

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

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Terri Sozio

Religious Education

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Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 -

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Lucy Neumann

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 -

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - John Daerr

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 -

ST. ANTHONY

6:45PM - Jerry Wiatrowski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Joyce Finohr

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 -

SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:15AM - Mary & Louis Galuszka - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 -

ST. AGNES

8:15AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

*4:30PM - James Rezabek

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 -

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Patrick Lysobey, Jr.

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for January 8th \$3,982.00

Faith Direct as of 1/4 \$4,895.00

Maintenance \$1,591.00

Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,335.00

Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) \$68.00

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

So, here we go! The *Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*... It seems like that was a quick jump “*right into it*”, and yes it is for us. The readings this week all call us to look inwards to “*who we are, as we are in God’s eyes*”.

The **First Reading** from the *Book of Isaiah*, tells us point blank that we are servants of **God** and glorious in the sight of the **Lord**. That is quite a statement, so let’s look on... After the *Responsorial Psalm*, where we tell **God** – that yes (!) we are all here to do **God’s** will. **St. Paul** is telling the **Corinthians** that – if he is called to be an apostle of **Christ Jesus**, then you (all of us) are called to be holy. SOoo that even **St. John the Baptist** shares with us, how “...*he has seen and testified that he [Jesus] is the Son of God.*” We are all in this together, and we are all called to see **Jesus** as (*he is...*) the **Son of God**. Let’s look then beyond our imperfections and challenges to be holy and follow **Christ** ~ to **God**.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Personally, I think that we can never be short on thanking all those ministers, helpers, and “simple elves” who have helped us all out so much during the holiday season. You’ll see the change in the church decorations as we move into the season of Ordinary Time. The green vestments and the altar linens are here to show us the change of the season. The arts and environment are very important details that add to our celebration of the Holy Eucharist and all of our liturgies. The “*Arts & Environment*” crew help us in our celebrations. **THANK YOU** to not only all of the ministers, but also those helping out with the church *arts and environment*!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Madelyn Koranda.

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

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

Anthony the Great (251-356),
Patron of Farmers,

Feast Day: January 17th

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

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. Thank you for all of your support and prayers. Please know that you are all in our prayers and we wish you a very blessed, healthy and happy new year!

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 series begins Sunday, January 22nd from 2:30-3:45pm in the church each Sunday until Palm Sunday. Books are available at the rectory. Please read the introduction and first chapter.

The series will reveal Jesus, His life, and ministry through word, video, and discussion. 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.

MASS FOR LIFE

On Friday, January 20th at 10am in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the Office for Human Life invites all from across the Diocese to celebrate the dignity and sanctity of ALL human life at this special liturgy.

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Mark Banasik, Terri Baranich, 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, 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, Elizabeth Ray, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Marlene Sadowski, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Elaine Smet, 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, Nancy Williams, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Elizabeth Petkosh, Ralph Keres, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Denise Bates, Marcia Balina, John Jenkins, Rev. Mark Q. Fedor and Sr. Judith McGuire, CSJ in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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. If you are not renewing your candle, it is available for pickup on the Holy Family altar.

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.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations; that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

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

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

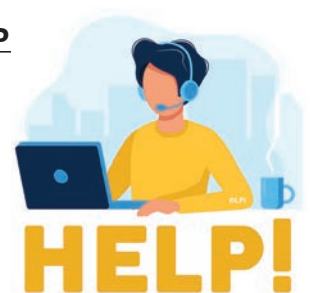
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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TECHNOLOGY HELP

We are looking for parishioners who are tech savvy and would like to help with our live streaming and other parish social media needs?

Please call the rectory if you are interested.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our first grade at St. Thomas More is ready to learn in 2023! We are learning to read different books, identify different sounds vowels make, and how to write complete sentences and questions. We have also become experts on nouns and love to add and subtract in math. During our social studies activities we love to move around the room and be active. This month we are learning all about maps. We are learning different parts of a map and how to read them. Last week we worked with groups to identify different objects on five different maps. It was so fun to use clipboards and work around the room with our classmates! I can't wait to watch us continue to learn the rest of this school year.

Ms. Hartman
1st Grade



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend, the 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 students 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 diocese and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please give generously. Visit

futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org
and click Give Now."



Congratulations and welcome Grayson Matthew Haynik who was baptized on January 7th. God bless you!

FAITH FORMATION

Hello and Happy New Year to all!

As we teach in our Parish School of Religion classes our Catholic beliefs and traditions, we as a parish are an example of this.

We are all called to be catechists to share our faith and bring Jesus to others. As we teach our children God's love we also are examples of him in our prayers and our actions. Our teachings focus on engaging our students to the beauty of knowing and taking God with us in everything we do.

Our 2nd grade class will soon be learning about telling God we are sorry for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will experience the healing power of Jesus and how it feels to receive his forgiveness.

Our 8th grade Confirmation class just had a session with their sponsors. What an honor and responsibility for the sponsor to stand up with the confirmand and be part of them receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they walk as a disciple of Christ.

Let us all bring God's love to others!

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

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.



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MARDI GRAS

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023

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

Purchase your tickets/table by Feb 1, 2023 to be entered into a drawing for \$100.

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

