

St. Thomas More

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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.

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 6 – VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - James Tamburro

*11:00AM - Jeannine Makuh

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – SS. JEROME EMILIANI & JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

8:15AM - Theresa & Peter Temas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Holy Name Society

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:15AM - Judy Zauszniewski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Jim & Ann Marie Casey

*4:30PM - Dolores Hyson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Patricia Radford

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 31st.....	\$3,229.00
Maintenance.....	\$988.00
Votives.....	\$92.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

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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...

Can't we all just say, *Thanks Job for putting things into perspective!* I'm sure that we are all faced with those people who we call to "vent, about our problems" and then they end up sharing how bad things are for them. We finish the call and notice, that we never did talk about our concerns but rather spent the call listening or comforting the other person. Yes, sometime there is a *ministry of listening to others* that helps in being Christ to others. *But how do we do that?* How can we be expected to be that listening ear to others, and yet not get overly stressed about our own problems? ***The problems that we have are always put into perspective***, once we hear others with much more severe challenges. The secret...***God, prayer, and time for ourselves with God...***

We look at the readings today, and yes, Job helps to put things into perspective. We hear and know that yes, *it can be worse...* Paul talks about *being there for others, being weak for the weak*, as we are called to "...become all things to all...for the sake of the gospel." This is in part being what the Holy Father calls us to – ***meet them where they are at!*** Jesus is our divine example, and what does he do (?) *Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed..* The rising early before dawn is a "huge" challenge for me, but the time in prayer does help. *Let's all look for the chance to take time to pray and be with God, so that we can be the all to all, we are called to be for others.*

Fr. Mike

Thank You!

THANKFUL CORNER

We would like to thank all of those who have not been able to come back to church yet, but still continue to support the parish through prayer and their donations. We know this is so hard for many of you to be away, but it is for your safety and health. We look forward to the day that we are all back together. God bless you!



Congratulations and welcome

Jordan C. Thomas who was baptized on January 30th and Kali & Addison Rought who were baptized on January 31st at St. Thomas More.

God bless you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Dee Fedak.

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.**

Please drop her off at the church on Saturday at 4PM. The family that will be taking her for the next week can either pick her up **after** the 4:30 Mass or on Sunday after the 9AM or 11AM Mass. Please see Alex Ulle, our Music Director, to get the statue.

SAINT QUOTE

"I, Stephen, renounce the devil and all his pomps, and offer myself to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the one true God in three Persons."

St. Stephen Muret (1046-1124),

Patron of the unrecognized,

Feast Day: February 8th

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www.azquotes.com)

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **January** –

Son Nguyen & Hoang Tuyet ◊ MaryAnn Manning ◊
Deacon Donald & Bethany Brandt ◊ Kristin Cymbal &
Thomas, Kali and Addison Rought and
Alexander Baworowski.

Welcome to you!

VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary

To learn more visit borromeoseminary.org and 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 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.

VIRUS PROTECTION

Please remember that you must wear a mask (that covers both your nose and mouth), practice social distancing and sanitize your hands. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.



Please remember Joanne Martin,
Rev. Joseph S. Mecir and Charlotte Caroscio
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



Mary Ellen Popovich, Martha & George Kysil, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Bill Barrett, Tino Rodriguez, Robert Zunt, 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 Hengood, Sr., Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengood, 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, Chester Galazka and Ricky Rodriguez.

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

Utility Recovery Raffle - Tickets are available for \$10 for the 2021 Raffle in the parish office. Get your ticket now for your chance to win \$100 on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, or \$300 in the two special raffles on Easter and Christmas. The first drawing is February 14th!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 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.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and 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.



Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45



D.U.L. It's Coming!

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6 5 4 3 2 1



Well, it looks like our little friends are counting down the days until something. They know that ‘it’ is coming. ‘It’, itself, is a time of preparing, but they want to plan & prepare it looks like. Our buddies look happy about ‘it’ coming, which may seem a bit odd unless one considers ‘it’ a time for growth and walking a journey with Our Lord.

So, what are they counting down to?
Have you figured ‘it’ out? **D.U.L., Days Until . . .**
Must start with the letter “L”.
Kind of like playing Wheel of Fortune.
Days Until L _ _ _.

So, are we preparing, planning for this time of growth or will we just go through the motions? We know the three pillars of ‘it’ are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. ‘It’ can be a time for our growth BUT here’s the challenge, can we also make it a time for us to grow in community? Can we do these things not just for our good but by planning can we also do them for and with others? Think about it. Maybe reflect on the two great commandments He gave us and how we can use ‘it’ to be a time to love God but also our neighbors. We can all grow in Grace, Love & Fellowship if we plan and make an effort and do ‘it’ in the Spirit of love. Maybe we include others in our prayers? Maybe what we give up we can somehow use/donate for the good of others. Maybe what we give we give with love.

So, have you planned out your goals for when ‘it’ arrives, not just your actions? Are you looking forward to ‘it’ or dreading ‘it’? We only have about 10 Days Until Lent. If we really plan for it, it can be a grace-filled time for us all.

Grace, Love & Fellowship to you and yours,
Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate



Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic:

The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel,” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything. (Please note that physical contact is avoided omitting marking the forehead). This method of distributing ashes by sprinkling is a common practice in other countries, but is not well known in the United States. (Information provided from the Diocese of Cleveland)

PARISH EMAIL AND TEXING LISTS

Sign up to get news, reminders and more from St. Thomas More! Go to our parish website (stmparish.net/email) and fill out the form to include your email in our parishioner email list. In addition, we also send out text reminders. To join our texting list, send STMORE to 84576. Follow the auto-generated response to complete your profile in our Flocknote system. Please know that texting rates could apply depending on your mobile phone plan.

UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for Unity Catholic’s Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 via Zoom and Facebook Live at 4:30PM. Please register at

www.unitycatholiccu.org/events-calendar.

The first 50 members registered will receive an Annual Meeting @ Home Box (limit one per household.)

KEEPING THE FAITH: THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

In this week’s bulletin we have inserted the letter from Bishop Malesic about Keeping the Faith: The Future of Catholic Schools Initiative in our Diocese. This initiative is a major undertaking in the Diocese and it will present the Bishop with a strategic plan for the Catholic Elementary Schools. You can also obtain a copy from the rectory or it is available on our website.

“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.

Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally” - an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.” But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, “setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph’s spiritual path “is not one that *explains*, but accepts” - which does not mean that he is “resigned.” Instead, he is “courageously and firmly proactive,” because with “Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude,” and full of hope, he is able “to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.” In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: “Do not be afraid!” because “faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad,” and makes us aware that “God can make flowers spring up from stony ground.” Joseph “did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.” For this reason, “he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak” (4). 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>))

JOSEPH MOST CHASTE

Chaste love requires that one wills the good to another without taking the other to oneself as one’s own. To Joseph was entrusted the Divine Child and His fairest Mother. Chaste in body but also in heart, Joseph loved freely which created the interior tranquility of order in the Holy Family.

(<https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph/>)

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>)



Monday, February 8 – 7:00PM
VIA Zoom – Jan DeLuca,
TOTR Planning Team and
Sr. Valerie Sweeney, minister in Pastoral
Care at Jennings Center
Topic: The Greatest of These is Love



So many times, we have heard 1 Corinthians 13:13 and during this month focused on ‘love’ we have asked Sr. Sweeney to join us for a discussion on love of self and self-forgiveness. Jan DeLuca, Deacon Ken’s wife and part of our planning team will also be with us to talk about spousal love, especially during difficult times.

Limited to 90 Computer Audience

Register in advance

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west



PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.