

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 - TBD

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Beverly Ward

*11:00 AM - Rita Babarcsik

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6:45 PM - Dave Meredith

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Ritter & Naylon Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Czajkowski Family - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - John Skubie

*4:30 PM - Ted Ditzel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - William J. Bouhall

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for February 2nd \$4,508.00
Maintenance \$2,095.00
Student's Weekly Offering (8 Envelopes) \$37.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



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Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CLPI

Monday, February 10

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM 3 G BB Practice - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

9:30 AM Praying the Sunday Readings - Rectory

11:00 AM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Cheer - Gym

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

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

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, February 12

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 3 B BB Practice - Gym

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

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Thursday, February 13

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Lil Wolverines Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 4 B BB Practice - Gym

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7/8 B BB Practice - Gym

Friday, February 14



Utopia Rental

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5 B BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5/6 G BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 6 B BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM HS BB Practice - Gym

Saturday, February 15

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Utopia Rental

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Sunday, February 16

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! On Sunday evening over a hundred million people will gather to watch Super Bowl LIX. Whether Philadelphia has what it takes to beat Kansas City is not germane to us here. What we focus our attention on and what we allow ourselves to see is germane. Keeping custody of our eyes will help us to keep our hearts and minds clean.

“Custody of the eyes” is the old phrase about controlling what we look at. Currently, our culture has become quite accustomed to showing any and everything. “Viewer discretion advised” is now almost an advertisement for some rather than a warning. The desire to see and to know irrespective of how that will help or harm us, however, is not a virtue: it is a vice.

This gluttony of the eye leads many people into the sins of greed, lust, and rash judgement. The former two sins get mentioned quite often, but the sin of rash judgement is rarely noted for how grievous it is. Rash judgement, which is the desire for harm to befall someone in an unjustified manner, destroys our ability to love and seriously compromises our ability to be compassionate. If we see things that antagonize us or inflame our hatred, we become disposed to hate or - and this can be worse - to stop caring at all.

More than likely, Super Bowl LIX will have little or nothing objectionable in its broadcast. So we can watch it uncritically, right? No. Passively watching television or any video is bad because it inculcates a habit that disassociates the conscience from the senses. We should be noting whether it was a good play or a bad commercial. Shouting at the top of our lungs when the referee makes a poor call is also wrong, but it does require the viewer to be thinking.

When we watch anything we need to be using our minds so that we are training them to discern the good from the bad. We do not need to be experts in film theory to notice that something is beautiful and moving: we just need to be human. Controlling what we watch then is not just about the content but also about our approach.

The best part of watching the big game should be its communal character. Ideally, we engage it with family and friends and grow as a community and not as isolated individuals. The great benefit of mass media is the ability to bring people together in thought and sentiment who cannot be brought together in space.

If we can spend hours watching commercials, how much time can we spend looking at God? Do we have the discipline to put down our phones and look at the crucifix? When we get to Heaven, we will look God in His Holy Face. May our eyes long for the sight!

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

William Myers
St. Peter
North Ridgeville
Discipleship, Borromeo



Please keep William and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

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 DeRicci (1522-1589),
Prioress,

Feast Day: February 13

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

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barbara Bonus & 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 into the rectory. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025.**

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

ANNUAL RAFFLE - The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. The **GRAND PRIZE** is \$10,000! The drawing will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word student, when visiting Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine or by going online at www.incarnatewordacademy.org/raffle. Questions? Please email sdill@incarnatewordacademy.org.

2025 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL CORNER

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 22nd for our annual Summer Festival.

This year, we will be making a Festival Book! We will be looking for businesses or families to place ads. Any donation will help us defray our costs. More details to come about the Ad Book...

It takes a lot of volunteers to run a festival. Please call the rectory to sign up to help.

We are asking for donations of toys/games for prizes for our children's games or baskets. We will collect them for the next two weeks (until February 9th). All donations can be dropped off at the rectory or in the old baptistery room.

Our next item that we will be collecting (until February 23rd) will be new household items that can be used to make raffle baskets. Thanks so much for your generosity!



Baby Elijah, Domenica Basich, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Darrin Demetro, Anita Dloniak, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Bryan Jaworski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Dale Mathews & family, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Ethelle Mirande, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Barb Mundson, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Joan O'Neil, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Tino Perez, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Michael Spring, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Sam Urban, Mary Weststock & family, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, Kathy Yomack & family, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers
Rev. William M. Jerse and Michael McClelland.
God grant them eternal rest.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!!! The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at **11AM** in Utopia Hall (weather permitting). Suzanne Hrusch, Director of External Affairs at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, has over 32 years in public health experience. She has worked in all 59 municipalities of the county! Come and join us for a light-hearted look at the tricks every health inspector wishes you knew to prevent foodborne illness. Pastry, coffee, and tea will be served. Hope you can join us.

THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting St. Thomas More this weekend.

We encourage you to look over the beautiful hand-carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks.

May God bless you & keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds
www.theholylaneshop.com
810-394-5291



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 15/16

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	*Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson Denise Puening Jill Parks	Chet Omilanowski Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	*Dolores Hules Aidan Cepek Terri Sozio Jaclene Zauszniewski	Rob Cepek Patty Riegling	Noah Redloske Parker Redloske	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	*Marty Rini Sue Poole Heather Miksch Joanne Uhl	Madelyn Koranda Barbara Kish	Danny Coughlin Jackson Colon	Rev. John Schneider

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In Preschool, the children learned about how God created the world and all that He created is good. They listened to a story called "Ducks and Flowers." It is about a little girl who went to the park with her family for a picnic. She wanted to feed the ducks candy and pick flowers for her grandmother, and her father explained that God's creation needs to be taken care of. He told her he bought special food for the ducks and the flowers are there for all to enjoy. The children then completed a leaflet activity. It was a picture of a park, and they circled examples of people taking care of God's creation and put an X on people not taking care of His creation.



Mrs. Nicole Kidd-Zientarski
Early Childhood Education

MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEER FOR MARDI GRAS

In order to make Mardi Gras successful, help is needed in a variety of tasks including decorating, kitchen prep, dinner service, side boards, raffle basket tickets and more. Want to help? Visit stmparish.net/mardigras to view our SignUpGenius form to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

DONATE TO MARDI GRAS

Do you have sports, concert or theatre tickets? Do you own a business? Do you want to donate to Mardi Gras? We are currently accepting donations of a variety of items for our auctions and basket raffles. In addition, you can make a monetary donation which will be turned into one of our signature gifts. If you are making a basket, the value of each completed donated basket must be at least \$25. No lottery baskets can be accepted. Contact the rectory or email Jeff Stutzman at jstutzman@stmparish.net to donate.

DESSERT DASH

One of our favorite games during Mardi Gras is a Dessert Dash, where participants bid to be the first to choose a dessert from the table. Under the dessert is a chance to win a gift card. To donate a dessert to the game, please contact the rectory. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still provide a dessert.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is "Make me a channel of your peace." Your generous support will bring peace to the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

Our in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 15-16. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it. No need to fill out an additional envelope this year, stating you have already given. We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2025Appeal.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for your prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month: **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life** - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



St. Thomas More Parish

MARDI GRAS

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Doors Open at 5:30pm /Dinner at 6:15pm
(Adults age 21 and over)

Dinner Ticket
\$35 per person
includes 1 alcoholic drink



Table of 8
\$265 per table

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Beer/Wine \$3 each or \$10 unlimited

After Dinner Ticket (8pm entry) - \$10 per person
includes 1 alcoholic drink

**Live & Silent Auctions,
Basket Raffles, DJ & more!**

Tickets available at
stmparish.net/mardigras or at the rectory
No Outside Alcohol Permitted



St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

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.

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 by calling the rectory or fill out the new parishioner registration form on our website. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Fourth Sunday of the Month. Time: TBD. 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

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.

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.

FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE
foryourmarriage.org

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WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
(1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24
and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-
30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk
8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor
15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 ©LPi

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.

