



ST. THOMAS MORE

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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

Father Michael J. Feldtz
Administrator

Father James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Don Brandt
Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Alex Ulle
Music Director

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

Mass Times

Weekend
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 & 11 a.m.

Weekdays
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday - 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday - 6:45 p.m.
No Mass on Thursday

Holidays - To Be Announced

Holy Days
Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.
Holy Days - 8:15 a.m.,
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8

P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis - Principal



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 – VIGIL

*4:30PM - Mary Misch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Loretta Paskert

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Mathew & Pearl Colonna

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

6:45PM - Carolyn Hilberg

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – SS. BLAISE & ANSGAR

8:15AM - Lois Bouhall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – ST. AGATHA

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

8:15AM - Raymond Lisowski

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - James Tamburro

*11:00AM - Jeannine Makuh

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 24th.....	\$3,998.00
Faith Direct as of 1/15.....	\$4,739.50
Maintenance.....	\$1,820.94
Votives.....	\$28.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

BLESSED CANDLES

Tuesday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is on this feast day that we bless candles. Anyone interested in purchasing these blessed candles may do so after the 6:45PM Mass at a cost of \$3/each.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The money we collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

This week being in quarantine is nothing like the rest and “*take it easy*” people have talked about with me. I appreciate all of the concern and the staff coming together to keep things running. At the time of this writing, I have ***no symptoms or concerns*** at this point. The way that this all came about is that I was “exposed” since I was visiting a person who later was taken to the hospital and tested positive for the virus. The person was tested twice prior, and tested negative for the virus. So, being that I and the staff were concerned not to chance spreading anything, I volunteered the self-quarantine. The chance to step “to the side” did free up time to concentrate on more office work for the administration side. I am keeping up with the daily mass schedule, which helps me to pray the mass intention, and all of you as a parish. It has really been nice to pray for and with all of you this week in a special way.

The readings come together in a nice way, which is helpful. The first reading has Moses telling the people of a prophet and the need then to listen. This runs parallel with the *Gospel of Mark*, which has even the unclean spirits listening to Jesus and asking, *what have you to do with us...?* The unclean spirits – even find themselves listening to the word of God! But, here is **the beautiful line**, which I have picked and prayed over this week in my reflection time: “*I should like you to be free of anxieties.*” Paul speaks with that authority, which echoes what is mentioned in both the 1st & 2nd readings... Paul lets the Holy Spirit speak through him, when he says ***Don't Worry!*** This is what we can take forward, that yes, no matter what!...*be free of anxieties!*

Fr. Mike

Thank You!

THANKFUL CORNER

We would like to thank the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The members of the Parish Council are always there to lend a helping hand and give advice when it's needed. They also help out with baptisms by supplying the newly baptized with a special gift from the parish. God bless you all!

ST. BLAISE

The feast of St. Blaise is this Wednesday, February 3rd. Due to the pandemic, we will not be blessing throats individually. There will be a general assembly blessing at the 8:15AM Mass. It is our hope that you pray with us and watch the live stream Mass and receive this special blessing.

A Credible Witness of Faith

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Gil & Joan Vanza.

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

“We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good.”

St. John Bosco (1815-1888),

Patron of young people, apprentices and Catholic publishers and editors,

Feast Day: January 31st

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes;

www.azquotes.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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

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 Helen Finowski,
Rev. Richard K. Burchell and Joanne Martin
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 Kaczmarek, 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 Gadamer, 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, 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 Hengood, 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, Bill Malames, Richard McClelland and Arlene Mobley.

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

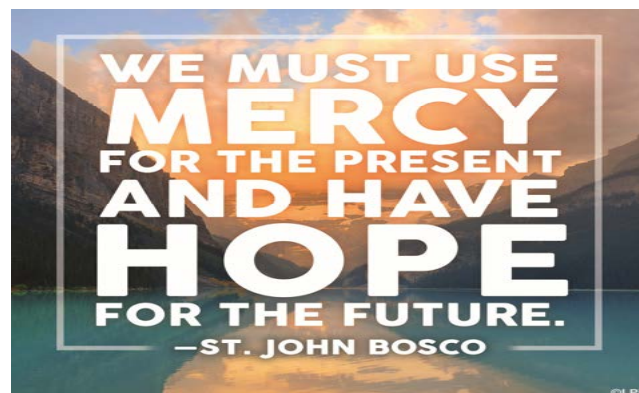
Free Community Meal - The next Free Community Meal is on Sunday, February 7th at 1PM. Drive around to the back of the Parish Center and pick up a delicious meal to take home!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 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

Great Sweepstakes - Don't forget to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or at the rectory office.



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021



The Catholic Schools Week 2021 theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

The Catholic Schools Week logo emphasizes that a Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God. May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join together during Catholic Schools Week and always.

During Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School will open its doors to the parish and community so that all can share in its culture of FAITH, EXCELLENCE and SERVICE. Visit our school at our Open House on February 1, 2021 from 6PM – 8PM to see the many benefits our school offers and the accomplishments of our wonderful students. Don’t forget to check out the fabulous Pre-school for 3, 4 and 5-year old students. Encourage friends and neighbors who may be considering Catholic Education for their children to come with you.

We ask you to please join us in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to Father Mike, our teachers, staff, PTU, volunteers, and everyone else involved in the important work they all do on behalf of the children of our parish and school. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of how Catholic Schools help shape our future, our children through their Faith, Excellence, and Service.

We will be holding an Open House on Monday, February 1, 2021 from 6PM – 8PM. At this time registration will open for the 2021-2022 school year for new families interested in Preschool through Grade 8. Please contact the school office for more information. 216-749-1660 x224.

Hope to see you here at St. Thomas More School!
Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer A. Francis, Principal



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers and greeters are needed for the 9AM Mass. If you are interested, please call the rectory. Also, the Ministry of Consolation is in need of volunteers who would be available to attend funerals to aid in responses and for prayerful support. Please call the rectory if you are interested in this ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.



SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD ANNUAL RAFFLE

February 1st is the last day to purchase tickets!

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. For additional information call the Sisters' Development Office at 440-886-6440, ext. 415.

"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.

A beloved, tender, obedient father

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St. Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC,1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," - because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us" (2).

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated...in the great mystery of Redemption," as St. John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation"(3). 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>))

MOST VALIANT PROTECTOR OF CHURCH

St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and the Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church's head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice, he valiantly defended them.

(<https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph/>)

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, 44134.

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

60 Minutes from Belfast - A Livestream Event -Let Your Light Shine. Saturday, February 13, 10:00 - 11:00AM. *Presented by Fr. Brendan McMamus, SJ and Jim Deeds.* Each month we will focus on a different theme and topic drawing from their insight and wisdom as facilitators, their books on *Finding God in the Mess* and the participants' experiences. This month's topic is "Let Your Light Shine". Cost: Pay what you can \$10-\$50

February Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, February 15, 9:30 - 11:00AM. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$10

First Spiritual Exercises: Finding Love in Darkness and Light - Virtual Program. Monday, February 15 (orientation), 7:00 - 8:30PM and Saturdays: February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20 from 10:00AM - 11:30AM. In his radically innovative book, "The First Spiritual Exercises", Australian Jesuit retreat director Michael Hansen, SJ, presents four different retreats on inner peace. These retreats combine spiritual conversation and spiritual exercises akin to the form of the spiritual exercises thought to be given by Ignatius and the early Jesuits to anyone of good will. Each four-week retreat in daily life involves a commitment to 40-50 minutes a day of structured prayer from Monday to Thursday and a weekend exercise. Retreatants meet weekly (via Zoom on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:30 AM) during the retreat to receive guidance from the retreat leaders and to share their experience in small group spiritual conversation with facilitators. Come and experience this journey into a more fruitful service! Cost: \$100

Send My Roots Rain - Virtual Program. Saturday, February 20, 1:00 - 2:30PM. *Presented by Kim Langley, M.Ed.* This virtual program is designed to help caregivers, chaplains, Stephen's ministers and all who are past the first pain of bereavement (6 months or more since the loss). Our focus will be on resilience in grief that is evidence based and data driven. Participants will leave with many fresh ideas for how to improve coping skills whether they are the bereaved, or the person who companions them. Cost: \$25

Cinema & Conversation: Of Gods and Men. Monday, February 22 from 7:00 - 9:00PM. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center on the 4th Monday of each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in February with the 2010 French drama, *Of Gods and Men* (in French and Arabic with subtitles). Due to COVID social distancing, please make a reservation and wear a mask. Free Will Offering.