

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 6 – VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Stephanie Szabo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 –

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*9:00 AM - Thomas Sheridan

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 –

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:15 AM - Women's Guild

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 –

WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Eugenio Valente

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Louis & Mary Galuszka

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Robert Prince - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 –

ST. HILARY

8:15 AM - Living & Deceased Priests of the
Diocese of Cleveland

*4:30 PM - Rev. William J. Rock, OP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 –

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Lottie Wolkowicz

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for December 24th \$4,093.00
Maintenance \$2,907.00
Student's Weekly Offering (19 Envelopes) ... \$131.50

Faith Direct as of 12/15 \$2,182.50
Faith Direct Maintenance \$337.00

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

Monday, January 8

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

7:00 PM PPC Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, January 9

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 10

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lil Wolverine Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Grade 5 BB Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, January 11

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 12

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 13

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

Sunday, January 14

9:00 - 11:30 AM Confirmation Mass & Meeting:
Church & Utopia Hall

PYXES FOR THE EUCHARIST

Just a reminder: if you borrowed a pyx from the parish and no longer need to use it, please return it to Fr. Mike, Fr. Don or Deacon Don. Thank you!

If you need someone to bring you Communion, please call the rectory at 216-749-0414.



FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

Tell me, “Have you had a good epiphany lately?” Wouldn’t that be great to actually have a really “**Great Epiphany!**” about something, such as your life, (maybe) your spouse or family, then how about (even) your faith? Imagine **a nice epiphany about your relationship with God**. Today’s celebration is about the revealing of **Jesus** to the **Gentiles**, or even simply the world. The **Three Kings** have come to give little **Jesus** gifts and praise him as *a new born king*.

The reading from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah** continues to lead us through this Christmas season, as the **Responsorial Psalm** speaks of this adoration, and **St. Paul** writes to the **Ephesians** of how **Christ** is revealed to us all! The gospel passage from **St. Matthew** presents us with the story of **the Magi**, the jealous King Herod, and a simple scene of the **Holy Family**. Do you recall how the Liturgical Year ended with the **Feast of Christ the King**? Imagine, starting and ending with celebrations of the kingship of **Christ**. The two bookends present us all with a whole lot of time and space to have **our own epiphanies of our faith** – *let’s pay attention this year!*

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

For many people and our Greek and Orthodox sisters and brothers, this **Feast of the Epiphany of Lord** is their “**Christmas**”. The day that they celebrate the position of the baby **Jesus** in our salvation history. We may see it as the week on the calendar when the **Christmas** decorations all come down, the nativity set is packed back in the attic or closet, and the final visits are wrapped up for a bit. **BUT**, we need to really keep this **Christmas** season going. We need to continue into the year with our joy, our giving/sharing, and our looking/wondering of our faith. Last week we had placed out the January /February **Word Among Us** booklets and a **Matthew Kelly** book titled **Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life**. These are both resources, made possible by a nice benefactor, so that we can continue to grow in our faith. **YES**, they are **FREEeeeeee**! So help yourself and then pass them along to other friends and family members...

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Barb Mundson

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.**

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.



January 13/14

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS
4:30 PM	Sheryl Finohr David Marks Mary Lou LoBue	Peggy Palumbo Tim Lozar	Emma Wright Isabella Diaz
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Jaclene Zauszniewski Jennifer Mladineo	Kaydence Thompson Jahaira Figueroa	Dolly Magistro Taylor Ramsey
11:00 AM	Joanne Uhl Bernice Barker Madelyn Koranda	Barb Kish	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, Marcus Deming, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Erica Dzurik, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, 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 Sam Mosley, Dale Hudak, James DeFlorville, Marlene Mohnickey, James E. Ferko, Sr., Sharon Roulet and Mike Murphy in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time for you. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of December - Jacqueline Gasper.

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.

MARDI GRAS

Are you looking to donate a prize, monetary support or a gift basket to Mardi Gras? First, thank you in advance. Please call the rectory to give us your information. We will also need desserts for our Dessert Dash. You can also call the rectory to sign-up to bring a dessert!



St. Thomas More Parish

MARDI GRAS

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024

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 Jan 13, 2024 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





ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Thank you to all who purchased 40 Days of Holiday Cash tickets! We cleared more than \$19,000 on this exciting raffle! Congratulations to all of our \$50 winners! Names in red were our big \$500 winners.

Amanda Cline, Debbie Heatwole, Kimberly Johnson, Carol Kolar, Cathy Ligus, Serge Kafando, Perfecto Ramos, Christina Lastovka, Kelly Seneff, George Marriott, Patricia Pedraza, Victor Tapia, Amanda Lewis, Mary Sgro, Chelsea Matthews, Shirley Benne, Fustine Bebowgachem, Darlene Begin, Becki Szypulski, Ryan Brown, Matthew Hutchinsen Ngoc Nguyen, James Zimmerman Sr., Ricardo Cajo, Lori Valencik, Colleen Sirocky, Steve Ross, Janet Stewart, Colleen Savetski, Michele McMahan, Donna Gron, Natalie Relic, **Ngoc Nguyen**, Berni Monzon, Steve Buda, Bessy Lopez, Keri Martin, ABC Trophy, Peggy Spring and **Tricia Ventura**.



In the month of November we remembered our beloved dead.
WHY NOT REMEMBER THEM THE WHOLE YEAR ROUND?

This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole year.
Your loved one will also be remembered in a Mass once a month.
When the year is over you may take the candle and place it in a special place in your home.

The cost for a Memorial Candle is \$220.00 (displayed 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024).
If you have a candle from November, return that candle (name cannot be changed) and your cost is only \$210.00.

You also have the option to have a candle displayed for six months
(either 1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 or 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024) for \$110.00.

(One name or one family name per candle please-
Examples- James Mannion or The Campbell Family)

Please return the slip below to the rectory or in the collection basket with your payment.
Checks made payable to St. Thomas More.

2024 Memorial Candle Form
Please include your money with this form.

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF THE DECEASED or FAMILY NAME:

(One name or one family name only)

ARE YOU RETURNING YOUR CANDLE? Yes No

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.

SAINT QUOTE

"He conquered death, broke the gates of hell, won for Himself a people to be His coheirs, lifted flesh from corruption up to the glory of eternity."

St. Hilary (315-367),

Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: January 13th

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

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for your prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church - Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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."

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1Cor6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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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.