

# St. Thomas More

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## Mission Statement

**W**e, 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.

**W**e 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.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz  
Administrator

Rev. James J. Vesely  
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Don Brandt  
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki  
Deacon

Frank Budziak  
Pastoral Associate

Alex Ulle  
Music Director

Lisa Carson  
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio  
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman  
Youth Minister

Melissa Wensing  
Business Office

## Mass Times

Weekend  
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Weekdays  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15 a.m.  
Tuesday - 6:45 p.m.  
No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days  
Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.  
Holy Days - 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Holidays  
To Be Announced

Confessions  
Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**St. Thomas More School**  
Grades Pre-K - 8  
4180 North Amber Drive  
P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis  
Principal



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – VIGIL**

\*4:30PM - Caroline Majewski

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*9:00AM - Pat DeLuca

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

8:15AM - Nickola Badza

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – ST. POLYCARP**

6:45PM - Tlaci/Walter Families

7:15PM - Stations of the Cross

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Andrew Creter

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - John & Josephine Dedinsky - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - February Birthdays

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*9:00AM - David Laule

\*11:00AM - Bronislava Myers

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for February 14th.....	\$4,329.00
Faith Direct as of 2/4.....	\$7,136.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,664.00
Votives.....	\$51.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



### WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

**First Reading:**

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

**Psalm:**

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading:**

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

**Gospel:**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank

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...

*So are you ready? Will you be letting the Holy Spirit drive you out into the desert? This time of Lent is a season of **reflecting, prayer, and growing**. The “little reminders” that we have in the baskets this week center on **Pray, Fast, and Give**. I know we all like “free things” and this should be looked at not just as, *an easy reminder*. It needs to be a hard reminder to take time to **Pray, Fast, and Give**. In the readings this week we have the covenant that God makes with Noah (and all of us) in Genesis, then Peter links this covenant with Noah to Jesus and the suffering once for our sins, and then the *Gospel of Mark* starts out the ministry of Jesus in Galilee. Jesus starts out where John the Baptist left off; *continuing the call of the people to repent*. The two interesting points in this passage from Mark are that of Jesus speaking, “*This is the time of fulfillment...*” and that Jesus spent time in the desert **praying, being tempted, and preparing for his ministry**. I would say that those forty days in the desert included Jesus praying and fasting, because when he moved into Galilee, he definitely was one to GIVE. Let’s all take this time to reflect, pray, and grow, as individuals, families, and a parish.*

Fr. Mike

## **SPECIAL MESSAGE:**

SO, this one comes in from “Downtown”...Yes, we are all being asked to take time to reflect in the form of an online survey. The Diocese of Cleveland is pulling together information on the individual parishes and the Diocese as a whole. The survey should not take too long and it is very important to help the bishop and his offices gain a better understanding of your needs and those of the Diocese. Please, I would “Strongly Encourage You” to help out with this survey as it will help us all to reflect on the life of the Diocese and our parish. This is different from the parish census, which we will still be completing and getting out to everyone in the next few weeks.

# Thank You!

## THANKFUL CORNER

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) was celebrated a few weeks ago and we would like to thank Mrs. Francis and all of the faculty and staff of St. Thomas More School for doing such a great job. As with everything else this school year, CSW could not be held in the way everyone is accustomed, but Mrs. Francis and the teachers found ways to celebrate the week in very special ways. We are so very thankful for their commitment and dedication to our students. Let us keep them in our prayers as they lead our students to grow more spiritually this Lent.

## 2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

The following Tuesdays from 6:00-6:30PM:  
February 23rd, March 9th and March 23rd.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**The Francis Family.**

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 2021.**

## SAINT QUOTE

“For the Lord Incarnate was condemned, in order to bestow mercy on us; bound, in order to loose us; seized, in order to free us; He suffered, to heal our sufferings; He died, to restore life to us; He was buried, to raise us up again. One, in truth, was condemned, thousands were set free; One was buried, thousands rose again.”

*St. Alexander of Alexandria (250-328), Defender of faith,  
Feast Day: February 26th*

*(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes;*

*www.azquotes.com)*

## VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

**Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary**

To learn more visit [borromeoseminary.org](http://borromeoseminary.org) and [stmarysem.edu](http://stmarysem.edu). Please keep all of the Seminarians 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 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

## PARISH-WIDE SURVEY

St. Thomas More, along with other parishes in our diocese, is participating in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and should take 10-15 minutes. It is available at :

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k03a72a3a7>

or visit our St. Thomas More web site ([www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net)) for a link to the survey. The online survey will be available through March 21st. At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. Paper copies will also be made available at the main entrance to the church next week as well as a drop off box for completed forms.

This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth. If you need any additional information, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.



Please remember

Chester Galazka, Robert Zunt, Joseph Bonadio, Sandra Ann Stevens, Mariano Pacetti, Brandon Kirby, Deacon Carl M. Varga and Rev. Thomas J. Hagedorn in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



Mary Ellen Popovich, Martha & George Kysil, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Bill Barrett, Tino Rodriguez, Arlene Mobley, Richard McClelland, Bill Malames, Michael Frey, Betty Wozniak, Cynthia Tedesco, Maureen Finneran, Diana Parkison, Patricia Hinko, Jayne Neelon, Tim Misch, John Misch, Ed Hengoad, Sr., Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoad, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Sharon Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Erica Wilmot, Lorrie Turner, Vinny Mercurio, Aurora Pelleschi, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Patricia Ann Werley, Peggy & Larry Bennett, George Bouchahine, Heather Hudak, Haley Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Stephen Kuhar III, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Jennifer Stancato, James Malames, Alice Gruden, Norma Gademer, Mary Ryba, Diana Downes, Jesse Kazimer, J. Caraballo, Gladys Colon, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Peg Nicholay, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Bryan Poole, Alice Stokes, Doris Kaczmarek, Debbie Tomusko, Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Ellen Omilanowski, Ed Rogers, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rev. Dennis O'Grady, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, David Elmore, Anne McElroy, Paula Ritter, Marge Davis, Betty Novatny, Ann Marie Kaczmarek, Meagan & Levi Chisholm, Pierce Downing, Theodore Maslanka, Jim Viets, John Zindroski, Samantha Call, Ricky Rodriguez, Christine Marie Nugent, Arielah Feliciana, Gene Klemanek and Dolores Polander. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

## Cluster Corner

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323**

**Blood Drive** - The blood drive will be held on Sunday, February 21st between 9AM and 1PM in the Marian Lounge.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030**

**Save the Date** - Preached Retreat with the Trappists at Genesee Abbey, NY from October 7-10, 2021. Daily retreat talk by retreat director or mon, individual spiritual direction available, group evening rosary. Join monks daily for Mass, confession & The Liturgy of the Hours. Individual rooms & home-cooked meals. Transportation and all-inclusive cost only \$250/person. Questions? Please contact Brian at the parish office.

**ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006**

**Great Sweepstakes** - Don't forget to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or at the rectory office.

**Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. You can call their rectories for dates, times and prices.**



**Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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## LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, 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 the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings immediately following the 6:45PM Mass (around 7:15ish). An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule.

## "YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH"

Pope Francis has declared an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and continues until December 8, 2021.

### **A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work**

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St. Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!". To be continued...

(Taken from The Vatican News (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>))

### **DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>)



The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual 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.

**Love Your Neighbor.** Your support of the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual 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.

Double your impact! A generous donor, who believes in the mission of Catholic Charities, will match your gift, up to \$1 million. Do twice as much good when you give online at [CatholicCommunity.org/Match](http://CatholicCommunity.org/Match). Thank you!

### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee).

### CRS RICE BOWL

**HUNGER IN OUR WORLD** - Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger - it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### 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.

## 2020-2021 ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER HONOR STUDENTS

### Grade 8

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Isabel Adu-Gyamfi, Maria Burns, Lindsay Carson, Aidan Cepek, Tyler Liebert, Alysha Murray, Sophia Porachan, Lily Redmon, Madison Schmidt, Gabe Stinson, Katherine Viets and Danise Vu

**Honor Roll** - Makayla Butler, Thien Nguyen, Diego Nunney, Claire Scott and Samantha Simko

**Merit Roll** - Hunter Cancian and Ricky Miller

### Grade 7

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Delaney Burke, Kevin Delaney, Gianna Marino, Chloe Meyer, Isaiah Rivera, Jaime Stutzman, Lucy Thomas and Thomas Vu

**Honor Roll** - Jocelynn Ashwood, Gabriella Cisneros, Jeffery Jiang, Claire Noelker, Hazel Redmon, Michael Rydzewski and Henry Widdowson

**Merit Roll** - Anais Hernandez

### Grade 6

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Nevaeh Aldridge, Ania Oshaben and Emily Schillo

**Honor Roll** - Stefani Erny, Jariana Figueroa, Meghan Francis, Molly Francis, Brodie Hill,

Christopher Hutchins, Brendon Kiscoe, Carter Pedraza, Jazmine Rodriguez and Mekhi Williams

**Merit Roll** - Sabina Titchenell and Mia Viera

### Grade 5

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Kyleigh Bloomfield, Edan Ha, Thy Nguyen, Lucia Nunney, John Valencik and Noah Wallace

**Honor Roll** - Jahaira Figueroa, Giovanna Magistro, and Chloe Scott

**Merit Roll** - Joel Akateh, Brayden Allen and Jaslenne Silvestre

### Grade 4

**Principal's Honor Roll** - James Bekoscke and Reagan Burke

**Honor Roll** - Jackson Colon, Kyle Matier, Thanh Nguyen and Samuel Widdowson

**Merit Roll** - Elijah Lopez and McKenna Sekola

**Achievement** - Leilani Johnson, Louis Lamirand and Shelby Miller

## HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

**Padua Franciscan High School** honors the following who made honors for the second quarter - Haley Erny, Jason Freeman, David Lowstetter, Stephanie Marquardt and Kelsey Schloemer.

**Saint Ignatius High School** honors the following who made honors for the first semester:

Ramon Agustin, Anthony Amoroso, Mark Burns, Dillon Fall, Jose Figueroa, Nolan Francis, Cole Greenaway, Owen Ha, Quinten

Ha-Lambert, Brandon Handke, AJ Hill, Jared Liebert, Matthew Rygiel, Colin Schillinger, Anthony Tran, Joseph Valencik and Ryan Wallenhorst.

**Saint Joseph Academy** honors the following who made honors for the first semester: Heaven Bartell, Jaden Colvin, Sarah Handke, Lily Kuebler, Katelyn Motrych, Kyleigh Streeter, Jenna Stutzman, Sarah Tran, Abigail Traska, Alexandra Traska and Penelope Tsambounieris.

**Trinity High School** honors the following who made honors for the second half term: Abigail Close.



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