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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 - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Nicole Dykstra - Principal

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Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Rev. James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 –
VIGIL**

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 –
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*9:00AM - Aurora Pelleschi

*11:00AM - James Crowley

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17 –
ST. ANTHONY**

8:15AM - Clara Stanton

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 –
WEEKDAY**

6:45PM - Dorothy Castrigano

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Kuhel Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 –
SS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 –
ST. AGNES**

8:15AM - Richard Miller - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 –
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

8:15AM - Living & Deceased Sisters of the
Humility of Mary

*4:30PM - Dorothy Castrigano

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 –
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Michael G. Beres

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 9th.....	\$5,603.00
Faith Direct as of 1/4.....	\$9,199.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,602.75
75th Anniversary.....	\$140.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

COMMUNION PROTOCOLS

After the reception of Holy Communion, please remain standing (if you are able). Once the last person has received Holy Communion, you may kneel or sit for private prayer.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

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.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The not so *ordinary time*... Yes, this season is titled, “**Ordinary Time**”, but we all know that here at the good **St. Thomas More** we are far from “*Ordinary*”. As a matter of fact, we are **St. Thomas More**, the place that is in Brooklyn, growing closer to God, as we grow closer to each other and (dare I say it...?) *The Fun Parish!*

The *First Reading* this week is from **Isaiah** at a time after the exile of the **Israelites**. Did you catch that first line, “... I will not be silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet...” This is one that lends itself to us speaking up and growing. The *Second Reading* has **St. Paul** telling us of the gifts of the **Holy Spirit**, and I would ask that we all reflect on what are our gifts.

The season of Christmas is over, but is there ever an end of sharing our gifts with others? **Jesus** makes a point of sharing his time and talents at the wedding feast, and does all of this (water into wine thing...) to bring Glory to God! Let us *not be silent, find our gifts to be shared, and give Glory to God!*

Fr. Mike

75th Anniversary thoughts:

Continual thanks to the both the **Parish Pastoral Council** and the **Finance Council** for their help. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with everything from church cleaning, to landscaping, to the other work and (even) the simple morale building of the parish. It is more than safe to say – we all make it together.

We also point out the thanks to the benefactors who donate with their financial support! The bills would not get paid without all of your support, and I thank you, the boiler, and HVAC systems all thank you as well. With that... Like in the readings above, “*Let us not be silent, find our gifts to be shared, and give Glory to God!*” We’ll be on this journey together for a while, so let’s all keep growing and give God (even more) Glory!

Thank You!

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.

LECTORS

We are in need of lectors, especially at the 4:30pm and 11am Masses. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Laura Prince.

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 2022.**

SAINT QUOTE

“Whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes: whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved.”

St. Anthony the Great (251-356),

Patron of Farmers, Feast Day: January 17th

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

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.

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.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2021 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414; or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa’s attention.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted in Merici Chapel (St. Charles Borromeo) after the 7pm Mass on the third Thursday of each month (Thursday, January 20th). Any questions, please contact Michael Coyle at michaelcoyle685@gmail.com.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

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 4, 2022. Tickets may be purchased online at www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting “Raffle Tickets.” If you would like additional information, please call Sharron in the Sisters’ Development Office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.



Hania Alkhatib, Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Albert Becerra, Frank Bielski, Fran Blaha, Michael Bogucki, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Minh Chau & Tai Nguyen, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Sharon Erich, Maureen Finneran, Yolanda G., Norma Gademer, Ruth & Joseph Giaco, Chrissy Grafton, Alice Gruden, Andy Guelker, Mila Haun, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood Sr., Alex Hogan, Ida Jean Hopkins, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Mick Jones, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Joe Kastelic, Jesse Kazimer, Brent Keller, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Joyce Krist, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Maggie Leonardo, Robert Loria, Paul & Bobbi Matysiak, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Dave Muran, Jack Murphy, Josalyn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Victor Piskor, Mary Ellen Popovich, Dennis Powers Sr., Ed Readence, Paula Ritter, Diane Rodes, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Mike Sekerak, Baby Sienna, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Karen Syroka, Anthony Tedesco, Debbie Tomusko, Joy Turner, William Udics, Jim Viets, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Erica Wilmot, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak and 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
Mills Mooney, Joseph Valencik and Billy Bartley
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2022 are now available. The cost is \$200 for the year, \$190 if you return your November candle or \$100 for six months. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Blue Army Holy Hour - The Blue Army Holy Hour is held on the Third Sunday of each month at 2pm in the church. The next Blue Army Holy Hour will be on Sunday, January 16th at 2pm.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Save the Date - Pre-Cana: Saturday, March 5th from 1-5:30pm. The St. Charles Pre-Cana team is working on the details surrounding the retreat day for engaged couples. If you are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this year, Pre-Cana is meant for you! Registration is required and there is some work for you to do ahead of March 5th. Please check out the parish website for the registration form and information.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Ladies Guild Day of Recollection - All men and women are invited to attend the Day of Reflection on Monday, February 21st in the lower parish hall. Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone, "Living the Little Way in the World through Charity, Mercy & Stewardship." The day begins with a continental breakfast at 9am, 10am Fr. Anthony speaks, Noon - bring a brown bag lunch, 1pm Fr. Anthony speaks and 2:30-3pm Adoration and Benediction. Any questions, please contact Regina at 330-770-0248 or Felicia at 440-888-3488.



Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 3-7, 8-9, 10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hello Friends,

As I was contemplating what to write in this week's bulletin I took a look at the Gospel reading for this weekend. When I saw it was about the wedding in Cana it took me back to my trip this past November to Israel, the "Holy Land". We visited Cana and so many other places of Jesus' ministry. We went from Nazareth to Capernaum surrounding the Sea of Galilee. We ended in Jerusalem walking the way of the cross. Every day we started with a private Mass with our group in whatever town we were in from small chapels to old and beautiful churches. It was a lot to take in and experience. It is something when I reflect and say, "Wow, I've been to these ancient locations where Jesus walked and taught." What a great history of Christianity we are blessed to be part of.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God's love and blessings to all!

Terri Sozio

Religious Education



Even as the pandemic continues to bring uncertainty, the new year is filled with hope and promise - we always seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2022, St. Thomas More is reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2022 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/OH684. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL MEET THE TEACHERS

Francesca Moore

My name is Francesca Moore and I teach Art, Music, and Graphic Design at St. Thomas More School. I am originally from California, but have been living in and loving the Cleveland area for over a year and a half.

I love to play board games, cook, go running, animate, and hang out with my cats, Olive and Athena. I feel so lucky to get to work with the amazing STM staff and families.



VIRUS PREVENTION

Bishop Malesic is reminding everyone that *"those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons, are not obliged to attend Mass. Those who distribute Holy Communion are mandated to wear a mask."* Please continue to wear masks at Mass. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Information Session for World Youth Day 2023 - January 18, 7pm, Zoom

We are planning World Youth Day 2023 already. Franciscan Spirit Tours is our travel partner and we will be putting together zoom information sessions throughout 2022. Email Mike Hayes to reserve your spot for our first session and/or to determine when additional information sessions will be held.

Corporal Works in Lent

Our Campus Ministry sites are planning on centering their Lenten program around an experience of the corporal works of Mercy this Lent. Based on Kerry Weber's book, *Mercy in the City*, we are inviting young adult participants to join us in attempting to do one experience of each of the 8 Corporal Works of Mercy before the end of Lent.

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Care for Creation
- Bury the Dead

If you would like to participate, email Mike Hayes for more information.

mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org

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

All Men & Women are invited to attend the... **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Monday, February 21st, 2022



(President's Day)

Lower Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone

*"Living the Little Way in the World through
Charity, Mercy & Stewardship"*

- 9:00 - 10:00am – Begins with a continental breakfast in Lower Parish Hall
- 10:00am - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 12 Noon - Bring a brown bag lunch
- 1:00pm - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 2:30-3:00pm - Adoration and Benediction in the church

Any questions, please contact Regina (330) 770-0248 or Felicia (440) 888-3488.

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