

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

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



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 – VIGIL

4:30 PM - Rev. William J. Rock, OP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Lottie Wolkowicz

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Memorial Garden

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Andrew Trujillo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – ST. ANTHONY

8:15 AM - Francesco Valente

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Gerry Shamray - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:15 AM - Joan Kremser

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Robert Strodbeck

11:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for December 31st \$2,802.00
Maintenance \$3,826.00
Student's Weekly Offering (10 Envelopes) \$41.50

Collection for January 7th \$4,779.35
Maintenance \$2,152.00
Student's Weekly Offering (7 Envelopes) \$24.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, January 15 NO SCHOOL

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM Grades 1/2 Cheer - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grade 5 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grades 7/8 BB Practice - Gym

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM 5-7 Cheer - Gym

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - UH

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

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

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

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA - Church

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Wednesday, January 17

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lil Wolverine Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Grade 5 BB Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, January 18

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

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

6:30 PM Spiritual Life Meeting - Church

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Grade 7/8 BB Practice - Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM High School BB Practice - Gym

Friday, January 19

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM Grade 3/4 Cheer - Gym

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Grade 4 BB Practice - Gym

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

Saturday, January 20 Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

PYXES FOR THE EUCHARIST

Just a reminder: if you borrowed a pyx from the parish and no longer need to use it, please return it to Fr. Mike, Fr. Don or Deacon Don. Thank you!

If you need someone to bring you Communion, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2023 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.



Congratulations to Gia & Raymond Wells who were recently baptized at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

“Listening with the ears of our heart...” Sounds like a nice phrase, doesn’t it? But, do we really have *ears on our heart*? Yes, we do! And we really need to start using them! Imagine **Samuel** hearing the **Lord** calling out to him, but (what?) if he didn’t hear with the ears of his heart? **Samuel** thought it was **Eli** calling him. Even **St. Paul** telling us of our body being a temple of **God**, and that we are here to do **God’s** will, not ours. If that was ever so easy, like the clearness of the disciples of **St. John**. They were in a great frame of mind, in a prayer-filled position to hear **St. John** declare, “Behold, the Lamb of **God**” and the disciples heard with the ears of their heart... May we all be like these early disciples of St. John and respond as the **Responsorial Psalm** proclaims, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”(!)

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Back into “**Ordinary Time**” is far from being “ordinary” time... We may have noticed that we are already into the **Second Week of Ordinary Time**, but as you know here at **STM**, time flies by so quickly for us all! Before you know it, we will be looking at the Ash Wednesday readings and planning out the Season of Lent. We continue to thank all the volunteers, ministers, and benefactors for their generous help – **Thank You AGAIN**... Looking ahead, we will also ask if you have gotten and read the **Matthew Kelly** book titled **Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life**. Consider ordering the *six free books that the author/publisher offers*. I would offer that, I will pay for the shipping – if that is a problem for you. But, when your extra-free copies arrive, please share them with others or place them on a table near the entrances. We are working very hard to “Create our own Holy Moments” here at **STM**, *all year long*!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Barb Bonus.

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 in to the rectory.

Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2024.

THANKFUL CORNER

On behalf of Fr. Mike and the rectory staff, we would like to thank everyone for all of the Christmas cards, gifts and goodies. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

VOCATION CORNER

Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers & Sisters

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



January 20/21

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Barb Mundson Denise Puening Greg Booth	Tim Lozar Sheryl Finohr	Emma Wright Nathan Brown
9:00 AM	Vern Recker Terri Sozio Heather Roberts	Al Margevicius Rob Cepek	Aubrey Rankin Danny Coughlin Noah Nguyen
11:00 AM	Sue Poole Joanne Uhl Madelyn Koranda	Mike Sommers	Roger Kalbrunner Nathaniel Infante Jackson Colon



Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bognar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Chuck Brennan, Barbara Bridle, Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Tracey Carlisle, Shawn Calvey, Christopher Davis, Jim Davis, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Marcus Deming, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Dianne Hlavacek, Barbara Hughes, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Larry Kolar, Melissa Korhely, Diane Kunath, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Eileen Lombardo, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Ronald Patten, Augustus Petersen, Jim Ptacek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Audrey Roginsky, Richard Roman, Mike Sekerak, Irene Sheridan, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Ron Sommers, Margie & Don Spritz, Lana Staman, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Joy Turner, Sue Verner, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Stan Witowski, Jan Woytek, Betty Wozniak, Deacon Chuck & Marian Zawadzki. **Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.**



Please remember Marlene Mohnickey, James E. Ferko, Sr., Sharon Roulet, Mike Murphy, Rev. Thomas G. Montavon and Richard Balbier in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SAINT QUOTE

"I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, 'What can get through such snares?' Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility.'"

St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356),
Desert Father, Feast Day: January 17th
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)



MARDI GRAS

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets are \$35/person or a table of 8 for \$265. Tickets include dinner and one complimentary alcoholic beverage. Come enjoy an evening of delicious food from Carrino's Catering, raffles, auctions, and more! Purchase your ticket by January 13th to be entered into a drawing for \$100. Also, after dinner tickets are available for \$10. Tickets and more info is available at stmtparish.net/mardigras.

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 stmtparish.net/helpatmardigras 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. Contact the rectory or email Jeff Stutzman at jstutzman@stmtparish.net to donate.

FRIENDS SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Friends Supporting Friends is a group of widows that meet on the third Tuesday of each month for camaraderie and fellowship. If you'd like to join, please call Carmela at 216-952-2237. We will meet this Tuesday, January 16th from 4-7pm in Utopia Hall.

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 2, 2024. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word student or by going online at www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets."

MASS FOR LIFE

The annual Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist will be held on Friday, January 19th at 10am. Bishop Michael Woost, auxiliary bishop of Cleveland, will be the principal celebrant and homilist for this year's Mass.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Third grade joined with their seventh grade Prayer Pals as part of the STM Advent retreat. During this special day, the two classes traveled from one station to another learning about the Nativity of our Lord. At the end they had assembled a Nativity scene of their own.
Mrs. Kristen Valenty
3rd Grade Teacher
St. Thomas More School



CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

A Prayer for a Just Society - Heavenly Father, You create every human person in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family, united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom To protect this dignity and life at all stages.
Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable. Good and Gracious God, make our hearts to love like Yours. Amen. ©LPi



In the month of November we remembered our beloved dead.
WHY NOT REMEMBER THEM THE WHOLE YEAR ROUND?

This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole year.
Your loved one will also be remembered in a Mass once a month.
When the year is over you may take the candle and place it in a special place in your home.

The cost for a Memorial Candle is \$220.00 (displayed 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024).
If you have a candle from November, return that candle (name cannot be changed) and your cost is only \$210.00.

You also have the option to have a candle displayed for six months
(either 1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 or 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024) for \$110.00.

(One name or one family name per candle please-
Examples- James Mannion or The Campbell Family)

Please return the slip below to the rectory or in the collection basket with your payment.
Checks made payable to St. Thomas More.

2024 Memorial Candle Form
Please include your money with this form.

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF THE DECEASED or FAMILY NAME:

(One name or one family name only)

ARE YOU RETURNING YOUR CANDLE? Yes No

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 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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen. ©LPi

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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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.