

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



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 –
VIGIL**

4:30 PM - Father's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 –

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &
JOSEPH**

*9:00 AM - Kathleen Ferko

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 –

VIGIL (SOLEMNITY OF MARY)

4:30 PM - Rev. John Juhas

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 –

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00 AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 –

**SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY
NAZIANZEN**

6:45 PM - Deacon Martin Thiel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 –

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:15 AM - Albert & Barbara Mladineo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 –

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 –

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 –

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:15 AM - Anselmo & Nazzarena Montali

*4:30 PM - Stephanie Szabo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 –

THE EPIPHAN OF THE LORD

*9:00 AM - Thomas Sheridan

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for December 17th \$4,100.20

Maintenance \$1,985.00

Student's Weekly Offering (17 Envelopes) \$84.50

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

CLPI

Monday, January 1

Rectory Closed

No School or Athletics

Tuesday, January 2

Rectory Closed

No School, Athletics, PSR or RCIA

Wednesday, January 3

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

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

Thursday, January 4

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, January 5 Utopia Rental

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

Saturday, January 6 Utopia Rental

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

Rosary before Mass

Sunday, January 5

Rosary before Masses

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

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.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

“Okay, but before you leave for a bit...” We can probably imagine that with these readings and this the *Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph* that we will get a firm foundation of family life – specifically HOLY Family life, but then we see the quick *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord* is followed by the *Baptism of the Lord*. The passage from the *Book of Sirach* talks of our need to honor our parents, as **St. Paul** moves into family life in the Lord after we sing in the *Psalm Response* that we should walk in the Lord’s ways. It is in the *Gospel of St. Luke*, that we hear of the presentation of **Jesus** in the temple before **Mary** and **Joseph** with **Jesus** returned to Galilee... **St. Luke** writes, “*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.*” Imagine our own holy families living in the Lord in such a way so that we can then grow into being HOLY Families...

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The *Christmas Season* continues still yet towards the *Epiphany of the Lord*, before moving into *Ordinary Time*. We need to continue to thank all the decorators, the organizers, the ministers, and everyone helping out this season. The amazing thought to remember is that every one of these helpers are VOLUNTEERS! We thank them for giving of *their time, talents, and treasures* to make the church and all of our prayer time this *Christmas Season special – Thank you all, again!*



TRAVELING MADONNA

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.



January 6/7

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Denise Puening Greg Booth Nina Ferguson	Steve Cottos Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Danny Coughlin
9:00 AM	Jaclene Zauszniewski Bonnie Kaznoch Meegan McKenna	Mary Lou LoBue Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Victor Roberts
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Bernice Barker Joyce Stutzman	Madelyn Koranda	Brenden Kiscoe Nathan Brown



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, 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, Eileen Lombardo, 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, Mike Murphy, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Jim Ptacek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, 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.**



Please remember Rev. Robert E. Pahler, Robert Marszal (Brother of Fr. Ted Marszal), Robert Strodtbeck, Sam Mosley, Dale Hudak and James DeFlorville in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2024 are now available. The cost is \$220 for the year, \$210 if you return your November candle or \$110 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace.

We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi



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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph **December 31, 2023**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following Christmas Cash winners:

11/23 - Amanda Cline
11/24 - Debbie Heatwole
11/25 - Kimberly Johnson
11/26 - Carol Kolar
11/27 - Cathy Ligus
11/28 - Serge Kafando
11/29 - Perfecto Ramos
11/30 - Christina Lastovka
12/1 - Kelly Seneff
12/2 - George Marriott
12/3 - Patricia Pedraza
12/4 - Victor Tapia
12/5 - Amanda Lewis
12/6 - Mary Sgro
12/7 - Chelsea Matthews
12/8 - Shirley Benne
12/9 - Fustine Bebowgachem
12/10 - Darlene Begin
12/11 - Becki Szypulski
12/12 - Ryan Brown
12/13 - Matthew Hutchinsen
12/14 - Ngoc Nguyen
12/15 - James Zimmerman, Sr.
12/16 - Ricardo Cajo
12/17 - Lori Valencik
12/18 - Colleen Sirocky
12/19 - Steve Ross
12/20 - Janet Stewart
12/21 - Colleen Savetski

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Make a charitable donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund and “turn tax dollars into tuition” through an Ohio tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) against your 2023 state tax liability. Donations can be designated to benefit St. Thomas More School. For more information, go to www.catholiccommunity.org/angel.

YEAR-END GIVING

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2023, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

And 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 via email at rectory@stmparish.net. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity to our parish!

2023 CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31- New Year's Eve
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024 –
New Year's Day
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS RECTORY HOURS

The rectory will be closed Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd and reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd.

ROSARY

Next weekend, January 6th & 7th, a member of the parish will lead us in the rosary one half hour before each Mass. Come early and join us!

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF A HOME

There are blessing sheets and chalk at each door of the church for you to take home and bless your house for 2024.

ALL: Make the Sign of the Cross.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

READER: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things come to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3, 14)






Using chalk, write the first half of the current year (20), initials of the 3 Magi (C + M + B) followed by the other half of the year (24) (20+C+M+B+24). Each could be written by a different member of the household. Place this above the main entrance to your home.

ALL: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

THE FEST

The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer! If you are an event, marketing, communications, logistics, or theology major and interested in building your resume while getting hands-on, real-life experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Send your resume to Caitlin (Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 15th to apply.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY- SOLEMNITY OF MARY Rectory Closed NO School or Athletics 	2 Rectory Closed No School, Athletics or PSR	3 No School 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm	4 No School 6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm	5 No School Utopia Rental 3/4 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 5-6pm Grade 3 BB Practice 6-7pm	6 Utopia Rental CYO Basketball 9am-4pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass
7 Rosary before Masses CYO Basketball 1-5pm 	8 1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm PPC Meeting 7pm	9 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm	10 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm PTU Meeting 6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	11 6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm	12 3/4 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 5-6pm Grade 3 BB Practice 6-7pm	13 CYO Basketball 10am-4pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
14 Confirmation Meeting 9am Mass 10-11:30am Meeting	15 No School 1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm 	16 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm	17 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	18 6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm Spiritual Life Commission Meeting 6:30pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm	19 3/4 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 5-6pm Grade 3 BB Practice 6-7pm	20 Utopia Rental CYO Basketball 9am-4pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
21	22 1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm	23 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm	24 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	25 60+ Club 1pm 6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm	26 3/4 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 5-6pm Grade 3 BB Practice 6-7pm	27 CYO Basketball 10am-4pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
28 Catholic Schools Week School Open House 11am Mass 12:30-2pm Open House 	29 Catholic Schools Week 1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm	30 Catholic Schools Week Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm	31 Catholic Schools Week 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	