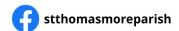
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Mass Times

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

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Lorrie Wenmoth Music Director

Terri Sozio Religious Education





SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – **VIGIL**

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 -

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Marlene Mohnickey

*11:00 AM - Sharon Roulet

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 -

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - St. Thomas More Staff & Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 –

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Casey & Finohr Families - Student Liturgy

11:15 AM - Living & Deceased Bishops of the Diocese of Cleveland

6:45 PM - Dorothy Castrigano

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 -

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 -

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 –

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

8:15 AM - Steffie & Chester Janas

*4:30 PM - Michael Murphy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 –

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Richard Balbier

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for February 4th \$4,584.05
Maintenance
Student's Weekly Offering (12 Envelopes) \$69.50
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

11:30 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

6:30 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, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

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

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

Thursday, February 15 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 6 BB Practice - Gym

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

6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Mtg. - Church

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

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

Friday, February 16 NO SCHOOL

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

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Confessions - Church

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration -Church

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

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

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

Saturday, February 17

Utopia Rental

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. "It is not good that man should be alone -Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships," is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick. After all Masses this weekend, if you choose, you may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The readings this week continue with the theme of "healing" and "living out the Gospel of Christ". St. Paul encourages us to "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." Not in a selfish or pompous means, but to show how we are to live for the glory of God, and not us in a human sense. We need to be imitators of Christ, and the easiest way is to look at the saints, those who have gone before us – imitating Christ, for the glory of God. The First Reading and the Gospel speak more of the disease of leprosy in the time of Jesus, but can we imagine Jesus dealing with this matter now in our times? We might feel like the person with leprosy in our lives or we may even find ourselves treating others in our lives as if they are the ones with leprosy. Two very tough examinations of conscience exercises... But let us remember whichever side of the matter we are on – Jesus is the one who reaches out to us! Jesus does want to reach out to heal us and care for all of us, so we can be like all the saints (big "S" and small "s") and give glory to God!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

This was a very quick dash to the season of **Lent**, which starts this week with **Ash Wednesday**. We need to give a special thanks to those volunteers who have been cleaning the church and working with the arts and environment to keep us all in a prayer-full space. The second "**Thank YOU**" goes out to all the volunteers and helpers with *Mardi Gras*. The evening was much fun, as we were able to gather together, to both *fundraise* and *have fun!* **Thanks**!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

The Magistro Family.

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.

There are many available weeks in 2024 to share your home with the Traveling Madonna and pray for vocations.

VOCATION CORNER

Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

Our Vocation of the Month are the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. Please visit ursulinesisters.org to learn more about their story and to meet the Sisters. Please keep them and all 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 29777 Fairmount Boulevard, Pepper Pike, 44124.

PALMS

We will NOT be collecting palms this year. To dispose of your palms at home, you may bury them or burn them and spread the ashes outside.



February 17/18

MASS 4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr Greg Booth Nina Ferguson	LECTORS Tim Lozar Chet Omilanowski	SERVERS Emma Wright Faith Stanley
9:00 AM	Heather Roberts Nathan Noga Jessica Noga	Jaclene Zauszniewski Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Victor Roberts
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Roger Kalbrunner



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, Tracey Carlisle, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Michael Davis, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoed, 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, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, Richard Roman, Mike

Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Myles Sparks, Special Intention, Margie & Don Spritz, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Stan Witowski, 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 Sr. Jerome Fitzgerald, SIW, Kathleen Murphy and Gerry Fanta (brother of Rev. Thomas Fanta) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13th in Utopia Hall with at 11:30am. Carol Starre Kmiecik will do a presentation of "Dorothy Fuldheim." A "lite lunch" will be served. Please join us!

SAINT QUOTE

"We must DIRECT all our thoughts, words and actions to His honor; and by prayer, counsel, and good example seek His glory solely, whether for ourselves or for others, so that through our means all may love and honor God."

St. Catherine De Ricci (1522-1589), Prioress, Feast Day: February 13th

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2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an inpew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

Transformed by your love. Your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2024Appeal.

EUCHARIST

COMMUNION PROCESSION POSTURE & SINGING Don't we have to stand until the tabernacle is closed or the vessels are cleansed?

The GIRM clearly indicates that the faithful may choose to either kneel or sit during the sacred silence after everyone has received Holy Communion. It is not necessary to remain standing for the reposition of any remaining hosts in the tabernacle, nor is it necessary to remain standing for the purification of the sacred yessels.

What if I can't stand that long?

Remember that the Church is asking the faithful to do what a majority of the faithful physically CAN do. Not everyone CAN physically kneel. Not everyone can physically stand, either, but more people can stand than can kneel. And so, the Church asks us to take a common posture that a majority of the faithful physically CAN take, so that we might be in greater unity.

Exceptions to the posture directives of the Church have always been allowed, without prejudice, in cases of illness or infirmity, advanced age, or for parents with small children.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

2nd Quarter Honors 2023-2024

FIRST HONORS

Penelope Betancourt, Sofia DeJesus, Blake Liebert, Lexi Nguyen, Benjamin Schillo, Sofia Torres, and Leah Viera,

SECOND HONORS

Dominic Abbruzzese, Faith Akateh, Brandon Breeden, Reagan Burke, Nicolas Cajo-Rubio, Jonathan Collins, Cruz Colon, Daniel Coughlin, Leyna Crew, Isabella Diaz, Brian Eichenmiller, Gianna Ellwood, Jahaira Figueroa, Breonna Johnson, Xavier Johnson, Noah Nguyen, Lucia Nunney, Adare Quinn, Taylor Ramsey, Aubrey Rankin, Noah Redloske, Parker Redloske, Anayeli Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Sofia Rodriguez, Jacob Schillo, Chloe Scott, Catalina Serrano, Jordan Thomas, Ethan Tran, Benjamin Widdowson, Samuel Widdowson, and Cora Yankovitz

THIRD HONORS

Sophia Adkins, Joel Akateh, Dominic Azap, James Bekoscke, Nathan Brown, Savannah Burrow, Carter Gregg, Gianna Gron-Mascitti, Ella Gus, Jose Gutierrez, Nathaniel Infante, Layla Jacobson, and Alexia Torres

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In preschool, we have been talking about the season of winter and hibernating animals. The children made an art project based on the story, *Bear Snores On*, by Karma Wilson. We focused on the science of hibernation and how certain animals prepare for it!



Mrs. Nicole Kidd-Zientarski Early Childhood Education

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Saint Ignatius High School honors the following alumni who have received academic honors for the first semester: Dillon Fall, Quinten Ha-Lambert, AJ Hill, Tyler Liebert, Christian Schillinger, Joseph Valencik and Richard Widdowson.

Saint Joseph Academy honors the following alumni who have received academic honors for the first semester: Jocelyn Ashwood, Cara Greenaway, Lily Redmon, Jaime Stutzman, Sarah Tran and Katherine Viets.

NATIONAL BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION & THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend, there are envelopes in your packet for these two very special collections. Our support of the collection for the National Black and Indian Missions helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. The collection for the Church in Central and Easter Europe supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. You can find more information about these collections at www.usccb.org.



Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and Good Friday, March 29th, are days of abstinence from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of fast is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. Prayer opportunities include Eucharistic Adoration from 5-6pm and Stations of the Cross at 6pm on the following Fridays: February 16th, February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th and March 22nd. An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

2024 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

The following Fridays from 5-6pm: February 16th, February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th and March 22nd or by appointment

> Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession: Wednesday, February 28th from 5-8pm

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

CRS RICE BOWL

LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. CRS Rice Bowls are available at all church entrances. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

St. Thomas More Mardi Gras 2024

Thank you to those individuals, families, businesses, and ministries who donated to year's Mardi Gras

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