

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

Lisa Carson

Office Manager

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister

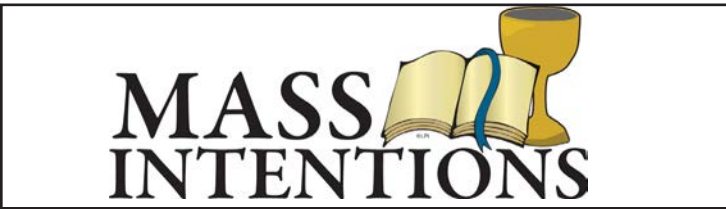


St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - Father's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 -

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 -

SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

8:15AM - Rev. John Juhas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 -

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

6:45PM - Deacon Martin Thiel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 -

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 -

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 -

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:15AM - Diane Lada

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 -

ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

8:15AM - Nazzarena & Anselmo Montali

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 -

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*9:00AM - Erna Canevese

11:00AM - Franciscan Friars

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for December 18th	\$4,653.00
Faith Direct as of 12/15	\$5,835.00
Maintenance	\$1,525.00
Student's Weekly Offering (16 Envelopes)	\$56.50



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.

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.

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.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

Continuuuuuaaal - Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*. This feast is one to celebrate **Mary** as the *Mother of Jesus (God)* and also our mother. **St. John** would say, the *New Eve*. The readings from the *Book of Numbers*, the *Responsorial Psalm* and (even) **St. Paul** in his letter to the **Galatians** all speak of our blessings. The portion from *Book of Numbers* is itself a blessing, "*The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*" The response requesting, "*May God bless us...*" While **St. Paul** says we are no longer slaves but heirs! The gospel reading pulls together the Christmas message to the shepherds from the angel and they go forth and "*...they made known the message that has been to them about the child.*" We need to go forward and do the same! Remembering that like in the times of the shepherds, "*All who heard it were amazed...*" Let's go out **and** amaze people!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

So, is it all over? Did you already put away the Christmas tree and the decorations? I know that, personally, I am still working on my Christmas cards and notes! Yes, I like to fully use the **ENTIRE Christmas Season**. There is something to be said about savoring the season. We can continue to thank all those who helped with the cleaning and the decorations of the church and the entire campus. The clean-up will happen and the green vestments will return to the closet, but for now – let's simply savor the season and all our blessings!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Jim & Paulette Higgins.

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work."

St. John Neumann (1811-1860),
Patron of Catholic Education,

Feast Day: January 5th

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas
More during the month of December –
Darrell & Abbi Doughty. Welcome to you!

IT'S BACK...

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18, 2023 for our annual Mardi Gras celebration. Details on purchasing tickets coming soon...

VOCATION CORNER

Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers & Sisters

To learn more about the Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers & Sisters, visit maryknoll.org. Please keep them and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations.

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all the decorators, extra volunteers, greeters, ushers, musicians, servers, Eucharistic ministers and anyone else who helped with the holidays. You all give so generously of your time and talents to help us here and we are extremely grateful for all that you do!

We are also thankful to "all in the pews." It was good to see young and older alike, our college students, and visiting families. Thank you for coming home!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Attention all young adults (20-30ish) & friends, the Parish Pastoral Council and Fr. Mike are inviting you to a "brain-storming" event on Tuesday, January 3rd after the 6:45pm Mass (We will either meet in Utopia Hall or the rectory). We will be talking about your ideas for the parish's young adults and "what you want for the parish." Please plan on joining us and bring a friend.

Prayer **REQUESTS**

Theodore Antrum, Mark Banasik, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie 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, Tom Hana, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, 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, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Nancy Prosser, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Marlene Sadowski, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Carol Swancer, Jane Szoke, Pam Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember John Daerr, Lucy Neumann, James Rezabek and Gary Cellura in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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 for you. 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.

BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES

Join us for the book and video series: "Jesus, the Way, The Truth, and The Life." The ten week series begins on Sunday, January 22nd from 2:30-3:45pm in the church. The series will reveal Jesus, His life, and ministry through word, video, and discussion. The videos include sights from the Holy Land where Jesus walked. You do not need a book, which you can pick up at the rectory, to attend the series, although it is strongly encouraged. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come for the videos and discussion to learn and grow closer to Jesus.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2023 are available. The cost is \$220 for the year, \$210 if you return your November candle or \$110 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2022 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends of St. Thomas More Parish,

Thank you for your gifts of scarves, hats and gloves for the children and families of Metro Catholic School - just in time for the winter weather and temperatures! Our students go out for recess to get much-needed fresh air and to play and move and enjoy games with friends, and these items you donated will come in handy to ensure that they are warm and dry.

How thoughtful of you, especially in this holy season of Advent and Christmas, to think of our little ones (and even some parents with need). We will keep all of your intentions in prayer this season, praying that you will continue to be blessed by a good God and be a sign of hope in what can often be a dark time for others.

Gratefully,
Ms. Allison Klutarich
Principal

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

“So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)

Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ©LPi

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. Tickets are \$5 each and the GRAND PRIZE is \$10,000! The drawing will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word Academy student or by going online at:

www.incarnatewordorder.org

and selecting "Raffle Tickets" on the home page. If you would like additional information, please call Sharron in the Sisters' Development office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF A HOME

ALL: Make the Sign of the Cross.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

READER: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things come to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3, 14)

Using chalk, write the first half of the current year (20), initials of the 3 Magi (C + M + B) followed by the other half of the year (23) (20+C+M+B+23). Each could be written by a different member of the household. Place this above the main entrance to your home.

ALL: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes.

She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother. We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you. Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace. We ask all this, through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY - WHAT WE DO?

Members of the Holy Name Society - both individually and collectively in parish Societies - are called to build the Kingdom of God in their respective parishes and communities by completing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

These works can be categorized into three main areas:

Spiritual: Promoting devotion to and respect for the Most Holy Names of God and Jesus.

Service: Visit the sick and dying, help the aged and handicapped and support Catholic Education.

Social: Support parish fundraising activities and social events.

Membership in a Holy name Society is open to anyone who has reached the age of 18. Our Society extends an encouraging invitation to all members of St. Thomas More Parish, both men and women.

Our Society stepped back from all of our normal activities during the recent Covid pandemic, but fully realized that once you take the pledge to be a Holy Name Member, whether active or not, you are ALWAYS a Holy Name Member.

This January, the Holy Name Society at St. Thomas More Parish will be aggressively attempting to re-establish itself as a premier and supportive Society actively involved in Fr. Mike's plan to **Build a Better Future!**

This will only be achieved if everyone here at St. Thomas More parish prayerfully considers joining our Society either as an active participating member, or just as importantly, as a prayer supporting member.

Application forms are in this bulletin or are available at the church entrances. Your positive response to our plea will be greatly appreciated and show that St. Thomas More parish is alive and well.

God Bless You and His Holy Name.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

in the HOLY NAME SOCIETY



I request to join or rejoin the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas More Parish

(Sign Here)

Please complete the following:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Hobbies: _____

Have you ever been a member of a Holy Name Society? _____

Where: _____

Please drop into this application into the collection basket, drop off at the parish office, or give to an usher at Mass