

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 - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

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Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 -

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - St. Thomas More Benefactors

*11:00AM - Joseph Veres

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 -

WEEKDAY

8:15Am - David Dobrovic

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 -

ST. PETER DAMIAN

6:45PM - James Grabe

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 -

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15AM - Joseph Valencik - Student Liturgy

11:15AM - Ann & Bill Johnson

6:45PM - Samantha Call

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 -

ST. POLYCARP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 -

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15AM - Stefanie Krese (Living)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 -

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15AM - February Birthdays

*4:30PM - Harold Ecklund

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 -

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Mary Ellen Popovich

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for February 12th	\$2,789.00
Faith Direct as of 2/4	\$4,116.00
Maintenance	\$1,411.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$1,575.00
Student's Weekly Offering (23 Envelopes)	\$80.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions?

Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free

1-866-507-8757.

Monday, February 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY

NO SCHOOL

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends -
Utopia Hall

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

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

Wednesday, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Cheerleading Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Thursday, February 23

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, February 24

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

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

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

Sunday, February 26

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM Book Study - Church

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 on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30PM 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 19, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time* brings us into the view of the season of **Lent**. The quick weeks since the Christmas Season have taken us through the lessons of **Jesus** on how to gain the *Kingdom of God*.

In the **First Reading** from the *Book of Leviticus*, the **Lord** is speaking directly to **Moses** (and us...) when we are told, "*You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart*" (and even) "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Does that not sound like someone else we know? The **Responsorial Psalm** speaks of **God's** kindness and mercy as a prelude to **St. Paul's** letter on how we are so special in **God's** eyes – that we "... as *the temple of God...*" Yes, **God's** own temple! That is special just as it stands, and **Jesus** then continues by wrapping it all together and challenges us to go even deeper than the norm, which is the easy route. In this final week before **Lent**, **Jesus** gives us these directives, "... *love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...*" Quite a challenge, which we cannot take lightly but helpful to get us thinking as we move into the season of **Lent**.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk

Writing this week's bulletin messages has us all walking around the gift baskets and donations in the rectory hallway. I use to be able to walk the hallway and the office space in the dark but have to be careful with all the donations and baskets. I will start at this point of saying THANK YOU! for all the creative baskets and the donations for Mardi Gras. I actually feel for those not attending, as after being off for the pandemic, things are coming back with such force! Be sure to look into coming after dinner and still joining in the fun and the raffles, auctions, games, and good time as a parish. Thank you for all the volunteers and organizers, as I can see at this point – it really will be a celebration as a parish!

Thanks to all!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Paul & Mary Lou LoBue.

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 2023.

The statue can be picked up from the Music Office in the church after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, but must be returned by the following Saturday to the Music Office by 4pm.

SAINT QUOTE

"For it was not enough for God to say, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...' (Genesis 1:26), but rather, His deed followed word; for, taking the dust from the ground, he formed man out of it, conformable to His image and likeness, and into him He breathed the breath of life, so that Adam became a living soul."

St. Alexander of Alexandria (250-328),

Defender of our faith, Feast Day: February 26th

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY TO FR. MIKE ON FEBRUARY 22ND
ON BEING APPOINTED PASTOR HERE AT ST. THOMAS MORE!

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 the Ursuline Sisters 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 29777 Fairmount Boulevard, Pepper Pike, 44124.

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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

The St. Thomas More Spiritual Life Commission will be reforming in the near future. Please call or email the rectory if you would be interested in this ministry.

BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES

Just a reminder, the book and video discussions continue on Sundays from 2:30-3:45 pm in the church until Palm Sunday. All are welcome!



Melissa Ali, Theodore Antrum, Mark Banasik, Terri Baranich, Jo Ann Bartkiw, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Janet Call, Jeremy Cheetham, Rosemary Cimino, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Rick D'Ambrosio, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Pat Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, Melinda Kardos, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Katie McNally, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Nancy Prosser, Monica Puleo, Elizabeth Ray, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Marlene Sadowski, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Jane Szoke, Pam Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Nancy Williams, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Bill Schmitz (father of Rev. James Schmitz), Clinton Davis, Lloyd Bridle and Kellie Radford in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

THANKFUL CORNER

This past Wednesday, our second graders made their First Reconciliation. Congratulations to all of you and thank you to our First Communion team that prepared and worked with the students.

YOUNG ADULT LAND RETREAT/EXPERIENCE

We are inviting you to Villa Maria, Pa (near Youngstown OH) for a spring Young Adult Land Retreat/Experience, March 31st through April 1st. To register please go to <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/hmlandretreat2023> or scan this QR Code.

For questions, please email Sister Jeanne Thurin, HM at jeannethurin@hotmail.com



CHURCH ENVELOPES

Many of you are aware of the delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past few months. The issues with the company have been resolved and you should have received your March envelopes. We apologize for the inconvenience and will have some "blank" envelopes available at the church entrances to use for February. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

As you are considering your donations for the month of February, please note the usual collections:

Weekly - 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 & 2/26

Tuition Assistance Fund

Maintenance Ash Wednesday

Black & Indian Missions (Home Missions)

Central & Eastern Europe (Ancient Faith)

LENTEN MISSION

For our Lenten Mission this year, Fr. Bob Cole will be coming to our parish on Monday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 14th. He will reflect each evening on some of the questions Jesus posed to the people who listened to Him in his day and show how those same questions are directed to us as well. Make this a special Lent by helping yourself grow into a deeper appreciation of Jesus and the meaning of your faith.

2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

A time to heal. A time to help. The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew 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.

COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected money to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

ATHLETICS/YOUTH MINISTRY

The CYO regular season has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who provided any assistance and support to our program. Three of our teams were invited into the end of the season tournament. In a couple weeks, we will conclude our program with our 8th grade v. coaches/faculty game and our end-of-season-banquet. Look for the registration/interest form for CYO spring sports (baseball, softball, track, lacrosse) on our website at stmparish.net/athletics.

Our Youth Ministry program is enjoying a trip to Main Event in Avon this weekend for laser tag, bowling, gravity ropes and more. As Lent begins, we will be looking to hold some of our traditional events with time to also increase our prayer life. And finally, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26th for our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Cash raffle. Congratulations to the winners:

12/3 - Katie Meehan	12/19 - Roxi Fowler
12/4 - Dominic Cajo	12/20 - Robin Shaffer
12/5 - Laura Thomas	12/21 - Heather Ortolani
12/6 - Douglas Pacheco	12/22 - Andrew Chulock
12/7 - James Zimmerman, Sr.	12/23 - Jean Hunt
12/8 - Donna Pesta	12/24 - Drenda McGuire
12/9 - Veronica Smith	12/25 - Huong Huynh
12/10 - Bessy Lopez	12/26 - Siena Hussing
12/11 - Sandra Relic	12/27 - Michael Cesa
12/12 - Sue Meehan	12/28 - Chuck Woernley
12/13 - Kevin Ferguson	12/29 - Tom Fahey
12/14 - Jane Nelson	12/30 - Carmen Nita
12/15 - Tami Fecko	12/31 - Tom Bussy
12/16 - John Davis	1/1 - Dave & Nancy Richardson
12/17 - David Kriegel	1/2 - Alicia Roberts
12/18 - Matt & Jeannie Vall	

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

St. Edward High School honors the following alumni who have received academic honors for the current grading period: Vincent Alflen and Aiden Butler.

SHARING YOUR TALENTS

We are looking for parishioners who are willing to share their talents with the parish.

Cantors~Choir: If you are interested in cantoring or singing with the choir, please see Lorrie or Fr. Mike.

Technology ~ Social Media: If this is your "key to happiness", please call the rectory.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations for Christmas. Our total for Christmas 2022 is \$24,987. God bless you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flowers this year. This year's beautiful flowers were in loving memory of the following:

Alexsovich & Balbier Families

Carl, Ruth & Larry Altenburg

Jewel Blasco

Bloom, Mausser, Sternad & Helms Families

Norman R. & Carol M. Cushman

DeFlorville, Lombardo & Skehan Families

Robert & Ann Dloniak

Frank & Regina Dylinski

Officer William J. Fores

James Grabe

Rosemary & John Holpuch

Richard Hovan

Rosemary Hules

Louis & Mary Kaduk

Harold & Roseann Kastak

Kist Family

Kleinweber Family

Dominic Konopka

Nettie, Frank & Franklin Kuchar

Paul & Nancy LoBue

Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

Andrew Miller

Marian & Leonard Moenich

Moner & Badza Families

Joseph E. Palumbo

Joseph J. Palumbo

Joe & Peg Palumbo

Michael Palumbo

Frank & Mary Pirozek

Ronald & Gregory Prusha

John Sforzo

Charles Shaffer

Steven R. Smet

Smotzer Family

Michael Stewart

Stella Szymanski

Tlaci & Poole Families

Veloski Family

Wallen & Rusin Families

Elizabeth A. Werley

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Werley

Eugene & Dorothy Wiencek

Mike, Helen & Mary Ellen Yasko

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and Good Friday, April 7th, 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 on the following Friday evenings at 6pm: February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 24th and March 31st. An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Confession opportunities include Saturdays from 3:30-4:15pm.

2023 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 pm

The following Fridays from 5:00-6:00 pm
February 24th, March 10th and March 24th
or by appointment

Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession:

Wednesday, March 8th 5:00-8:00 pm

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

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.

LENTEN BOOKS

We have the Lenten Little Black Books and the Word Among Us available after Masses this weekend. This is a great way to guide your thoughts and prayers this Lenten Season. Due to the limited amount of books available, please limit yourself to one per household.

CRS RICE BOWL

LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community - and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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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.