

St. Thomas More

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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.

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Administrator

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Don Brandt
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Alex Ulle
Music Director

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

Melissa Wensing
Business Office

Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday - 6:45 p.m.

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.

Holy Days - 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Holidays

To Be Announced

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8

4180 North Amber Drive

P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Nancy Folcik

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 –

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Charles Drdek

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 25 –

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:15AM - Deacon Rudolph Jarosh

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 –

SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

6:45PM - Dolores Marzola

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 –

ST. ANGELA MERICI

8:15AM - Staniszewski Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 –

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Wilczewski & Bem Families -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - January Birthdays

*4:30PM - Mary Misch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 –

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Loretta Paskert

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 17th.....	\$3,940.49
Maintenance.....	\$1,735.00
Votives.....	\$60.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Congratulations and welcome
Sophia Elise Adkins
who was baptized on January 17th
at St. Thomas More.
God bless you!

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:

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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**Sunday, January 31st -
Friday, February 5th**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank

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...

Okay, so it is finally here... We all know someone close to us who has been affected by this virus. Well, being that I do what I do and I am in and out of various places, I was contacted by someone that then linked me to a person who tested positive for the virus. So, being "prudent in my absence..." I (we) are taking all the precautions to keep everyone safe. After talking with our neighboring priests, I thought the "*more cautious*" route is best. *I first thank everyone for speaking up and being careful – this is why we want everyone to practice smart virus-hygiene and feel comfortable on talking about concerns.* If I'm accused of being a realist or too honest, so be it... But, the basics are: I'm just being overly cautious and careful during this short time of monitoring.

Given all that, let's look at the readings which continue to tell us of our own calling. Jonah was sent to Nineveh, just as *we were all sent* to Brooklyn or Cleveland. We are called to be messengers for God, taking the message forward. Jesus continues to call his early followers in the Gospel of Mark; just as *he still continues to call us – in our hearts.* As we go deeper in our faith and listen with the ears of our hearts, *let's look for the opportunities to take God's message to others.*

Fr. Mike

Thank You!

THANKFUL CORNER

Our thanks this week go out to our Finance Council. We appreciate your dedication to our parish with your help in the decisions that are not always the easiest to make. God bless you all!



VIRUS PREVENTION

When you enter St. Thomas More Church please remember to:

- ♦ Wear a mask (if must cover both your nose and mouth)
- ♦ Practice social distancing (6 ft. apart)
- ♦ Sanitize your hands (sanitizing stations are at the doors)

If you are feeling sick or have a higher than average risk of contracting the virus, please stay home. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.

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 2021.**

Please drop her off at the church on Saturday at 4PM. The family that will be taking her for the next week can either pick her up **after** the 4:30 Mass or on Sunday after the 9AM or 11AM Mass. Please see Alex Ulle, our Music Director, to get the statue.

SAINT QUOTE

"Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family."

St. Angela Merici (1474-1540),

Patron of the Handicapped,

Feast Day: January 27th

(Bulletin Quotes provided by Catholic Digital Resources™: catholicdr.com)

VOCATION CORNER

VOCATION OF THE MONTH:

Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

Please keep in your prayers:

Postulants - Gracie Kupiszewski and Chelsea Parza

Novices - Sister Ashley Santora and Sister Monica Waters

In Temporary Vows - Sister Ines de Jesus Soto, Sister Yve Marie Bernard, Sister Tonia of the Heart of Jesus Borsellino and Sister Raquel of the Holy Spirit Gutierrez

You can learn more about this order by visiting www.mercedariansisters.org. Please keep the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to 1355 West 70th Street, Cleveland, 44102.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2020 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

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.



Please remember Bronislava Myers,
William Brightwell, Edward Liversidge,
Robert Blazek, Isabel Mribar,
James Weber, Sue Coughlin and Helen Finowski
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



Mary Ellen Popovich, Samantha Call, Martha & George Kysil, Audrey Roginsky, John Zindroski, Jim Viets, Theodore Maslanka, Pierce Downing, Meagan & Levi Chisholm, Ann Marie Kaczmariski, Betty Novatny, Marge Davis, Paula Ritter, Anne McElroy, David Elmore, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Rev. Dennis O'Grady, Robert Zunt, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Ed Rogers, Ellen Omilanowski, Rev. Jim O'Donnell, Debbie Tomusko, Doris Kaczmarek, Alice Stokes, Bryan Poole, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Peg Nicholay, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Gladys Colon, J. Caraballo, Jennifer Bonus, Jesse Kazimer, Diana Downes, Mary Ryba, Norma Gademer, Alice Gruden, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, George Bouchahine, Peggy & Larry Bennett, Patricia Ann Werley, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Nancy Taube, Michael Kovach, Iola Natal, Rafaela Morales, Frank Colonna, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Arthur Markee, James Mortach, John & Kathy Cigas, Terri Hammond, Barbara Laughlin, Mary Ann Cowgill, Pat Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Jennifer Palumbo, Pam Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Joy Turner, Ida Jean Hopkins, Marlene Sutowski, Jean Palumbo, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Meg Zalar, Juliana Turner, Aurora Pelleschi, Vinny Mercurio, Lorrie Turner, Erica Wilmot, Avianna Burgos, Baby Divina, Julie Ersek, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Mick Jones, Bobby Hengoed, Jeff McCormick, Sean Szill, Melissa Korhely, John Szill, Grayson Wilmot, John Misch, Tim Misch, Jayne Neelon, Patricia Hinko, Diana Parkison, Maureen Finneran, Cynthia Tedesco, Betty Wozniak, Michael Frey and Bill Malames.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Culture Project - Welcome to the Culture Project...a group of young adults who incorporate Catholic teaching into relevant terms for our junior high students. The Culture Project will be here on January 25th to 27th and February 1st to 3rd.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Save the Date - Preached Retreat with the Trappists at Genesee Abbey, NY from October 7-10, 2021. Daily retreat talk by retreat director or mon, individual spiritual direction available, group evening rosary. Join monks daily for Mass, confession & The Liturgy of the Hours. Individual rooms & home-cooked meals. Transportation and all-inclusive cost only \$250/person. Questions? Please contact Brian at the parish office.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Rosary - Please join us in church on Wednesday, January 27th, as we say the rosary at 7PM. What is a rosary? The rosary is the recitation of the Hail Mary, Our Father and other traditional prayers in a particular order. Don't own a rosary? Don't know how to say the rosary? Please join us anyway, and we will provide you with what you need.



Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

- 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: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/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

FAITH FORMATION

Our PSR classes are back in session after the holidays. Once a month our PSR class starts with the Tuesday evening Mass with the students and families. What a great opportunity for them as well as all of our parishioners to have a time in the evening to share in the Mass. So as a reminder, Mass is celebrated every Tuesday evening at 6:45PM.

We just finished our fourth of eight Confirmation workshops with our 8th grade class. Our last workshop focused on making good decisions with the help of the Holy Spirit and keeping God present in our day and trusting in Him!

Our second graders had their first meeting for preparation of the sacrament of Reconciliation. What is sin? We discussed recognizing sin and how it hurts others and our relationship with God. What a great feeling it is to say you're sorry and receive God's forgiveness!

Please keep all of our students in your prayers!

God's love and blessings,

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

PARISH EMAIL AND TEXING LISTS

Sign up to get news, reminders and more from St. Thomas More! Go to our parish website (stmparish.net/email) and fill out the form to include your email in our parishioner email list. In addition, we also send out text reminders. To join our texting list, send STMORE to 84576. Follow the auto-generated response to complete your profile in our Flocknote system. Please know that texting rates could apply depending on your mobile phone plan.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles for 2021 are now available. Forms are available at the rectory or on our website.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Sisters' Annual Raffle tickets are now on sale.

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$500

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased online at siwraffle.com or by stopping in *Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine*. Drawing to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers! For additional information call the Sisters' Development Office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are coming!

January 30th-31st our 5th Sunday Rosary will begin 30 minutes before each Mass.

Will you join us? Use this QR code to be directed to a paperless application, and virtual membership process. Join before June 2021 for free membership! Mary Queen of Peace #16279 is your council of choice! Pray for the intercession of St. Lucy to help end this horrible pandemic.



- Our School Can Be Your School! -

St. Thomas More School

Open House

Monday

February 1, 2021 6PM – 8PM

Preschool – Grade 8

Ed Choice Scholarship Provider

Jon Peterson Scholarship Provider



LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

BELOVED AND BLESSED WITH KIMBERLY HAHN

Kimberly Hahn, wife, mother, grandmother, author, and speaker offers experience, hope and strength for women in all walks of life. Her new program, "Beloved and Blessed" airs on Sundays at 9PM on AM 1260 The Rock and her focus is trust in God. Couldn't we all use a little hope and trust in God during these tumultuous times! Please tune in to AM1260 The Rock, download our app or listen online at www.am1260therock.com for Kimberly's program.

"YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH"

Pope Francis has declared an entire year dedicated to St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and continues until December 8, 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." To be continued...

(Taken from The Vatican News (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>))

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – WHAT DO WE DO?

Members of the Holy Name Society – both individually and collectively in parish Societies are called to build the kingdom of God in their respective parishes and communities by completing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. These works can be categorized into three main areas:


Spiritual: Promoting devotion to and respect for the most Holy Names of God and Jesus

Service: Visit the sick and dying, help the aged and homebound and support Catholic Education

Social: Support fundraising activities and social events

This month the Holy Name Society at St. Thomas More Parish is conducting their annual Membership Drive. Within the envelope packet for January there is a blue envelope for the Holy Name Society. Please use this envelope to show your support for our Society. If you would like to join, please put a note into the envelope and return it by the offertory collection. Our Dues are \$7.00 but a donation of any amount will be appreciated.

God Bless You and His Holy Name.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the HOLY NAME SOCIETY	
	
I hereby apply for Membership in the Holy Name Society and promise to do my best to respect His Holy Name and to receive Holy Communion with the Society on the Second Sunday of each month.	
_____ (Sign Here)	
Please fill the following: <i>PRINT</i>	
Name _____	Zip Code _____
Address _____	
Telephone No. _____	
Occupation _____	
Hobby _____	
Age _____	
If you are interested in working for our society, we need help. In what capacity would you want to help us?	
_____ _____	
SOLICITOR'S REPORT	
If prospect declines to become a member, state reason on reverse side.	
Solicitor _____	