

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
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 -

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*9:00AM - Erna Canevese

11:00AM - Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 -

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:15AM - Joseph Valencik

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 -

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - John & Josephine Dedinsky

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 -

ST. HILARY

8:15AM - Robert Prince

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - James Grabe

*4:30PM - Lucy Neumann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 -

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - John Daerr

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for December 25th \$2,835.00

Maintenance \$785.00

Student's Weekly Offering (5 Envelopes) \$22.00

Collection for January 1st \$3,933.00

Maintenance \$3,042.00

Student's Weekly Offering (6 Envelopes) \$14.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

AGAIN, we say – **Merry Christmas!** We come together this week, still in the season of Christmas, which finishes with *The Baptism of the Lord* on Monday. Tuesday will start the **1st Week of Ordinary Time**. With this Sunday being *The Epiphany of the Lord* we look and “**see**” the revelation of **God** among us – in **Jesus**.

The **First Reading** from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah* tells how the glory of **God** shines – not only on **Jerusalem** – **BUT ALL** the nations! Echoing in the **Responsorial Psalm**, that “... *every nation on earth will adore you.*” Even **St. Paul** talks of the revelation to the **holy apostles** and **prophets** and the **Gentiles**! All are coheirs of this promise of **Christ Jesus**. The *Gospel of Matthew* tells of the **magi** from the east arriving in **Jerusalem** – on their quest for something and someone “*bigger than themselves*”. Through their studies and wisdom, they knew there was something greater than themselves happening in the area. It is through the revelation of the **Christ Jesus** that the salvation of the world happens. So, I ask – do you see it? *How is Jesus revealing God’s love and mercy to you and your family?*

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

This week has been a very busy, yet quiet week. The office and school have both been on break and the deer have been wandering around the campus wondering where everyone might be... It would be the time to (*again*) say thank you to all - the music director, servers, liturgical ministers, musicians, cantors, and choir, *who all made the liturgies so special*. The *worker elves*, who helped set up the church decorations, from the candle maker, the wreath hangers, the nativity builders, the plant placers, and the ironers and “vacuum-ers” – *thank you all*. I know that so often people will mention their gratitude for the nice liturgies, but this year I would like you to take time to thank them with me, and when you see them – please thank them directly. **Merry Christmas** and May you and your family have a *healthy* and *peace-filled* **New Year!** (**YES, one last time...**)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Brian & Mary Ann Sowers.

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

"The perfection of learning is to know God in such a way that, though you realize he is knowable, yet you know s indescribable."

St. Hilary of Poitiers (310-367),

Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: January 13th

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

ROSARY

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will lead us in the rosary one half hour before all Masses next weekend (January 14th & 15th).

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.

BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES

Join us for a new book and video series: "Jesus, the Way, The Truth, and The Life." The ten week book and video series begins Sunday, January 22nd from 2:30-3:45pm in the church each Sunday until Palm Sunday.

The series will reveal Jesus, His life, and ministry though word, video, and discussion. The video include sights from the Holy Land where Jesus walked. You do not need a book 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.

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Mark Banasik, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd 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, Tom Hana, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Pat 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, 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.

THANKFUL CORNER

There are many parishioners who are member in multiple ministries. Thank you for answering the call to serve and thanks so much for all you do for the parish.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Lucy Neumann, James Rezabek, Gary Cellura, Elizabeth Petkosh, Ralph Keres and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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.

IT'S BACK...

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18, 2023 for our annual Mardi Gras celebration.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

Join us on Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm at Copper Cup (Ironwood Cafe), 680 Dover Center in Westlake. Guest Speaker is Bernadette Boguski, Executive Director of AM1260 The Rock. RSVP and register in advance at www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west.

POPE BENEDICT XVI



Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) was born on April 16, 1927 in Marktl am Inn, Germany and passed away on December 31, 2022 at the age of 95. On April 18, 2005, cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected the 264th successor St. Peter and chose the name Benedict XVI. His papacy testifies to both a scholarly churchman, having extensively studied theology and philosophy, and pastoral sensitivity. When elected pope at age 78, he didn't anticipate traveling the globe given his age and health, but quickly realized that the best way to reach the people of God was to go to them. He attended the first World Youth Day in Germany just months after his election. On February 28, 2013, Pope Benedict announced his resignation, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to resign from the papacy. (usccb.org)

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Since the first Kindergarten journal entry, the students have come a very long way already! In addition to the students continuing to practice rhyming, syllables, and initial, medial and final sounds, the students are progressing to practicing reading and writing CVC words. We are also practicing manipulating sounds in words by changing just one letter. Before Christmas break, the students even got together in partners to read a decodable reader! In math, the students have progressed to making and reading addition number sentences. The students can identify the plus and equal sign and they understand that two small numbers can be joined together to make a bigger number.

During the school day, we continue to practice how to be respectful, responsible, safe, and engaged in the classroom. We are doing this by practicing how we use our whole body to show respect to someone who is speaking. The students have also been going to Mass in person for the past several weeks. I am very impressed and proud of how well they respect and understand the presence of our Lord in the church and in the tabernacle. I am very much looking forward to seeing them again and watching them continue to grow closer and closer to becoming first graders!

Mrs. Sicurezza

Kindergarten

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER JANE...

As a Christmas gift, one of the parishioners gave me a desk calendar for every day of 2023. The theme is "Embark on the journey." We seek this journey theme in a lot of modern-day spiritual writings. Yes, life is a journey and so is our faith. On Sunday, January 1, 2023, the calendar page read, "and so let the journey begin!"

As I begin another year of ministry, especially for the older adults in the parish, January 3rd encourages me to "just start." I will continue working with the wonderful Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and my visits to the homes of those who are in healthcare facilities or confined more to their homes. We are starting the New Year at both Brooklyn Pointe and the Avenue at Brooklyn. The Wednesday before Christmas, Fr. Mike prayed the monthly Mass at Brooklyn Pointe. I want to thank Lorrie Wenmoth for helping us with the music at Mass and for playing Christmas music with some of the Residents. Rose and Jack really enjoyed it. Also, a thank you to Barbara Kish and Mary Lou LoBue for being our lectors. There is a lot of transitions from assisted living to memory care, to other health facilities, and to eternity. Pray for all our dear residents and they do pray for all of you.

If anyone would like a visit or has a spiritual need, please feel free to call me at 216-749-0414.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Next weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate student in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation.



PICTURES FROM BROOKLYN POINTE



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WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and
prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs,
members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his
start at its rising and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

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

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4,
3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-
28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk
1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-
12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor
1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 ©LPi

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE

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 by going online at: www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets"
on the home page. For additional information, please
call Sharron in the Sisters' Development office at 440-
886-6440, ext. 415.

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: _____

H o b b i e s : _____

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