

# 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

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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](http://stmschool.com)



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 – VIGIL**  
\*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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29 – WEEKDAY**  
8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Members of the Trickel & Ryba Families

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 – WEEKDAY**  
6:45 PM - Andrew Trujillo

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 – ST. JOHN BOSCO**  
8:15 AM - Mathew & Pearl Colonna

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**  
8:15 AM - Jimmy Cosgriff - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – SS. BLAISE & ANSGAR**  
8:15 AM - Robert McManus  
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
\*9:00 AM - James E. Ferko, Sr.  
\*11:00 AM - James DeFlorville  
\*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for January 21st .....	\$2,348.00
Maintenance .....	\$1,265.00
Student’s Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) .....	\$37.50
Faith Direct as of 1/15 .....	\$1,826.00
Faith Direct Maintenance .....	\$357.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions? Please email [infor@faithdirect.net](mailto:infor@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.



**Monday, January 29**  
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 30**  
9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - 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 31**  
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, February 1**  
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, February 2**



**Saturday, February 3 Rosary before Mass**  
Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of throats after Mass



**Sunday, February 4 Rosary before Masses**  
Blessing of throats after Masses  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM First Communion - Mass  
& Meeting: Church & Utopia Hall

### 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.

### 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...**

We hear in the **First Reading** and the **Gospel** passage from **St. Mark** about teaching, and in the case of **Jesus**, “...for he taught them as one having authority...” Even **St. Paul** is preaching to the people of **Corinth** (and us...), that we should be acting and concerned with pleasing the **Lord**. Let’s look at those *teachers* and *prophets* in our lives who have been teaching us the love of **God**, and how to love others. Remember that whole “*Love God, love our neighbor!*” thing? Looking at those prophets and teachers this Catholic Schools Week would be a special homework assignment, and say a prayer for them as well!

Fr. Mike

**From the Pastor’s Desk:**

**NEWS FLASH:** The work on the heat system started this week, and *a big thank you* goes to the **Women’s Guild** and the few **Anonymous Donors** who have already started donations to help pay for the bill. The estimate, so far is in the \$15-20-thousand dollar range... *So anything will be a huge help!*

This being **Catholic Schools Week**, I want to thank all of our administrators, teachers, staff, and volunteers of our day school and PSR program. On behalf of the parish families, and community – *we can’t thank you enough, as you have a special ministry – THANKS!* There also will need a special **THANK YOU** to our parents, as well for being the “*First Teachers, of these children!*” Mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and all – thank you!

The Mardi Gras after dinner 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:  
**Christine McGann.**

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. There are many available weeks in 2024 to share your home with the Traveling Madonna and pray for vocations.

**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.

**DONATIONS GREATLY NEEDED**

There is an urgent need for bath towels and washcloths for a homeless shelter. Donations are gladly accepted and can be placed by the brown box in the main vestibule.



February 3/4			
MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	David Marks Nina Ferguson Marilu Slimak	Sheryl Finohr Chet Omilanowski	Emma Wright Isabella Diaz
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Heather Roberts Jaime Declet	Jaclene Zauszniewski Jennifer Mladineo	Faith Stanley Victor Roberts Holly Roberts
11:00 AM	Marty Rini Brandy Emery Joyce Stutzman	Barb Kish Madelyn Koranda	Brenden Kiscoe Jackson Colon





Melissa Ali, Amaya, Ashley & Tanner, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Baby Xavia, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Lisa Bogner, 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, Myles Sparks, Special Intention, 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 Richard Balbier, Ronald Wohlgenuth, Robert McManus, Walter E. Martens, Jr., Rev. Jerome J. Duke and Sr. Jerome Fitzgerald, SIW in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

### SAINT QUOTE

*"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."*

St. John Bosco (1815-1888),

Priest, Patron of Editors, Feast Day: January 31st  
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))



### MARDI GRAS

After dinner tickets are still available for \$10. Tickets and more info is available at [stmparish.net/mardigras](http://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](http://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](mailto:jstutzman@stmparish.net) to donate.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is this Friday, February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day: the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. If you would like to purchase these blessed candles, they will be set out on a table by the baptismal font. They are \$5/candle.

### WORD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in the church on Friday, February 2nd and in parishes over the weekend of February 3/4. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The feast of St. Blaise is next Saturday, February 3rd. We will bless throats after all Masses next weekend.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. *"It is not good that man should be alone - Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships,"* is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick. After all Masses the weekend of February 10th & 11th, if you choose, you may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Our first grade at St. Thomas More has been very busy learning before we take our second round of MAP test. We are learning to define a short and long vowel sound, identify nouns and proper nouns and how to break down a two-digit number using place value. We have also become experts on wants and needs during our social studies unit.

To get us ready for our new spelling words and spelling patterns we use a variety of strategies to learn these words. We use word searches, dot-a-word, rainbow writing, decoding words by pictures and many more! We love to explore words in such fun and creative ways.

Mrs. Amanda Lewis  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
St. Thomas More  
School



## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS!

Sunday, January 28 - Celebrate our Parish!

11am Mass followed by an Open House 12-1pm

Monday, January 29 - Celebrate our Families!

Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrate our Students!

Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrate Vocations!

Thursday, February 1 - Celebrate our Faculty & Staff!

Friday, February 2 - Celebrate our Nation!



## **DINE & DONATE**

A Fundraising Effort for  
STM's 8th Grade Trip

**20% OF YOUR ORDER  
GOES TO ST THOMAS MORE'S  
8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2024  
11AM - 10PM @ CILANTRO TAQUERIA  
24950 LORAIN RD, 44070**

20% of your purchase goes to supporting the STM's 8th Grade Class Trip! Simply say at checkout you'd like your purchase to help St Thomas More. OR order online (via the QR Code Below) ahead of time for pick up (up to 3 days in advance and include in the Special Instruction notes "STM"!)



## 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](http://www.incarnatewordorder.org) and selecting "Raffle Tickets."

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support during last weekend's collection for The Catholic University of America! Our donations helped support Catholic education and helped educate tomorrow's Catholic leaders in our country. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org) and click "Give Now."

## 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, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables 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 in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT

The Eucharistic Miracles Display will be held until January 29th at Mary Queen of the Apostles. To learn more, please visit [mqabrookpark.org](http://mqabrookpark.org).

## MINISTRY OF LETTER WRITING TO THE INCARCERATED

The letter writing ministry is seeking additional help. There are more clients now than we have letter writers. "I was in prison and you came to me" Mt25:36. This is a profound, simple and safe way to fulfill the Gospel message: To bring hope where there is hopelessness. All correspondence is through the parish - there is no direct contact. Please contact the rectory or Deacon Don if you would like to help or if you have questions.



## St. Thomas More Parish Calendar February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>FEBRUARY</div>						
<div>4</div> <div>Rosary before Masses First Communion Meeting 11am Mass - Meeting after Mass in Utopia Hall</div>	<div>5</div> <div>1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm Coaches Meeting 7:15-9pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm PTU Meeting 6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm</div>	<div>1 Catholic Schools Week</div> <div>6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</div>	<div>2 Catholic Schools Week</div> <div>GROUNDHOG DAY</div>	<div>3 Feast of St. Blaise</div> <div>Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Rosary before Mass</div> <div>MARDI GRAS</div>
<div>11 Catholic Charities Appeal</div> <div>Confirmation Meeting 9am Mass &amp; 10-11:30am Meeting</div> <div>World Day of the Sick FEBRUARY 11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm Sports Parents' Meeting 7:15pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm</div>	<div>14 Happy Valentine's Day</div> <div>1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm</div> <div>Ash WEDNESDAY</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm Spiritual Life Commission Meeting 6:30pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</div>	<div>16 NO SCHOOL</div> <div>3/4 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 5-6pm Confessions 5-6pm Adoration 5-6pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Grade 3 BB Practice 6-7pm</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm</div>
<div>18</div>	<div>19 NO SCHOOL</div> <div>1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm</div> <div>PRESIDENTS day</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm</div>	<div>21</div> <div>1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm First Reconciliation 6:30pm</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Confessions 5-6pm Adoration 5-6pm Stations of the Cross 6pm</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Father/Daughter Dance</div> <div></div>
<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>1/2 Cheer 3:15-4pm Grade 5 BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 BB Practice 7-8pm PPC Meeting 7pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm 5-7 Cheer 3:15-4:30pm Grade 4 BB Practice 4:30-5:30pm Grade 6 BB Practice 5:30-6:30pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm RCIA 7:30-9pm High School BB Practice 8-9:30pm</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Diocesan-Wide Evening of Confession 5-8pm 1/2 Lil Wolverines 5-6pm 5th Grade BB Practice 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 7pm</div>	<div>29</div> <div>60+ Club 1pm 6th Grade BB Practice 5-6pm 3rd Grade BB Practice 6-7pm 7/8 Grade BB Practice 7-8pm High School BB Practice 8:30-9:30pm</div>		