memorial Candle, please know that they are available to take home. They are on a table behind the sanctuary in the church. Please do not pick up candles for others unless they are aware of it.

OPLATKI

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) is available at the church after all Masses or at the rectory. A \$5.00 freewill offering is suggested.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

All donations are due by this Sunday, December 10th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 11am in Utopia Hall for our annual Christmas Party. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert for sharing. In lieu of the usual gift exchange, we are asking you to bring a gift card(s) of any amount; so that when Christ comes in the guise of the poor, we can be of assistance to them.

Think in terms of fast-food cards, grocery stores, drug stores, gas stations, or less expensive box stores where they can get a "bang for their buck." We want to give Christ the gift of feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, and caring for the sick. Be sure the gift card is unused and activated. Tape the activation receipt and amount to the back of the card and put in an envelope (name is optional). Keep *Christ* in *Christmas*! See you there!



St. Thomas More Parish

MARDI GRAS

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024

Doors Open at 5:30pm /Dinner at 6:15pm
(Adults age 21 and over)

Dinner Ticket

\$35 per person

includes 1 alcoholic drink



Table of 8

\$265 per table

Purchase your tickets/table by Jan 13, 2024 to be entered into a drawing for \$100.

Beer/Wine \$3 each or \$10 unlimited

After Dinner Ticket (8pm entry) - \$10 per person
includes 1 alcoholic drink

Live & Silent Auctions,
Basket Raffles, DJ & more!

Tickets available at
stmparish.net/mardigras or at the rectory



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

We are currently in the midst of our Advent journey. The students are preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ by participating in weekly Advent prayer services. We are so blessed to have Sister Jean and Sister Maryanne who lead us each week in the all-school prayer service. It is quite wonderful seeing the school environment grow more and more each day with hope, faith, joy, and peace as we lead up to the reason for the season. Each day the halls are decorated with wreaths, signs, and symbols of Advent. It is truly a blessing to be a part of the faith journey of our students.



Adam W. Cottos
6th-8th Grade Religion Teacher

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to your generosity, our #weGiveCatholic campaign raised \$45,315.00 on Giving Tuesday (November 28th). As you know these funds will be used to build a playground. Stay tuned as we develop those plans and work schedules. In the meantime, please accept a big THANK YOU from our pastor, Fr. Mike Feldtz, our school principal, Meg Cosgriff, and the entire St. Thomas More staff.

Below are the list of winners from the #weGiveCatholic drawings:

\$50.00 Dina's Gift Card: Margaret Ann Jablonski
\$50.00 Gift Card to Various Restaurants: Barb Mundson
\$50.00 Applebee's Gift Card: Mary Margevicius
\$25.00 Honey Hut Gift Card: Antony & Bessy Lopez
\$100.00 Visa Gift Card: Ernest Davtovich
\$15.00 Starbucks Gift Card: Vito & Tina Magistro

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 for next year's #weGiveCatholic campaign.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priest, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

At the 4PM Christmas Eve children's Mass, students in grades 1-8 will be singing in the children's choir and carrying the manger scene statues in a procession during the prelude. (Mass begins at 4:00/the Prelude will begin at 3:30)



Details for participants: Students should report to the choir area in the Church at 3:15 on Christmas Eve. Dress clothes are expected at Mass.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Scan the QR code for registration to Breakfast with Santa.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email ptu@stmschool.com



St. Thomas More PTU
invites you to

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 17th
9:00am to 12:00pm
\$7 for adults | \$5 for ages 4-11
free for ages 3 and below

For registration and payment
www.stmparish.net/santa
*Tickets can be purchased at the door



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

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

2023 TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, December 16th at 5pm, the Walter Martens & Sons Funeral Home in partnership with Slone & Company Funeral Directors will hold their Tree of Remembrance ceremony. We invite anyone who has experienced a loss to come to our new office located at 13132 Lorain Avenue between 10am and 7pm between now and December 15th and place a memorial inscription on an ornament provided by us, to hang on our holiday tree. This ornament is yours to take home after the ceremony. This is free and open to all. Please contact Wally or Victoria Martens at 216-281-7111 for more information.

SAINT QUOTE

"to love is to be transformed into what we love. To love God is therefore to be transformed into God."

St. John of the Cross (1542-1591),
Priest, Feast Day: December 14th

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

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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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.