

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



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – VIGIL

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 –

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:15 AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 –

SS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE

6:45 PM - John & Josephine Dedinsky

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 –

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8:15 AM - Mary Jane Lisowski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 –

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 –

SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:15 AM - Deacon Rudolph Jarosh -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 –

ST. ANGELA MERICI

8:15 AM - January Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Dale Hudak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 –

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - St. Thomas More Students & Faculty

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 14th	\$2,807.00
Maintenance	\$1,985.00
Student's Weekly Offering (16 Envelopes)	\$63.50
Faith Direct as of 1/4	\$3,528.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$1,338.00

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

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Monday, January 22

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 23

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

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

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 24

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 25

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

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

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

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 26

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 27

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

Sunday, January 28

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Open House - School

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.

60+ CLUB

Join us for our meeting this Thursday, January 25th at 1pm in Utopia Hall.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles for 2024 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.



FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The readings this week continue with the theme of calling as we see with **Jonah** and then later with **Simon** and **Andrew**. However, there is *also* the sense of urgency and repentance, two themes that we would expect more in a few weeks when we are upon the season of **Lent**. Interesting to see beyond this week's readings and into the time of conversion and repentance. We might say that we need to continue to listen for **God's** call to us as well as taking that turn towards **God**. Turning towards **God** and taking those first few steps need to be our action as we listen.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

It seems that the winter coldness is really hitting us hard these past two weeks. The church's heating system is being pushed well beyond its ability and the years of inattentiveness are showing up unwelcomed with bad timing. Your patience is appreciated as we work hard to correct the problem without too much of a challenge.

The Mardi Gras tickets are still available through the rectory or online at the parish website. The event is a great evening of fun, food, and fundraising. Grab some friends and join us!



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, 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. Most of the weeks in February are available.

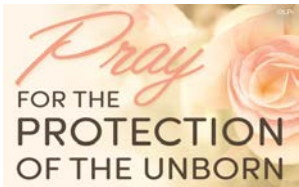
VOCATION CORNER

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.

2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The theme for this year's annual appeal is "*Transformed by your love.*" The in-pew appeal will be the weekend of February 10-11.



January 27/28			
MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Terri Cottos Mary Lou LoBue Steve Cottos	Peggy Palumbo Stephanie Liebert	Blake Liebert Danny Coughlin
9:00 AM	Meegan McKenna Bonnie Kaznoch Jennifer Mladineo	Dolores Hules Carole Flanagan	Holly Roberts Victor Roberts
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Brandy Emery Joyce Stutzman		Rylee Kingery Faith Stanley



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, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Chet Givens, 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 Rev. Thomas G. Montavon, Richard Balbier and Ronald Wohlgenuth in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

SAINT QUOTE

"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622),

Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day: January 24th

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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! Also, after dinner tickets are available for \$10. Tickets and more info is available at stmparish.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 stmparish.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@stmparish.net to donate.

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."

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

An inter-parish men's group will meet February 2nd for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, January 30th to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE MOVIE NIGHT

The next Catholic Movie Night is this Sunday, January 21st featuring "Saint Joan (1957)." All movies are FREE in the Parish Center Upper Hall starting promptly at 6pm. Dollar concessions available!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars

Second grade has had a productive and fun-filled fall. We spent time preparing and celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Ghost Bingo and trick-or-treating were amazing; and we felt blessed sharing all the things we are thankful for with our grandparents and special guests at our Grandparents Day luncheon and prayer service. We learned so much about Advent, like why there are four candles on the Advent wreath, how purple is a serious color because waiting for Jesus is serious work, and the significance of a Jesse tree. We came back from vacation still celebrating the Christmas season by discussing the Epiphany, our gifts for the Christ child, and making gold, purple, and green crowns to wear to commemorate this day.

We spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned all about what the Ten Commandments mean to us as second graders in religion class. We are excited to begin preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. We learned about how to be good citizens in social studies. In science, we began studying the difference between endangered and extinct animals. We worked hard in math class learning how to add two-digit numbers and all about place value. The children love using base ten blocks to model their work. Finally, the children have enjoyed being surprised by their parents and loved ones as our Mystery Readers. It's always fun getting our parents involved while listening to a great book!

Mrs. Marlena Graziano
Second Grade
St. Thomas More School



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY 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."

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your *gifts* make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

DAILY PRAYERS

Do you like to begin your day with prayer? Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour? Do you like to end your day with prayer? The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning. The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God.

Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers.

ST. LEO'S BUS TRIPS

The Sanctuary Museum (Formerly: The Museum of the Divine Statues) - Wednesday, March 6

\$65/person

Admission fee & lunch at My Friends Deli included

Deadline: Tuesday, February 13

Rivers Casino

Wednesday, April 17

\$46/person

Deadline: Tuesday, March 26

Contact: Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 for more information or to make a reservation.

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.

THE GENESIS OF GENDER

You're invited to Genesis of Gender Book Study, a five week series following the book by Dr. Abigail Favale.

We invite you into this journey of seeking the truth, beauty and goodness of being created in the image and likeness of God. Explore and discuss with others how we live out our femininity and masculinity while deepening your relationship with Christ and His Church. This series is targeted specifically for teachers and administrators, but all individuals are welcome to join (0.75 CEUs available). Cohosted by Theology of the Body Cleveland and the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Ministry.

The book study begins 01/25 and runs for five weeks, through 02/22. We will meet each week on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church, located at 5891 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH 44129.

\$35 includes a copy of the book, workbook, and light refreshments/dinner during each meeting (you will get your workbook at your first meeting).

Register at tobcle.org/register. Contact Erin Nugent at enugent@tobcle.org with any questions.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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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.