

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 21 -

VIGIL

*4:30PM - James Rezabek

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 -

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Patrick Lysobey, Jr.

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 -

SS. VINCENT & MARIANNE COPE

8:15AM - Living & Deceased Members of the
Malames Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 -

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

6:45PM - Joan Kremser

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 -

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:15AM - Deacon Rudolph Jarosh

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 -

SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 -

SS. ANGELA MERICI

8:15AM - Mary Jane Lisowski - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 -

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

8:15AM - January Birthdays

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 -

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Ralph Keres

*11:00AM - Pope Benedict XVI

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for January 15th \$3,918.00

Maintenance \$1,310.00

Student's Weekly Offering (32 Envelopes) \$114.00

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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

We are starting to gain more traction now that we are moving into *Ordinary Time* with this being the *Third Sunday* already. We have this week the *Gospel of Matthew* repeating the passage from the *Book of Isaiah* in the **First Reading** concerning the people coming out of their darkness and seeing the great light. **Jesus** fulfills this passage from **Isaiah**, as **Jesus** is the great light. Yes, **St. Paul** is working to bring back together the **Church of Corinth** similar to our working to bringing together our families. We need to be the one to point others to the great light of **Jesus**. Remember how last week we discussed pointing others to **Christ Jesus** like **St. John the Baptist**? Let's continue this week to point others to the **Great Light, Jesus Christ!**

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

It seems that since the holidays that we did not take much of a break from dealing with the continual hospice calls and funerals. I would have to say a "special thank you" to all the ministers of the funeral liturgies and the grieving ministers. The families have been very appreciative, and I know that the prayers of support are helpful. There was even one funeral when the call went out for "extras" to help fill the pews so that the family did not seem to be so alone. Thank you for those prayer-extras who helped fill the pews.

The continue stream of funerals will be bringing more challenges for us as a parish... We'll need to talk about encouraging new parishioners, and also the (very) necessary help of legacy giving, which is a major support to the parish. Over the next few months we will talk more about the topics of stewardship and support, even in these times of funerals. The parish continues through the generosity of our benefactors. My prayer is for all of us to be open to talking and discerning more about how we can all best support the parish of St. Thomas More.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Barbara Bonus.

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

"Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception, and consent to His will joyously."

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622),
Bishop & Doctor,
Feast Day: January 24th

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

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The past few years have been "different" due to the changing protocols, but we can always count on your support.

We would also like to thank those that have been taking Communion to the Homebound. We appreciate all that you do to keep those at home connected to the parish.

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

The book and video series begins this Sunday, January 22nd from 2:30-3:45pm in the church. Please read the introduction and first chapter.

MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a Ministry Meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers on Tuesday, January 31st in the church immediately following the 6:45pm Mass. It will be a time to gather together to pray and get ready for Lent.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Many of you are aware of the delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past few months. The issues with the company have been resolved, but may cause a delay in receiving the February envelopes. We apologize for the inconvenience and will have some "blank" envelopes available. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

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 Hengoed, Pat Hengoed, 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, Dan Misch, 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 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

Forms are available at the rectory or on our website for the 2023 Memorial Candles.. 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. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE RAFFLE

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased online at: www.incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets" on the home page.

FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

We have been made aware that scammers are preying on the elderly in the area. Their calls seem legitimate and they can easily lure you into believing that they have your best interests. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE YOUR BANKING INFORMATION OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WITH ANY OF THESE CALLERS.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

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

Monday: Heb 9:15,24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab,708a,10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

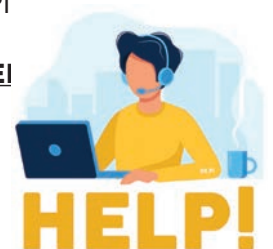
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Lk 1:69-70,71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a ©LPi

TECHNOLOGY HELP NEI

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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2023

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 eighth grade buddies. 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 states of matter and their properties. 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!



Marlena Graziano
2nd Grade



January 29th - February 4th

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

As the new year begins, so do activities for parish youth via our youth group/ministry. This Sunday, January 22nd, kids/teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to our youth ministry movie night from 6-8pm. Anyone in grades 7 thru 12 is welcome (in Utopia Hall). Those in grades 7-8 are reminded about our next junior high dance on January 27th from 7:30-10pm. Dance attendance is limited to students from our parish (PSR and day school) and our cluster schools (St. Charles, St. Leo and Mary, Queen of Peace). More events are being planned for parish youth including a possible trip to laser tag the Sunday before Presidents' day.

This weekend, those who attend 11an Mass will notice many of our winter sport athletes in their uniforms as CYO celebrates Team Mass Sunday. This weekend is a great reminder to our athletes, their families and the parish that participation in CYO athletics strives to encourage us all to know, love and serve God. Thank you for your continued support of our athletic program. The season has a couple more weeks in the regular season with our 6th and 8th grade teams looking towards the possibility of playing in the diocesan tournament. Plus, sign-ups for spring sports (baseball, softball and more) will be available soon.

Thank you for your support of all of our youth-oriented ministries in the parish!

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Please visit: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholicstogether.org and click "Give Now".

SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to the Latin, French, and Mandarin languages and their respective cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Latin course runs from 1pm until 2pm, the Mandarin course runs from 12pm until 1pm, and the French course runs from 11am until 12pm. The sessions begin on Saturday, February 11th and end on Saturday, March 4th. The courses are FREE!!! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 216-651-0222 ext. 2453 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu.



St. Thomas More Parish 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

DONATE AND VOLUNTEER AT MARDI GRAS

We are also looking for a variety of help before and during the event. From decorating, food prep, catering, tickets sales and more, we would love for you to join us.

Check out our SignUpGenius page at stmparish.net/HelpAtMardiGras to sign up today (or call the rectory). Volunteers are admitted to Mardi Gras for free, however, a dinner ticket must be purchased to enjoy the great dinner from Carrino's Catering!

Are you looking to donate a prize, monetary support or a gift basket to Mardi Gras? First, thank you in advance. Please go to stmparish.net/DonateToMardiGras to fill out our donation form (or you can also call the rectory).

More info at
stmparish.net/MardiGras.

ST. LEO THE GREAT'S BUS TRIPS

The Sanctuary Museum
(formerly, The Museum of the Divine Statues)
Lakewood, OH
Thursday, March 2, 2023 9am - 2:05pm
Cost: \$80/person

Rivers Casino
Pittsburg, PA
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8am - 8:45pm
Cost: \$48/person, Bonus \$20 slot play, \$5 food credit

Please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123
for reservations and questions.

THANK YOU

We are overwhelmed at the generosity of the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish. A total of \$1,668.70 was raised for Womankind through your baby bottle fundraiser. We are so incredibly grateful! Your kindness helps us bring hope, help and possibility to any pregnant woman who needs us, no matter what the circumstances. Womankind has been making a profound impact on the lives of our clients for more than 47 years.

On behalf of the women and families who benefit from your generosity, thank you again for supporting Womankind.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Meitin
Executive Director