



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



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Principal

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

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Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 – VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*9:00AM - Clairelaine Dunlap

*11:00AM - Kathleen Hudson

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ST. NICHOLAS

8:15AM - Sr. Maureen Ryba

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 – ST. AMBROSE

6:45PM - David Meredith

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15AM - Mary Kaduk - Student Liturgy

11:15AM - Mike & Helen Yasko

6:45PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 – ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 – ST. DAMASUS I

8:15AM - Ann Dloniak

*4:30PM - Richard McClelland & Darlene Waters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - Beneficiaries & Past Parishioners
of St. Thomas More

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for November 21st.....	\$3,836.00
Faith Direct as of 11/15.....	\$3,915.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,123.00
75th Anniversary.....	\$0

Collection for November 28th.....	\$3,899.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,596.40
75th Anniversary.....	\$120.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

Gospel:

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Mk 7:37)

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

December 8th, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass on December 7th will be at 6:45pm. The Masses on December 8th will be at 8:15am, 11:15am and 6:45pm.

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...

Remember the fast food marketing line, “*I’m lovin’ it!*” It may be in my head now since I’ve been passing one particular fast food restaurant up and down Ridge Road all day. But it is also echoing in my head as we look at the readings this week.

The four weeks, *Hope-Love-Joy-Peace*, of Advent are now close to halfway over. Let us concentrate on **Love** this week. The *First Reading* from the *Book of Baruch* tells of “...*the cloak of justice from God*” and the mercy and justice [of God] for us all. The *Second Reading* has **St. Paul** praying for all of our love to increase... The *Gospel* of **St. Luke** is the start of this major adventure, this adventure or journey with **Christ**.

If we found ourselves, last week, opening up to Hope in the Lord, given all that is happening in each of our lives; this *Second Week* of Advent asks us to reflect on **Love**. The love of God, of our love for each other, and even the love of Jesus for us. The love of **Christ** has been poured out for us, and *continues* to pour out *to others through us*. This is the “taking forth” of **Christ’s love out to our neighbors**. Look for the opportunities this week to share God’s love with others, and not just those you are close to – *take it to the margins of the flock*.

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

The review of the financial numbers for the parish have been *slow in coming* as I (we all) wanted to be extra sure of what is being presented. There are some low points, some concerns, and some great points to be pointed out. Yes, the financial picture needs to be clear and well understood so that we can move forwards well into the future.

This year being our **75th Anniversary Year** needs to be a time of pause to *celebrate, recognize, and plan* for the future. It is good to also add “*appreciate*” what we have and what was left to use by the past parishioners of **St. Thomas More**. Let’s continue to say “**Thank You!**” to all of our benefactors who helped us to have what we now have here at **STM**. Let us **ALSO** plan and build for our future for those who will be in these pews and walk our hallways. Just as **St. Paul** wrote, “*And this is my prayer; that your love may increase even more and more ... for the glory and praise of God.*”

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **November** – Patricio, Jesenia, Angelina and Yazmin Sandate Enriquez. Welcome to you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Marlene Mohnickey.

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 2022.**

SAINT QUOTE

“Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy; mercy as shown chiefly towards the poor, that thou mayest treat them as sharers in common with thee in the produce of nature, which brings forth the fruits of the earth for use to all.”

St. Ambrose (340-397),

Bishop, Patron of Police Officers,

Feast Day: December 7th

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

VOCATION CORNER

Lay vocations - young people discerning married or single life

Please keep all those discerning a vocation, whether it be a lay or religious vocation, in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations.

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.

Marriage Banns

II - Allison Gorczyca (St. Thomas More) & Ryan Fallon (St. Thomas More)



We would like to thank all those who donated to the 2021 #wegiveCatholic campaign. This day would not have been successful without your generosity!!! The grand total will be posted as soon as we get all donations counted. We appreciate all that you do to help St. Thomas More “Build for our Future”. Mark your calendar for #weGiveCatholic on Tuesday, November 29, 2021!



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Frank Bielski, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Cehelnik, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Alice Gruden, Andy Guelker, Mila Haun, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood, Sr., Alex Hogan, Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Joe Kastelic, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Dave Muran, Jack Murphy, Josalyn Murray, Bill Newton, Keshia Newton, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers, Sr., Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Diane Rodes, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Mike Sekerak, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udics, Joseph Valencik, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak 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.

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Catholic Movie Night - Join us on Sunday, December 5th at 6pm in the Parish Center Upper Hall for "The Miracle of the Bells" (1953).

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

St. Charles Ladies Guild Lottery - Lottery tickets for February 2022 are available at the parish office for \$5 each.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Trinity Tour Travels: The Holy Land Pilgrimage - May 16 - May 25, 2022. Cost is \$3,400 and includes: airfare, 5 star hotels, Catholic tour guide, 2 meals a day, entry fees to all sites, and air conditioned motor coaches. For more information please visit trinitytourtravels.com or call the rectory.



Please remember

Gene Valente, James Crowley, Rev. Edwin M. Leonard, Aurora Pelleschi and Michael Beres in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. 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.

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.

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Kristen Valenty

Mrs. Valenty, our third grade teacher has worked as a Catholic school teacher for twenty five years, with the last two years at St. Thomas More School. In addition, every summer she works as a lead teacher at Camp Ideas, a special needs camp in Lorain.



When she is not teaching she enjoys traveling and spending time with her six children, all of whom are finished with college except for one who is a junior in high school. She loves the family feel of STM and feels blessed to be here.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This Thursday, December 9th, is our **Marco's Pizza Night** Fundraiser. Plan on ordering lunch or dinner. It's a win-win situation; you get a great meal and the school gets a donation! The classroom that brings in the most sales will win a pizza party, so don't forget to mention a class when you place your order. Thanks, as always for supporting our school.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

ANNUAL RAFFLE - The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. Tickets are \$5 each and the **GRAND PRIZE** is \$10,000! The drawing will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word student or by going online at www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets." If you would like additional information, please call Sharron in the Sisters' Development Office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION - Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights has a part-time housekeeping position open, Monday - Friday, 5 hours a day. Inquiries please contact Sr. Carol Tobler, SIW at scotbler.incarnatewordorder@yahoo.com or 440-886-6440, ext. 403.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Give in Gratitude

A donor to the Retirement Fund for religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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ADVENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

"What Child is This?" - Day of Reflection on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus - Saturday, December 11th from 8:15am - 5:30pm Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM will lead us in a day of reflection on the Advent message in his engaging and informative style. His storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' birth for us, his disciples today. We will explore the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke's gospels. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for junior high students through senior citizens. Come, bring a friend or family member for this day of reflection you will not soon forget.

"Praying with and to Mary" Join us on Wednesday, December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) after the 11:15am Mass or Sunday, December 12th (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) after the 11am Mass for a soup and salad luncheon in Utopia Hall followed by prayer and reflection provided by Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, HM. Please RSVP via the website or by calling the rectory.

THE CHOSEN

Join us on Sunday, December 12th at 3pm for a presentation of the movie:

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN
"THE MESSENGER"

"A Christmas story of the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph"

You'll also see an extraordinary lineup of musicians perform both new and classic Christmas songs Phil Wickham, For King & Country, Brandon Lake, Cain, Matt Maher, Jordan Feliz.

Look for more details on our website.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Thomas More will once again look to provide a merry Christmas to families in need from the community. Beginning this weekend, gift tags will be available in the vestibules of the church for the "Advent Giving Tree." A tag is also available below. Just like last year, we will be collecting gift cards to distribute during the holiday season. Please return the gift card with the tag attached in the collection basket during Mass or to the rectory office by Sunday, December 12th. If you know of a family in the parish or community that may need some assistance, please contact the rectory during business hours for consideration.

Advent Giving Tree 2021

Gift Card (please circle):

Giant Eagle Walmart Target

Amount: \$ _____
Minimum \$20

Please place gift card in an envelope with this tag affixed to the outside and place in the offertory basket or return to the rectory.

Preferred Deadline of Dec 5; Final Deadline of Dec 12

Thank you for your generosity!



In the month of November we remembered our beloved dead.
WHY NOT REMEMBER THEM THE WHOLE YEAR ROUND?

This makes a great Christmas gift that lasts throughout 2022.

This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole year.
Your loved one will also be remembered in a Mass once a month.
When the year is over you may take the candle and place it in a special place in your home.

The cost for a Memorial Candle is \$200.00 (displayed 1/1/22 - 12/31/22).
If you have a candle from November, return that candle (name cannot be changed) and your cost is only \$190.00.

You also have the option to have a candle displayed for six months
(either 1/1/22 - 6/30/22 or 7/1/22 - 12/31/22) for \$100.00.

**(One name or one family name per candle please-
Examples- James Mannion or The Campbell Family)**

Please return the slip below to the rectory or in the collection basket with your payment.
Checks made payable to St. Thomas More.

2022 Memorial Candle Form

Please include your money with this form.

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF THE DECEASED or FAMILY NAME:

(One name or one family name only)

ARE YOU RETURNING YOUR CANDLE? Yes No

2021 CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Afternoon Vigil

12:00 Midnight Vigil

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Friday, December 31- New Year’s Eve

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022 –

New Year’s Day

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am



2021 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 7th, 14th and 21st

from 6:00 - 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS RECTORY HOURS

Please note the rectory hours during the holidays:

12/24/21 – Open from 9am-12pm

Closed Monday, December 27th through

Friday, December 31st